

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

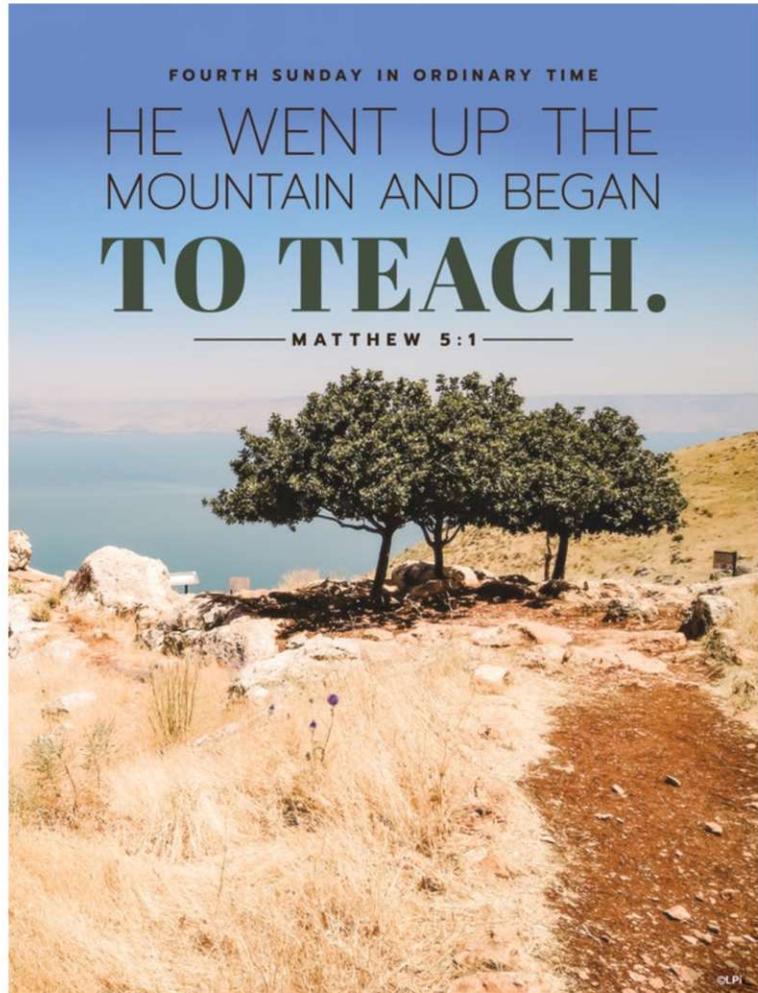
St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

From July-Sept - Saturday: 9:00am

18 Pendleton Point Rd, Islesboro, ME 04848

Vinalhaven at Union Church

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Doors are open at all mainland churches, Monday - Friday from 12pm-3pm.

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FEBRUARY 1, 2026 - 4TH 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 31, 2026 - St. John Bosco

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

Sunday, February 1, 2026 - 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Jarvis	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. Jarvis	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones

Monday, February 2, 2026

6:30pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Claire McLean by Faith Vautour
10am	NH - HH	Fr. Jarvis	Sabra Jones by Michele Jones

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Andrew Reichline by Kathleen Daley
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Wednesday, February 4, 2026

8am	OLGH	Fr. Jarvis	Mark Itle by Brownawell/Scott Family
10am	NH - WG	Fr. Jarvis	Sabra Jones by Michele Jones
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	William Knight III by Kathy Knight

Thursday, February 5, 2026 - St. Agatha

6:30pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Jarvis	Patricia Snow
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Friday, February 6, 2026 - St. Paul Miki and Companions

8am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Jarvis	Joseph by Susan Woehler
8am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones

Saturday, February 7, 2026

4pm	St. F	Fr. Jarvis	Joseph Talbot by Grace Perdrizet
4pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Mary Merryfield by Debbie & Jack Waterman
6pm	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Deceased members of the Master & Dixon Family by the Lustgartens

Sunday, February 8, 2026 - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Agathe Ouellet by Carmel Ouellet
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Jarvis	Chad Kosmo by Susan Woehler
11am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Jarvis	Patricia Snow by Takoda Peasley
11am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners

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.)

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).

Suggested donation of \$10



Our Clergy

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

Email: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Upcoming Second Collection:

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Solidarity Fund for Africa - Feb. 18th

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: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

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

EM Training

For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are currently serving and missed the last training or would like a review, and for those who are newly beginning and have met with the pastor, there will be a required training on Sunday, Feb. 8th at 3:00pm at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden. Please contact Penny at the office to confirm that you will coming - thank you!
penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org.

