“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Mt 24:43-44
ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

24-HOUR ADORATION & FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION
FRI/SAT, DEC. 6/7
ST. BERNARD, ROCKLAND

This coming week our parish’s monthly 24-Hour Adoration will take place at St. Bernard in Rockland on Friday and Saturday, December 6/7. Exposition will take place after the 8:00am Mass on Friday and continue until shortly before the First Saturday 8:00am Mass. Two people are needed for each hour and parishioners from all three churches are encouraged to sign up using the sheets in the backs of your churches. (Please note that the Fri. 8am Mass at St. Francis will not take place this week since it will be at St. Bernard.)

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION
Following the First Saturday Mass there will be a Rosary for the First Saturday Devotion. In the July 13, 1917 apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to Sister Lucia, “I shall come to ask for… the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturdays.” Later, while Sister Lucia was in the chapel with Our Lord during part of the night of May 29-30, 1930, He explained that the motivation for the First 5 Saturdays was to make reparation for five blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary—these were:

1. Offenses or blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception – its denial and/or ridicule.
2. Against her perpetual virginity.
3. Against her divine maternity, refusing to accept her as the Mother of God and mother of all mankind.
4. Those who implant in children’s hearts, indifference, contempt and even hate against our Immaculate Mother.
5. Insults directed against her sacred images – displays of indifference or ridicule, and the infliction of damage to them.

With the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart for these five offenses, we are asked to:

1. Go to confession
2. Receive Holy Communion worthily
3. Pray five decades of the Rosary
4. Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary

For more details on the First Saturday Devotion, visit https://www.bluearmy.com/first-saturday-devotion/.

Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace. —St. Alphonsus Ligouri

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(Not a holy day of obligation this year)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019
St. Francis, Belfast – 8:00am – Fr. Hyacinth
St. Bernard, Rockland – 12:00pm – Fr. Bob
Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden – 6:30pm – Fr. Bob

CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS
We begin the season of Advent today and hopefully, all our families have decided what practices they will take part in during Advent. Today, at the Family Faith Meeting at 1:00pm at Our Lady of Good Hope, we have many Advent projects for the children and families to do together. Families welcome!

One of the traditions we have in St. Brendan the Navigator Parish is the presentation of a Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve before the start of the children’s Mass at each of our parish churches. We would like to plan this early, so it doesn’t get caught in the last-minute Christmas preparations. It is a wonderful experience for families and children to take part in.

If your child would like to be in the pageant or you would like to help with the preparations and practice, please email Sr. Kathleen (kathleen.luppens@portlanddiocese.org), Paulette Spera (paulette.spera@portlanddiocese.org) or call the office (207-236-4785) and let us know what church you will be at and the names of your children who would like to be part of the Christmas Pageant.

We wish everyone a Happy and blessed Advent Season!

Please pray for the recently deceased of our parish, especially:

Josephine Nunner
Jean O’Hara

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Bernard is being lit this week for Carol Escorsio Kosmalski by her husband and daughter.
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST (MASS TIMES)

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PASTORAL STAFF

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Website: http://www.stbrendanparish.net
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stbrendanparishmaine

Parish email list: Contact Christine.Fee@portlanddiocese.org
St. Francis email list: Contact Bill Rispoli: brill24@fairpoint.net

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Sr. Kathleen Luppens, Parish Catechetical Leader
Paulette Spera, Faith Formation Coordinator, OLGH

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Karol Skoby, Business Coordinator
Penny Wolfe, Office Manager
Paula Williamson, Safe Environment Coordinator
Michael Colson, Custodial Kevin Bailey, Custodial
Rich Norman, Soup Kitchen Supervisor
Jeanne Denny, Social Worker (Contact: 207-390-1763)

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism: If you are planning to have a child baptized please call the Parish Office, 207-236-4785, two months prior to the birth.

Marriage Preparation and Ceremony: 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.

Anointing the Sick / Communion at home: If you know of a parishioner in need, please call the Parish Office, 236-4785.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Available during the half-hour before every weekend Mass or by appointment.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS (MORNING PRAYER) AT 8:00AM
St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast on Tues & Thurs at 8:00am

 MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 30, 2019 – Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES AT LOCAL NURSING HOMES

Quarry Hill, Camden: 3rd Tuesdays at 10:30am
Windward Gardens, Camden: 1st Mondays at 10:30am
Knox Center, Rockland: 2nd Mondays at 11:00am
Harbor Hill, Belfast: 1st Tuesdays at 11:00am

TO RECEIVE PARISH-WIDE EMAILS, send an e-mail with your name and church you attend most often to Christine Fee at Christine.Fee@portlanddiocese.org

TO ADD NAME TO PARISH PRAYER CHAIN send an email to Kathy Daley at kassy23@protonmail.com

Pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
**WESHARE**

**Soup Kitchen**

- St. Francis of Assisi
- Our Lady of Good Hope
- St. Bernard

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

**ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR PARISH**

**OFFERTORY REPORT NOV. 16/17**

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**UPCOMING:**

- Sat/Sun Dec 7/8 — St. Bernard Srs Transfiguration Bake Sale

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE AT OLGH**

For the week of Nov. 4, we served the following meals

- M - 71, T - 75, W-64, T - 77, F - 60

**St. Brendan Soup Kitchen:**

For the week of Nov. 4, we served the following meals

- M - 71, T - 75, W-64, T - 77, F - 60

**Bake Sale at St. Bernard**

**Dec. 7/8**

The sisters of Transfiguration Hermitage will be holding their annual pre-Christmas bake sale at St. Bernard in Rockland, before and after the Masses on the weekend of Dec. 7 & 8. All the usual goodies, plus those Traditional English Fruitcakes, Christmas stollen, and Christmas cookies. Help yourself to some goodies for yourself and for gifts, and help support the sisters’ life of prayer for all people.

**Knights of Columbus**

**Belfast:** Belfast Knights—William S. Brannagan Council 3942 meets the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm at St. Francis church hall. William Brannagan Council 3942 (Belfast, ME), http://www.kofc3942.org.

**Rockland:** The Rockland Knights - Limerock Council 136 meets the 3rd Thursday at 7pm in Grispi Hall, at St. Bernard’s Church, Rockland. http://kofc136.stbrendanparish.net.

**FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD...**

- **A10 Food Pantry:** This week’s item is peanut butter crackers, next week is microwavable rice/pasta.
- **TIF Food Pantry:** Non-perishable food items, coupons for non-perishable food items, and recycled grocery bags.
- **Camden Area Christian Food Pantry:** Collection is 3rd week of each month. Items needed are hearty soups, CEREAL (especially!), canned fruit, and macaroni.
- **GBAM Food Cupboard St Francis:** We need breakfast cereals, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce and pasta to help local families. Donate these items by putting them in the boxes at the doors — thank you!
- **St. Bernard Soup Kitchen:** 150 Broadway, Rockland. Serving lunch Mon-Fri 11:30am-noon.
- **Belfast Soup Kitchen:** 1 Belmont Ave, Belfast. Open Mon-Fri 10:30-12:30.

**Helping hands**

**St. Bernard Soup Kitchen**

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**Second Collection December 8 Retired Religious**

Next week’s second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay for decades. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous. Thank you!

**Transfiguration Hermitage**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Christmas Cookie Sale at OLGH**

The Women’s Club at Our Lady of Good Hope is having a Christmas Cookie Sale after the Masses on December 7 and 8. Donations of any kind of cookie will be greatly appreciated. We will “mix and match” the cookies that are donated so that there is an assortment on each plate that we sell. We will also have some small decorated gifts for sale. Donations may be dropped off in the hall on Friday, Dec. 6 from 1:00-3:00pm or on Saturday morning, Dec. 7 from 10:00am to noon. Proceeds of the sale will be used to help those in need and to fund scholarships for college-bound teens. If you have any questions, please contact Pat at 785-6149.

**Daughter of St. Bernard Meeting**

Daughter of St. Bernard will meet at St. Bernard parish hall, Grispi Hall, on Friday, December 6th at 1:00pm!
STAFF, FAITH & SACRAMENTAL LIFE

SCRIPTURE READINGS, WEEK OF DEC 1 2019
Sun: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-11

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
AT OLGH
A Study of the Prophets: Men and Women Who Spoke For God
All adults and teens are welcome to join this year’s study group on Sundays from 9:30-10:45am in Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope. We have a lively and fun time reading the Bible and discussing what we have learned, and you can join us for one session or every week.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK
FORMED provides amazing content 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. It’s FREE and EASY to Register!
• Visit formed.org with a web browser
• Click on Register (lower right of page)
• Enter Parish Access Code: 26KXX8
• Enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later)
Please sign up using the parish code above and rediscover and fall in love with our Catholic faith!

LIGHTHOUSE TALKS/AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE MEDIA CDS
You can find them in the racks at each church. This ministry tries to be self-sustaining by requesting a minimum contribution of $3/CD.

Dr. Tim Gray uses the readings of the Old Testament to explain that we need to live Advent well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift God the Father wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus. For more information, contact Paulette Spera at paulette.spera@gmail.com.

WINTER PLANNING
At St. Francis: A reminder to the folks in Belfast that when it snows, parking on all blocks in the vicinity of the church must be on one side only — for Court Street it is the NE side (opposite the church). On Elm, Park, and Grove it is the first parker who sets the side… This is to allow emergency vehicles access on our narrow streets.

Storm Cancellation Policy
If school is delayed or cancelled, there will be no weekday Mass and/or Morning Prayer. For the latest on cancellations of Masses, Faith Formation classes and parish events, please go to WCSH6 or Bangor Daily News online.

