

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

Rockland - Camden - Belfast - Islesboro - Vinalhaven



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

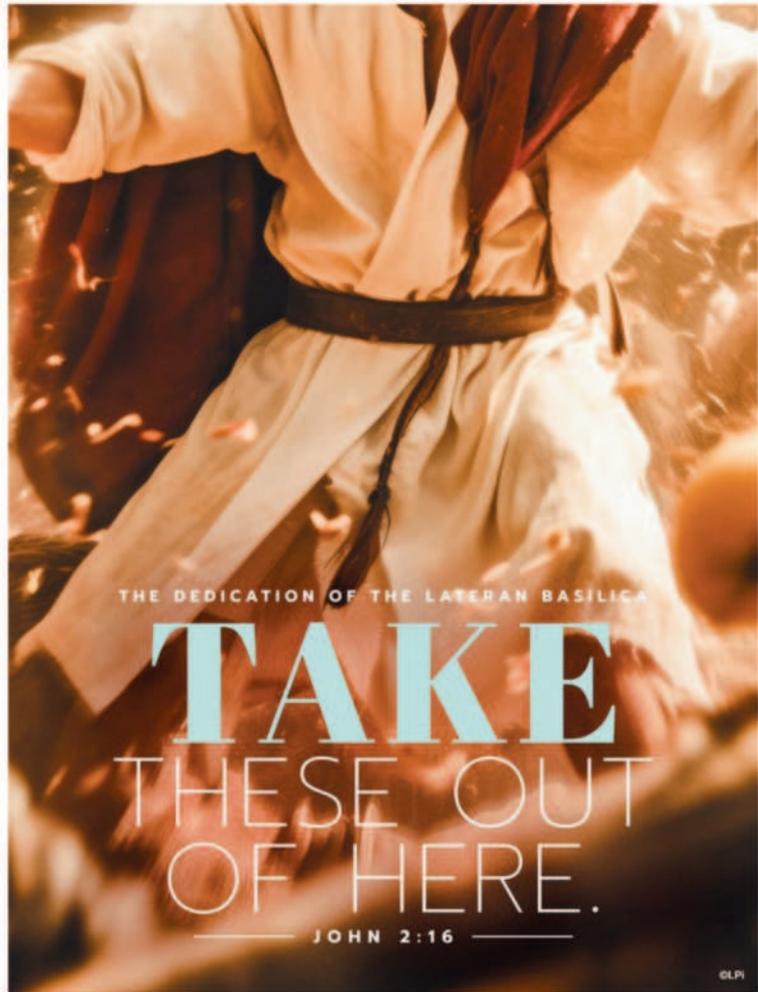
St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

From July-Sept - Saturday: 9:00am

18 Pendleton Point Rd, Islesboro, ME 04848

Vinalhaven at Union Church

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Doors are open at all mainland churches, Monday - Friday from 12pm-3pm.

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NOV. 9, 2025 | THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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, November 8, 2025

4pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners
4pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Javis	Rosemary Loughran by Ken Gricus
6pm	St. B	Fr. Javis	Delores DeMuth by Craig DeMuth

Sunday, November 9, 2025 - THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

8am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Living Int. for Elaine Smith by her children and grandchildren
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Mass of Remembrance by the parish
11am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Andre Brenninkmeyer by the Brownawell/Scott Family
11am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Michael Freda by Josephine Freda

Monday, November 10, 2025 - St. Leo the Great (32nd Week of Ordinary Time)

6:30pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int. for John and Wendy O'Donnell by Maureen O'Donnell
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Tuesday, November 11, 2025 - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	For the Sanctity of Life by the Pro-Life Ministry
10am	NH - BW	Fr. Javis	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 - Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Fred Malmstone by the Brownawell/Scott Family
10am	NH - QH	Fr. Javis	Reuben Gomez by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int. for Denise Napolitano by D. Napolitano

Thursday, November 13, 2025 - Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

6:30pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Javis	Bob King by Marilyn & Mike Lustgarten
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Friday, November 14, 2025

8am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Timothy Wolfe by Tim O'Donnell
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Saturday, November 15, 2025- (Vigil) 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

4pm	St. F	Fr. Javis	Rosario Michaud by Eric Harvey
4pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int. for Linda Roden by Maureen O'Donnell
6pm	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners

Sunday, November 16, 2025 - 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Mark DuBay by Takoda Peasley
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Javis	Philip Stuart by Penny Wolfe
11am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Javis	Mary Biju by Linda Roden
11am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Kathey Dunbar by Rich & Anne Norman

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

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.)

