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Rockland - Camden - Belfast - Islesboro - Vinalhaven



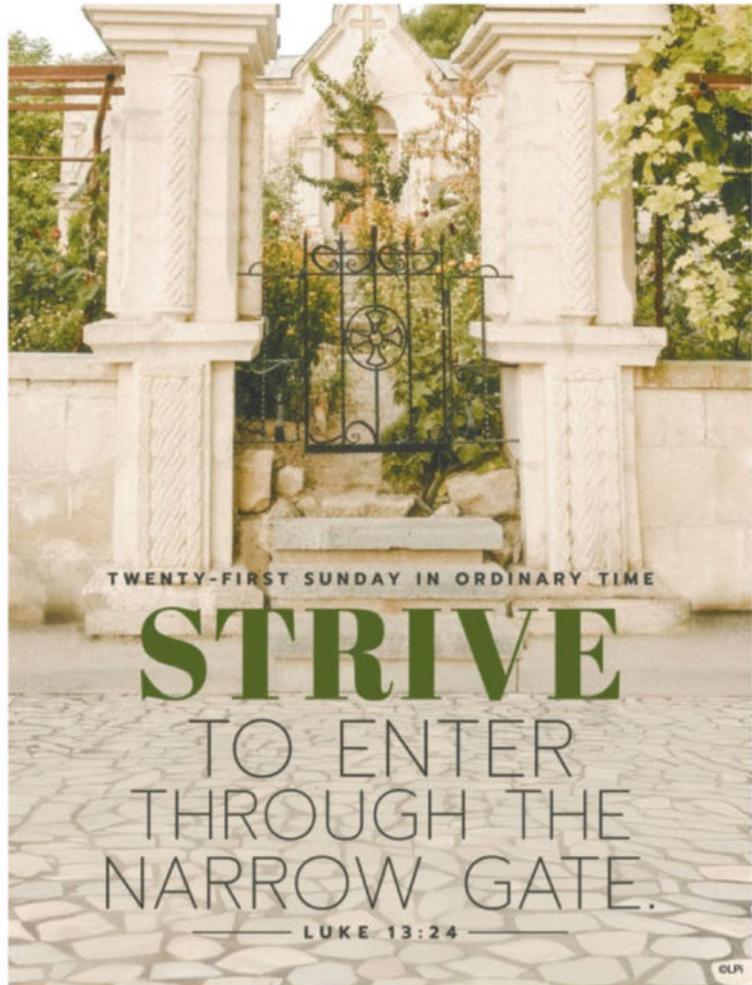
AUGUST 24, 2025 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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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 23, 2025 - The Vigil of the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

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|-----|------------|-----------|--|
| 9am | St. M | Fr. Ben | Edward D'Alessandro 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

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|--------|------------|-----------|--|
| 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 |

Monday, August 25, 2025

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| 6:30pm | OLGH (LS) | Fr. Javis | Martha Allgeier by the family |
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Tuesday, August 26, 2025

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| 8am | St. B | Fr. Ben | Ed Jones by Michele Jones |
| 10am | NH-BW | Fr. Ben | Sabra Jones by Michele Jones |

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

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| 8am | OLGH | Fr. Javis | Living Intention of Neal Williamson by Carmel Ouellet |
| 10am | NH - QH | Fr. Javis | Living Intention of Deacon Ezekiel Yisi by the Clarks |
| 6:30pm | St. F | Fr. Athanasius | Living Intention Deacon Evans Yongyee by the Clarks |

Thursday, August 28, 2025

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| 6:30pm | St. B (LS) | Fr. Ben | Lisa T. Lepardo by Robin Snow |
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Friday, August 29, 2025

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| 8am | St. F (LS) | Fr. Javis | Kendall Jones by Michele Jones |
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Saturday, August 30, 2025 - The Vigil of the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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| 9am | St. M | Fr. Ben | Etta & Walter Bristow by Amanda Krenke |
| 9am | Vinalhaven | Fr. Athanasius | For parishioners |
| 4pm | St. F | Fr. Javis | Perdrizet Family by Grace Perdrizet |
| 4pm | OLGH | Fr. Ben | Aaron Payson by the family |
| 6pm | St. B (LS) | Fr. Athanasius | Becky Jones by Michele Jones |

Sunday, August 31, 2025 - The 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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| 8am | St. B | Fr. Athanasius | Lewis Edwards by Corine & Jim Labagnara |
| 8:30am | St. F (LS) | Fr. Javis | Lee & Dorothy Gagnon by Sue Woehler |
| 11am | OLGH | Fr. Ben | Steven Kallman by Laurence Novotney |
| 11am | St. B | Fr. Athanasius | Ed 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 Vinalhaven - Saturday, 9:00am

Next Spanish Mass at St. Bernard - 3rd 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



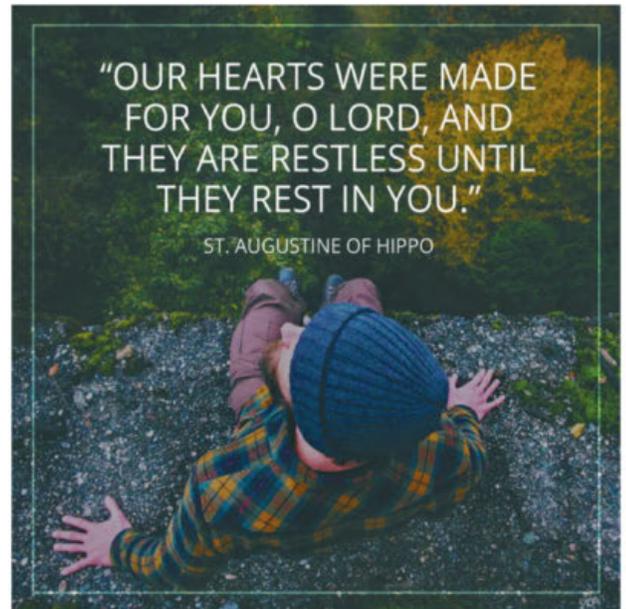
Our Clergy

Fr. Athanasius 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: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

Sacrament of Reconciliation

A half hour before weekend Masses or by appointment. Priests are also available during Adoration (schedule on the front page of the 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.



