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Rockland - Camden - Belfast - Islesboro - Vinalhaven



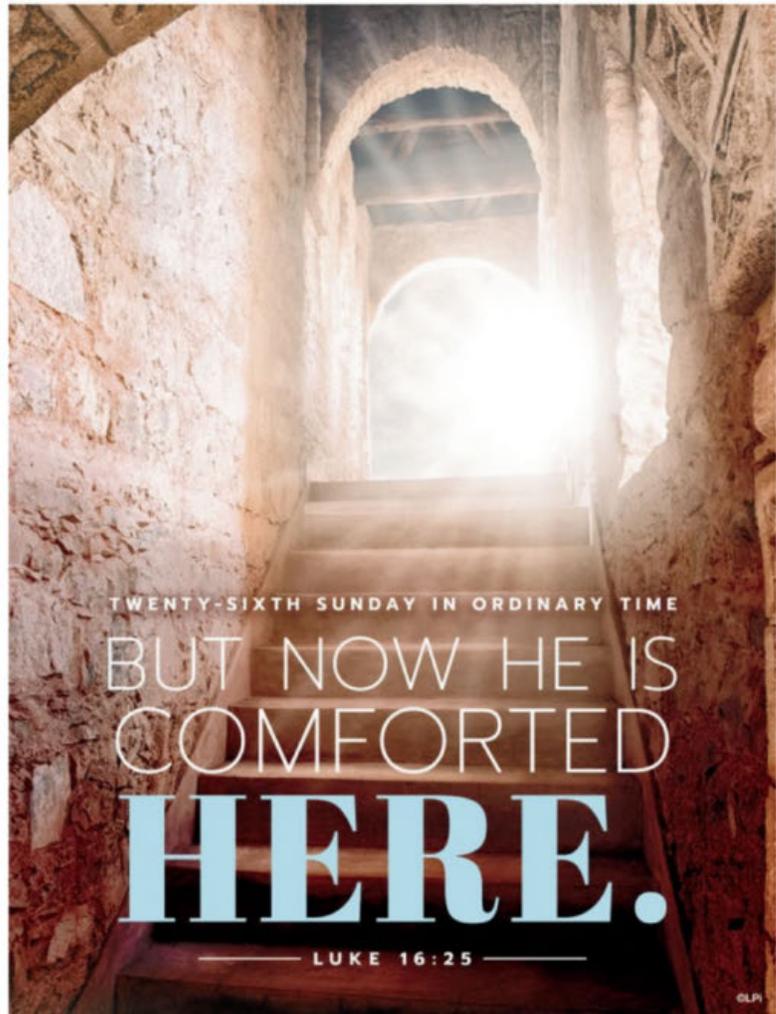
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 | TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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
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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, September 27, 2025 - The Vigil of the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Phil Matthews III by Jacqueline Matthews
4pm	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Marie Smith by Ken Gricus
6pm	St. B	Fr. Ben	Pedro Comprado & Edwin Bayta by Jore & Brenda Diaz

Sunday, September 28, 2025 - The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Ben	Leroy Peasley, Sr. by Takoda Peasley
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners
11am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	William Deptula by Frank & Nancy Toole
11am	St. B	Fr. Ben	Ed Jones by Michele Jones

Monday, September 29, 2025

6:30pm	OLGH	Fr. Ben	Rory Struthers by David Heath
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Tuesday, September 30, 2025

8am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Albert Ouellet by Carmel Ouellet
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Wednesday, October 1, 2025

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Zacary Menerey by Lark & Edward Blum
10am	NH - WG	Fr. Javis	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Marcus Mayfield by the family

Thursday, October 2, 2025

6:30pm	St. B	Fr. Javis	Michael Duffy by Joan Duffy
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Friday, October 3, 2025

8am	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Jeannette Gagnon by Nancy Whitcomb
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Saturday, October 4, 2025 - The Vigil of the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4pm	St. F	Fr. Javis	Frank & Maureen Folsher by Heidi Teneyuca
4pm	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	Aaron Payson by the family
6pm	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Paul Luttrell by Jessie and family