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).

Suggested donation of \$10



Our Clergy

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

Email: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Our Lady of Good Hope: Wed, Nov. 26th - 8am
St. Francis: Wed, Nov. 26th - 6:30pm
St. Bernard: Thursday, Nov. 27th - 9am



Giving

Laura Gibson, Business Coordinator
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A special purpose or intention can be noted on the memo line.

Upcoming Second Collections

November 8th and 9th

Archdiocese of Military Services

Our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), next weekend, a collection approved by the USCCB to be taken every three years. The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection

November 15th and 16th
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

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

Parish Giving Trees



The Giving Tree at Our Lady of Good Hope is collecting names of **local families who would like some support this Christmas** with gifts for children up to 18 years old. Please call the office at (207) 236.4785 no later than **November 21st**. The tags will be available in Cote Hall on the first weekend of Advent. **Stay tuned for more updates on other parish-wide fundraising endeavors this Advent season.**

March for Life - Jan. 23, 2026

Friday, November 14 - **Deadline to register for the Diocese overnight bus trip to the MARCH FOR LIFE National March for Life in Washington DC on January 22-23, 2026.** Reduced rates of \$100 for students and clergy, \$300 for adults — due to Diocese financial support. For more information email marchforlifeinfo@portlanddiocese.org or call 207.321.7813.



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.**

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.



GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS

Our parish office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th.



Flagpole Dedication

Sunday, November 9th at 1 PM

St. Brendan the Navigator's Coughlin Memorial Cemetery on Rankin Street in Rockland now proudly flies an American flag thanks to Eagle Scout project leader, Dominic Todd of Scouting BSA Troop 200.

Dominic collaborated with the Knights of Columbus Limerock Council of St. Bernard's Church in Rockland. He raised the necessary funds and installed a 25-foot flagpole at the cemetery. Please join us for the dedication ceremony on Sunday, November 9th at 1 PM at Coughlin Cemetery.

Congratulations, Dominic, on completing your Eagle project!



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

Faith Formation 2025-2026

PK-12TH

Next class is **TODAY!** (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 22nd 8am-8pm

\$10 to register (Lunch and Dinner included)

Youth Ministry - Service Opportunities

Contact the Faith Formation office if your middle school/high school student is interested in volunteering with some service projects. We have several upcoming opportunities from food packing for Thanksgiving to helping with younger Faith Formation classes.



Vocations

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."
(John 2:19) The Church needs those who are willing to dedicate their lives to nurturing the Body of Christ. Are you being called to help build up the Church as a priest or 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.

Franciscan Catechetical Institute

Franciscan Catechetical Institute Trainings - The Diocese of Portland has subscribed to a new outreach by the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

We are now able to offer online formation for every person in ministry - clergy, catechists, teachers, youth ministers, adult group leaders, volunteers, even (and especially) parents. It is **free** to all, with unlimited access. This program provides the most in-depth and faithful array of formative workshops ever created. With over 200 workshops available, we are now able to thoroughly train and spiritually nurture you in passing on the faith. To register, visit:

<https://franciscanathome.com/diocese-portland-maine>



OCIA - How to become Catholic



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? Find friendship amongst the community of believers.

Adult Faith Formation

That Man is You

Saturdays at 8:30am - OLGH - Upper Room.
Looking forward to seeing you then!

Walking with Purpose

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: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Learn and practice how to talk about your faith and your religious experiences in a small group. Our clergy are providing monthly teachings for the groups. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." **Get ready to bring your faith into your neighborhoods and to your every-day life neighbors.**

