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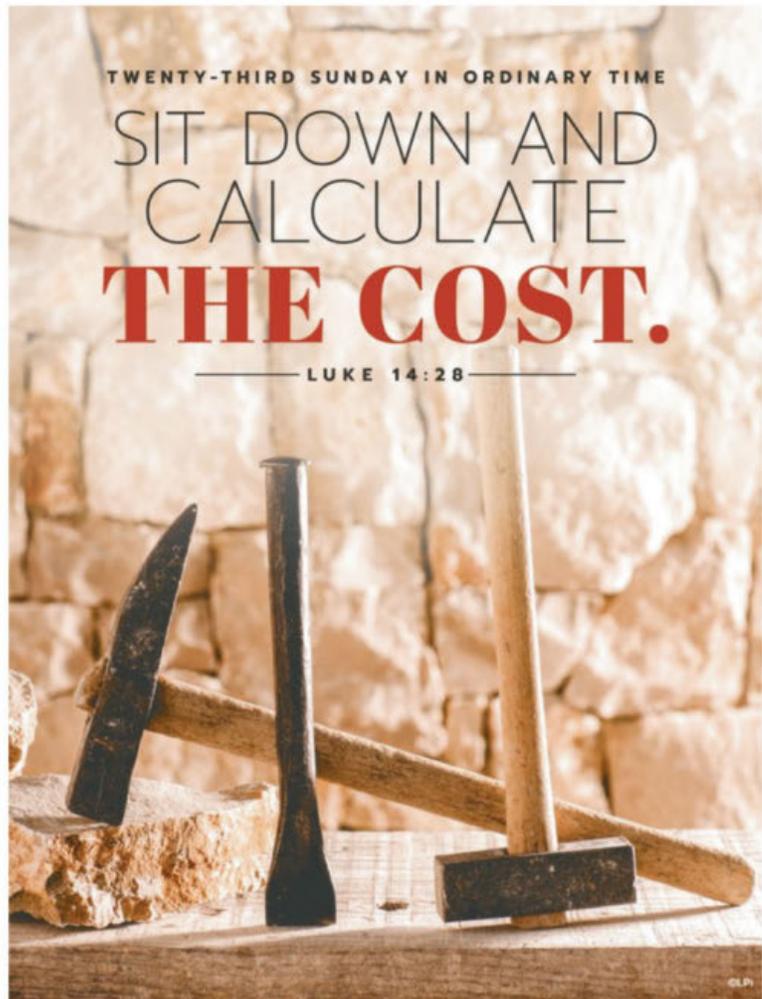
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 | TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
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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, September 6, 2025 - The Vigil of the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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|-----|-------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 4pm | St. F | Fr. Athanasius | George Bonney by the family |
| 4pm | OLGH | Fr. Jarvis | K.P. Gricus by Ken Gricus |
| 6pm | St. B | Fr. Ben | for parishioners |

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

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

Monday, September 8, 2025

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| 6:30pm | OLGH | Fr. Athanasius | Wayne Turk by JoAnn Burton |
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Tuesday, September 9, 2025

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| 8am | St. B | Fr. Ben | Pierre Signagouit by the Spera Family |
| 10am | NH - BW | Fr. Ben | Sabra Jones by Kathy Daley & Michele Jones |

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

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| 8am | OLGH | Fr. Jarvis | Tony by Linda Roden |
| 10am | NH - QH | Fr. Jarvis | Phil DuFour by Linda Roden |
| 6:30pm | St. F | Fr. Athanasius | Martha Allgeier by the family |

Thursday, September 11, 2025

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| 6:30pm | St. B | Fr. Ben | Floyd Montgomery by Kathleen Daley |
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Friday, September 12, 2025

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| 8am | St. F | Fr. Jarvis | Living Intention of Dawn Beaulieu by the Clarks |
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Saturday, September 13, 2025 - The Vigil of the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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| 4pm | St. F | Fr. Ben | Ann Goguen by Nancy Whitcomb |
| 4pm | OLGH | Fr. Athanasius | K.P. Gricus by Ken Gricus |
| 6pm | St. B | Fr. Jarvis | Tom Masters by Eileen Fitzgerald |

Sunday, September 14, 2025 - The 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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| 8am | St. B | Fr. Jarvis | Living Intention of Christine Ouellet by Carmel Ouellet |
| 8:30am | St. F | Fr. Ben | for parishioners |
| 11am | OLGH | Fr. Athanasius | Living Intention of Esther O'Donnell by Maureen O'Donnell |
| 11am | St. B | Fr. Jarvis | Michael Freda by Josephine Freda |