Sunday, October 5, 2025 - The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Javis	Living Int. for Ron & Janice Clark's 40 th Wedding Anniversary by the Charettes and the Clarks
11am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Living Int. for Jimmy & Sally O'Donnell by Maureen O'Donnell
11am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones

LS indicates Mass is livestreamed (temporarily not working)
www.stbrendanparish.net/livestream

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)

Mass Intentions

At this time we have not set up the 2026 calendar for Mass Intentions yet. Please wait until the end of October to request Mass Intentions for 2026. Thank you.

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Francis
is being lit for the
**Living Intention for Edward & Donna Jones
by The Clarks**



Our Clergy

Fr. Anthonasius 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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Upcoming Second Collections

Sept. 20th/21st - Catholic Relief Services for Gaza
Sept. 27th/28th - Parish Increased Offertory
Renewal Weekend

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: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-1

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

Hospitality

On the **1st Sunday of the month**, you are invited to join us after Mass for some treats and fellowship at all three locations. **Attention:** Our Lady of Good Hope parishioners, we are shifting our hospitality Sunday from the 2nd Sunday to the 1st Sunday to accommodate the Faith Formation program and Children's Mass.



St. Francis of Assisi offers refreshments after the 8:30am Mass every Sunday (except for the 3rd Sunday of the month when it is a Knights breakfast). Rockland Knights also host a breakfast on the last Sunday of the month.

Feast of St. Francis - Belfast

Saturday, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Join us at the 4pm Mass in Belfast followed by a special event in the hall. There will also be a parish-wide novena offered leading up to the feast. More details to come!

"...IN THIS WORLD I CANNOT SEE
THE MOST HIGH SON OF GOD WITH
MY OWN EYES, EXCEPT FOR HIS
MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD."
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



12-Hour Eucharistic Adoration



St. Francis - Friday, Oct. 3rd
Begin with an 8am Mass followed by
Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00pm.
Come Sing Eucharistic Hymns from 5pm-6pm

St. Francis of Assisi is not a "birdbath saint"! The Eucharist was the foundation on which his faith life was built, and wrote "in this world there is nothing of the Most High himself that we can possess and contemplate with our eyes, except his Body and Blood." So, during our novena to one of our parish's patron saints, let us learn from him and revere our Lord in contemplation of the Eucharist.

Two people are needed for each hour.
stbrendanthenavigatorpar.flocknote.com/signup/226626

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

Registration is now open! Sign up online or by email.

First Sunday of the Month - Actively participate in the Liturgy of the Mass. Sign up links below to let our schedulers know:

St. Bernard Youth Mass, 8am

<https://stbrendanthenavigatorpar.flocknote.com/signup/226883>

Our Lady of Good Hope Youth Mass, 11am

<https://stbrendanthenavigatorpar.flocknote.com/signup/226851>

St. Francis' Youth Mass, 8:30am

<https://stbrendanthenavigatorpar.flocknote.com/signup/226882>

Second Sunday of the Month - Parish-wide Faith Formation gathering at Our Lady of Good Hope (OLGH). Join us after the 11am Mass for a potluck, class (1-2pm), and Family Adoration and Confession (2-2:30pm). Materials for continued catechesis at home will be provided. First gathering - October 12th!

Sacrament Prep - We have 4 required prep days for Year I and Year II students. Please check the Faith Formation Calendar and necessary forms. Begins - October 25th!

Saintly Storytime - First Thursday of the month (St. Francis) and Third Tuesday of the Month (Our Lady of Good Hope). Story and activity at 10am for our youngest Catholics and homeschool families. Starting - October 2nd and 21st

Upcoming Dates to Note:

Communion/Confirmation Retreat

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

Family Faith Formation (OLGH) - October 12th

Sacrament Mass with Bishop Ruggeri

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

OCIA

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St. Brendan the Navigator

SECOND SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH

Our Lady of Good Hope (Camden) - Meet after the 11am Mass for an optional potluck with our Faith Formation families, followed by a class with others learning about the faith.