Ash Wednesday - Feb. 18th

Please join us on Ash Wednesday, February 18th:
Our Lady of Good Hope - 8:00am
St. Francis - 6:30pm
St. Bernard - 6:30pm



Walking With Purpose - Lent 2026

- Ladies of the parish, please join us in community of faith and friendship in the study of *2 Timothy*.
- Passionate Discipleship is ideal if you...
 - Want to explore the heritage of faith we have received from the Church
 - Desire to become a true, dynamic disciple of Jesus Christ
 - Are ready to pass the torch of faith to the next generation
- A series of talks accompanies this nine-lesson Bible study.
Tues., February 10 at 6:30 PM at our Lady of Good Hope
Thurs., February 12 at Saint Bernard at 9 AM
- Please contact Carol Brownawell at 410-714-4549 or Anne Norman at (207) 691-6401 to register and order a book!

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 Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple, they dedicated Jesus to God. An old man, name Simeon, was also in the temple that day. As soon as Simeon saw and held baby



Jesus, he praised God. He knew that Jesus was going to bring God's love to all people, including you! (Gospel Reflection, LPI)

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

present	doves	Spirit
peace	light	glory
parents	child	Simeon

persnet	p r e s e n t
clihd	_____
lgith	_____
Smione	_____
devos	_____
pernat	_____
goryl	_____
Siprit	_____
pecea	_____

Vocations

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3) The Beatitudes guide us in living holy and generous lives no matter the vocation He has placed on our heart. We are all called to embody these virtues, serving God and His people with humble hearts. Pray for discernment and openness to where God might be inviting you to follow 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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- 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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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

- Our own official Belfast 40 Days for Life campaign will take place during Lent (February 18 - April 2). The weekly Friday prayer vigil will continue as a part of 40 Days. Needed: presence in prayer on the sidewalk or from your vehicle nearby. Please consider joining in as any number of hours in prayer is helpful. We invite you to take some time in prayer to discern how Jesus might be calling you in this effort. Use the link to see the calendar and sign up. Times for our campaign are Mon-Wed & Fri from 9-noon. Search for Belfast ME.
- On January 9, Pope Leo XIV offered his "State of the World" address. In the latter portion of this address, he presents the Church's teaching on the sanctity of life and the necessity to protect all human life, from the moment of conception to natural death. Access the full text of this address by scanning this QR code:
- Annual Baby Bottle Drive to support Zoe's Women's Center:
 - Please pick up your baby bottle and fill with change, cash, or checks to support mothers in need.



Pregnant?



We can help.
Please ask.

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 January 19th we provided the following:
M - 38 , T - 58 , W - 54 , T - 54 , F - 52
I want to thank everyone for pitching in and making it happen while I was away last week. Gayle Gallant and Kate Hoyt kept it all together.
A truly awesome team!
Rich Norman 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 **packets of pasta or rice sides (such as Knorr's brand)** for the month of February. Please place your donation items in the bin at the entrance of Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope.



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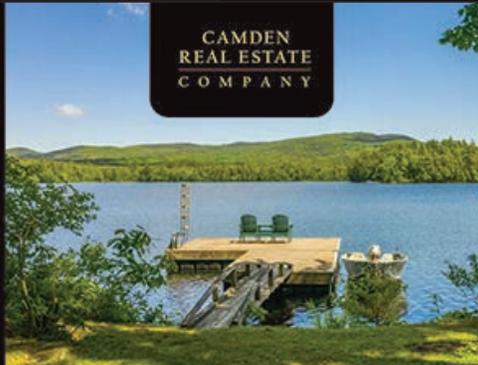
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Confirmation



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 for more information. This year's celebration will be on May 1st in Falmouth or May 29th in Brewer. More information on preparation classes to come.

Weather Cancellation



For Sunday Mass cancellations: The evening prior to but no later than 6 am Sunday, please go to WABI or WCSH 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.

Please be prudent and stay safe in deciding whether you will get to Mass in inclement weather! All cancellations will be sent via flocknote. Read more at: <https://stbrendanparish.net/designstudio?path=mass-times>

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

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.

St. Blaise Blessing

Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat. See parish email and website for times there will be blessing of throats at our churches.



Candlemas

Commemorating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas is celebrated 40 days after Christmas (Feb. 2nd). Candles are brought to your local church to be blessed. Blessed candles are used through the year to symbolize the Light of Christ.



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. Sylvester Nwaokolo, Rev. Luc Tougouma, Rev. Jarvis Laban, Rev. Augustine Foka Kifon, Rev. John Michalowski, Rev. Vincent Mellone, Rev. Emile Dube, Rev. Jacques Dolbec, Rev. Michael Seavey, Our Holy Father, Rev. Nnsame Venatius

Office Hours

Monday - 8:30-3:30
Tuesday - 8:30-3:30
Wednesday - 8:30-12:00
Thursday - 8:30-3:30
Friday - closed