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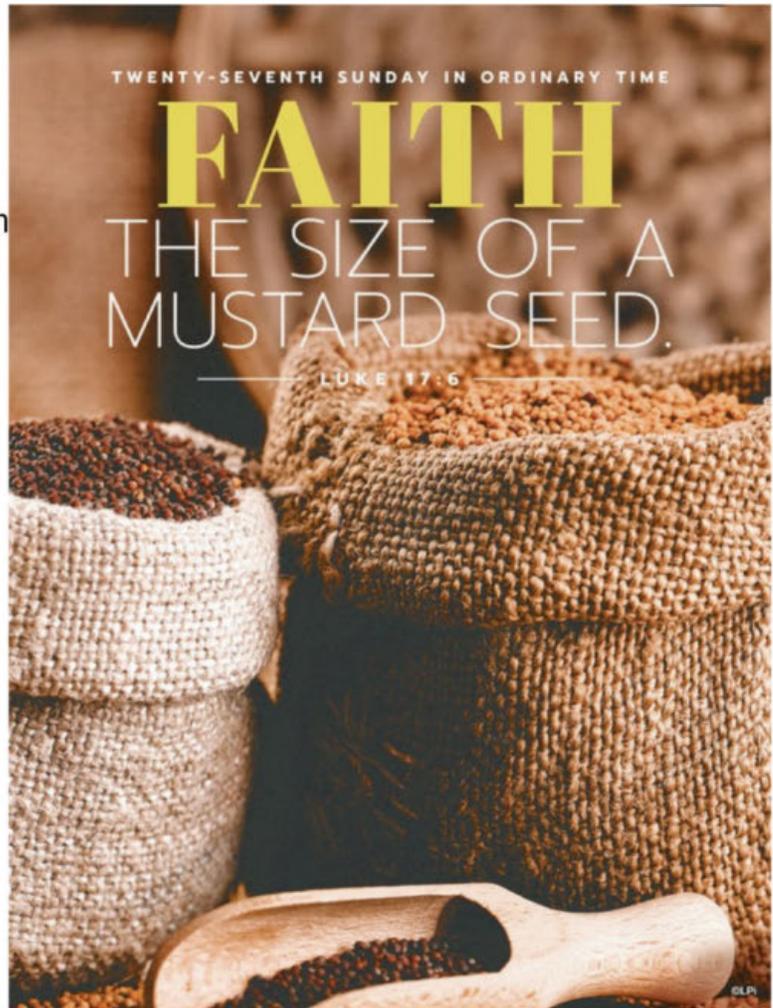
OCTOBER 5, 2025 | TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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: 1:00 pm 3rd Sunday of the Month
(beginning November 16th)

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, October 4, 2025 - The Vigil of the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4pm	St. F	Fr. Jarvis	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. Jarvis	Living Int. for Ron & Janice Clark's 40 th Wedding Anniversary by the Charettes and the Clarks
11am	OLGH	Fr. Jarvis	Living Int. for Jimmy & Sally O'Donnell by Maureen O'Donnell
11am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones

Monday, October 6, 2025

6:30pm	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	Betty Bohndell by Maureen O'Donnell
10am	NH - HH	Fr. Anthonasius	Becky Jones by Michele Jones

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

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

8am	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	Zacary Menerey by Lark & Edward Blum
10am	NH - QH	Fr. Anthonasius	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int. for Andrew Letellier by Kathy & Steve Tremblay

Thursday, October 9, 2025

6:30pm	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Victims of the Minneapolis School Shooting by Michele Jones
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Friday, October 10, 2025

8am	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int. for Gerry Murphy by the Clarks
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Saturday, October 11, 2025 - The Vigil of the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int. for Brandi Place by the Clarks
4pm	OLGH	Fr. Jarvis	K.P. Gricus by Ken Gricus
6pm	St. B	Fr. Jarvis	Pedro Comprado & Edwin Bayta by the Clarks

Sunday, October 12, 2025 - The 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Jarvis	Living Int. for Elaine Smith by her Children & Grandchildren
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners
11am	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	Robert Pietsch by the family
11am	St. B	Fr. Jarvis	Michael Fred by Josephine Freda

Spanish Mass at St. Bernard - 3rd Sunday of the Month, 1:00pm (beginning November 16th - no Spanish Mass in October)
Nursing Home Masses: BW - Breakwater (2nd and 4th Tues), QH - Quarry Hill and WG - Windward Gardens (alternating Wed), Mag - Magnolia (1st Thurs), HH - Harbor Hill (1st Mon.)

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.

Sanctuary Candles are an indication that the Blessed Sacrament is present. Each week, the Sanctuary candle can be lit in honor of a loved one (living or deceased).

