

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

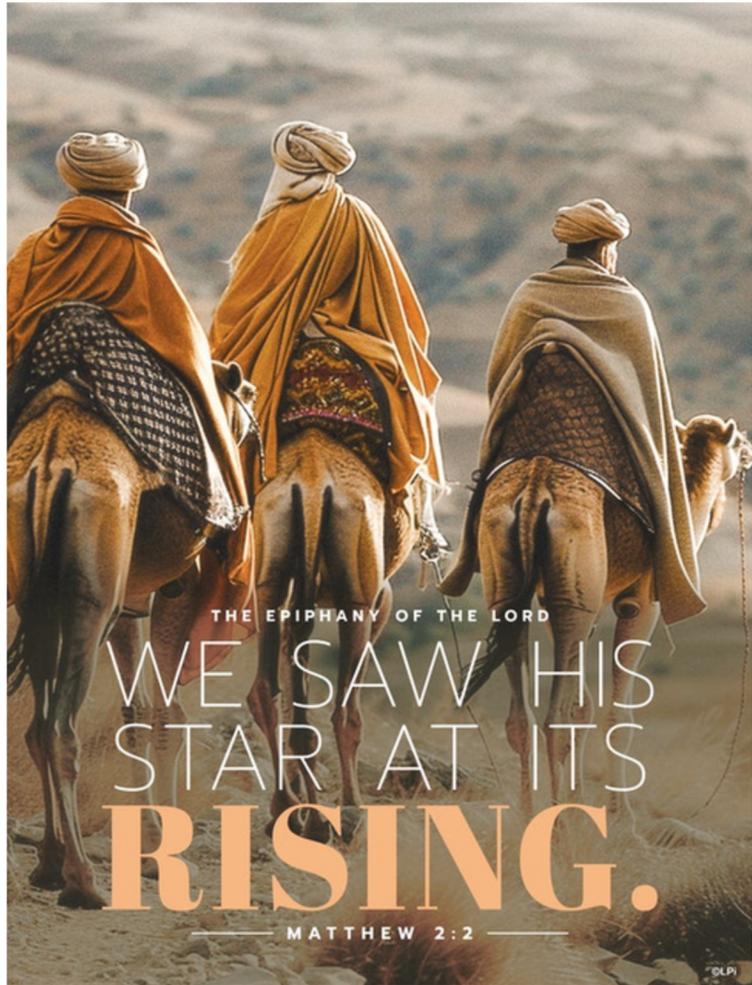
St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

From July-Sept - Saturday: 9:00am

18 Pendleton Point Rd, Islesboro, ME 04848

Vinalhaven at Union Church

North Haven TBA



JANUARY 4, 2026 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

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, January 3, 2026

4pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Kevin Michaud by the Clarks
4pm	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Derek O'Brien by Ken Gricus
6pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Javis	Elaine B. Atiyeh by Maria & Jim Devery

Sunday, January 4, 2026

8am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Andrew Reichline by Takoda Peasley
8:30am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	For parishioners
11am	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	Catherine Fox by Bob Souther
11am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones

Monday, January 5, 2026 - Saint John Neumann

6:30pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int. for John Wicklow by the Our Lady of Good Hope Women's Club
10am	NH - HH	Fr. Javis	Kenneth Sargent by Regina Sargent

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 - Saint Andre Bessette

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Becky Jones by Michele Jones
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Wednesday, January 7, 2026 - Saint Raymond of Penyafort

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Mark Ittle by the Brownawell/Scott Family
10am	NH - WG	Fr. Javis	Andrew Reichline by Takoda Peasley
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Rebecca Knight by St. Francis Friends

Thursday, January 8, 2026

6:30pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Javis	Becky Jones by Michele Jones
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Friday, January 9, 2026

8am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Earl K. Kelly by Charlotte Simon
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Saturday, January 10, 2026 - Vigil of Baptism of the Lord

4pm	St. F	Fr. Javis	Paula Cannon by Scot Cannon
4pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Amy Shands by Jean & Steve Moro
6pm	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Brayden Callahan by Takoda Peasley

Sunday, January 11, 2026 - Baptism of the Lord

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Javis	Philip Stuart by Gail Suomi
11am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Javis	Neil Brownawell by Brownawell/Scott Family
11am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Michael D. 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

(No Spanish Mass until Feb. 2026)

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 Dawn Beaulieu
by the Clarks**

