

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

Rockland - Camden - Belfast - Islesboro - Vinalhaven



AUGUST 31, 2025 | TWENTY-SECOND 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



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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 30, 2025 - The Vigil of the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

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

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	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. Anthonasius	Ed Jones by Michele Jones

Monday, September 1, 2025

8:00am	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Intention for Johnny O'Donnell by Maureen O'Donnell
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Tuesday, September 2, 2025

8am	St. B	Fr. Ben	Maria & Arthur Mohr by the family
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Wednesday, September 3, 2025

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Living Intention of Paula Williamson by Carmel Ouellet
10am	NH - WG	Fr. Javis	Grampy Duffy by Linda Roden
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones

Thursday, September 4, 2025

6:30pm	St. B	Fr. Ben	Living Intention for Robert Hills by Allie Maguire
10:30am	NH - Mag	Fr. Javis	

Friday, September 5, 2025

8am	St. F	Fr. Javis	Jeff Fenn by Penny Wolfe
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Saturday, September 6, 2025 - The Vigil of the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

4pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	George Bonney by the family
4pm	OLGH	Fr. Javis	K.P. Gricus by Ken Gricus
6pm	St. B	Fr. Ben	for parishioners

Sunday, September 7, 2025 - The 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Ben	Living Intention for Elaine Smith by her Children & Grandchildren
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Monroe Hall by Marie Kenne
11am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Ned Trillas by John & Peggy Delano
11am	St. B	Fr. Ben	Sabra Jones by Michele Jones

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

This weekend is the last weekend for our Island Masses until next summer.

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:
St. Bernard for
**the Repose of the Souls in Purgatory
by Amanda Krenke**

St. Francis for
**the Living Intention for
Monsignor Paul Stefanko by the Clarks**



Our Clergy

Fr. Anthonasius Wirsiy, Pastor
Fr. Javis Laban, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Benjamin Simon, HGN (in residence)
Deacon Bob Cleveland

Email: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
(1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

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

12 Hr. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, Sept. 5th - St. Bernard

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins following the 8am Mass and continues until 9pm. Two people are needed for each hour. Sign up online:

<https://stbrendanthenavigatorpar.flocknote.com/signup/223028> – or see sign-up sheets at churches.

“The Eucharist is a fire which inflames us.”

(St John Damascene)



Parish News and Upcoming Events

Bulletin Submissions - Jacqueline.Biddle@PortlandDiocese.org

Parish Weekly Email - Penny.Wolfe@PortlandDiocese.org

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!

Labor Day



Our parish office will be closed on Monday, September 1st. Business hours will resume on Tuesday, 8:30am.

Mass at OLGH will be at **8am**.
We *will not* have Adoration and Mass that evening.

Canonization - Sept. 7th

The Church will canonize **Pier Giorgio Frassati** on Sunday, September 7, 2025, along with **Carlo Acutis**, at St. Peter's Square in Rome. His Holiness Pope Leo XIV will preside. This fulfills the dream of Pope Francis to canonize both young men during the Jubilee Holy Year 2025.

Parish Picnic

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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

Faith Formation 2025-2026

With the school year fast approaching, we are gearing up to kick off our next Faith Formation year. Opportunities for all ages will be available! **Registration, calendars, and any necessary forms will be available at the Parish Picnic on Sept. 7th.** We are looking for catechists from all three church locations to help us have another fun, faith-filled year. Please touch base to see how you can help! We are also collecting surveys from middle school and high school families. They can be found at all three churches' bulletin boards (pink forms) or by emailing (see above).

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Parish Picnic - Sept. 7th @ Camden Snow Bowl, 12:30pm
Join us for games, food, and music!

Canonization of Blessed's Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati by Pope Leo XIV - September 7th

Retreats for Sacrament Prep Students

Reconciliation Retreat

Sept. 20th @ St. Francis, 10am-1pm

Communion/Confirmation Retreat

October 4th @ Our Lady of Good Hope, 10am-1pm

Sacrament Mass

October 19th @ St. Bernard (Practice held 10/18 - 10am)



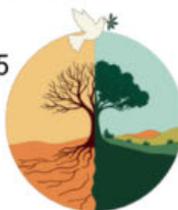
Things Visible and Invisible

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.

Laudato Si'

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2025
Pope Leo XIV, following in the footsteps of Pope Francis, issued the 10th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1st, initiating the Season of Creation.