THAT MAN IS YOU!
That Man Is You has begun its Fall gatherings. We are meeting on Saturday mornings at 7:00am at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden. New members are welcome! On Sat., Dec.7th, we will be on Session 11, Week 6: The Challenge of Friendships
• Friends and Faith
• The Impact of Faith and Family
• A Story of Don Bosco
• Stress on Campus
• Friends & Substance Abuse
To find out more, contact Joe Cammeliari at 975-4634 or email jccam@tidewater.net.

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH HISTORY PROJECT
Do you have old photos of the church? Perhaps of your parents’ marriage at St. Francis? We have almost no pictures of the inside of the early church and you may be able to answer some questions with them. Were there really only two aisles, not three, when it was built? What did the windows look like before Fr. Coyne added the stained glass? You are invited to help with a 2nd edition of the History of St. Francis church by contributing your stories, notes, photos and information that will be added to 2016 edition. What stories have your family told about the priests or folks of St. Francis Church? It would be great to share some of those memories. You can drop items off at the Camden Parish office or, better yet, we will come to you! Just let us know and we will visit, record your story or scan your photos/documents — and they will never leave your possession. Please call or email: Phil or Mary Carthage - 338-5207 - philcarthage@roadrunner.com.

WINDOW DRESSERS NEED HANDS-ON HELP!
Window Dressers 2019 needs you! As a volunteer you will help your neighbors stay warm in the winter, lessen the communities’ carbon footprint, and save on expensive heating bills. It’s a wonderful way to meet new friends, while helping our community. Those of you who helped in the past know the work is easy, the training gentle, the food plentiful, and the feeling of community as we work together—priceless. Help make a difference by helping people stay warm, save money and decrease carbon thus giving us all cleaner air!

The Rockland build dates are throughout the Fall at 24 Lincoln St, Rockland, ME 04841, and the build dates in Liberty are January 16-20, 2020 at ReVision Energy, 91 W Main St, Liberty, ME 04949.

For more information or to help, contact Dianne Smith at 207-322-4443 or dcrjsmith@hotmail.com., or visit https://windowdressers.org/community-workshops/
AT HOME AND AROUND THE DIOCESE

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGISTERING WITH THE PARISH!

Registering in the parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of our parish. As parish members, we are all here to help each other on our spiritual journey; we don’t want to do this alone. As much as you need us, we need you too. In addition, registering with our parish offers the following:

• A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
• It is a commitment to practice your faith.
• Registration enables the parish pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you. This is especially important during a time of crisis so that the pastoral staff can attend to your spiritual needs and the needs of your family.
• Registration helps you stay connected with your parish and helps your parish stay connected with you. Providing your contact information is important so that parishes provide you timely updates via email, direct mail, phone, etc.
• Once you are registered, please notify the parish office of any changes in address or phone number.
• Registered active members allows for sponsor/godparent validation.

Here is how you can register with St. Brendan the Navigator:

• Come to the office at 7 Union St. in Camden — we would love to meet you!
• Fill out registration forms that are in the back of our three churches and put in the collection basket or mail to the office address at 7 Union St., Camden, ME 04843
• Email us your contact information at stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org
• Go to our Parish website at www.stbrendanparish.net and click on “About Us” and then “Parish registration.”

GIVING TREE AT ST. FRANCIS

The 2019 St. Francis Giving Tree will be up the first weekend if Advent and ready for your donations for the St Francis Mission Fund. The envelopes are up by the table near the tree. Please put a gold ornament up on the tree when making your donation. This fund helps the local poor in our parish for winter emergencies. No amount is too small. It can be a part of an allowance or perhaps one day without a carry-out sandwich. “Whosoever you do for the least of your brothers, that you do for Me.” Thank you for your generosity!

OLGH GIVING TREE

The Social Justice and Peace ministry, with the help of the office, is once again organizing the Giving Tree for Our Lady of Good Hope. We are requesting gifts for two groups: elderly individuals from local nursing homes and children from local families up to age 18. We have asked that all gifts not exceed the cost of $25 and we will do our best to try and determine that requests stay within that limit. If you prefer to do a monetary donation, this year we are asking for the homeless or those in emergency situations who contact the church office.

Please take a tag from the tree and attach it to the outside of the wrapped gift so it will reach the intended recipient since all tags are coded. It is IMPERATIVE that all gifts be returned no later than Dec 15th so no one is left out. We will be collating gifts the next day. If there is a problem with being able to follow through on your choice please contact the office.

We appreciate all that our church members have done in the past to provide for those in need and hope you can continue to do so this year. May the spirit of giving be returned to you this season and in the year ahead. Thank you! May the spirit of giving be returned to you this season and in the year ahead.

GIVING TREE AT ST. BERNARD

This Advent Season, St. Bernard Church is again sponsoring a Giving Tree. Envelopes dedicated to the mission in Brazil for a child, seminarian, or sister sponsorship will be hung on the tree in the church vestibule. The envelopes may be returned in any collection basket during Advent. Child sponsorship is $75 per year while sponsoring a seminarian/sister is $250. Smaller donations will be pooled so that additional children, seminarians, and sisters can be sponsored. Thank you for your support and generosity!