

# St. Brendan the Navigator Parish

Rockland - Camden - Belfast - Islesboro - Vinalhaven



NOVEMBER 23, 2025 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## ARE YOU NOT THE CHRIST?

— LUKE 23:39 —



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

## Welcome to Catholic Life in Mid-Coast Maine!

We are a Roman Catholic community serving as a beacon that helps people encounter the transforming love of Jesus Christ through full, conscious, and active celebration of the Sacraments, with special attention to Reconciliation and Eucharist.

7 Union Street - Camden, ME 04843

(207) 236.4785

[www.StBrendanParish.net](http://www.StBrendanParish.net)

# 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 22, 2025 - St. Cecilia

4pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Travis Heck by his daughter
4pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Javis	Elaine Weedon by Ken Gricus
6pm	St. B	Fr. Javis	Michael Allen Estes by his mother, Nohora

## Sunday, November 23, 2025 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Emery DuBay by Takoda Peasley
8:30am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners
11am	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	Anne O. Mueller by her daughter, Georganne
11am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Deceased Daughters of St. Bernard by the Daughters of St. Bernard

## Monday, November 24, 2025

6:30pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Herbert Grierson by Michele Jones
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## Tuesday, November 25, 2025

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Andrue Leach by Takoda Peasley
10am	Bwtr Nsg Hm	Fr. Anthonasius	For the Sanctity of Life by the Pro-Life Ministry

## Wednesday, November 26, 2025

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Living Int. for Klaus Pfieler by Jane Spurrier
10am	NH - QH	Fr. Javis	Sabra Jones by Michele Jones
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Anne Gould by Michele Jones

## Thursday, November 27, 2025 - Thanksgiving Day

8am	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	All Souls by the parish
9am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Yolande DuBay by Takoda Peasley

## Friday, November 28, 2025

8am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	John L. O'Donnell, Jr. by Maureen O'Donnell
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## Saturday, November 29, 2025 - Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent

4pm	St. F	Fr. Javis	Living Int. for Lilian Rispoli by the Clarks
4pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Bill Deptula by Deb & Jack Waterman
6pm	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Timothy & Matthew Orbin by Nikki

## Sunday, November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	The Brownawell Family by Walking with Purpose Friends
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Javis	William Brannagan by St. Francis parishioners
11am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Javis	Margaret Scott by the Brownawell/Scott Family
11am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners

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  
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.)

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 Wirsiy**, Pastor  
**Fr. Javis Laban**, Parochial Vicar  
**Deacon Bob Cleveland**

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



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

## Giving

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

## Online Giving:

Through eCatholic:

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## Make Checks payable to:

We humbly and gratefully want to express our sincere gratitude for your donations to our parish. Please make checks payable to: "St. Brendan the Navigator"  
A special purpose or intention can be noted on the memo line.

# 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.

## 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

## Christmas Wreath Sale

All proceeds go to our fund for needy families. Our fresh, beautiful, **decorated Maine wreaths are \$28** and will be available to pick up after the Masses on Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 29-30. "Season's Greetings" gift shipping boxes are \$7; includes packing the wreaths—they make great gifts! To order: sign up in church hall or the back of church at St. Francis or by contacting below.

**Helpers Needed** - We are looking for help to decorate the wreaths on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 29th, in the afternoon and/or after Mass. We'll have snacks, Christmas music and dinner! Families are welcome! Reminder slips for your fridge are by the wreath order sheets in the church hall and the back of the church!

**Contact:** Mary Ruoff (207) 577-5329 or  
1maryruoff@gmail.com



## Make an Advent Wreath

Sign up to make an Advent Wreath at **St. Bernard** on **November 30th** after the 8am Mass and Knight's breakfast. Bring some ribbon or decorations to share. Suggested donation of \$12 for wreath form and candles. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus and Daughters of St. Bernard.  
**Contact:** Rachel Vallance (207) 691-1367



Please contact jennifer.parker@portlanddiocese.org for information on making an Advent Wreath at **St. Francis**.

## ST. FRANCIS

The **Giving Tree at St. Francis** will be raising funds for **The Mission Fund** - which helps local people in our parish area with winter emergency needs, such as fuel assistance. You can give by making a donation in person at the Giving Tree or taking an envelope on the table near the tree and return your donation in the collection. No amount is too small! Thank you for your generosity!

## OLGH

The Social Justice and Peace ministry, with some help from the church office, is once again organizing the Giving Tree for **Our Lady of Good Hope** church. We are asking for gifts for children (up to 18 yrs. old) of our local families. **We will request that the gifts not exceed the cost of \$30. Gift requests are on tags on the tree in Cote Hall the weekend after Thanksgiving.** Please be sure to attach the tag to your wrapped gift as they are coded for specific individuals. If there is a problem that you can't fulfill the request you chose, please call the office at 236-4785.

It is imperative that all gifts be **returned by Sunday, Dec 15th** so no one is left out. We will be collating the gifts on the following day or so. If you would prefer to do a monetary donation, it will be used to help our church emergency fund. Please use the designated envelopes provided on the tree. It would be safest to return these envelopes in the collection basket during Mass or mail it to the office. We appreciate all that our church members have done in the past and hope that you can continue to do so. This year having support is even more important as people struggle with benefits being cut. May the spirit of giving fill your hearts!

