

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

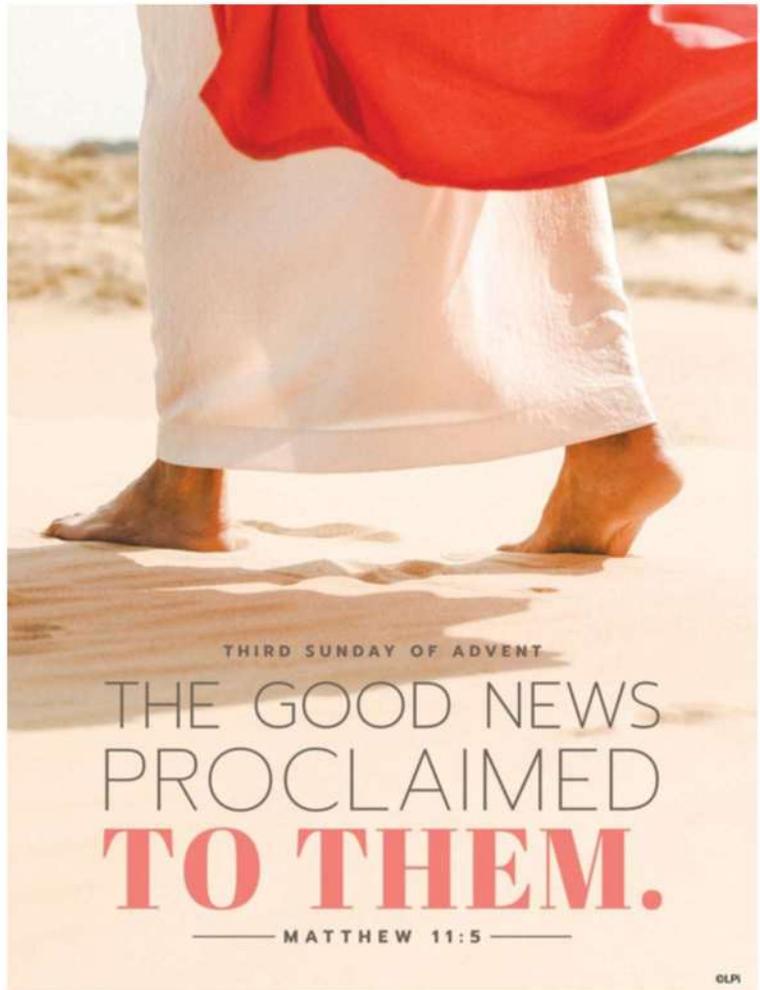
St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

From July-Sept - Saturday: 9:00am

18 Pendleton Point Rd, Islesboro, ME 04848

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DECEMBER 14, 2025 - THIRD 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 13, 2025 - St. Lucy & the Vigil of the 3rd Sun. of Advent

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

Sunday, December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 15, 2025

6:30pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Special Intention by Maureen O'Donnell
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Tuesday, December 16, 2025

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Margaret O'Beirne by Patty Reimann
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Wednesday, December 17, 2025

8am	OLGH	Fr. Jarvis	Mark Ittle by the Brownawell/Scott Family
10am	NH - QH	Fr. Jarvis	Claire McLean by the parish
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	All Souls by the parish

Thursday, December 18, 2025

6:30pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Jarvis	Patty Mank by Kathleen Daley
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Friday, December 19, 2025

8am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Jarvis	All Souls by the parish
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Saturday, December 20, 2025 - the Vigil of the 4th Sun. of Advent

4pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners
4pm	OLGH	Fr. Jarvis	Bill Deptula by the Brownawell/Scott Family
6pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Jarvis	Connie Bates by Eileen Skolds

Sunday, December 21, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am	St. B	Fr. Jarvis	Janette Mills by the family
8:30am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Autumn Fox by the Clarks
11am	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	Eileen Sanger by the Brownawell/Scott Family
11am	St. B	Fr. Jarvis	Michael Freda by Josephine Freda

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 for
Msgr. Paul Stefanko by the Clarks**

The Sanctuary Candle at
St. Bernard
is being lit this week
**in memory of Michael Ferrara
by the Ferrara family**



Our Clergy

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

Email: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org



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Upcoming Second Collection

December 13th and 14th - Retired Religious
An opportunity to support more than 21,000 elderly
sisters, brothers and religious order priests.
Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement
Office (NRRO), the annual collection taken up by
participating (arch)dioceses helps provide critical
financial assistance to eligible religious institutes
caring for their retired members.



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 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

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

Please remember to bring your wrapped gifts, with tags attached to the **Giving Tree at Our Lady of Good Hope**, by **Sunday Dec 14th** 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!

Penbay Singers at St. Francis

THIS SUNDAY - December 14th, 3pm-6pm
Join us for a concert with refreshments and gathering in the hall after.



Christmas Pageants at St. Brendan!

