

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

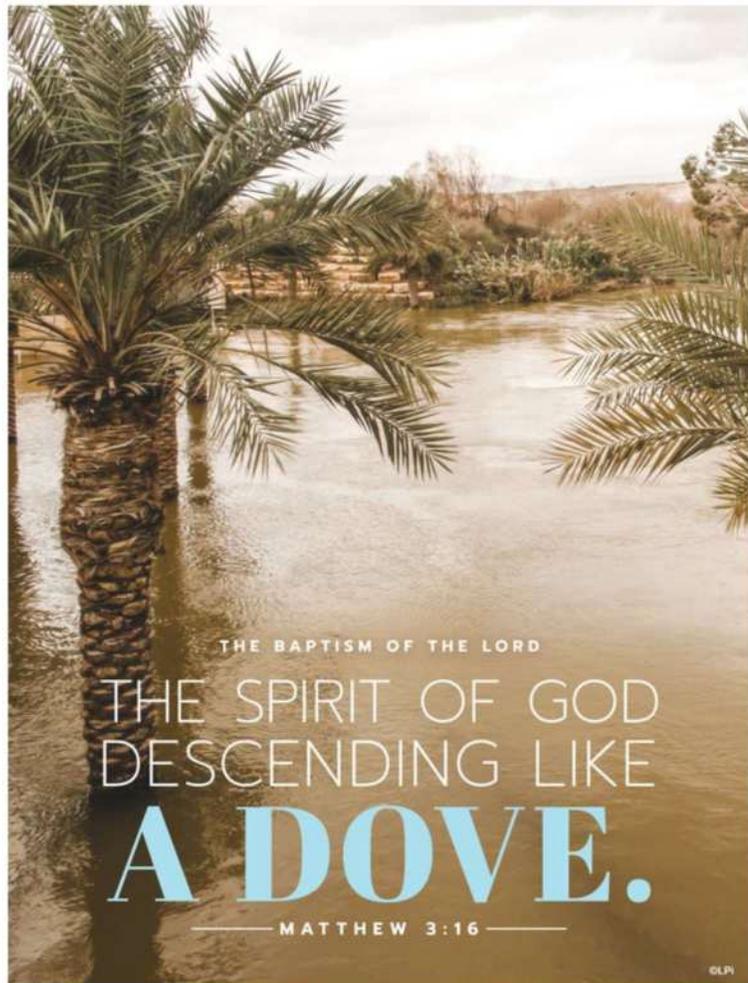
St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

From July-Sept - Saturday: 9:00am

18 Pendleton Point Rd, Islesboro, ME 04848

Vinalhaven at Union Church

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JANUARY 11, 2026 - BAPTISM 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.

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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 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

Monday, January 12, 2026

6:30pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Barbara Tates Lombard by Debbie & George de Gross
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Tuesday, January 13, 2026 St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones
10am	Bwtr NH	Fr. Anthonasius	Sabra Jones by Michele Jones

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Claire McLean by Walking With Purpose Ladies
10am	NH - QH	Fr. Javis	Erika Miltner by the family
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Brayden Callahan by Takoda Peasley

Thursday, January 15, 2026

6:30pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Javis	Katharina and Franz Pietsch by the family
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Friday, January 16, 2026

8am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Kate Sweetland by Susan Woehler
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Saturday, January 17, 2026 - St. Anthony, Abbot

4pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Mike Phelan by Karen Phelan
4pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Javis	Elizabeth Polityka Wilson by Jean and Steve Moro
6pm	St. B	Fr. Javis	Lost & Forgotten Holy Souls in Purgatory by Michele Jones

Sunday, January 18, 2026 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Dianne Ouellet by Carmel Ouellet
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	For parishioners
11am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Intention for Simone Piccari by Teresa Piccari
11am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Sabra Jones by Michele Jones

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 parish **office will be closed** on Monday, January 19th in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Any **bulletin submissions** for the weekend of January 24/25th will need to be submitted no later than January 15th.

The Sanctuary Candle at Our Lady of Good Hope is being lit this week for the **Living Intention for Sr. Anne Conway** by the family

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Francis of Assisi is being lit this week for the **Tim Wolfe by Kay Conway**

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Bernard is being lit this week for **Living Intention for Kay Conway** by the family



Our Clergy

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

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Upcoming Second Collection:

January 24th/25th - The bishops of the United States established the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America as a practical expression of unity and love for their brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the islands of the Caribbean. For more than 60 years, Catholics in the United States have answered the invitation to "share your faith" by supporting pastoral ministries that strengthen the Church in the present day and help it pass on the Gospel to future generations.