THIRD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH

St. Francis of Assisi (Belfast) - After the 8:30am Mass, there is a monthly breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Join parishioners for a nice meal, followed by class with others learning about the faith.

Take the first step on your Catholic journey.

EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CATHOLIC.

WHAT STEPS DO I TAKE TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL?

FINDING FRIENDSHIP AMONGST THIS COMMUNITY.

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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- Choose Find Your Parish Subscription
- Under Create a New Account in the box, put in zip code of 04843
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- 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

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." (Luke 16:31) This Priesthood Sunday, pray for vocations and for those who have answered the call to be witnesses of the Gospel. Write a letter or send a message to a priest who has inspired you, letting them know that you are praying for them, and ask them to pray for you as you discern your vocation. 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 - Join us in prayer 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

Pregnant?



We can help.
Please ask.

A Valuable Resource: There is Healing After Abortion

Visit <https://portlanddiocese.org/projectrachel>

Did you know? Part 15: How can faithful Catholics respond to physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia?

- Educate with gentleness and respect
 - Share Catholic teaching about the sanctity of life and the difference between refusing disproportionate treatment (legitimate) and actively causing death (not morally permissible)
- Accompany the person with compassion
 - Be present and offer listening without judgment
 - Validate fears and gently explore alternatives
- Advocate for better systems and policies
 - Support laws and policies that expand access to palliative care, mental-health services, and home-based supports
 - Oppose legislation that normalizes physician-assisted death; favor policies that protect vulnerable populations
- Pray and form conscience: Promote parish prayer initiatives for the sick, the dying, their caregivers, and for wisdom for lawmakers and clinicians

Upcoming

- October is Respect Life Month. The theme for 2025 is LIFE: Our Sign of Hope

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for an increase in respect for the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death.

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

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.



Laudato Si'



Saturday, Oct. 18th - 9:30am to 11am, St. Francis
Integral Ecology Discussion - What is it? Its origins in Catholic theology & why it matters? Please contact us with ideas and programs you may want the Laudato Si' team to pursue. Also, we are always encouraged when joined by interested parishioners who are also concerned with the harm that is affecting our "Common Home." Come help us create positive action!

Contact: Martha Block: marthamblock@gmail.com
Dianne Smith: dcrsmith@gmail.com,
Maureen Haining: mfhaining@gmail.com

Camden Area Christian Food Pantry

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





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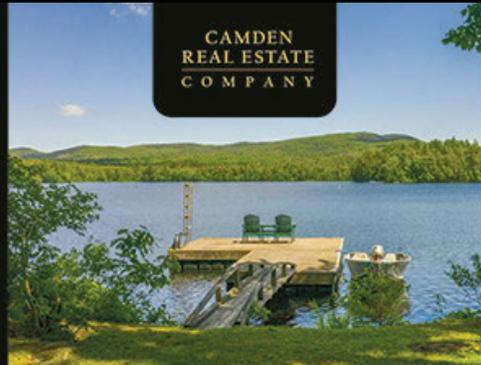


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Photos from our spiritually fulfilling Parish Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Lewiston this past Friday, September 19th. Fr. Athanasius Wirisy, Fr. Javis Laban, and Fr. Benjamin Simon brought over 150 pilgrims, including 20 youth pilgrims, to the Basilica for Mass, tours, veneration of the Cross Relic, and an on-site group lunch. We are so grateful to the staff and volunteers that hosted us, especially Fr. Divine Fossoh, Fr. Bob Vaillancourt, Tyler Nadeau, Scott Vaillancourt, and the Sacristan who coordinated with our team.



Thank you to all who came! We are so glad to hear your positive feedback and look at the pictures you have been sending.



Contact Information

- 📍 Parish Office: 7 Union Street - Camden, ME 04843
- 📞 Phone: (207) 236.4785
- ✉ Email: stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org
- 🌐 Website: stbrendanparish.net

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

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