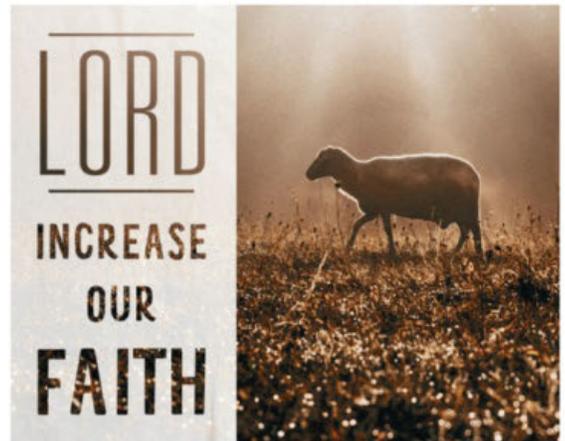
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Our Clergy

Fr. Anthonasius 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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Missionary Appeal Recap:

Total Collected: \$9377.08

Less 10% Retained: \$937.71

Total to Missionary Sisters: \$8,439.37

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: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

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.

Knights of Columbus Recruitment

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy, changing world. Our Limerock Council #136 will be holding a membership drive at **Our Lady of Good Hope and St. Bernard at all masses on October 11th and 12th.**

When you become a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO EXPAND OUR WORKS OF CHARITY!



Please open your hearts and minds to consider how YOU can contribute to the needs of our parish, families and community and show your children that you are committed to our faith and community by joining us in our efforts.



St. Francis Feast Day - Belfast

THIS WEEKEND! 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.



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)

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OCIA

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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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- 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

"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>

Respect Life Month - Today is Respect Life Sunday

"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth... We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened."

-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: "Life: Our Sign of Hope"

Upcoming

- Novena for Life: Join Catholics across our nation in praying this novena from Oct 22nd - Oct 30th. Access this novena by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera or QR code app, or by going to the listed website address.
- www.usccb.org/resources/respect-life-novena
- www.respectlife.org



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.



Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive

Thank you to those who dropped off peanut butter and jelly during the month of September. We collected 39 jars, which Bangor Savings Bank will match our number and provide jars of peanut butter or jelly to the St. Bernard Soup Kitchen for distribution to our guests.



St. Bernard (Rockland): 8 PB, 8 J

St. Francis (Belfast): 2 PB, 1 J

Our Lady of Good Hope (Camden): 12 PB, 8 J

Camden Area Christian Food Pantry



The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry will continue collecting **gravy, cranberry sauce/jelly and stuffing** for the month of October. Please place your donation items in the bin at the entrance of Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope.



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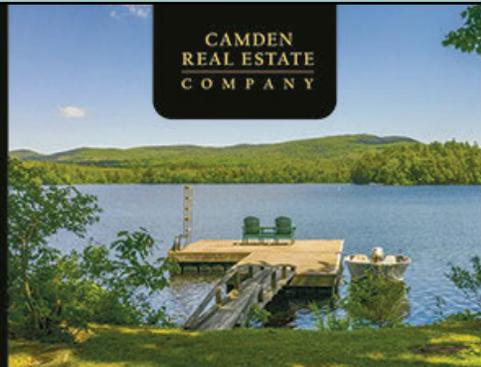
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Faith and Poverty: A Global Response

St. Michael's Parish will be hosting an 8-session conversation, meeting every other week starting the week of Oct. 6th. Each session includes prayer, Scripture reflection and dialogue to help us grow in our faith and deepen our understanding of the Gospel call in response to caring for those who are poor. Reading materials will be provided. In-person and virtual groups available - running October through February.

Contact: Elizabeth Keene (207) 514.3508 or elizabeth.keene@hotmail.com

Michaelmas Pictures

Thank you to all who attended and shared food at the Michaelmas Feast Day last weekend at St. Francis. Children enjoyed a craft and pinata after Mass, while food and fellowship filled the hall. Looking forward to next year!



Celebration of the Sacrament Mass



Bishop James Ruggeri will be celebrating the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation with our parish on October 19th at the 11am Mass at St. Bernard. Please join us in prayer as the children make their final preparations for this joyous occasion.

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?

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis identifies the need for a new "integral ecology." While traditional ecology studies the natural world and the effects of humans on nature, an integral ecology adds a focus on human nature itself. Certain Catholic theological concepts, lost over several centuries, were recovered and promoted by Francis's predecessors, Saint Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, and contribute to this current vision of an integral ecology.



Join us as parishioner Doug Fox, a longtime Professor of Natural Resources and student of theology, helps us understand the relevant concepts and leads a discussion of how this perspective might enhance our faith, our parish, and our participation in the good work of other secular organizations. Come learn with us.

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

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests

Please join us in prayer for the priests of the Portland Diocese during the month of October.



"O Jesus, keep your priests within the shelter of your Sacred Heart where none may touch them. Keep unstained their unstained hand which daily touch your Sacred Body and keep pure their sullied lips daily purple with your Precious Blood."

This week, we pray for:

Bishop James Ruggeri, Rev. Alexander Boucher, Rev. Edward Clifford, Rev. Jacob George, Rev. Timothy Nadeau, Rev. Michael Sevigny, Rev. James Roy, Rev. Algirdas Malakauskis, Rev. Nyohnunfon Kilian, Rev. Felix Udolisa, Rev. Vincent Mellone, Rev. Scott Mower, and Rev. Peter Uhde.

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- Friday - closed

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