

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

Rockland - Camden - Belfast - Islesboro - Vinalhaven



St. Bernard

150 Broadway, Rockland, ME 04841

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am

Tues 8am & Thurs 6:30pm

Adoration: Thurs. 5:30pm-6:30pm

Spanish Mass: 6:00 pm 3rd Friday of the Month

Our Lady of Good Hope

7 Union Street, Camden, ME 04843

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

Mon 6:30pm & Wed 8am

Adoration: Mon. 5:30pm-6:30pm

St. Francis of Assisi

81 Court Street, Belfast, ME 04915

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am

Wed 6:30pm & Fri 8am

Adoration: Wed. eves 5:30pm-6:30pm

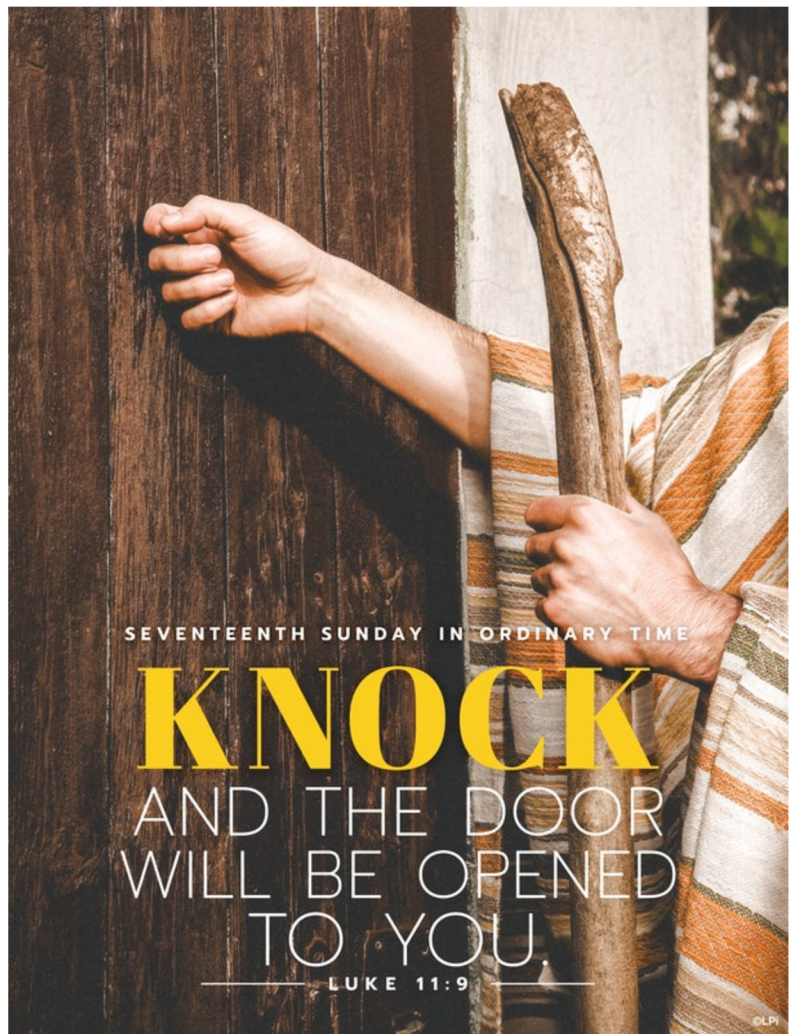
St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

From July-Sept - Saturday: 9:00am

18 Pendleton Point Rd, Islesboro, ME 04848

Vinalhaven at Union Church

North Haven TBA



Doors are open at all mainland churches, Monday - Friday from 12pm-3pm.

Welcome to Catholic Life in Mid-Coast Maine!

We are a Roman Catholic community serving as a beacon that helps people encounter the transforming love of Jesus Christ through full, conscious, and active celebration of the Sacraments, with special attention to Reconciliation and Eucharist.

Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamps

Contact the Parish Office to have a Mass or Sanctuary Lamp offered for a loved one.

Envelopes are also available in the vestibules of all church locations.

