

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

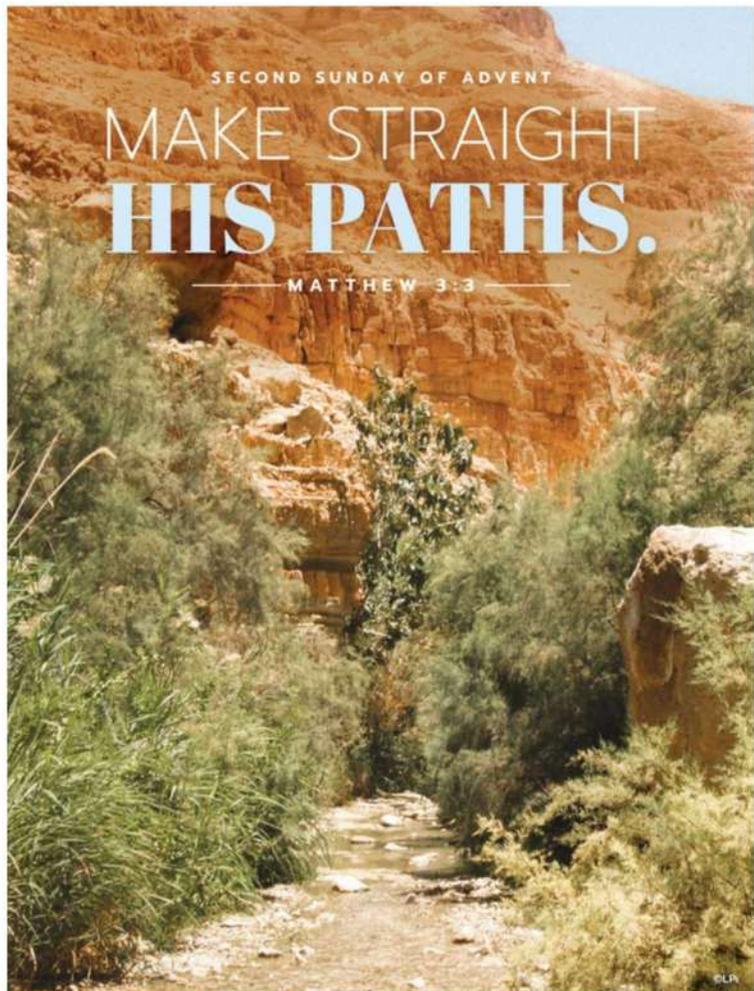
St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

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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DECEMBER 7, 2025 - SECOND 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, December 6, 2025 - St. Nicholas & Vigil of the 2nd Sun. of Advent

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

Sunday, December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 8, 2025 - The Immaculate Conception of Mary

6:30pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthanasius	For the Sanctity of Life by the Pro-Life Ministry
8am	St. B	Fr. Anthanasius	for parishioners
8am	St. F	Fr. Javis	All Souls by the parish

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthanasius	For the Sanctity of Life by the Pro-Life Ministry
10am	NH - BW	Fr. Anthansius	Lucius Jones by Michele Jones

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Neil Brownawell by the Brownawell/Scott Family
10am	NH - WG	Fr. Javis	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthanasius	Paula Cannon by Scott Cannon

Thursday, December 11, 2025

6:30pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Javis	Patty Mank by Kathleen Daley
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Friday, December 12, 2025 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Living Intention for Esther Darnell
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Saturday, December 13, 2025 - St. Lucy & the Vigil of the 3rd Sun. of Advent

4pm	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Kevin Michaud by Penny Wolfe
4pm	OLGH	Fr. Anthanasius	Michael Williamson by the Williamson Family
6pm	St. B	Fr. Anthanasius	Timothy Orbin & Matthew Orbin by his mom, Nikki

Sunday, December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthanasius	Living Int. for Elaine Smith by her children & grandchildren
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Javis	All Souls by the parish
11am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Living Int. for Klaus Pfeifer by Jane Spurrier
11am	St. B (LS)	Fr. Anthanasius	for parishioners

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
Faith Formation Volunteers
by the Clarks



Our Clergy

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

Email: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org



The Immaculate Conception
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

-DECEMBER 8-

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

Giving

Laura Gibson, Business Coordinator
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Upcoming Second Collection

December 13th and 14th
Retired Religious

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: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU THIS ADVENT! PENANCE SERVICES FOLLOWED BY MASS*

Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden Monday, Dec. 15th at 5:30pm
St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast - Wednesday, Dec. 17th at 5:30pm
St. Bernard, Rockland - Thursday, Dec. 18th at 5:30pm

*Penance Service begins at 5:30pm, with several priests available for Confession.
Mass begins at 6:30pm, and priest still available for confession if needed.

2025 CHRISTMAS MASSES

Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4:00pm & Thursday, Dec. 25, 11am

St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4:00pm & Thursday, Dec. 25, 8:30am

St. Bernard, Rockland

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4:00pm & Thursday, Dec. 25, 8am & 11am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 4:00pm, Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026, 11am

St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 4:00pm, Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026, 8:30am

St. Bernard, Rockland

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 4:00pm, Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026, 8am & 11am

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 Wreaths at St. Bernard

Thank you to the Rockland Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of St. Bernard for the Advent Wreath Making Activity last weekend. Also, a special thanks to Weskeag Farms for their very generous support and donation of pine tips.



