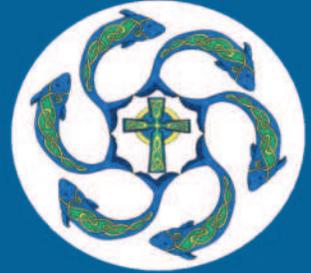


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St. Bernard

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

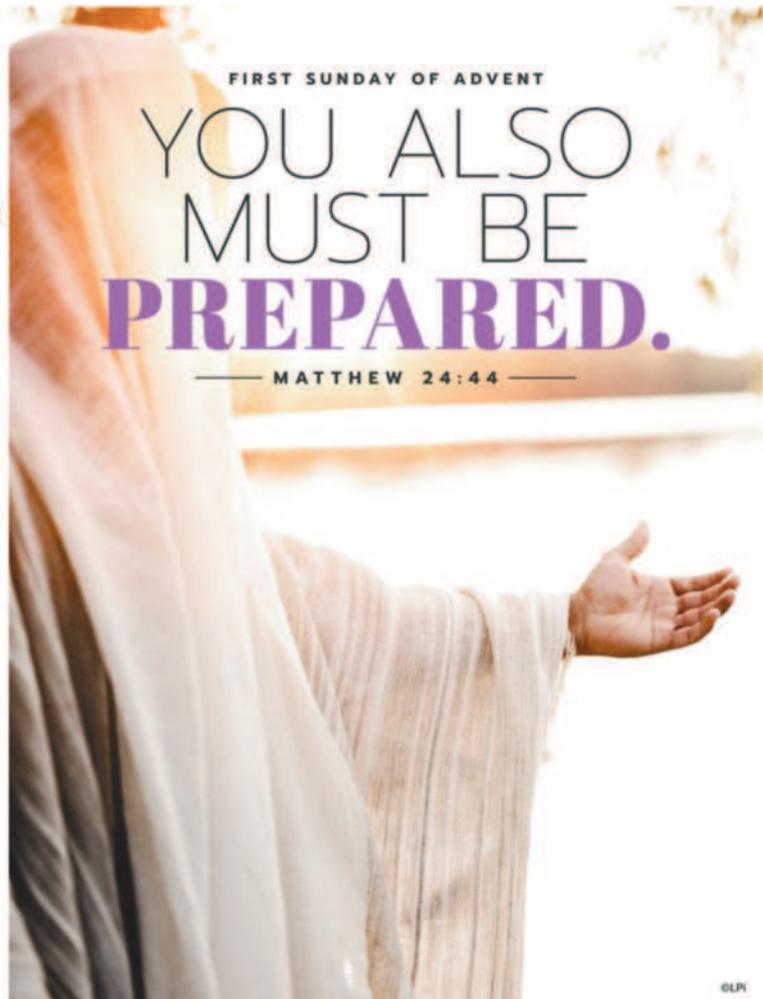
St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

From July-Sept - Saturday: 9:00am

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NOVEMBER 30, 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 29, 2025 - Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent

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| 4pm | St. F | Fr. Jarvis | 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

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

Monday, December 1, 2025

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| 6:30pm | OLGH (LS) | Fr. Anthonasius | Elizabeth O'Donnell by Maureen O'Donnell |
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Tuesday, December 2, 2025

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| 8am | St. B | Fr. Jarvis | For the Sanctity of Life by the Pro-Life Ministry |
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Wednesday, December 3, 2025 - St. Francis Xavier

| | | | |
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| 8am | OLGH | Fr. Anthonasius | Ira Scheier by the family |
| 10am | NH - QH | Fr. Anthonasius | Bill Deptula by Claire Deptula |
| 6:30pm | St. F | Fr. Jarvis | Carole Coiley by Michele Jones |

Thursday, December 4, 2025

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| 6:30pm | St. B (LS) | Fr. Jarvis | Living Int. for Klaus Pfeifer by Jane Spurrier |
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Friday, December 5, 2025

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| 8am | St. F (LS) | Fr. Jarvis | For the Sanctity of Life by the Pro-Life Ministry |
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Saturday, December 6, 2025 - St. Nicholas & Vigil of the 2nd Sun. of Advent

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|-----|-----------|-----------------|---|
| 4pm | St. F | Fr. Anthonasius | Jay Johnson by Kathleen Farnsworth |
| 4pm | OLGH (LS) | Fr. Jarvis | Nancee Grimes by Jim Grimes |
| 6pm | St. B | Fr. Jarvis | Eugene & Adelaide Luttrell by Jessie Luttrell |

Sunday, December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

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|--------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 8am | St. B | Fr. Jarvis | Gioan Thu Tran by Teresa Le |
| 8:30am | St. F | Fr. Anthonasius | Kevin Witt by Elaine Witt |
| 11am | OLGH (LS) | Fr. Anthonasius | for parishioners |
| 11am | St. B | Fr. Jarvis | William Dashiell by Eileen Skolds |

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

Spanish Mass at St. Bernard - 3rd Sunday of the Month, 1:00pm
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.)