Rockland, at the Sacred Heart Center

1st and 3rd Wednesday of a month at 6:30pm

Contact: Ann Norman, ranorman18@gmail.com

St. George/Spruce Head, In-home and Zoom

1st Tuesday of a month at 6:30pm

Contact: Anja & Georg Haubs
georg.haubs@gmail.com

Camden, at Our Lady of Good Hope

Next meeting: 11/24 at 10am

Contact: Paula Williamson
paula.williamson@portland-diocese.org

Belfast, In-home

2nd Monday of the month at 9am

Contact: Sue Woehler, woehlersm@gmail.com

For parish-wide coordination please contact
FSCGStB@gmail.com

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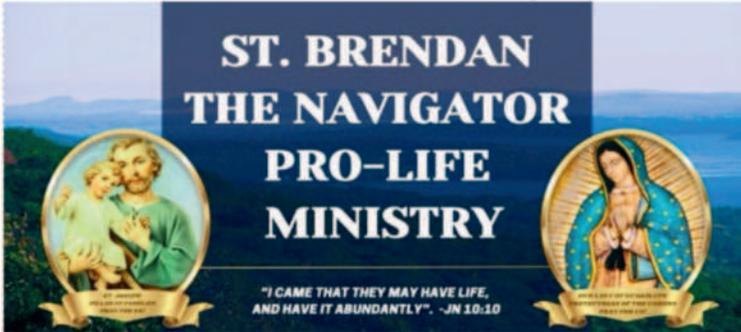
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- From then on you will just have to click the SIGN IN button in upper right, and you'll likely have to enter your email.

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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



Pray a Rosary for Life

OLGH: The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, @7:30am; St. Bernard's: Tuesdays before the 8am Mass; St. Francis: Every Sunday @7:50am, before the 8:30 Mass

Prayer Vigil

Did you know that the Maine Family Planning facility in Belfast provides chemical abortions? Come join the St. Brendan Pro-Life Ministry Prayer Vigil outside of this facility every Friday.

WANTED

More "prayer partners" at these weekly vigils. We hope to increase our presence to 2 hours by having enough prayer partners for 2 sessions: 9-10am, then 10-11am, every week or every other; at least 2 prayer partners needed for each session. Can you make this commitment? For more information, please contact Edward Jones at edward.stbrendanprolife@gmail.com

SPONSORS NEEDED

Masses for the intention to End Abortions are scheduled for the next three months beginning Oct. 3rd: one Mass per week at each of our three churches.

Contact the Parish Office to support a Mass for Life. We thank you for your generous support for Life.

Trent Horn "Why We Are Pro-Life" Booklets Available at each church. This booklet is a clear, compassionate explanation that uses science and broadly shared human beliefs to argue for the pro-life position. Please take one for your family if you missed taking one when we first had them out in 2023. A book talk may follow - keep your eyes on the bulletin!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn and Star of the New Evangelization, PRAY FOR US.

St. Bernard Soup Kitchen

For the week of October 27th, we provided the following:
M - 54 , T - 70 , W - 60 , T - 42 , F - 55

We want to sincerely thank Hannaford and the Good Shepherd Food Bank for their support of food to our kitchen. We could not do the work we do without their support. - Rich Norman (207) 691.6400

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



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 **gravy, cranberry sauce/jelly and stuffing** for the month of November. 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 2nd 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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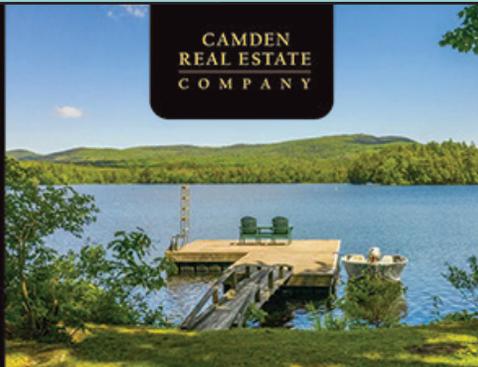
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Masses of Remembrance

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

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
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Grace Stearns
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Nancy Boyd
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Preston Henderson
Robert & Peggy Belch
Arthur Quinn
Daniel Joseph Nodar
Patricia Ahlefeld

ST. FRANCIS

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All Soul's Day - St. Francis

Thank you for the effort and planning in making a display at St. Francis this past weekend for the prayer and remembrance of loved ones. The month of November is dedicated to the prayers of the fateful departed. Please continue to pray and do acts of charity for the deceased all month long.



Apostolate of Prayer for Priests

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

“O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervant priests; Your priests laboring at home, and abroad in distant mission fields.



This week, we pray for:
Bishop Emeritus Robert Deeley, Rev. Richard McLaughlin,
Rev. Patrick Machayi, Very Rev. Roland Bernege, Rev.
Nathan March, Rev. Erin Donlon, Rev. Augustine Foka Kifon,
Rev. Prabu Magimaidass, Rev. John Bacevicius, Msgr.
Andrew Dubois, V. Rev. Daniel Greenleaf, Rev. Kevin Martin,
Rev. Selvaraj Kasi.

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- Monday** - 8:30-3:30
- Tuesday** - 8:30-3:30
- Wednesday** - 8:30-12:00
- Thursday** - 8:30-3:30
- Friday** - closed

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