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

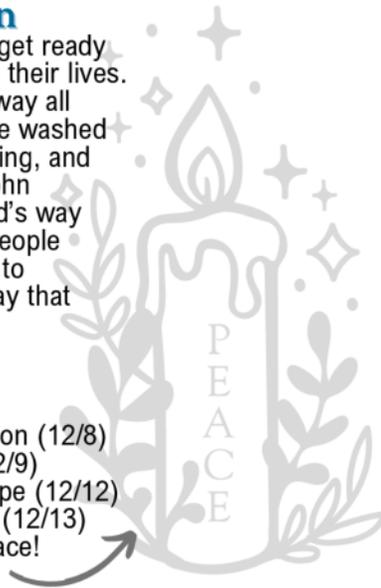
Family Faith Formation

John the Baptist taught people to get ready for Jesus. He told them to change their lives. John helped many people wash away all their mistakes and bad choices. He washed away all their cheating, lying, fighting, and stealing. Once they were clean, John wanted them to see that living God's way is so much better. John told the people not only to clean their bodies, but to show that they love God by the way that they live.

(Gospel Reflection by LPI)

Advent Activities this week:

- Holy Day-Immaculate Conception (12/8)
- Learn about St. Juan Diego (12/9)
- Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe (12/12)
- Celebrate the feast of St. Lucy (12/13)
- Color the second candle of Peace!



Vocations

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2) John's call to prepare for Christ echoes in every family. In holy matrimony, love and faith creates the foundation where God's kingdom flourishes. Is God calling you to build a holy family? Ask Him to show you His way by praying for your (future) spouse and children. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

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!

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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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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.

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



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. Bernard Soup Kitchen

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

For the week of Nov 24th, we provided the following:
M - 64, T - 67, W - 56, T - closed, F - 57
A few of our long time volunteers are heading south for the winter. We are looking for volunteers to help fill these spots. Call me. You will be pleased you did. Meet new friends and help our soup kitchen. Thank you!
Rich Norman (207) 691-6400

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.



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 **tuna and other canned meats; also packets of pasta or rice sides (eg., Knorr brand)** for the month of December. 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 1st Fri. of the month at 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 1pm on the 2nd Wed. of the month from April to December. All women of the parish are welcome!



We plan fundraisers for scholarships, social activities, speakers, & crafts. Contact: Pat Gibbons - (207) 785-6149



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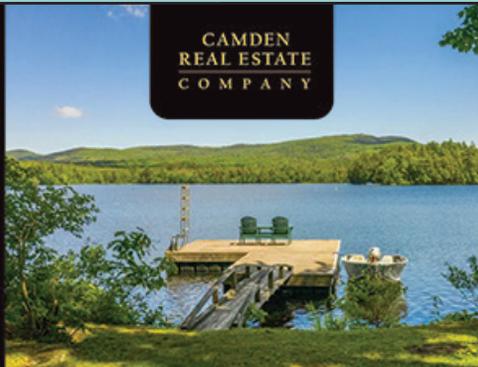
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Parish Giving Trees

Please remember to bring your wrapped gifts, with tags attached to the **Giving Tree at Our Lady of Good Hope**, by **Sunday Dec 15th** and place under the tree in Cote Hall. Thank you!

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!



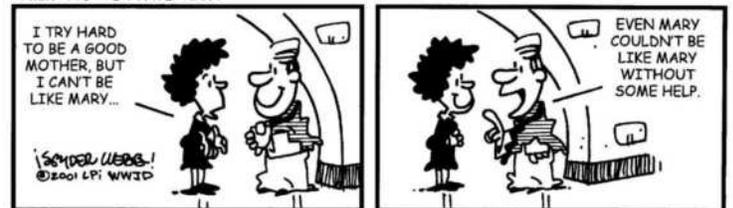
Bambinelli Sunday

December 14th - Bring your infant Jesus from your Nativity set to Mass next Sunday for a special blessing. "Take home, with great care, the little statue of the Infant Jesus, also as a sign of the Pope's love for you and your families. Put it in your crib with intense faith, with that faith wherewith the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God, laid



the newborn Jesus in the manger. Invite your father, your mother, your brothers and sisters, the whole of your family, to gather round the Crib in these days of the Christmas Novena, to recite together the prayers learned on your mother's lap, to sing the sweet carols, so charged with human and Christian sentiment." (St. Pope John Paul II)

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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:
Bishop James Ruggieri, All Priests, Rev. Alou Pilizue, Rev. William Modlin, Rev. Joseph Jum, Msgr. Andrew Dubois, Rev. James Albert, Very Rev. Roland Berngheh, Rev. Benjamin Simon, All Deceased Priests, Rev. Robert Parent, and Rev. Scott Mower

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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

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