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Rockland - Camden - Belfast - Islesboro - Vinalhaven



AUGUST 17, 2025 | TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

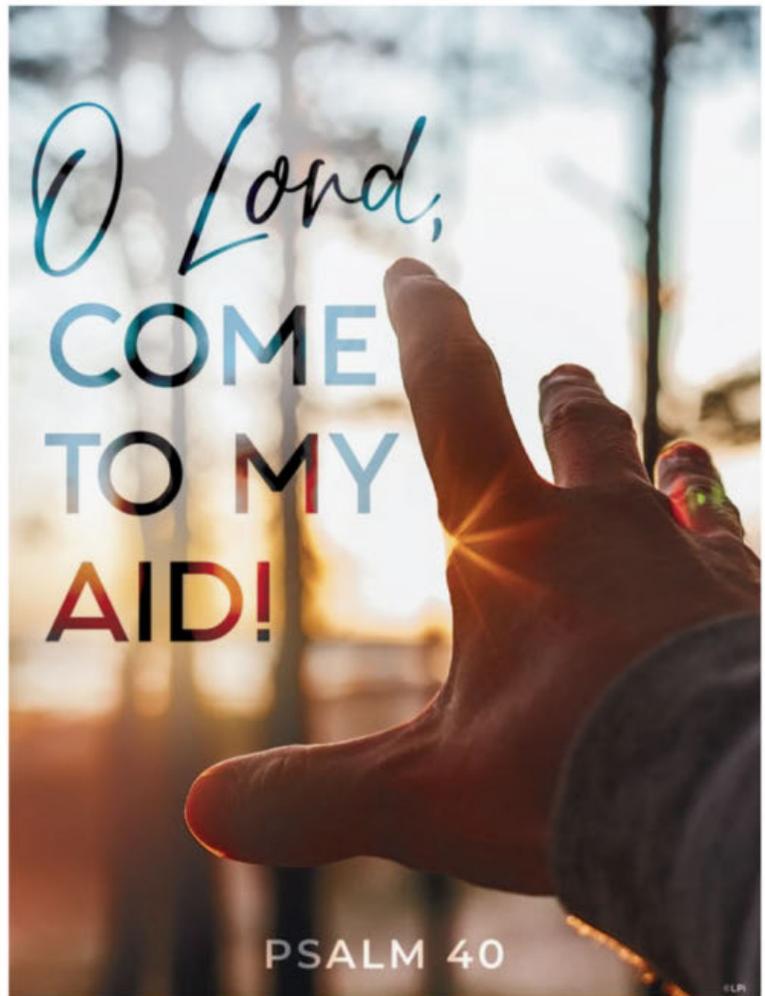
St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

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 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 Harteis by the Brownawell Family
11am	St. B	Fr. Ben	Michael Freda by Josephine Freda

Monday, August 18, 2025

6:30pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Javis	Denise Malboeuf by Spera Family
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Tuesday, August 19, 2025

8am	St. B	Fr. Ben	Sabra Jone by Michele Jones
10am	NH-BW	Fr. Ben	All Souls

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Deceased members of Women's Club
10am	NH - WG	Fr. Javis	Ed Jones by Michele Jones
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Javis	Living Intention Gabrielle Vonlter by the Clarks

Thursday, August 21, 2025

6:30pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Ben	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones
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Friday, August 22, 2025

8am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Monroe Hall by Marie Keene
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Saturday, August 23, 2025 - The Vigil of the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am	St. M	Fr. Ben	Edward D'Allessandro by Charlotte Cunningham
9am	Vinalhaven	Fr. Javis	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones
4pm	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Kevin Michaud by the Clarks
4pm	OLGH	Fr. Ben	for parishioners
6pm	St. B	Fr. Ben	Don Moore by the Brown Family

Sunday, August 24, 2025 - The 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Ben	Denise Raynes by Jeff & Carol Mills
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Javis	Gary Witt by Elaine Witt
11am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Living Intention for Mark Itle by the Brownawell Family
11am	St. B (LS)	Fr. Ben	Tyler Patterson by Takoda Peasley

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:
Our Lady of Good Hope for
the Living Intention of Richard A. Stark



Our Clergy

Fr. Athanasius Wirsiy, 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: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

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

Lost Items

Do these items belong to you? They were recently left behind at Fr. Javis' Anniversary Picnic. If they look familiar, or if you have recently lost any special items, please check with our parish office as we have several items in our lost and found.



