

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

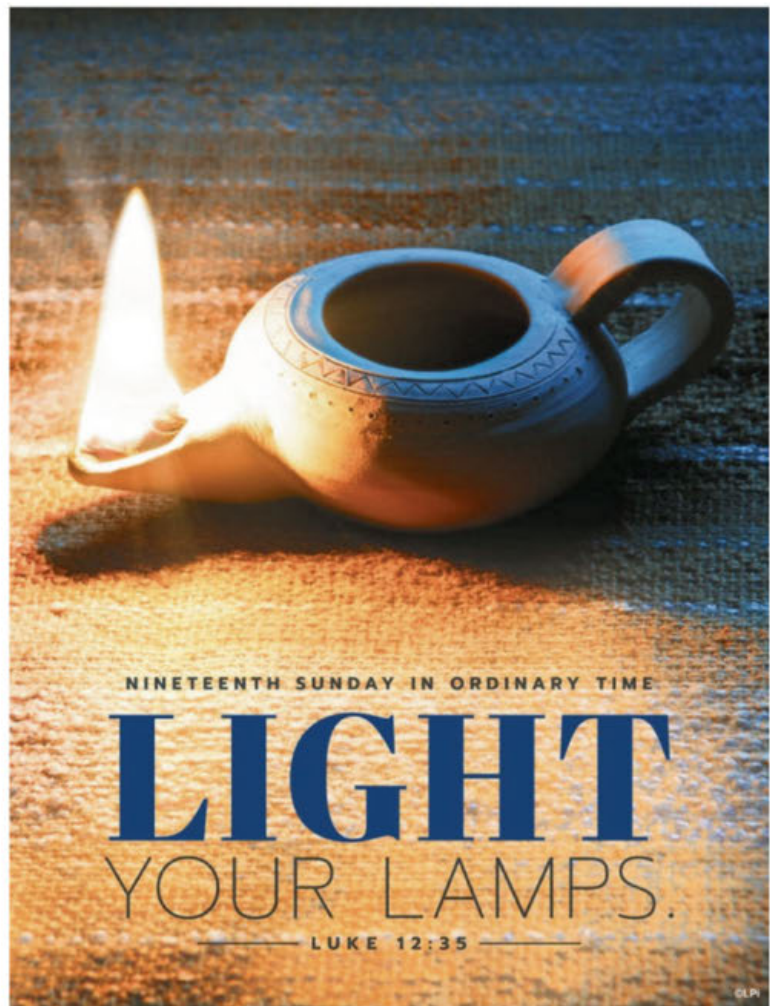
St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

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, August 9, 2025 - The Vigil of the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am	St. M	Fr. Anthanasius	All souls by the parish
9am	Vinalhaven	Fr. Ben	Etta and Walter Bristow by Amanda Krenke
4pm	St. F	Fr. Ben	Michael Phelan by Karen Phelan
4pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthanasius	Preston Henderson by Paulette & Russell Spera
6pm	St. B	Fr. Anthanasius	for parishioners

Sunday, August 10, 2025 - The 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthanasius	Blaich & Gilligan Families by Jeannie Gover
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Ben	Linus Heinz by the family
11am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Ben	Living Intention of Bill Martel in Thanksgiving
11am	St. B	Fr. Anthanasius	Ed Jones by Michele Jones

Monday, August 11, 2025

6:30pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthanasius	Robert Burns by Laurence Novotney
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Tuesday, August 12, 2025

8am	St. B	Fr. Ben	Michael Duffy by Joan Duffy
10am	NH - BW	Fr. Ben	Bethany Murgita by Michele Jones

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Marissa Spera by the Spera Family
10am	NH - QH	Fr. Javis	Nana Duffy by Linda Roden
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthanasius	Henry & Betty Bohndell by the family

Thursday, August 14, 2025 Vigil: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Ben	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones
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Friday, August 15, 2025 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	All Souls by the Parish
8am	OLGH	Fr. Ben	For parishioners

Saturday, August 16, 2025 - The Vigil of the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am	St. M	Fr. Ben	All souls by the parish
9am	Vinalhaven	Fr. Javis	Etta and Walter Bristow by Amanda Krenke
4pm	St. F	Fr. Javis	Dr. Thomas Piel by Becky Piel
4pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Ben	Deceased members of the Spera & Sylvestre Families by Paulette & Russell Spera
6pm	St. B	Fr. Ben	Paul Luttrell by Jessie & family

Sunday, August 17, 2025 - The 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Ben	Viki Reed by Chris Mazza
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Javis	for Parishioners
11am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Javis	Neil Hartels by the Brownawell Family
11am	St. B	Fr. Ben	Michael Freda by Josephine Freda

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

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

Union Church on Vinalhaven - Saturday, 9:00am

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

Sanctuary Candles are being lit at:
St. Francis

for the Living Intention of Elaine Witt
by the Clarks



Our Clergy

Fr. Anthanasius Wirsy, Pastor

Fr. Javis Laban, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Benjamin Simon, HGN (in residence)

Deacon Bob Cleveland

Email: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org



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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: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

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

Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
where we celebrate Mary's Assumption into heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life.