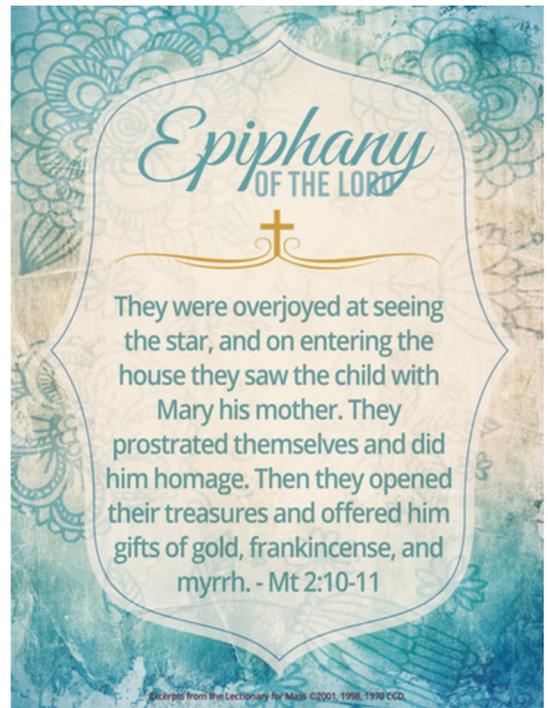


The Sanctuary Candle at St Bernard
is being lit this week for
Donna Withington by Gayle Gallant

Our Clergy

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

Email: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org



Giving

Laura Gibson, Business Coordinator
laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org

Online Giving:

Through eCatholic:

Easy, safe, and convenient! Use the QR code or visit: StBrendanParish.net/Donate



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.



Feast
Day:
Jan. 4

Be attentive to
the voice of grace.

-ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

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 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

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

Epiphany House Blessings

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home. All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk - available from the parish. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year (20+C+M+B+26). The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."

Dear God,
It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community. Amen.



Backpack Program

This Christmas, every student in Maine's Catholic schools, as well as homeschool students learning in the Catholic tradition, will receive a new L.L. Bean backpack filled with school supplies and a rosary.



These high-quality backpacks are not only a practical gift, but also a visible sign of unity and belonging for students in Catholic schools and homeschooling across Maine.

HOMESCHOOLERS: To find out more about Mother Cabrini Maine Catholic Education Initiative, go here:

<https://mainecatholiceducation.org/homeschool-collaborative>

TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE:

<https://mainecatholiceducation.org/backpack-program>

Thank You!

The Social Justice and Peace ministry would like to thank our Lady of Good Hope parishioners for their continued support of The Giving Tree. Your generosity is heartwarming and was gratefully received by families in need of gifts for their children. Have a blessed New Year



And to all our parishioners and guests, thank you for your generous support to each location's giving trees this Advent. We are so blessed to provide love to each of these missions with your helpful contributions.

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

When Jesus was born, angels sang. I'll bet you never thought stars could sing for Jesus, too. But the stars in the sky sang in their own way, just by moving and twinkling in the sky. The Savior was born. Jesus was the King that God's people had been waiting for, Magi, who had been watching the sky saw a star much brighter than the rest. They followed that star until they found Jesus, and they worshipped their new king. (Gospel with the Gospel by LPI)



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

Vocations

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage."
(Matthew 2:11) The Magi offered their gifts to Christ, just as we are called to offer our own. What gifts has God given you, and how is He calling you to use them in service to Him? 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!

- Go to 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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OCIA - How to become Catholic



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.

Please email: javis.laban@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>



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

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

The week of December 15th, we provided the following:
M - 57 , T - 59 , W - 66 , T - 64 , F - 62
Hats off to each day's crews for providing excellent meals. We are not your typical soup kitchen as our cooks are truly amazing. We served baked chicken, roasted turkey, spaghetti with meat sauce, meatloaf and fish & shrimp this week. Merry Christmas to all.
Rich Norman 691 6400



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!

Stay up-to-date on ALL parish news by joining Flocknote.
Email: penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org for help connecting.



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 **pasta and crackers (that come in sleeves)** for the month of January. 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

Parish News and Around the Diocese

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Grow Your Spiritual Life This Year with an In-a-Year Program!!

America's #1 Religion Podcast from Mike Schmitz: *The Bible in a Year*



If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you. Ascension's Bible in a Year Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes. Each 20-25 minute episode includes:

- Two to three scripture readings
- A reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz

A guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word

FIND OUT MORE: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

New Podcast from Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR: *The Rosary in a Year*



The Rosary in a Year (with Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR)! In Ascension's Rosary in a Year podcast, Fr. Mark-Mary guides listeners on a step-by-step journey that will change the way you pray — no matter where you are in your spiritual life.

FIND OUT MORE: <https://www.youtube.com/@TheRosaryinaYear>

Join us for The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)! With this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- See how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture
- Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition
- Encounter God's plan of sheer goodness
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded.

FIND OUT MORE: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>

The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)



Start something new to help you grow closer to God this year (it's never too late to start an "in a year" program)! And it doesn't have to be one of these here (but they're all great)! Find a book or an app that will give you something to look forward to each day - you will not regret it!

Apostolate of Prayer for Priests

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

"Precious Blood of Jesus, cover our priest and protect them from the snares of the enemy. Bless them and make them guardians to watch over Your sheep. May the Blood of Jesus always help."



This week, we pray for:
Bishop James Ruggieri, Rev. Michael Adebote, Msgr. Charles Murphy, Rev. Dominic Tumulime, Rev. Andrew Bisson, Rev. Divine Fossoh, Rev. James Roy, V. Rev. Seamus Griesbach, All Priests, Rev. Patrick Machayl, Rev. Felix Udolisa

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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.