

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

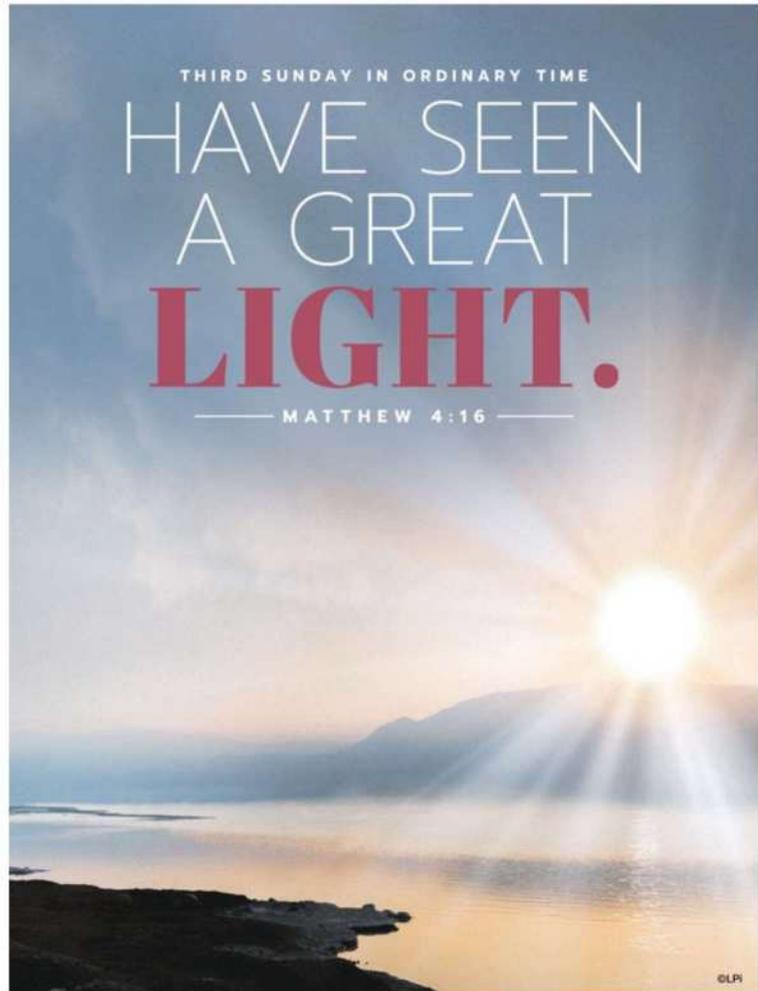
## St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

From July-Sept - Saturday: 9:00am

18 Pendleton Point Rd, Islesboro, ME 04848

Vinalhaven at Union Church

North Haven TBA



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

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[www.StBrendanParish.net](http://www.StBrendanParish.net)

JANUARY 25, 2026 - 3RD 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 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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## Monday, January 26, 2026 - Sts. Timothy and Titus

6:30pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int. For Dennis & Dee Madden by David Heath
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## Tuesday, January 27, 2026

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	David Lawrence by Carmel Ouellet
10am	NH - BW	Fr. Javis	Andrew Reichline by Kathleen Daley

## Wednesday, January 28, 2026 - St. Thomas Aquinas

8am	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Mike Hiner by Brownawell/Scott Family
10am	NH - QH	Fr. Javis	Lucius Jones by Michele Jones
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Kate Sweetland by Nancy Whitcomb

## Thursday, January 29, 2026

6:30pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Javis	Living Int. for Mark & Rebecca Heath by David Heath
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## Friday, January 30, 2026

8am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Javis	Adeline Bocker by the family
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## Saturday, January 31, 2026 - St. John Bosco

4pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Kate Sweetland by Faith Vautour
4pm	OLGH	Fr. Javis	Tom McCarthy by Frank & Nancy Toole
6pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Javis	Olive Geczik by Alice Crouch

## Sunday, February 1, 2026 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Living Int. for David Levesque by Carmel Ouellet
8:30am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Philip Stuart by Elaine Witt
11am	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners
11am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones

LS indicates Mass is livestreamed at [www.stbrendanparish.net/livestream](http://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 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues),  
QH - Quarry Hill and WG - Windward Gardens (alternating Wed),  
Mag - Magnolia (1<sup>st</sup> Thurs), HH - Harbor Hill (1<sup>st</sup> Mon.)