Saturday, July 26, 2025 - The Vigil of the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am	St. M	Fr. Javis	All Souls by the Parish
9am	Vindalhaven	Fr. Ben	All Souls by the Parish
4pm	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Dr. Thomas Piel by Becky Piel
4pm	OLGH	Fr. Ben	Suzie McCormick by Sarah Zurek
6pm	St. B	Fr. Anthanasius	for parishioners

Sunday, July 27, 2025 - The 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthanasius	Carol Kosmalski by the family
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Javis	John Jacques by Helen Kosmo
11am	OLGH	Fr. Ben	Preston Henderson by The Brownawell Family
11am	St. B (LS)	Fr. Anthanasius	Living Int. in Thanksgiving for Lou & Cathy Castellani by St. Bernard Pastoral Team

Monday, July 28, 2025

6:30pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthanasius	Ira Scheier by the family
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Tuesday, July 29, 2025

8am	St. B	Fr. Ben	Living Int. Barbara DuBay by Kathy Daley & Michele Jones
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Wednesday, July 30, 2025

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Mary Ellen Sabo by Paulette & Russel Spera
10am	NH - QH	Fr. Javis	Barbara Fagan by David Bardon
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthanasius	Living Int. of Deacon Ezekiel Yisi by the Clarks

Thursday, July 31, 2025

6:30pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Ben	Living Int. Barbara DuBay by Kathy Daley & Michele Jones
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Friday, August 1, 2025

8am	St. F	Msgr. Stefanko	All Souls by the Parish
8am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Ben	Connie Milliken by Linda Roden (1 st Friday-Adoration)

Saturday, August 2, 2025 - The Vigil of the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am	St. M	Fr. Ben	All Souls by the Parish
9am	Vindalhaven	Fr. Anthanasius	For parishioners
4pm	St. F	Fr. Ben	Albert DeFabio by a friend
4pm	OLGH	Bishop Ruggeri	Barbara Souther by Bob Souther
6pm	St. B (LS)	Bishop Ruggeri	Cameron Frisone by Paulette & Russell Spera

Sunday, August 3, 2025 - The 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthanasius	Robert Pietsch by the family
8:30am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Ben	Steve Hall by Gail & Wayne Suomi
11am	OLGH	Fr. Ben	All Souls by the Parish
11am	St. B	Fr. Anthanasius	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones

LS indicates Mass is livestreamed at www.stbrendanparish.net/livestream

St. Mary's on Islesboro - Saturdays, 9:00am

Union Church on Vindalhaven - Saturday, 9:00am

Next Spanish Mass at St. Bernard - Third Friday of the Month, 6:00pm

Welcome Bishop Ruggeri!

Join us for Mass with the Bishop in our parish this week:

Saturday, Aug. 2, 4pm Mass at Our Lady of Good Hope

Saturday, Aug. 2, 6pm Mass at St. Benard



Our Clergy

Fr. Anthanasius Wirsy, Pastor

Fr. Javis Laban, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Benjamin Simon, HGN (in residence)

Deacon Bob Cleveland

Deacon Ezekiel Yisi

Email: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org

Giving

Laura Gibson, Business Coordinator

Laura.Gibson@PortlandDiocese.org

Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who have given generously!



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For more information on the Catholic Appeal, the supported ministries, and how funds are used, please visit: <https://portlanddiocese.org/giving>

Upcoming Second Collections:

July 26/27: Caring Fund to support the Refugee and Immigration Services of Catholic Charities of Maine and Partners for World Health - Project 10,000.

Aug. 2nd/3rd, there will be a second collection for the **Peter's Pence Collection** to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See. For more information, visit www.obolodisani Pietro.va/en.html.

Online Giving:

Through eCatholic:

Easy, safe, and convenient! Use the QR code or visit: StBrendanParish.net/Donate



Make Checks payable to:

We humbly and gratefully want to express our sincere gratitude for your donations to our parish.

Please make checks payable to:

"St. Brendan the Navigator"

A special purpose or intention can be noted on the memo line.

Job Openings: Soup Kitchen

We are seeking two Part-Time Assistants. This "on call" role will help manage the daily activities when the regular team is unavailable.

Contact: laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org

Liturgical and Sacramental Life

Penny Wolfe, Pastoral Life Coordinator - Penny.Wolfe@PortlandDiocese.org

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Music, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers

Baptisms

If you are planning to have a child baptized, please call the Parish Office, two months prior to the birth for preparation and scheduling purposes.

Weddings

All couples planning a wedding should contact the parish office at least one year prior to their planned wedding date so that the church or mission can be reserved and the necessary preparation can be discussed.

Funerals

The priests and parish staff are here to help, please call the parish office at (207) 236-4785 for funeral planning preparations for your loved one.

Daily Readings

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Sacrament of Reconciliation

A half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment.

Priests are also available during Adoration (schedule on front page of bulletin).

