

# St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

Rockland - Camden - Belfast - Islesboro - Vinalhaven



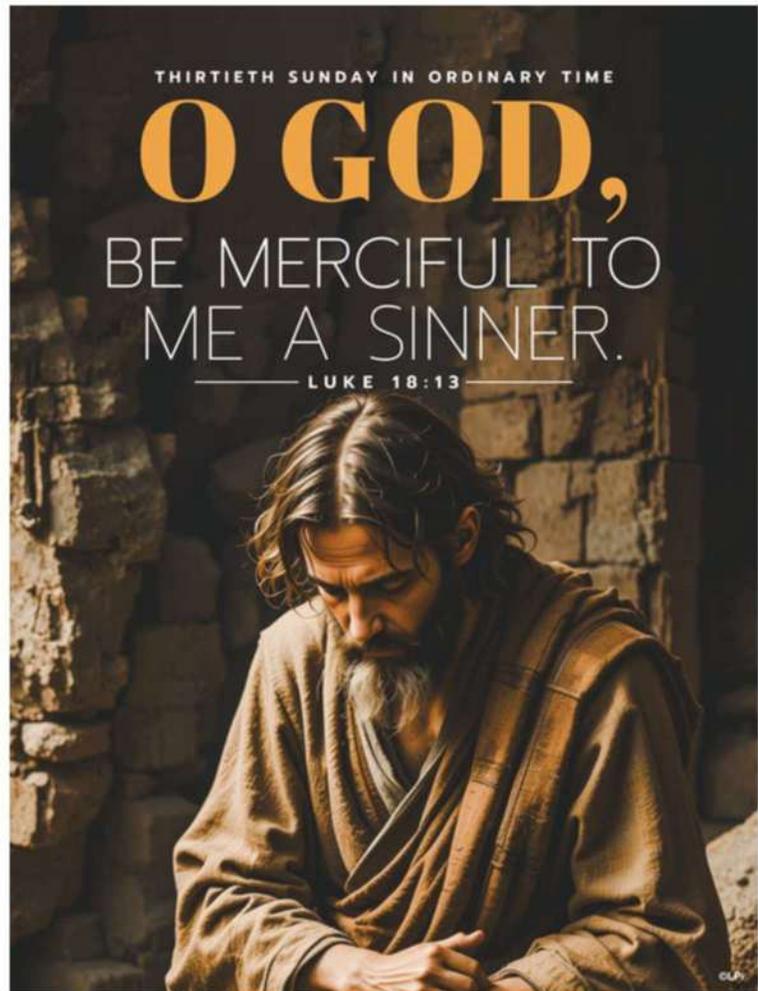
OCTOBER 26, 2025 | THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



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, October 25, 2025 - The Vigil of the 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

|     |           |                |  |
|-----|-----------|----------------|--|
| 4pm | St. F     | Fr. Emile Dube | for parishioners                                     |
| 4pm | OLGH (LS) | Fr. Jarvis     | Alfred & Anne Robinson<br>Dwayne and Kathey Robinson |
| 6pm | St. B     | Fr. Jarvis     | Sharon DuBay by Takoda Peasley                       |

## Sunday, October 26, 2025 - The 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

|        |            |                |  |
|--------|------------|----------------|--|
| 8am    | St. B      | Fr. Jarvis     | Laurenso Xuan Le by Teresa Le                    |
| 8:30am | St. F (LS) | Fr. Emile Dube | Aurele & Lina LeBlanc<br>Diane & Bruce Blood     |
| 11am   | OLGH       | Fr. Emile Dube | Marlin Brownawell by Nancy Itle                  |
| 11am   | St. B      | Fr. Jarvis     | Maria Olivia Triana Ruiz<br>by J. Armando Cufino |

## Monday, October 27, 2025

|        |           |                |                          |
|--------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 6:30pm | OLGH (LS) | Msgr. Stefanko | Mary Biju by Linda Roden |
|--------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------|

## Tuesday, October 28, 2025

|      |         |            |  |
|------|---------|------------|--|
| 8am  | St. B   | Fr. Jarvis | Nancy Boyd by Paulette & Russell Spera               |
| 10am | NH - BW | Fr. Jarvis | For the Sanctity of Life<br>by the Pro-Life Ministry |

## Wednesday, October 29, 2025

|        |         |                |   |
|--------|---------|----------------|---|
| 8am    | OLGH    | Msgr. Stefanko | Bill Deptula by Paulette & Russell Spera  |
| 10am   | NH - WG | Fr. Jarvis     | Ed Jones by Michele Jones                 |
| 6:30pm | St. F   | Fr. Jarvis     | Living Int. for Geena Black by the Clarks |

## Thursday, October 30, 2025

|        |       |            |   |
|--------|-------|------------|---|
| 6:30pm | St. B | Fr. Jarvis | Living Int. for 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary for<br>Polly & Jack by Lark & Edward |
|--------|-------|------------|---|

## Friday, October 31, 2025

|     |            |            |  |
|-----|------------|------------|--|
| 8am | St. F (LS) | Fr. Jarvis | Cathy Soucie by Siobhan & Alex Gilmore |
|-----|------------|------------|--|