Bake Sale



The Sisters of Transfiguration Hermitage
Labor Day Weekend Bake Sale
before and after all Masses
August 30/31st @ St. Bernard

All the usual goodies, plus maybe some new pastries that Sr. Anastasia learned at King Arthur Flour baking school. Help support the Sisters' life of prayer for all people and pick up some yummy goodies at the same time!

St. Bernard Feast Day



TODAY Join fellow parishioners, today, August 24th, as we celebrate the Feast of St. Bernard. Food will be provided with a cookout after the 11am Mass. (150 Broadway Ave - Rockland)

Parish Picnic

COME GATHER! ALL ARE WELCOME!

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7 SEPTEMBER 2025 • CAMDEN SNOW BOWL • BEGINS AT 12:30PM
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MINISTRIES: Please contact the office if you would like to set up a table at the Parish Picnic!

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 the 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.

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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| JESUS | NARROW | DOOR |
| TAUGHT | LOCKS | FEAST |
| SAVED | KNOCK | KINGDOM |

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MISSION

Pray to God with your family, and ask God to change your hearts so that you love him more than anything else.

Adult Faith Formation

That Man is You

We are on break for the summer!
We will resume on Saturday, Sept. 13th at 8:30am,
OLGH - Upper Room.
See our table at the Parish Picnic on Sept. 7th.
Looking forward to seeing you 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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- Go to formed.org on a web browser
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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.

OCIA

INQUIRY NIGHTS

Have you thought about becoming Catholic?

Join us for a no pressure gathering where you can meet some people, ask questions, and come back for more or even just decide if this is the right time for you to inquire further.

August 28th - 5:30pm - St. Bernard (Sacred Heart Center)
Period of Inquiry and Evangelization

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Vocations

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate." (Luke 13:24)

A vocation to the priesthood or religious life is a challenging but rewarding path. If you feel called to follow Christ through this narrow gate, embrace it with courage. 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.

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 12

- In some countries (Iceland, Denmark) - almost 100% of babies with Down Syndrome (DS) are aborted.
- It has been estimated that the chromosomal alteration that is DS affects 1 in 700 pregnancies and that in the US, 67-85% of these pregnancies are terminated via abortion.
- In 1959, Jerome Lejeune, a Catholic French geneticist and medical doctor, discovered the chromosomal alteration affecting those with DS and hoped this discovery would lead to greater understanding and medical treatments to help these children to whom he was so dedicated in his medical practice. To his anguish, the discovery would become a means to eliminate such preborn babies via abortion. Jerome Lejeune was declared "Venerable" by Pope Francis in 2021 in recognition of his heroic virtues, specifically in the context of his pro-life advocacy and defense of the vulnerable. Dr. Lejeune was a champion for the dignity of human life to the point of being shunned by the scientific community that had once revered him.
- A beautiful film from 2019, The Peanut Butter Falcon, highlights the fact that those with Down Syndrome (DS) have just as much right to live a full life as any other human being. The film stars Zack Gottsagen (an actor with DS), Shia LaBeouf, Dakota Johnson, and Thomas Haden Church. PG-13



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

St. Bernard Soup Kitchen

For the week of August 8th, we provided the following meals.
M - 66 , T - 66 , W - 64 , T - 48 , F - 50
This week was challenging as we had our main refrigerator go down and lost around \$400 of food.
Thank you to everyone for their patience
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 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.
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.
Contact Faithful Navigator Gregg Turley at (702) 408-5996.

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 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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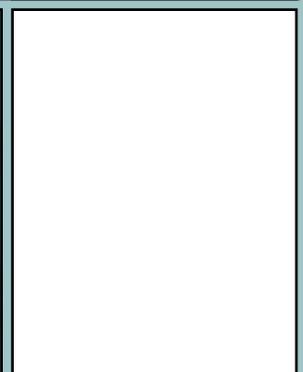
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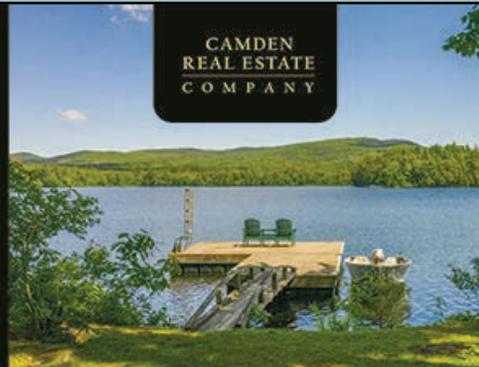
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Around the Diocese

Update Diocesan Norms and Upcoming Workshops

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.

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
266 Foreside Road - Falmouth

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

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

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

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

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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 8/19/25): 95

St. Bernard: 35

Our Lady of Good Hope: 19

St. Francis: 31

Clergy: 3



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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

Administrative Staff

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

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