

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

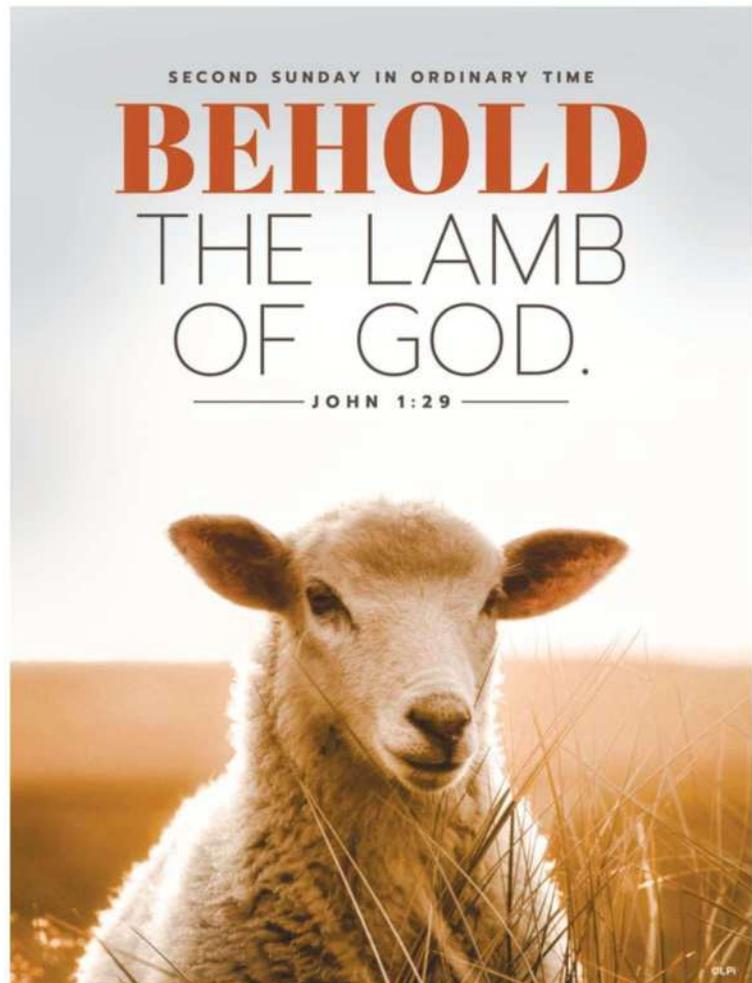
St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

From July-Sept - Saturday: 9:00am

18 Pendleton Point Rd, Islesboro, ME 04848

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JANUARY 18, 2026 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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 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

Monday, January 19, 2026

8am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Henry & Betty Bohndell by the family
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Tuesday, January 20, 2026

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones
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Wednesday, January 21, 2026 - St. Agnes

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Mark Ittle by the Brownawell/Scott Family
10am	NH - WG	Fr. Javis	All Souls by the parish
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Bernard & Rhinette Charette by the Clarks

Thursday, January 22, 2026 - Day of Prayer for the Protection of the Unborn

6:30pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Javis	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones
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Friday, January 23, 2026

8am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Columbanus Murphy by Susan Woehler
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Saturday, January 24, 2026 - St. Frances de Sales

4pm	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Living Intention for Decon Evan & Ezekiel by the Clarks
4pm	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	True Edward Moro by Jean & Steve Moro
6pm	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Lillian Garofoli by Robert Garofoli

Sunday, January 25, 2026 - 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Javis	Walter Sohns by Ann Robbins
11am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Mark Ittle by the Brownawell/Scott Family
11am	St. B (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Michael Ferrara by the Ferrara Family

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.)



Sanctuary Candles are an indication that the Blessed Sacrament is present. Each week, the Sanctuary candle can be lit in honor of a loved one (living or deceased).

Suggested donation of \$10



Our Clergy

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

Email: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org



The parish **office will be closed** on Monday, 1/19 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 1/15.

Giving

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

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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 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

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

Job Openings at St. Brendan

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.

Office Admin

Our parish is seeking a friendly and organized individual to assist in the parish office. Duties include answering phones, greeting visitors, data entry, and general administrative tasks. Basic computer skills and a welcoming attitude are essential. Hours are flexible.

Contact: laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org

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 cmcvearry1@icloud.com for questions.

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Laudato Si'- Creation Care

According to the first creation story, you are part of creation. You are made from common soil ... dust, Genesis says; stardust, astronomers tell us ... soil that becomes watermelons and grain and apples and peanuts, and then, they become food, and then that food becomes you.... Together with all living things, you share the breath of life, participating in the same cycles of birth and death, reproduction and recycling and renewal. You, with them, are part of the story of creation—different branches on the tree of life. In that story, you are connected and related to everything everywhere. In fact, that is a good partial definition of God: God is the one through whom we are related and connected to everything.