Parish Picnic

There will be great picnic fare, musical entertainment, games for the kids and face painting! The entire Parish is welcome to join us for this fun parish community event! Sign-up sheets will be available next weekend. Hope to see you there! If you are willing to volunteer, or for more information please contact Paula at 236-4785, ext 103 or email at 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.

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

ANNUAL ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE

September 7th 2025 | 12:30 pm
Camden Snow Bowl

GRILLED BURGERS, HOTDOGS AND POTLUCK SIDES.
SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE MID-AUGUST

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

Blast with the Bishop

Aug. 30th at St. Mary's (Houlton, ME)
Registration Fee \$25/family



Things Visible and Invisible Faith and Science Conference Sept. 26th & 27th

Children and youth in grades 1-12 are invited to participate in a unique experience of research and learning at the Saints of Science Fair. Please contact (above) for more information.

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), check the bulletin boards, or call the office.



OCIA

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8/22

Question: Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

Answer: For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.

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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 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

Join a community of women supporting one another in the journey to know Christ personally through Scripture.

Save the Date - Fall Study Tues. or Thurs. starting September 30th and October 2nd.

Contact: Carol Brownawell (410) 714.4549
Anne Norman (207) 691-6401

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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- 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

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Luke 12:49) Christ's words about setting the earth on fire can inspire married couples to cultivate an enduring love for one another. The fire of love within marriage, when nurtured, grows into a flame that can bring light and warmth to the world. Our hearts should be ablaze with love for our spouse, reflecting God's love through your marital union.

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

Contact: Edward Jones - mgtdocean@gmail.com

Paulette Spera - Paulette.spera@gmail.com

Did you know? Part 11 Hollywood has produced something Pro-Life

The new Fantastic Four film opens with a heartwarming scene—Sue Storm, played by Vanessa Kirby, is pregnant after years of infertility. Her and Reed Richards' joy is deeply moving. Right from the beginning, the story centers on their unborn son—not as a vague "future child," not as a burden or an abstract idea, but as a real baby, worth protecting at all costs.

Read the full review at LifeNews here:
This film is rated for adults and adolescents.



Pregnant?
We are here to help.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Pray for an end to abortion.

St. Bernard Soup Kitchen

For the week of August 4th, we provided the following meals.

M- 70, T- 61, T - 70, T - 63, F - 55

Thank you to Kate Hoyt and Gayle Gallant for
filling in for me while I was away.

Rich Norman 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. Use the following QR code to learn more about efforts to fundraise food needs internationally.



Food Pantry - Camden

The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry will continue collecting **canned tuna, as well as boxes of macaroni and cheese** 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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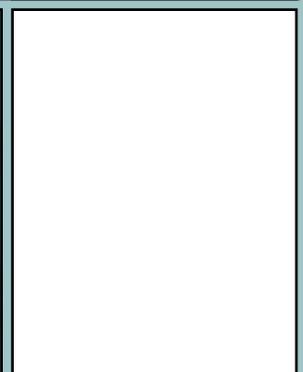
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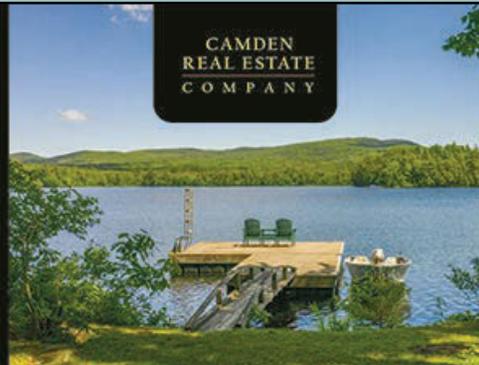
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Fall Annulment Workshops

The Diocese of Portland's Office of the Tribunal will hold presentations on annulments this September across the state. There will be a question-and-answer period at each session as well as an opportunity to speak privately to a canonist.

September 9, at 6 p.m.
Holy Martyrs of North America Church
266 Foreside Road, Falmouth

September 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Holy Family Church
607 Sabattus Street, Lewiston

September 17 at 7 p.m.
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
333 Main Street, Presque Isle

September 18 at 6 p.m.
Christian Life Center
444.S. Route One, Frenchville

September 24 at 6 p.m.
St. Rose of Lima Church
1 Church Street, Jay

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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)



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

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

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.