**OLGH PARKING NOTE:** Now that the handicap ramp has been repaired and is reopened, we ask that no one park in the side parking lot near the rectory and kitchen entrances unless you require ramp access. Thank you!

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).

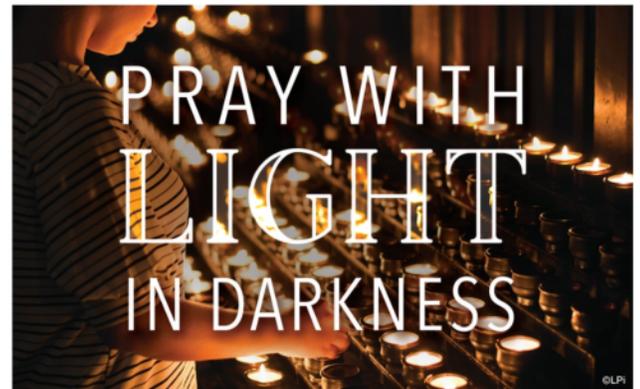
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## Our Clergy

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

Email: [firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org)



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**Laura Gibson**, Business Coordinator  
[laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org)

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A special purpose or intention can be noted on the memo line.

## 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](mailto: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 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

## 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](mailto:jacqueline.biddle@portlanddiocese.org)  
**Parish Weekly Email** - [penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org) or [richard.norman@portlanddiocese.org](mailto: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](mailto:laura.gibson@portlanddiocese.org)

## Altar Server Feast



Save the Date for an Altar Server Celebration - Sunday, **February 1<sup>st</sup>** 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](mailto:cmcvearry1@icloud.com) for questions.

## Youth Mass Sign ups

Thank you for all the youth and their families that have become more involved each month for our parish youth Masses. Each location encourages children of all ages to play an active role in the liturgy each 1st Sunday of the month. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact the Faith Formation office or use the following Flocknote links.

### St. Bernard

<https://stbrendanthenavigatorpar.flocknote.com/signup/242174>

### Our Lady of Good Hope

<https://stbrendanthenavigatorpar.flocknote.com/signup/242173>



## Confirmation

Each year, the Diocese of Portland offers the opportunity for the Celebration of Confirmation for any Teens or Adults that have not yet received this sacrament. If you or someone you know is age 12 or older, please contact Jacqueline Biddle in the Faith Formation Office at [jacqueline.biddle@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:jacqueline.biddle@portlanddiocese.org) for more information. This year's celebration will be on May 1<sup>st</sup> in Falmouth or May 29<sup>th</sup> in Brewer. More information on preparation classes to come.

# Office of Faith Formation

Jacqueline Biddle, Parish Catechetical Leader - [jacqueline.biddle@portlanddiocese.org](mailto:jacqueline.biddle@portlanddiocese.org)

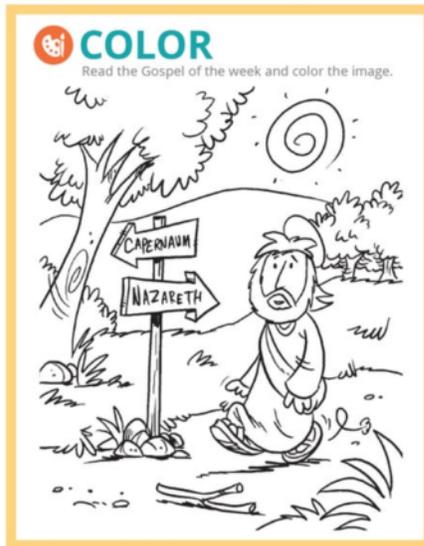
Faith Formation: Youth and Adult, OCIA, Sacrament Prep

Jennifer Parker - St. Francis' Faith Formation Coordinator

## Family Faith Formation

Today's Gospel talks about people living in darkness. When you think about darkness, you may also think about stumbling, falling, or even being afraid. That's what your life could be like without God. You could stumble around trying to find love or happiness, but without God you will only fall. Jesus brings light into a dark, unhappy world. With Jesus, you no longer need to fall, and you don't need to be afraid. God loves you.