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

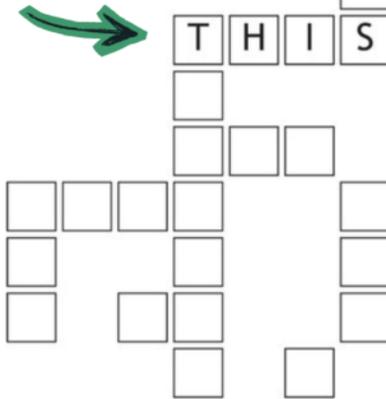
Family Faith Formation

Imagine how excited John the Baptist must have felt after he baptized Jesus. He knew without a doubt that Jesus was God's Son. The very next day John told the crowds that Jesus would take away the sins of the world. God's people had eaten a Passover lamb every year to remember how God saved them from death in Egypt. Jesus was the Lamb of God. He frees you from your old sins and offers you new life with God.

(Gospel Reflections, LPI)

I testify that this is the Son of God.

Fill in the words above!



Vocations

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) John's recognition of Jesus calls us to keep our focus on Christ and His mission. Christ's mercy is made present through priests in the sacraments. Is God calling you to this ministry? 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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- Go to formed.org on a web browser
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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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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

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>

Current & Upcoming Pro-Life Activities

- The annual pro-life novena surrounding the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (January 22) will take place January 16-24. Join the thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer. Daily prayers via email/text when you sign up at:
www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup
- The National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. will begin with the opening Mass at 5 pm on January 22 and conclude with the closing Mass at 8 am on January 23. Opening & closing Masses will be viewable via livestream www.nationalshrine.org/mass
- More locally, everyone is invited to attend a Sanctity of Life Prayer Service on Sunday Jan. 25 from 2-4pm at Holy Martyrs of North America Church, 266 Foreside Road in Falmouth. Join in adoration, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.
- Our own official Belfast 40 Days for Life campaign will take place during Lent (February 18 - April 2). More info to come...

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

Soup Kitchen

For the week of Jan 5th, we provided the following meals
M - 57, T - 51, W - closed, T - 62, F - 50

Last week, many of our volunteers attended the funeral mass for Gary Seavey. Gary & Ann were dedicated volunteers at the SK for over 18 years.

We will miss Gary's quiet presence in our kitchen.

RIP Gary. You'll be missed.
Rich Norman (207) 691.6400

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.





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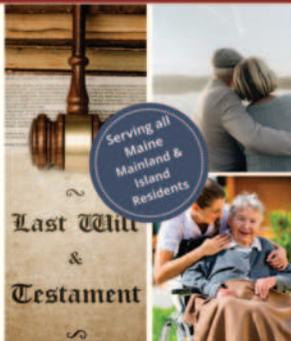
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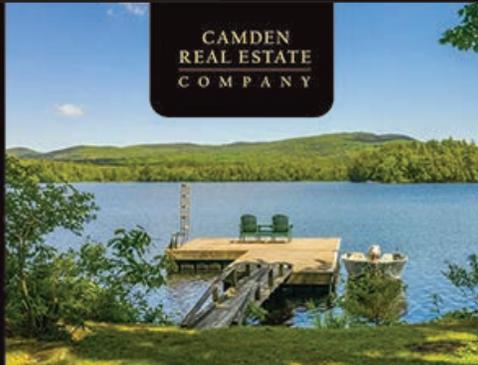
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Weather Cancellation



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.

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.” —>



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25, 2026

"Unity is a divine mandate at the core of our Christian identity, more than simply an ideal. It represents the essence of the Church's calling – a call to reflect the harmonious oneness of our life in Christ amidst our diversity. This divine unity is central to our mission and is sustained by the profound love of Jesus Christ, who has set before us a unified purpose. As the Apostle Paul asserts in his letter to the Ephesians, "there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (4:4). This Bible verse, chosen for this year, encapsulates the theological depth of Christian unity."

I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it says: "He ascended on high and took prisoners captive; he gave gifts to men." What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended into the lower [regions] of the earth? The one who descended is also the one who ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.

And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry; for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ. —Eph 4: 1-13

This week, we pray for: Bishop Emeritus Robert Deeley, Rev. Kent Ouelette, Rev. Philip Clement, Rev. Timothy Nadeau, Very Rev. Louis Phillips, Rev. Joseph Osunde, Rev. Peter Kasetta, Rev. Sahaya Remgius, Rev. John Mazzei, Rev. Bruce Siket, Rev. Fredrick Morse, Rev. Alexander Boucher, Rev. Paul Coughlin

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