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

Pope Leo harnesses the images and biblical references of the positive transformational power of "the seed": grain and flowers springing up by chance in unexpected areas. Peace, hope, and righteous action will be the seeds that will help us bear fruit in a world where God's creation is being degraded. It is clear that various parts of the world are being ravaged by injustice, violations of international law, grave inequalities and the greed that fuels them. The results include deforestation, pollution, and the loss of biodiversity and life. The poor and marginalized are being harmed the most.

Leo exclaims, "Nature itself is reduced at times to a bargaining chip, a commodity to be bartered for economic or political gain. As a result, God's creation turns into a battleground for the control of vital resources." Now is the time for action. Protecting creation is not a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. He tells us this will take time, perseverance, cooperation and love, but will bear the fruit of enhanced justice and renewal – especially if that love mirrors the Lord's own self-sacrificing Love.

In closing the prayer, Pope Leo encourages Catholics and people of good will to continue to be inspired by the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

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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- 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

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

(Luke 14:11)

Humility is at the heart of every vocation. Could God be calling you to humble service as a religious brother or sister? 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 13

A historic decision:

- On July 31, 2025, the Dominican Republic's Chamber of Deputies voted overwhelmingly against proposals to legalize abortion in cases of rape, incest, health risks, or fetal abnormalities.
- The Senate confirmed the decision the following day.
- On August 3, President Luis Abinader signed the updated Penal Code, which protects life from conception: the decision became law.
- Despite intense lobbying by international organizations, pro-life voices prevailed with the declaration: "Life is not negotiable."

Our response:

- Pray for the Dominican Republic, expectant mothers, and families worldwide.
- Support local pregnancy centers and ministries that provide real help to women in crisis.
- Encourage and strengthen families in our own community.
- Speak courageously for life, always with compassion and truth.
- Together, we can build a culture where every life is welcomed, protected and loved.

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 18th, we provided the following meals.
M - 44 , T - 60 , W - 74 , T - 62 , F - 60
Our Thursday crew have truly been truly inspirational in helping one of our patrons with a community project. Dedicating many hours of hard work to accomplish their goal. Great job guys!
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 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.



Camden Area Christian Food Pantry



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

Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive

This September, help relieve food insecurity by donating jars of peanut butter and jelly. For each jar received, Bangor Savings Bank will donate an additional jar of peanut butter or jelly to local food insecurity programs!



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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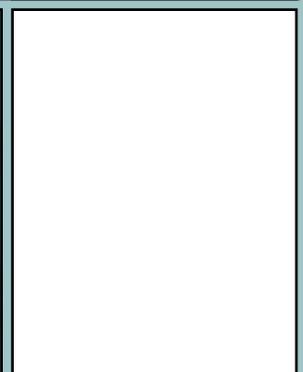
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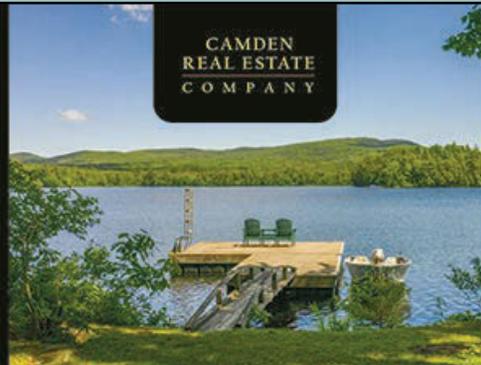


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Around the Diocese

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



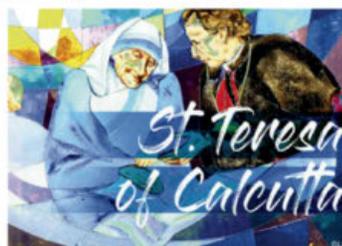
Registration closes - September 4th

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

Total Registrants (as of 8/25/25): 105
St. Bernard: 39
Our Lady of Good Hope: 24
St. Francis: 32
Clergy: 3

St. Bernard Feast Day

Thank you for all those who planned and participated in the celebration of the St. Bernard Feast Day! Gregg Turley reported, "We served over 100 people, A team of 7 Knights from Council 136 cooked 90 burgers, 75 hot dogs and served several salads prepared by the Daughters of Saint Bernard. Special thanks to Joe Cammeliri, Bob Ohrt and Stewart Neer for the hours they spent grilling for their fellow parishioners."



This week...

**St. Teresa of Calcutta's
Feast Day**
Friday, September 5th

"Spread love everywhere you go."

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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.