## Saturday, November 1, 2025 - All Saints Day

|     |           |                 |   |
|-----|-----------|-----------------|---|
| 4pm | St. F     | Fr. Jarvis      | All Souls by the parish   |
| 4pm | OLGH (LS) | Fr. Anthonasius | for parishioners  |
| 6pm | St. B     | Fr. Anthonasius | Richard Peasley, Jr. by Takoda Peasley<br>& Mass of Remembrance |

## Sunday, November 2, 2025 - All Souls Day

|        |           |                 |   |
|--------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| 8am    | St. B     | Fr. Anthonasius | Patty Foster by her children                                  |
| 8:30am | St. F     | Fr. Jarvis      | Brendan Witt by Elaine Witt                                   |
| 11am   | OLGH (LS) | Fr. Jarvis      | William Deptula by OLGH Women's Club<br>& Mass of Remembrance |
| 11am   | St. B     | Fr. Anthonasius | Dan Davey by Vicki Davey                                      |

LS indicates Mass is livestreamed at [www.stbrendanparish.net/livestream](http://www.stbrendanparish.net/livestream)

Spanish Mass at St. Bernard - 3rd Sunday of the Month, 1:00pm  
(beginning November 16<sup>th</sup> - no Spanish Mass in October)

Nursing Home Masses: BW - Breakwater (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues),  
QH - Quarry Hill and WG - Windward Gardens (alternating Wed),  
Mag - Magnolia (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs), HH - Harbor Hill (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Francis  
is being lit for the  
**Living Intention for Gerald and Peggy  
Charette by the Clarks**



## Our Clergy

**Fr. Anthonasius Wirsy**, Pastor  
**Fr. Jarvis Laban**, Parochial Vicar  
**Deacon Bob Cleveland**

Email: [firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org)

## Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Our Lady of Good Hope:

Wed, Nov. 26, 2025, 8am

St. Francis, Wed, Nov. 26, 2025, 6:30pm

St. Bernard: Thursday, Nov. 27, 2025, 9am



## Giving

**Laura Gibson**, Business Coordinator  
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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](mailto:laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org)

# Liturgical and Sacramental Life

**Penny Wolfe, Pastoral Life Coordinator** - [penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org](mailto: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 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

**Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

## 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](mailto:jacqueline.biddle@portlanddiocese.org)

**Parish Weekly Email** - [penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org)

## Transfiguration Bake Sale



The sisters of Transfiguration Hermitage will be holding a **bake sale** at **St Bernard's** before and after the Masses during the weekend of **Nov 1 & 2**. All the usual goodies, plus those famous fruitcakes! Help yourself to some goodies and help support the sisters' life of prayer for all people.

## Hospitality

On the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**, you are invited to join us after Mass for some treats and fellowship at **all three locations**.

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



## Knight's Breakfast - This Sunday!

The Rockland Knights will be holding their monthly breakfast after the 8am Mass on Sunday, October 26th please join us! All proceeds will be donated to support Coats for Kids.



The Rockland Knights - Limerock Council 136 meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 7:15pm in Grispi Hall, at St. Bernard's Church, Rockland.

<https://www.stbrendanparish.net/knight-of-columbus-rockland>

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

*Advent*  
BY CANDLELIGHT

NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
5:00 PM

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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*Join this Advent gathering for women to help you focus on the true meaning of the Advent season. Featuring guest speaker Lisa Brenninkmeyer, founder of Walking With Purpose Bible Study. Come reflect, pray, and share fellowship in a candle-lit atmosphere, away from the chaos of the holiday season. See sign-up sheets in churches or in parish email!*

# Office of Faith Formation

Jacqueline Biddle, Parish Catechetical Leader - [jacqueline.biddle@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:jacqueline.biddle@portlanddiocese.org)

Faith Formation: Youth and Adult, OCIA, Sacrament Prep

Jennifer Parker - St. Francis' Faith Formation Coordinator

## Faith Formation 2025-2026



PK-12TH

Next class on **November 9<sup>th</sup>** (second Sunday of the month), at Our Lady of Good Hope (Camden) after the 11am Mass. Join for potluck, followed by class, adoration, and confession.

### Youth Ministry - Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Event

#### Dwell: Finding Sanctuary

1-Day Jubilee Retreat for High School Teens

Keynote Speaker: Bishop James Ruggieri

Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul - Lewiston

November 22<sup>nd</sup> 8am-8pm

\$10 to register (Lunch and Dinner included)

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### Youth Mass

First Sunday of the Month - Email (above) or use the following Flocknote links to sign up:

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>



## OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

# OCIA

## St. Brendan the Navigator

SECOND AND THIRD  
SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH

Our Lady of Good Hope (Camden) - Meet after the 11am Mass for an optional potluck (second Sundays only) with our Faith Formation families, followed by a gathering. Around 12:30-2pm, we will meet to learn more 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

Saturdays at 8:30am - OLGH - Upper Room.  
*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.

**Tuesdays, 6pm at Our Lady of Good Hope  
Thursdays, 10am at St. Bernard**

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](mailto:FSCGStB@gmail.com) if you would like to join a group or to receive further information.