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 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

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

St. Bernard Soup Kitchen

Job Openings: Soup Kitchen

We need you! We are looking for volunteers as well as paid help to keep our Soup Kitchen running smoothly.

If you enjoy meeting new people, this is for you!

If you are an early bird, and you like to get up and get out of the house early for a few hours, this is for you!

If you like to serve, this is for you! Let's talk!

Contact: laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org or
richard.norman@portlanddiocese.org for more information.

For the week of December 29th, we provided:

M - 37, T - 60, W - 55, T - closed, F - 60

A huge thank you to Rockland Hannaford for their donation of food to our soup kitchen. We could not provide our service without their support.

Thank you to all our volunteers who are truly dedicated to our work.

Rich Norman 691 6400

Altar Server Feast



Save the Date for an Altar Server Celebration - Sunday, **February 1st** after the 8:30am Mass at St. Francis for fellowship and a presentation on St. Stephen, patron Saint of altar servers. Please contact cmcveary1@icloud.com for questions.

Laudato Si' - Creation Care



"Indifference to the devastation of ecosystems is a spiritual wound that reflects in our inability to feel part of creation."
-Pope Leo XIV

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO CARE FOR CREATION?

- Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, was a text of landmark significance in Catholic Social Teaching. In it, he challenged us to re-think our relationship with nature.
- Francis reframed the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us, was recognized as a precious gift from God to be cared for by all.
- Pope Leo has said, "The challenges [including environmental] that are identified in *Laudato Si'* are in fact even more relevant today than they were 10 years ago."
- Both Popes, Francis and Leo, have invited us to become aware and reflect deeply on the environmental degradation around us and its consequences.
- They are asking us to examine our lifestyles through sound ecological virtues, to strive for greater simplicity, focus less on material things, and to take action.

What will you do in the New Year to demonstrate your care for creation and gratitude for this great gift from God?

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

Jesus came to John one day to be baptized. Jesus was God's Son, and had no sin for John to wash away in the Jordan River. But Jesus wanted to be baptized anyway, to please His Father in heaven. God looked down from heaven, and when Jesus came out of the river, God sent His Spirit to rest on Jesus like a dove. Then God spoke from heaven for John and everyone else to hear. God said, "This is my Son."

(Gospel Reflections, LPI)



Vocations

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
(Matthew 3:17) God's delight in His Son mirrors the joy He takes in those who follow His call. As a child of God, He desires what is best for you. Take time this week to pray and listen for His guidance in how He wants you to serve Him. 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 St. Brendan the Navigator, Camden, ME.
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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

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.

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 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

A Valuable Resource: There is Healing After Abortion

Visit <https://portlanddiocese.org/projectrachel>

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- Variety of affordable plans: <https://www.charitymobile.com>

9 Days for Life

Join the thousands of Catholics across the country praying for
the protection of human life. Starting on January 16,
participants are invited to pray for, learn about, and offer small
sacrifices for the protection of human life.

Sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message!

Available in both English and Spanish!
<https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

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

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

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



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
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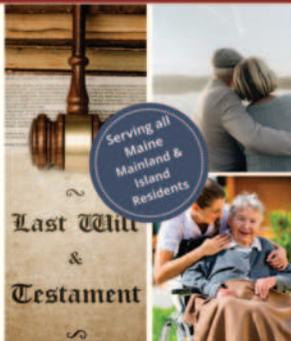
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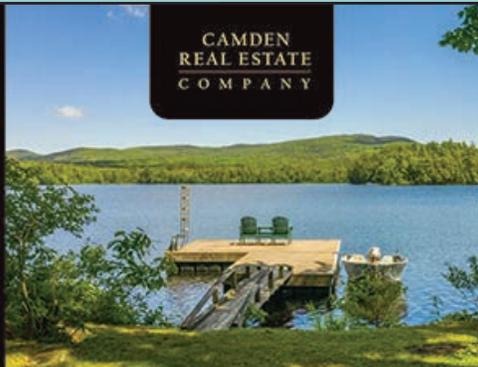


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Apostolate of Prayer for Priests

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 Emeritus Robert Deeley, V. Rev. Msgr Paul Stefanko, Rev. Thomas Aquinas Chinnappan, Rev. Francis Morin, Msgr. Marc Caron, Rev. Philip Cyr, Rev. Eugene Murenzi, Rev. Amandus Sway, Rev. Anthanasius Wirsiy, Very Rev. Selvaraj Kasi, Rev. Paul Sullivan, Rev. Brittoraj Amalogam, Rev. Nyohnunfon Kilian



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!

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

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