

# 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

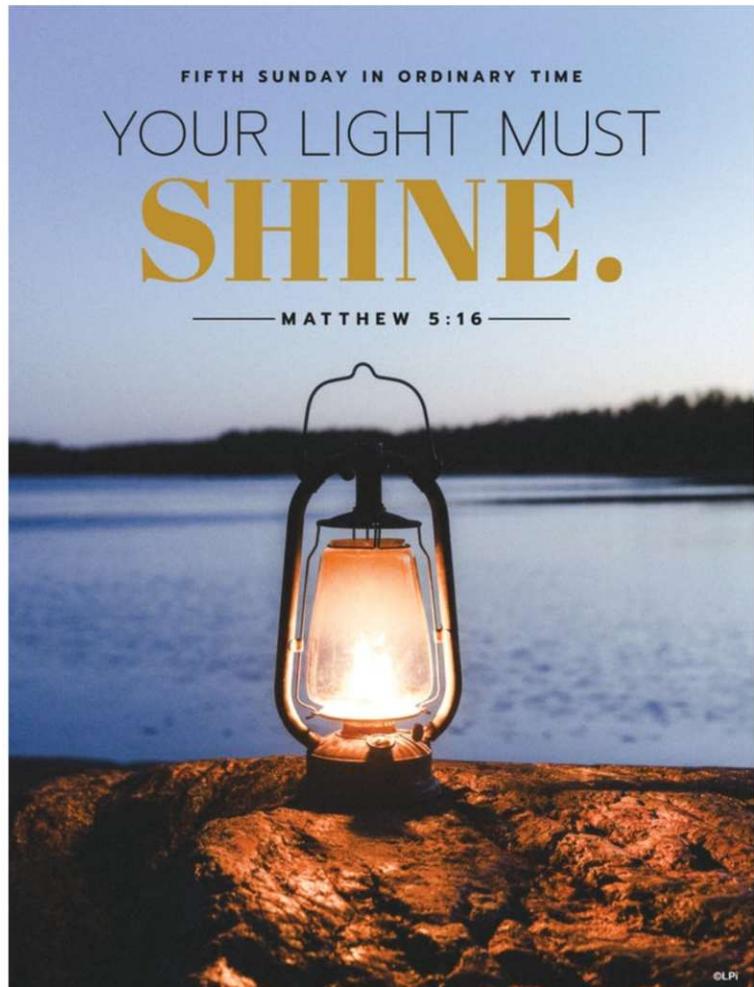
## St. Mary of the Isles & Island Masses

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!

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FEBRUARY 8, 2026 - 5TH 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, February 7, 2026

4pm	St. F	Fr. Javis	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 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

## Monday, February 9, 2026

6:30pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Living Int. Denise Sprankle & Bernard Marquis by David Heath
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## Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - St. Scholastica

8am	St. B	Fr. Anthonasius	Gary Seavey by Sue Umberger
10am	NH - BW	Fr. Anthonasius	Kendall Jones by Michele Jones

## Wednesday, February 11, 2026

8am	OLGH	Fr. Anthonasius	Lucius Jones by Michele Jones
10am	NH - QH	Fr. Anthonasius	Robert Bentley by Michele Jones
6:30pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Al Salvatore by Mary Salvatore

## Thursday, February 12, 2026

6:30pm	St. B (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Deceased members of the Lustgarten families by Marilyn & Mike Lustgarten
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## Friday, February 13, 2026

8am	St. F (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Shayna Peachey by the family
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## Saturday, February 14, 2026 - St. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius

4pm	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	for parishioners
4pm	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Javis	Arlette Shapiro by Caer Hallunbaek
6pm	St. B	Fr. Javis	Francine Ouellet by Carmel Ouellet

## Sunday, February 15, 2026 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Dominico Kahn Le by Teresa Le
8:30am	St. F	Fr. Anthonasius	Liliane Sohns by Ann Robbins
11am	OLGH (LS)	Fr. Anthonasius	Robert Bentley by Michele Jones
11am	St. B	Fr. Javis	Michael Freda by Josephine Freda

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, 1:30pm -  
**Next Spanish Mass: Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at St. Bernard**  
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!

The Sanctuary Candle this week at St. Francis of Assisi is being lit for the Living Intention for Clare Olson by the Clarks



## Our Clergy

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

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



## Giving

**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:

Church of Eastern Europe & Solidarity Fund for Africa - Feb. 18th

# 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.



## 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

## 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](mailto:penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org)

## Daily Readings

**Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16  
**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

# 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)



## 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

## OLGH - Women's Club

The Women's Club at Our Lady of Good Hope is having a **Valentine Cookie Sale** after Mass on February 14th and 15th.