Anointing, Communion to Homebound

Please reach out if you or a loved one is in need of Anointing of the Sick. Communion can also be brought on Sundays to those who can no longer attend the Celebration of the Mass in person.

Liturgical Music Coordinators

Joani Mitchell, Our Lady of Good Hope

Barbara Hendricks, St. Bernard

Elisabeth Parker, St. Francis



Parish News and Upcoming Events

Bulletin Submissions - Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org

Parish Weekly Email - Penny.Wolfe@PortlandDiocese.org

Parish Picnic

SAVE THE DATE! St. Brendan's Annual Parish Picnic will take place at the Camden Snow Bowl on **September 7th -12:30pm**. Hope to see you there! If you would like to volunteer on the planning committee please contact the office or Paula.Williamson@PortlandDiocese.org.



Updated Diocesan Norms for the Reception of Holy Communion

Ending the practice of presenting the pyx at the Communion Line:

Though it does not happen as often in our parish, it has been the practice for some to present a pyx in the Communion line in order to receive a host to bring to the homebound. No later than July 31, 2025, this will no longer be allowed. To arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to a loved one, please call the parish office or email penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org and we will arrange a way for your loved one to receive Communion from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the homebound on Sundays.

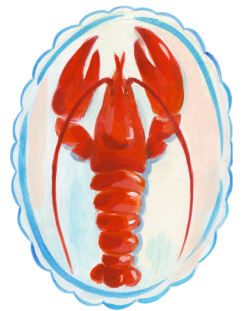
Low-Gluten Hosts:

The parish will continue to provide low-gluten hosts as it is no longer necessary, nor will be accepted, for the faithful to bring their own low-gluten host. For those wishing to receive a low-gluten host, please see the Sacristan before Mass to arrange this.

Lobster Raffle

The Limerock Council of the Knights of Columbus will conduct a Lobster raffle to **benefit Seminarians and Religious in Maine**. There will be four chances to win a prize of 10 one-and-a-half pound lobsters delivered in the local area. Tickets will be sold at St. Bernard and OLGH after Mass on the weekends of **July 19/20, July 26/27 & Aug. 2/3**. The drawing will be held on Aug. 3rd. Suggested donation is \$1 per ticket or \$5 for a book of six tickets.

Thank you in advance for your support!



Parish Pilgrimage

Join us **Friday, September 19th** as we visit the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul (Lewiston), a holy door in our diocese, as part of the Jubilee Year of Hope. During this pilgrimage, you will get a tour of the basilica, the celebration of the Mass, and the opportunity to eat together. Carpooling will be available, please see sign up for more details! You can sign up by visiting our Parish webpage at:

StBrendanParish.net/jubilee



Office of Faith Formation

Jacqueline Biddle, Parish Catechetical Leader - Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org

Faith Formation: Youth and Adult, OCIA, Sacrament Prep

Jennifer Parker - St. Francis' Faith Formation Coordinator

Rachel Vallance - St. Bernard's Faith Formation Coordinator

Youth Summer Activities

Soccer Sundays at True Park

Children of all ages are welcomed to join the priests in a game of soccer and fellowship!

August 3rd - 2pm

Altar Server Training

New and current servers invited to all three important and fun sessions

August 1st - 6pm (St. B)

Blindfolded Ice Cream Party

August 8th - 6pm (OLGH)

Sacramental Scavenger Hunt

August 15th - 9am (St. F)

Donut Slouch at the Altar



Blast with the Bishop

Aug. 30th at St. Mary's (Houlton, ME)

Registration Fee \$25/family



OCIA

Thinking about becoming Catholic?

Please contact the parish office, 207-236-4785, to set up an appointment, ask questions, or obtain information on our upcoming OCIA program this fall. We will also have Inquiry Nights at the parish this summer - a no pressure, gathering where you can meet some people, ask questions, and come back for more or decide if this is the right time for you to inquire further. Details coming soon!

Faith Formation Volunteers

Passionate about helping the next generation learn more about their faith? Consider joining our team of catechists! We are busy planning our **2025-2026 Faith Formation School Year** and would love to talk to you about ways that you can be involved as one of the many volunteers that share the love of our Catholic faith with children **PK - High School**. All volunteers working with children are required to follow our Safety Environment protocols, including a background check, participating in Protecting God's Children, and following up with monthly Virtus bulletins that provide information on the safety and well-being of our parish children. These steps, provided by our diocese, help ensure the best environment for our youth.