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Francis of Assisi is being lit this week for the **Living Intention of Rev. Roland Njoyir by the Clarks**



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Fr. Jarvis Laban, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Bob Cleveland

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-DECEMBER 8-

Monday, Dec. 8, 8am at St. Bernard
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Monday, Dec. 8, 6:30pm at Our Lady of Good Hope
(No Adoration beforehand)

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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: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

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

Christmas Wreath Sale

If you ordered a Christmas wreath, please stop in the church hall after Mass this weekend, Nov. 29-30, to pick it up. If you didn't order a wreath, still stop in as we may have extras! Our fresh, beautiful, decorated Maine wreaths are \$28; "Season's Greetings" gift shipping boxes are \$7. If you're away this weekend, please contact below to arrange a pickup time.



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

Special K of C Mass at St. Francis



Knights Mass, Exemplification & Potluck
All Welcome! Tues., Dec. 9, 5:30pm at St. Francis
Mass will be followed by an Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity (the ceremony to welcome new Brother Knights). There will be a potluck social in the Hall after. We invite the parish community to join us! Those interested may contact **Brian Beaulieu**, bbeaulieu@allenfg.com, for more information and how to contribute to the potluck.

Penbay Singers at St. Francis

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



Advent Retreat: The Power of Hope

Saturday, December 6th (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 by scanning this QR code with your phone.



OCIA - How to become Catholic

SECOND AND THIRD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH

Our Lady of Good Hope (Camden) 12:30-2pm

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.



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

Family Faith Formation

Remember that when God told Noah to build an ark, his neighbors laughed at him. Then one day God sent the flood. Only Noah's family was saved because they listened to God, and they were ready. Jesus has already told you that one day he will come back. He wants you to be ready. When you read Bible stories, listen carefully. Love God like Noah did, and learn to do what God asks.

(Gospel Reflection by LPI)

Advent Activities this week:

- St. Andrew Novena starts today!
- Make or set up an Advent Wreath.
- Learn about St. Francis Xavier (12/3).
- Celebrate St. Nicholas Day (12/6)
- Color the first candle of Hope!



Vocations

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42) God calls us to be vigilant, ready to respond to His invitation. Could He be stirring your heart toward priesthood or consecrated life, to serve His Church with unwavering dedication? Stay awake to His call through prayer. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

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- 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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Check out the many great Advent options on FORMED. Options for all ages - studies, audios, and more!

In *How to Advent*, we discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for

the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas.

Adult Faith Formation

That Man is You

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

Walking with Purpose

Tuesdays, 6:30pm at Our Lady of Good Hope
Thursdays, 9am 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

Looking to start a group?

Contact below for more information!
FSCGStB@gmail.com

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:
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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.

Weekly Event: Peaceful Prayer Vigil

Fridays on the public sidewalk near 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 17: It may be challenging to present a pro-life argument to another who is pro-abortion.

Enter the SLED test . . .

- **SLED** stands for 4 points: size, level of development, environment, degree of dependency
- **Developed by:** philosopher Stephen Schwartz in his book, *Moral Question of Abortion*, to discuss the value of human life from a logical perspective, not a religious one
- **Popularized by:** Scot Klusendorf, who trains pro-life advocates to defend their views in his role as president of Life Training Institute
- **SLED Test, Part I:** Scan this QR code to watch the SLED Test, part I (from Focus on the Family)

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

For the week of Nov 10th, we provided the following meals.
M - 60 , T - 59 , W - 64 , T - 65 , F - 60
We will be losing our Friday cook due to a move.
Please consider volunteering as a head cook by contacting
below. Thank you!
Rich Norman (207) 691-6400

Job Openings: Soup Kitchen

We are seeking two Part-Time Assistants.
This 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
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Contact: Pat Gibbons - (207) 785-6149



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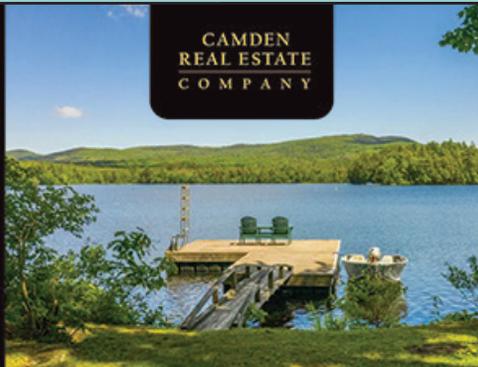
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Parish Giving Trees



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 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!

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!

This Advent Season, **St. Bernard** is again sponsoring a Giving Tree for the **Brazil Mission**. Envelopes dedicated 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!



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Apostolate of Prayer for Priests

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

"We thank you Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Fill your priests with the knowledge of your love."



This week, we pray for:
All priests, Rev. Francis Morin, All deceased priests, Rev. Mark Nolette, Rev. Alexander Boucher, Msgr. Charles Murphy, Rev. Elaiyareja Thaniyel, Rev. Joseph Cahill, Rev. Aurelijus Gricius, Rev. Patrick Finn, Rev. John Davis, Msgr. Jean-Paul Labrie, Rev. Prabhu Raj

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