Thursday, Aug. 14, - 6:30pm at St. Bernard

Friday, Aug. 15 - 8:00am St. Francis

Friday, Aug. 15 - 8:00am Our Lady of Good Hope

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.

Parish Picnic

COME GATHER! ALL ARE WELCOME!

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PICNIC**

MINISTRIES:
Please contact the office if you would like to set up a table at the Parish Picnic!

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A colorful illustration of a picnic scene. It features a large yellow sun with rays, green trees, a red and white striped umbrella, a blue grill, a picnic basket, and a red cooler. There are also some food items like a hotdog and a hamburger.

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

Altar Server Training

New and current servers are invited to attend the two remaining, important, and fun sessions

August 8th - 6pm (OLGH)

Sacramental Scavenger Hunt

August 15th - 9am (St. F)

Do-nut Slouch at the Altar



Blast with the Bishop

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

Registration Fee \$25/family



Middle School and High School Survey

Please review and return this Diocesan supplied survey to help us plan for a successful Faith Formation year for our middle and high school youth. If you need a copy, please email (above) or call the office.



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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) is a holy day of obligation which celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life. It is a joyful day for Catholics as the Assumption celebrates what each of us hopes and expects to happen: the Lord of the harvest will one day, in the fullness of time, raise our earthly bodies from the ground and join them to our souls in the kingdom of Heaven for all eternity.

The Church has been observing the Assumption of Mary into Heaven as a holy day since about the 4th century. Early celebrations of the Assumption coincided with late summer harvest festivals, honoring Mary as the "first fruit" harvested from God's creation at the same time of year that the first fruits of the field were being harvested. Homilies on the Assumption can be found going back to the sixth century. The feast was celebrated under various names (Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption) from at least the fifth or sixth century.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:

St. Bernard- Thursday, Aug.14 - 6:30pm (no Adoration beforehand)

St. Francis and Our Lady of Good Hope - Friday, Aug. 15 - 8am

OCIA

Thinking about becoming Catholic?

Join us for an Inquiry Night - 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.

August 11th - 5:30pm - OLGH (upper room)

August 20th - 5:30pm - St. Francis (library)

August 28th - 5:30pm - St. Bernard (Sacred Heart Center)

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

That Man is You

We are on break for the summer! We will resume on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 8:30am at OLGH in the Upper Room.

See our table at the Parish Picnic on Sept. 7th.

Looking forward to seeing then!

Walking with Purpose

Thank you to all who joined us this past week at our Summer Brunch! Please check back for more details.

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.

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- 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

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Luke 12:40) The call to serve can come unexpectedly. Be open to the ways God may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. 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 weekly at each church weekly.

Weekly Event: Peaceful Prayer Vigil

Fridays @ Belfast Family Planning

Your support and presence are needed to pray for all pregnant women - especially for those who are considering abortion and those who are hurting in the aftermath of abortion. We also pray for those whose work involves abortion, that they might have a conversion of heart.

Contact: Edward Jones - mgtdocean@gmail.com

Paulette Spera - Paulette.spera@gmail.com

A Valuable Resource: There is Healing After Abortion Visit

<https://portlanddiocese.org/projectrachel>

Did you know? Part 10 - Fetal Microchimerism

Scientists have established that women who have given birth or who have been pregnant and lost a baby to miscarriage or abortion, carry some of their baby's DNA in their bodies after a pregnancy is over, often for many decades. This is the phenomenon of fetal microchimerism.

Fetal microchimerism has been written about in numerous scholarly journals. The transfer of fetal cells begins in the first trimester and occurs via the placenta. These cells enter into the mother's bloodstream and eventually implant themselves into the mother's tissues. An internet search will turn up a wealth of reading on this phenomenon.

Some studies even present evidence indicating that fetal cells in the mother may play a protective role in her health years later.

Whether a woman is ultimately able to give birth and hold her baby in her arms or not, fetal microchimerism indicates that this other life that was within her body before birth will have left a permanent physical presence. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us. Pray for all pregnant women. Pray for those hurting from abortion. Pray for an end to abortion.