## ST. BERNARD

This Advent Season, St. Bernard Church is again sponsoring a Giving Tree for the **Brazil Mission**. Envelopes dedicated to the mission in Brazil for a child, seminarian, or sister sponsorship will be hung on the tree in the church vestibule. The envelopes may be returned in any collection basket during Advent. Child sponsorship is \$75 per year while sponsoring a seminarian/sister is \$250. Smaller donations will be pooled so that additional children, seminarians, and sisters can be sponsored. Thank you for your support and generosity!

## Parish Giving Trees



# 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

## Advent Retreat



**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> (8am-12pm)  
at Our Lady of Good Hope**

Join Deacon Bob and Peter Piconi in exploring hope. What is hope? Has it become for you little more than a nice idea, something you wish would give your life the direction and meaning you long for?

Come join us for a morning exploration of the beauty and power of the Theological Virtue of Hope in our Catholic Tradition. We will explore the nature of hope as a theological virtue, the nature of our lives as "people on the way", the habits of mind that either enable or imperil hope in our lives and share some practices to keep hope a vibrant force in your life. **Please sign up by**

<https://stbrendanthenavigatorpar.flocknote.com/signup/234335>



or use this QR code

## Vocations

**"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."  
(Luke 23:42) On this Feast of Christ the King, reflect on His reign over your life. Is He calling you to serve His kingdom 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:paula.williamson@portland-diocese.org)

For parish-wide coordination please contact  
[FSCGStB@gmail.com](mailto:FSCGStB@gmail.com)

## Streaming Service

Watch, listen and read **FREE** movies, audiobooks, audio dramas, talks, programs and teachings on your phone, iPads, electronic notebooks, and smart TVs with our parish subscription!

- Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) on a web browser
- Choose Formed for Parishes
- Choose Find Your Parish Subscription
- 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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# 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 Event: Peaceful Prayer Vigil

Fridays @ Belfast Family Planning

Your support and presence are needed to pray 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

Walking with Moms in Need brochures coming soon!

### A Valuable Resource: There is Healing After Abortion

Visit <https://portlanddiocese.org/projectrachel> New Rachel's Vineyard brochures will be available at each church soon.

### Did you know? Part 16 - A 12th state to see legalization of Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS)?

- **Expansion:** Early on October 31, just two weeks ago, Illinois state senators passed Senate Bill 1950 30-27 at 2:54am.
- **Name of Bill:** End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act
- **Slated to become law in 9 months if . . .** signed by Gov. JB Pritzker
- **Can such laws work to drive people to PAS?**
- Conceivably. According to debt.org, studies indicate that medical problems are cited as a primary factor in a majority of personal bankruptcy filings. Insurance companies are allowed to deny life-prolonging and life-saving treatments for a variety of reasons even when a physician deems them medically necessary. This often drives people to continue with treatments while appeals are pending. When appeals fail, the bills arrive in the mail. Is it not conceivable that an ill person might fear putting his/her family in financial straits and consider PAS as a "viable" alternative?

Pregnant?



We can help.  
Please ask.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us and an increase in respect for the sanctity of all human life.

## St. Bernard Soup Kitchen

### We're Hiring!

We are seeking two Part-Time Assistants.

Contact: [laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org)

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



## 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 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 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

# Parish News and Around the Diocese

**Bulletin Submissions** - jacqueline.biddle@portlanddiocese.org  
**Parish Weekly Email** - penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org

## Choral Concert - Festival of Gratitude

**November 22 - 3pm at Searsport First Congregational Church (8 Church Street, Searsport)**

Songs of joy and thanksgiving presented by the choirs of Belfast, North Searsport, and Searsport United Methodist Churches; Belfast Unitarian Universalist Church; Brooks Congregational Church; Sandy Point Congregational Church; Searsport Congregational Church. Admission by free-will donation - The funds raised will aid Waldo County residents with fuel costs this winter.

## Penbay Singers at St. Francis

**Save the Date! Sunday - December 14th, 3pm-6pm**  
Refreshments and gathering in the hall after.



## Daily Readings

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43  
**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28  
**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

## Contact Information

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

## Administrative Staff

**Laura Gibson, Business Coordinator**  
**Paula Williamson, Safe Environment Coordinator**  
**Mike Colson, Sexton**  
**John Maas, Custodian**  
**Richard Norman, Soup Kitchen Supervisor**

Contact any Staff Member by Email:  
[firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org)

**Office Notes:** Please be mindful of your personal items when at church and keep them close at hand.

## Parish Grief Ministry

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish is taking initial steps to forming a grief support ministry for those in the parish suffering losses. We would like to know where the greatest needs are and have a brief survey available in church halls, as well as via Flocknote email. If you would like to be added to the parish email list, please email your email address to [stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org) with "please add me email to parish email." All information will be kept confidential. Thank you for completing the survey ASAP.



## 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:  
Our Holy Father, Rev. Jacques Dolbec, Rev. Anthony Lawir, Rev. David Raymond, Rev. Aurelijus Gricus, Rev. William Modlin, Rev. Luc Tougouma, Rev. Paul Coughlin, Rev. Robert Pecoraro, Rev. Paul Marquis, Rev. Joel Cyr.



## Office Hours

**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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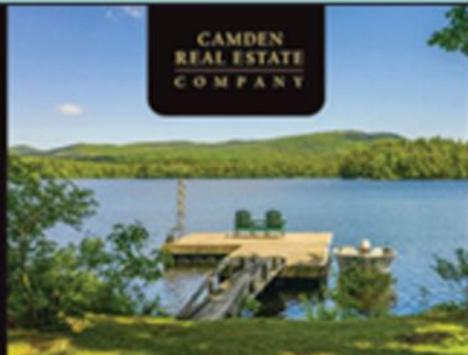


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