## Streaming Service

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- 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 whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)** Humility is essential in all vocations, whether it be sacramental marriage, priesthood, or consecrated life. What are some ways you can work on becoming humbler in your life? Have you humbled yourself to ask God what His plan is for you? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 613-1091 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto: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 - the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ...Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life  
Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need  
[respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection](http://respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection)

### Upcoming

- Novena for Life: Join Catholics across our nation in praying this novena from Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> - Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.usccb.org/resources/respect-life-novena)
- [www.respectlife.org](http://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.

30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## St. Bernard Soup Kitchen

For the week October 6th, we provided the following meals.  
M - 54, T - 63, W - 59, T - 73, F - 61

Congratulations to the Thursday crew who completed a huge community service project in helping one of our guests be able to sell her home and remove financial burdens.

An awesome job!  
Rich Norman 691 6400

## 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](mailto:bbeaulieu@allenfg.com)  
Joseph Mathieu 323-1436, [painterjo56@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.stbrendanparish.net/knight-of-columbus-rockland)  
Contact: Kevin Bailey (978) 404-1594, [kfb723@verizon.net](mailto:kfb723@verizon.net)

KOFC 4TH DEGREE: The KOC 4<sup>th</sup> 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

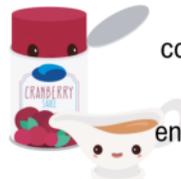
## GBAM Food Cupboard - Belfast

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 **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.



## 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

## OLGH - Women's Club

The Women's Club at Our Lady of Good Hope meets in Cote Hall at 1:00pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. 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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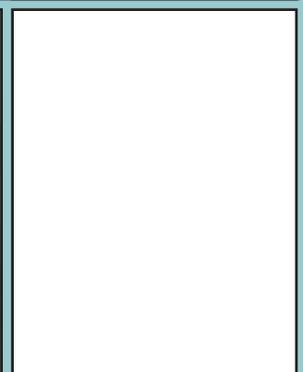
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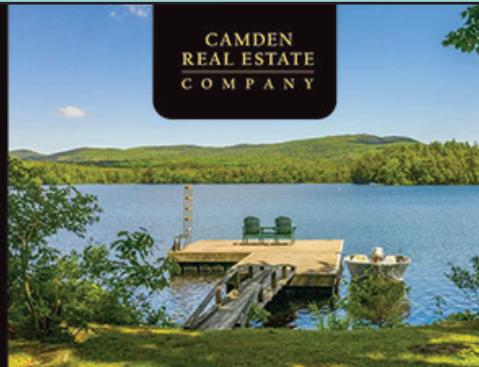
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## Masses of Remembrance

The Mass of Remembrance is a special Liturgy held every year at the churches in our parish to remember all those who have died during the past year. All the families of the deceased are invited to share in this special Mass to remember their loved ones. During this Mass, the names of the deceased are read and each family lights a candle in remembrance of their loved one. All parishioners are invited to attend and pray for our deceased. This year's Masses of Remembrance will be held as follows:

### ST. BERNARD

Laura Marie Young  
William Bird  
Cameron Frisone  
James L. Stone, Jr.  
Maria Olivia Triana Ruiz  
Denise Raynes  
Deacon Frank Semancik  
Joan Winchenbach  
Mark Shapiro  
David Landry  
Frank & Therese Sullivan

**St. Bernard: Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025, 6pm**  
**Our Lady of Good Hope: Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, 11am**  
**St. Francis: Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025, 8:30am**

### ST. FRANCIS

Paula B. Cannon  
Kevin Michaud  
Elaine St. Peter  
Jayne Haverty  
Patrick Roche  
Eugene Flagg  
Charles Miklovich



### OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE

Hannah Williamson  
Grace Stearns  
Bill Deptula  
Nancy Boyd  
Dorothy McCormick  
Preston Henderson  
Robert & Peggy Belch  
Arthur Quinn  
Daniel Joseph Nodar

## All Soul's Day at St. Francis, Sun., Nov. 2

Please join fellow parishioners in praying for the faithful departed on Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, All Souls Day, at St. Francis. Following the 8:30am Mass there will be a special celebration for All Souls, including a display of prayer cards of your beloved dead (in the style of Dias de los Muertos), prayers and potluck. After the meal, we will proceed to Grove Cemetery – visiting a cemetery on November 2<sup>nd</sup> enables you to gain a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Usual conditions:

- Go to confession & receive Holy Communion
- Pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father
- Visit & offer prayers at a cemetery

**LEARN MORE AT MASS ABOUT INDULGENCES  
AND PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD ON THIS SPECIAL DAY!**



## 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 unsullied lips  
daily purple with your Precious Blood.”**



This week, we pray for: Our Holy Father, Rev. Aaron Damboise, Rev. Anthony Korir, Msgr. Paul Stefanko, Rev. Peter Kaseta, Rev. Thanh Van Nguyen, Rev. Joseph Lukong, Rev. Raymond Morency, Rev. Philip Clement, Rev. Alou Pilizue, Rev. Michael Adebote, Rev. Reginald Brissette, Rev. James Albert

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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

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