Donations of cookies - any kind - will be gratefully accepted on Friday, February 13 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm and on Saturday the 14th from 10:00am to 12:00pm. We'll be preparing plates with an assortment of cookies for sale. Lent begins the following week, so get your cookies before then. Proceeds of cookie sale are used to help fund scholarships for graduating seniors. Thank you for your generosity! Contact: Pat Gibbons - (207) 785-6149

## 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](mailto:jacqueline.biddle@portlanddiocese.org)

Faith Formation: Youth and Adult, OCIA, Sacrament Prep

Jennifer Parker - St. Francis' Faith Formation Coordinator

## Family Faith Formation

When you love God, and you follow his example, it will show. You will be loving, patient, and kind. You will be honest and always do your best. You will work hard and share what you have. When

you live for God, you make the world a better place.



## Vocations

**World Marriage Day & National Marriage Week** "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14) On World Marriage Day, we honor couples who shine Christ's love through their union. Holy matrimony is a vocation of light, illuminating the world with faith and fidelity. Renew your commitment with your spouse in prayer.

## 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

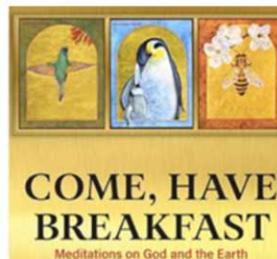
Contact: Paula Williamson

[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)



## Laudato Si'

A Book Group discussion  
This collection of ecological and theological meditations holds the power to expand our minds, inspire our hearts, and move us to action on behalf of our created kin and common home.

The book has 5 chapters. The plan is to discuss one chapter per week between Feb 17 through Mar 15

We are looking to form 3 groups one at each church  
Books will be available on a first come basis.

This is a parish wide program. The first discussion day will be Feb 17th at your chosen church. At this meeting, the group will decide on subsequent meeting dates and times for the following 4 weeks. To participate, add your name, contact info and preferred church to the sign up sheet at the back of each of the churches or contact:

Dianne Smith (207) 322-4443, [dcrjsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:dcrjsmith@hotmail.com)  
Maureen Haining (207) 691-9604, [mfhaining@gmail.com](mailto:mfhaining@gmail.com)  
Chris Straka [cstraka@roadrunner.com](mailto:cstraka@roadrunner.com)

# 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

- **Baby Bottle Drive: Jan. 18-Feb. 26:** Please support Zoe, A Women's Center (our closest pregnancy resource center for women in need, in Rockport) by taking a baby bottle after Mass at your church and filling it up with spare change or checks made payable to Zoe, A Women's Center, and returning it to your church by February 26. Zoe and we thank you in advance for supporting their life-saving and life-giving work.
- **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.
- What is 40 Days for Life? It is the world's largest grassroots movement to end abortion. Started in 2004 in Bryan/College Station, Texas, this international, community-based, anti-abortion campaign uses a three-part approach of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils outside abortion facilities, and community outreach. The 40-day timeframe is inspired by biblical 40-day periods of fasting and repentance and typically takes place during Lent.



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.**

## 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](http://www.stbrendanparish.net/knight-of-columbus-rockland)  
**Contact:** Kevin Bailey (978) 404-1594, 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 January 19th we provided the following:  
For the week of January 26<sup>th</sup>, we provided the following:

M - storm, T - 77, W - 70 T - 61, F - 76

It was a very busy week. We saw some new clients.

We're looking for help! Please contact  
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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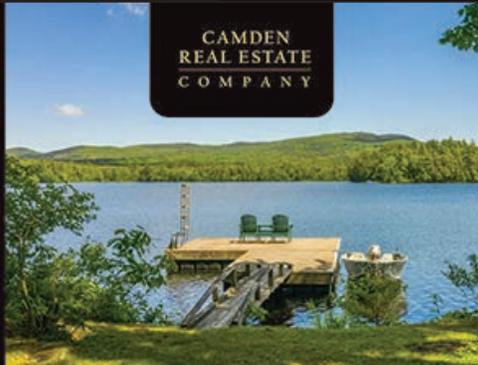
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# Parish News and Around the Diocese

**Bulletin Submissions** - jacqueline.biddle@portlanddiocese.org  
**Parish Weekly Email** - penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org

## Confirmation



REGISTER FOR  
**CONFIRMATION  
PREPARATION**

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.

## 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](mailto:penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org) for help connecting.

## Contact Information

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- 🌐 Website: [stbrendanparish.net](http://stbrendanparish.net)

## Administrative Staff

**Laura Gibson, Business Coordinator**  
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**John Maas, Custodian**  
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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.

## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 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, Rev. Hoe Tien Nguyen, Msgr. Frank Murray, Rev. Reginald Brissette, All priests, Rev. Robert Parent, Rev. James Albert, Rev. Richard McLaughlin, Rev. Sefembiy Justin, Rev. Daniel Ballargeon, Rev. Steven Cartwright, All Priests



## Office Hours

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