(Gospel Reflections, LPI)



## Vocations

**"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)** During National Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate how education forms disciples in faith and character. Just as educators guide students in their growth, Jesus invites you to follow Him boldly. Could He be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life to help form others in His ways? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: [vocations@portlanddiocese.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:georg.haubs@gmail.com)

**Camden, at Our Lady of Good Hope**

Contact: Paula Williamson

[paula.williamson@portland-diocese.org](mailto:paula.williamson@portland-diocese.org)

**Looking to start a group?**

Contact below for more information!

[FSCGStB@gmail.com](mailto: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

- **9 Days for Life:** 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](http://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](http://www.nationalshrine.org/mass)
- **Local: 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.
- **Belfast 40 Days for Life campaign** will take place during Lent (February 18 - April 2). More info to come...
- **The Maine Right to Life (MRTL) First Oratory Competition**  
Date: February 25, 2026, at Saint Joseph's College of Maine. See more: <https://mainerighttolife.org/events/>

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:bbeaulieu@allenfg.com)  
Joseph Mathieu 323-1436, [painterjo56@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.stbrendanparish.net/knight-of-columbus-rockland)  
**Contact:** Kevin Bailey (978) 404-1594, [kfb723@verizon.net](mailto:kfb723@verizon.net)

**KOFC 4TH DEGREE:** The KOC 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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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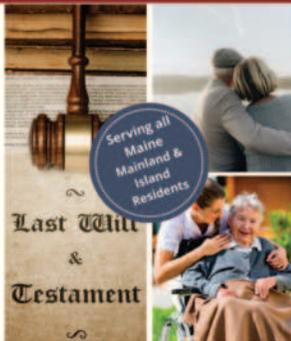
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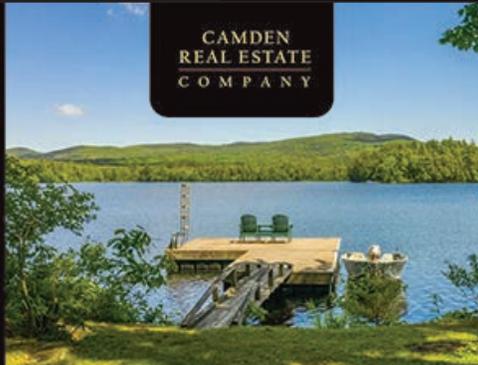


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## Weather Cancellation



**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/](http://www.wabi.tv/weather/closings/) or WCSH Channel 6 [www.newscentermaine.com/](http://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](mailto:penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org) for help connecting.

## 12 Hour Adoration - OLGH



Our parish's monthly Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Friday, Feb. 6th** after the the 8am Mass at **Our Lady of Good Hope** in Camden. We need at least two people to sign up for each hour to stay with the Lord for one hour, from 9am until 9pm. From 5pm-6pm, come sing of Eucharistic hymns. Please sign up in the back of the churches or at this link below:

<https://stbrendanthenavigatorpar.flocknote.com/signup/241633>

**In an ever changing world, the Holy Eucharist is a constant reminder of the great reality of God's changeless love.**  
- Mother Teresa

## 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: Rev. Scott Mower, Rev. Peter Uhde, Rev. David Raymond, V. Rev. Paul Dumais, Rev. Thomas Andrews Xavier, Rev. Kevin Upham, Rev. Robert Vaillancourt, Rev. Erin Donlon, Rev. Raymond Auger, Rev. Paul Murray, Brother James Peterson, Rev. Joseph Cahill, Rev. Robert Lup, Rev. Benjamin Simon

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## Office Hours

**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.