If you have children interested in participating in the Christmas pageants at our churches at the 4pm Christmas Eve Masses, please contact the following, for:
St. Francis - Jennifer Parker - jennifer.parker@portlanddiocese.org
St. Bernard - Barbara Hendricks - barbara.hendricks@portlanddiocese.org
Our Lady of Good Hope
Call the office: 236-4785



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

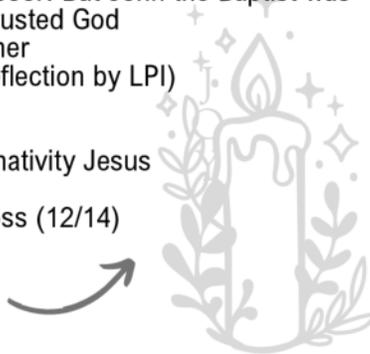
Family Faith Formation

SUNDAY, DEC. 14th (THIS WEEKEND!) All are invited to a potluck after the 11am Mass at OLGH followed by a special fun class Potluck Lunch (12:15-1pm), Class (1-2:30pm).

Name someone that you think is very important. Jesus said that John the Baptist was the greatest man ever born. John the Baptist did not live in a big house or wear nice clothes. He was not the president, and he did not own a huge company. You would probably think he was very poor. But John the Baptist was truly great because he loved and trusted God with his whole heart. He helped other people follow God, too. (Gospel Reflection by LPI)

Advent Activities this week:

- Bambinelli Sunday: Bless your nativity Jesus at Mass (12/14)
- Learn about St. John of the Cross (12/14)
- Begin the O Antiphons (12/17)
- Color the third candle of Joy!



Vocations

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Matthew 11:2-3) John's question invites us to seek Christ's presence in our lives. If you feel a spark of joy in serving others, God might be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, sharing His healing love as a shepherd. Listen closely to His voice. 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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- Enter your name and email and follow the prompts.
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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 December 1st, we provided the following:
M - 62, T-snow day, W-62, T-58, F-53
Great meals, great fellowship in serving our community.
Our Friday cook (Fran) has left for warmer climates. Our Friday crew stepped up and prepared a Shepards pie.
Great work!
Rich Norman (207) 691-6400

Weather Cancellation

For Saturday Vigil Mass cancellations: As early as noon but no later than 2 pm on Saturday, to view any cancellations, please go to

WABI Channel 5 www.wabi.tv/weather/closings/
or
WCSH Channel 6 www.newscentermaine.com/

For Sunday Mass cancellations: The evening prior to but no later than 6 am Sunday, please go to WABI or WCSH (links above) to view any cancellations.

Parishioners who receive Flocknote email will be notified by email. Please call or email the office to be signed up!

If Sunday Mass is cancelled, all other activities at the churches will also be cancelled, Faith Formation, breakfasts, meetings, etc.

For weekday Masses: If school is delayed or cancelled there will be no morning Mass. Evening Adoration/Mass will be determined on a case-by-case basis and, if cancelled, parishioners will be notified by the means above and by no later than 3 pm that day.

Note: We use these resources as oftentimes, during severe weather events, the parish office will be closed so the phone message will not have updated cancellation information.

ST. FRANCIS PARISHIONERS: *In snow times, park on one side of the street to enable room for snow plows.*

Please be prudent and stay safe in deciding whether you will get to Mass in inclement weather!

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



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





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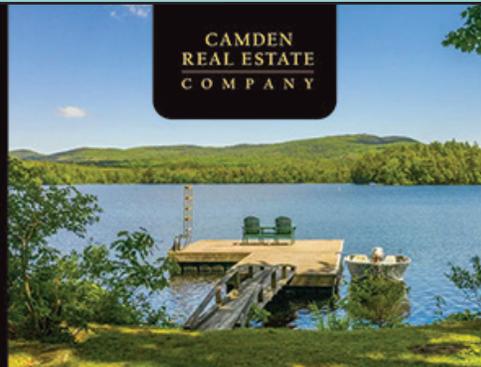
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**WEEK OF DEC. 15th: LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!
5:30pm Penance Services followed by Mass
(No Eucharistic Adoration this week)**

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

The Light
is ON  for You.

Penance Services will begin at 5:30pm (replacing Adoration time this week) with several priests available for Confession. **Mass begins at 6:30pm** with priest available beyond 6:30pm for Confession if needed.



2025 Christmas Mass Schedule

Our Lady of Good Hope - Camden
Wednesday, December 24th - 4:00pm
Thursday, December 25th - 11:00am
St. Francis of Assisi - Belfast
Wednesday, December 24th - 4:00pm
Thursday, December 25th - 8:30am
St. Bernard - Rockland
Wednesday, December 24th - 4:00pm
Thursday, December 25th - 8:00am & 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Our Lady of Good Hope - Camden
Wednesday, December 31st - 4:00pm
Thursday, January 1st - 11:00am
St. Francis of Assisi - Belfast
Wednesday, December 31st - 4:00pm
Thursday, January 1st - 8:30am
St. Bernard - Rockland
Wednesday, December 31st - 4:00pm
Thursday, January 1st - 8:00am & 11:00am

Feast of the
MOTHER OF GOD ©LPI

Contact Information

-  Parish Office: 7 Union Street - Camden, ME 04843
-  Phone: (207) 236.4785
-  Email: stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org
-  Website: stbrendanparish.net

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

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

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