Adult Faith Formation

Summer Men's Group Series:

Catholicism: The Pivotal Players

That Man is You is on break for the summer, but please enjoy our Summer Men's Group Series

on **Saturday mornings at 8:00am at Our Lady of Good Hope** to view and discuss the Bishop Robert Barron series on twelve pivotal people who personally demonstrated the dynamics of the Christian faith in their distinct time and place.

Walking with Purpose

Join us for a casual summer brunch.

August 5th (10am-12pm)

Bring a potluck item to share.

All women of the Parish are welcome. Bring a friend!

2 Bristol Drive, Rockport

RSVP: Carol Brownawell: 410-714-4549

Faith Sharing Cell Groups: Do you want to share and grow your faith with a small group of friends in the neighborhood? Listen to a monthly teaching provided by our priests? Pray together? Come and join one of the Faith Sharing Cell Groups. There are active groups in the Belfast, Camden and Rockland areas. Everybody is welcome, so you also could invite your non-Catholic friends. Please contact FSCGStB@gmail.com if you would like to join a group or to receive further information.

Streaming Service

Watch, listen and read **FREE** movies, audiobooks, audio dramas, talks, programs and teachings on your phone, iPads, electronic notebooks, and smart TVs with our parish subscription!

- Go to formed.org on a web browser
- Choose Formed for Parishes
- Choose Find Your Parish Subscription
- Under Create a New Account in the box, put in zip code of 04843
- Choose St. Brendan the Navigator, Camden, ME.
- Enter your name and email and follow the prompts.
- From then on you will just have to click the SIGN IN button in upper right, and you'll likely have to enter your email.

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Vocations

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Luke 11:9)

If you feel God is calling you to a vocation, ask for His guidance in prayer.

Lord, I will go where You want me to go. I will be who You want me to be. I will do what You want me to do. Just make it my will, and make it clear to me.

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org.

Get Involved - Parish Ministries

Contact information for each ministry can be found below.

If you would like your ministry featured, please contact the Parish Office.

St. Brendan Pro-Life Ministry



**BEHOLD Children are a Gift of the Lord,
the Fruit of the Womb is a Reward**
Psalm 127 3:4

Pray a Rosary for Life

The Rosary for Life continues at each church weekly.

Weekly Event: Peaceful Prayer Vigil

Fridays @ Belfast Family Planning.

Your support and presence are needed!

Contact: Edward Jones - mgtdocean@gmail.com

Paulette Spera - Paulette.spera@gmail.com

Did you know? Part 8 - Pope Leo XIV on LIFE

- Villanova University, Pope Leo XIV's alma mater, boasts the oldest collegiate pro-life club in the U.S. It remains very active today. Villanovans for Life was started in 1974, and a young Robert Prevost was one of its founders.
- As Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, Pope Leo was very much involved in Peru's annual March for Life, the premier pro-life event in Peru under the leadership of the former Cardinal-Archbishop of Lima, Juan Luis Cipriani.
- In a homily given in Chiclayo in 2019 as then Bishop Prevost, Pope Leo said this: We cannot build a just society if we discard the weakest—whether the child in the womb or the elderly in their frailty—for they are both gifts from God.
- In a homily given this year to the Suburbicarian Diocese of Albano, Pope Leo said this: God's mercy calls us to protect every life, especially those society overlooks—the child yet to be born and the elderly nearing their journey's end—because each bears Christ's face.

Sources:



Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Pray for an end to abortion.

St. Bernard Soup Kitchen

For the week of July 14th we provided the following meals.

M - 68 , T - 66 , W - 75 , T - 80 , F - 63

It is always difficult to manage volunteer vacation schedules. We are always looking for people who can fill-in when we need additional support. Please consider.

Thank you to Kate Hoyt who filled in for me this past Thursday. It was much appreciated!

Rich Norman (207) 691.6400

Daughters of St. Bernard

The Daughters of St. Bernard meet at the Sacred Heart Center the first Friday of each month, 1pm. We warmly welcome all women of St. Bernard to join as we help with various parish activities, such as funeral receptions, scholarships, and more.

Contact: Claire Redden (207) 208.0584



Knights of Columbus

Our parish is blessed to be served by two primary Knights of Columbus Councils.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BELFAST:

The William S. Brannagan Council #3942 Monthly Breakfast: Every third Sunday of the month after the 8:30am Mass

Contact: Brian Beaulieu 542-8967, bbeaulieu@allenfg.com
Joseph Mathieu at 323-1436, painterjo56@gmail.com

ST. BERNARD, ROCKLAND: The Limerock Council #136 meets the 3rd Thursday at 7pm in Grispi Hall, at St. Bernard's Church, Rockland. Monthly Breakfast: Last Sunday of the month after the 8:00am Mass. <https://www.stbrendanparish.net/knight-of-columbus-rockland>

Contact: Kevin Bailey (978) 404-1594, kfb723@verizon.net



The Rockland Knights will be holding their monthly breakfast after the 8am Mass.