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St. Bernard Soup Kitchen

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

M - 65 , T - 57 , W - 57 , T - 52 , F - 55

Each week I am truly impressed by the commitment and energy that our volunteers give to our Soup Kitchen. This week they took on a community project that helped a patron in financial distress. They did God's work. ❤️

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

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





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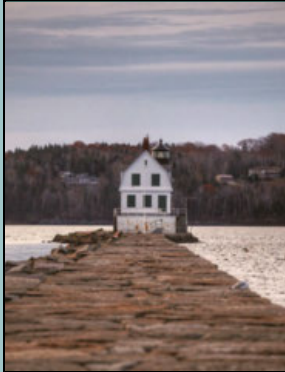
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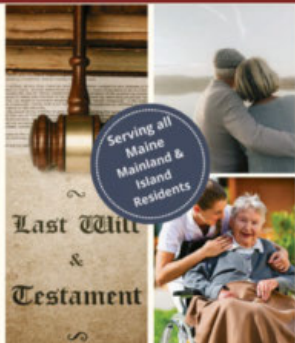
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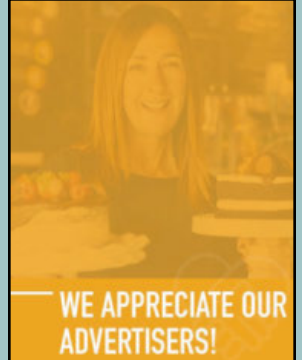
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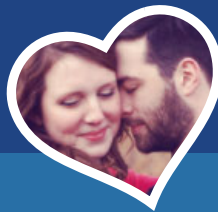
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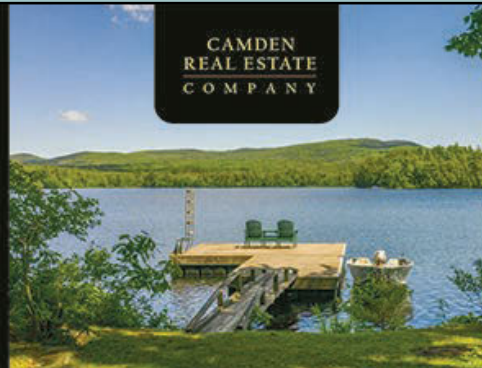
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Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Visiting with our parish this weekend, August 9th and 10th.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May we ever recall that it is by giving living witness to our faith that the Good News of God's Love is spread to the ends of the earth. THIS IS THE MISSION OF EVERY CATHOLIC - a mission entrusted to us by Jesus - as proof that He is alive. . . and that through His Holy Spirit, He lives in US!!!! To help us respond to our call to Mission, the Mission Office here in the Diocese of Portland, invites Missionaries from around the world to come to each parish once a year to share their stories with us. This weekend, Sister Marie Raymond and Sister Lisa Valentini, Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, are here to share with us about the Missionary work of their Sisters around the world. Both Sisters are excited to tell us about their own Mission Experiences - Sister Raymond as a visitor in several countries and Sister Lisa as an active missionary in Peru, Mexico, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and India! In fact, Sister Lisa was in the Dominican Republic earlier this month accompanying a group of young missionaries from Canada. Today's second collection is our annual Mission Appeal collection. This collection gives each of us a unique and blessed opportunity to be a part of the work of the MSC Sisters for the year ahead. I know you will be very generous - because you always are. . . The Sisters have already assured us of a remembrance in their prayers, and in the prayers of the Sisters. May we also commit to remembering the MSC Sisters and their Missions in prayer throughout this year.



MISSIONARY SISTERS
of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Thank you and God bless you.

Parish News and Upcoming Events (cont.)

Bulletin Submissions - Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org

Parish Weekly Email - Penny.Wolfe@PortlandDiocese.org

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



Registration closes - September 4th

If we have enough registrants, we will be offering a bus service for a small fee. Let us know if that helps you!

Total Registrants (as of 8/4/25): 72

St. Bernard: 25

Our Lady of Good Hope: 17

St. Francis: 27

Clergy: 3



St. Bernard Feast Day

Novena

August 12th-20th

Adoration

Wednesday, 8/20 @ 6:30pm

Cookout

Sunday, 8/24 after 11am Mass
(food will be provided)



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Office Hours

Monday - 8:30-3:30

Tuesday - 8:30-3:30

Wednesday - 8:30-12:00

Thursday - 8:30-3:30

Friday - closed

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