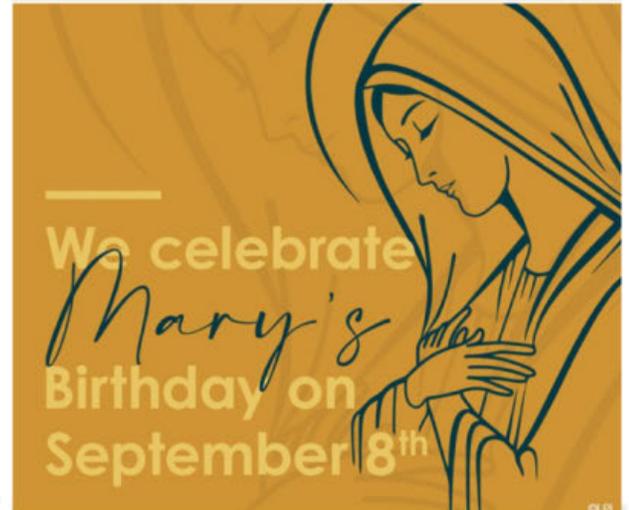
Sanctuary Candles are an indication that the Blessed Sacrament is present. We genuflect or bow as we pass the altar in reverence of our Lord's presence. Each week, the Sanctuary candle can be lit in honor of a loved one (living or deceased) to whom you are dedicating prayer for during that week. Suggested donation of \$10.



Our Clergy

Fr. Athanasius Wirsiy, Pastor
Fr. Jarvis 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

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

Next Spanish Mass at St. Bernard - 3rd Friday of the Month, 6:00pm
Nursing Home Masses: BW - Breakwater (2nd and 4th Tues),
QH - Quarry Hill and WG - Windward Gardens (alternating Wed),
Mag - Magnolia (1st Thurs)

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 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

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

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.



Basket Raffle



The **Daughters of St. Bernard** will be holding a basket raffle before and after all of the Masses on the weekends of **September 13th/14th and 20th/21st**. We'll have baskets with gift cards and other seasonal items for adults and children with a FALL theme. **Tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of six for \$5.00.**

In addition to the gift baskets, we will be raffling off a **\$300.00 gas grill donated by Home Depot**. Proceeds for the raffle will go toward scholarships for high school seniors and other needs in our parish

TODAY is the DAY

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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'

Pope Leo XIV and Care for Creation

Many of the Catholic faithful have been waiting to see if Pope Leo XIV will follow Pope Francis with respect to his attention to Care for Creation. Initial indications are that he will. Pope Leo's recent actions include:

- Acknowledging the 10-year anniversary of Laudato Si' and commenting on the extraordinary impact, and countless initiatives inspired by the work.
- Sending a video message to the Network of Universities for the Care of Our Common Home encouraging their mission: "...to be builders of bridges...working for ecological, social, and environmental justice."
- Celebrating the very first "Mass for the Care of Creation," a new formulary of the Roman Missal.
- Issuing the 10th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation which calls environmental degradation a "justice" issue and includes prayers of hope that Laudato Si' and integral ecology be increasingly accepted as the right path to follow.

Pope Leo has stated that "We must also pray for the conversion of many people, both inside and outside the Church, who still do not recognize the urgency of caring for our common home."

"Now is the time to follow words with deeds. 'Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork...'"

LS (217) - Pope Leo XIV

Contact: Martha Block: marthablock@gmail.com

Dianne Smith: dcrsmith@gmail.com,

Maureen Haining mfhaining@gmail.com



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

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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Vocations

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)

Every vocation involves sacrifice. Whether you are married, learning to put your spouse's needs before your own, or a priest choosing to forgo family life to serve others, each path involves laying down your desires for the sake of love. Trust that Christ will provide you with the strength to follow Him on your journey. 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

Contact: Edward Jones - mgtdocean@gmail.com
Paulette Spera - Paulette.spera@gmail.com

Did you know? Part 12 Continued

Doctor Jerone Lejeune:

- 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 those who had once praised his work.
- 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.

Pregnant?



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to help.

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

Grandparents

Today, Sunday -
September 7th is
National Grandparents
Day. Make a call, give a
hug, say a prayer!

Wishing all St. Brendan
grandparents a blessed
Sunday!



NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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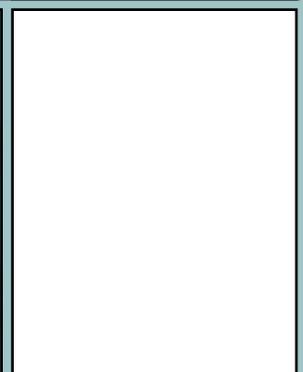
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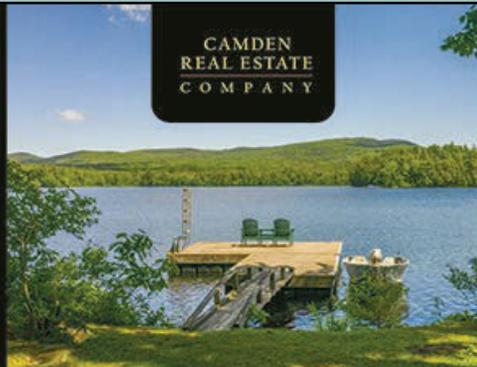


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Around the Diocese

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 8/29/25): 118

St. Bernard: 50

Our Lady of Good Hope: 26

St. Francis: 39

Clergy: 3



Sept. 11th

Join us in prayer this Thursday in remembrance of those lives that were lost, injured, and families forever changed on September 11th. We pray for the clergy and responders that ministered to the victims and their families. We pray that a true love of peace will be enkindled throughout all of our hearts and all of the world.
Amen

Contact Information

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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.