All proceeds will be donated to support the Caring Fund.

KOFC 4TH DEGREE: The KOC 4th Degree meets every other month rotating the meeting place among all three churches. Please **contact** Faithful Navigator Gregg Turley at (702) 408-5996 for more information.

KNIGHTS HELPING NEIGHBORS: The Knights of Columbus in Rockland and Belfast have a new program for members, widows of members, and parishioners of our parish. We will donate labor to help those that need help around their homes and are either physically or financially unable to do the work. This will be for smaller inside projects or yard projects.

Rockland Contact: John Redden (207) 720-0246
Rich Norman (207) 691-6400

Belfast Contact: Brian Beaulieu (207) 542-8967
Joseph Mathieu (207) 323-1436

GBAM Food Cupboard - Belfast

St. Francis of Assisi has a bin for collecting canned and boxed food donations for the GBAM Food Cupboard. Thank you for donations of cereal, canned meats, soups, peanut butter & jelly, as well as adult diapers.



Food Pantry - Camden



The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry will be collecting **canned tuna** for the month of July. Please place items in the bin at the entrance of Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope.

OLGH - Women's Club

The Women's Club at Our Lady of Good Hope meets in Cote Hall at 1:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from April to December. All the women of the parish are invited to come to our meetings as we plan fundraisers for scholarships, have social activities, guest speakers, and demonstrations of crafts.

Contact: Pat Gibbons - (207) 785-6149



With Humble Gratitude...

We wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude for the many wonderful volunteers, ministries, and parishioners that step up to make our Parish great! Your love, generosity, and support are truly appreciated.

We are blessed abundantly with generous and giving parishioners. From time to time, especially amidst changes, and though we could never mention everyone by name, we're pointing out a few today: Tim O'Donnell at St. Francis will be stepping back from his long-term duties as Sacristan at St. Francis at the end of August - he has been an invaluable fount of knowledge and guidance over many years - thank you, Tim, and glad we will still be seeing you at Mass! Also, Michelle Gee, from St. Bernard and affectionately known as "Mike," will also be retiring from her 25+ years of bringing Communion to the homebound—the ever-critical parish link to those no longer able to come to Mass at Church—many souls thank you, Mike! Last week there was a wonderful and joyful celebration of Fr. Javis' 5th Anniversary of Ordination hosted and coordinated by Marie Keene—what a sight to see parishioners from all our three churches in the Camden Hills State Park - thank you, Marie! Plus, the volunteers who beautify our church areas—thank you Polly, Sam Brownawell, and Jeannie & J.D. Dux—the long hours of labor do not go unnoticed! The parish is blessed by all dedicated parishioners who help in so many quiet and unseen ways and varied ways! -Penny Wolfe, Pastoral Life Coordinator



A thank you seems so small when we can see the amount of time, energy, and love our volunteers put into our church community.

Thank you to the VBS volunteers who gave up their whole week (and then some) to bring the love and joy of Christ to our campers. A special thanks to our station leaders: Deacon Ezekiel, Sister Anna, Jon Moro, Susan Puls, BJ Kopishke, Helen Kosmo, and Greg Finch. We also loved seeing the many youth volunteers who stepped into leadership roles this past week. Thank you for inspiring us with your smiles and bringing the light of Christ to us all!

-Jacqueline Biddle, Parish Catechetical Leader

Contact Information

-  Parish Office: 7 Union Street - Camden, ME 04843
-  Phone: (207) 236.4785
-  Email: StBrendan@PortlandDiocese.org
-  Website: StBrendanParish.net

Administrative Staff

Laura Gibson, Business Coordinator
Paula Williamson, Safe Environment Coordinator
Mike Colson, Sexton
John Maas, Custodian
Richard Norman, Soup Kitchen Supervisor

Office Hours

Monday - 8:30-3:30
Tuesday - 8:30-3:30
Wednesday - 8:30-12:00
Thursday - 8:30-3:30
Friday - closed

Contact any Staff Member by Email:
firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org

Office Notes: Please be mindful of your personal items when at church and keep them close at hand.