2nd Sunday of Advent

John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4
ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

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(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

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU (CONFESSIONS) DEC 16-19

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of our Lord and a season which provides Christians an opportunity to renew their faith in Him. When we sin, we harm our relationship with God and his Church. That is why the sacrament of reconciliation is such a wonderful gift to experience at this time of year. To provide parishioners additional opportunities to experience the gifts of this sacrament, “The Light is On for You,” with opportunities for confession below:

Monday, Dec. 16  Our Lady Of Good Hope, Camden
   9:00am-11:00am AND 7:00pm-9:00pm

Wednesday, Dec. 18  St. Francis, Belfast
   9:00am-11:00am AND 7:00pm-9:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 19  St. Bernard, Rockland
   9:00am-11:00am AND 7:00pm-9:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve & Day: Tuesday/Wednesday Dec. 24-25

OUR LADY OF GOD HOPE, CAMDEN
Tuesday, December 24 - 4:00pm - Children’s Mass
Wednesday, December 25 - 11:00am

ST. BERNARD CHURCH, ROCKLAND
Tuesday, December 24 - 6:00pm - Children’s Mass
Wednesday, December 25 - 12am Midnight Mass
Wednesday, December 25 - 8:00am AND 11:00am

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, BELFAST
Tuesday, December 24 - 4:00pm - Children’s Mass
Wednesday, December 25 - 8:30 am

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 attending 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!

FAITH FORMATION NOTE

There will be Faith Formation classes this Sunday, Dec. 8, at St. Bernard in Rockland beginning at 9:30am, and concluding with the 11am Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION DECEMBER 8 RETIRED RELIGIOUS

This 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!

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

Allen A. Weaver, Sr.
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST (MASS TIMES)

St. Bernard
150 Broadway, Rockland, ME 04841
Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:00am & 11:00am
Tues 8am & Thurs 6:30pm

Our Lady of Good Hope
7 Union Street, Camden, ME 04843
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 11:00am
Mon 6:30pm & Wed 8am

St. Francis of Assisi
81 Court Street, Belfast, ME 04915
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am
Wed 6:30pm & Fri 8am

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Belfast Rectory: 207-930-7044 Rockland Rectory: 207-594-0233
Website: http://www.stbrendanparish.net
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stbrendanparishmaine
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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

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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, December 7, 2019 – Vigil: First Sunday of Advent
4:00pm St. Francis Fr. Hyacinth Albert Salvatore, Sr. by Mary Salvatore
4:00pm OLGH Fr. Bob Nancee Grimes by Jim Grimes
6:00pm St. Bernard Fr. Bob Armand A. Plourd by Helen D. Plourd

Sunday, December 8, 2019 – First Sunday of Advent
8:00am St. Bernard Fr. Bob Pro Populo
8:30am St. Francis Fr. Hyacinth Kevin Witt by Elaine Witt
11:00am OLGH Fr. Hyacinth Elizabeth G. O'Donnell by Maureen O'Donnell
11:00am St. Bernard Fr. Bob Julio Cesar Villatoro by Jill C. Villatoro

Monday Dec. 9
St. Francis 8:00am Fr. Hyacinth Pat Harnedy, Jr. by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore
St. Bernard 12:00pm Fr. Bob Rachel Crawford by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore
OLGH 6:30pm Fr. Bob Eileen Harnedy by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore

Tuesday Dec. 10
St. Bernard 8:00am Fr. Hyacinth Eileen Harnedy by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore

Wednesday Dec. 11
OLGH 8:00am Fr. Hyacinth Eileen Harnedy by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore
St. Francis 6:30pm Fr. Hyacinth Frank Milliken by Linda Roden

Thursday Dec. 12
MSP 2pm Fr. Bob Mass at Maine State Prison, please pray for inmates and their families
St. Bernard 6:30pm Fr. Bob David Mahonen by Vicki Davey

Friday Dec. 13
St. Francis 8:00am Fr. Bob Patrick Harnedy by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore

Saturday, December 14, 2019 – Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
4:00pm St. Francis Fr. Hyacinth Ralph Schmieder by Elaine Witt
4:00pm OLGH Fr. Bob Pro Populo
6:00pm St. Bernard Fr. Bob Jose Marin by Diana MacFarland

Sunday, December 15, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent
8:00am St. Bernard Fr. Bob Samuel A. Maltese by Jean Maltese Deuso
8:30am St. Francis Fr. Hyacinth Paul R. LePage by daughter, MaryAnne Kinney
11:00am OLGH Fr. Hyacinth Molly and Bill Brown by the Brown family
11:00am St. Bernard Fr. Bob Michael Ferrara by The Ferrara Family

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
ST. BERNARD SOUP KIT

For the week of Nov. 25, we served the following meals

M - 83 , T - 78, W-73 , T - Clsd, F - 48

THE WEEK AHEAD

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UPCOMING:

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

AIO 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!


Belfast Soup Kitchen: 1 Belmont Ave, Belfast. Open Mon-Fri 10:30-12:30.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 December 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


WOW!

There was a total of 22 Thanksgiving Baskets distributed from Our Lady of Good Hope this year—WOW—that is quite a lot of food and all who came to pick up were so very grateful!

Gobble, gobble! And thank you to all on the OLGH Social Justice and Peace Ministry team who organized, to all those who donated, and to those who worked hard to pick up and assemble!

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. Proceeds of the sale will be used to help those in need and to fund scholarships for college-bound teens. Thank you!

PEN BAY SINGERS AT ST. FRANCIS, DEC. 15TH

On Saturday, December 15th at 3:00pm at St. Francis in Belfast the Pen Bay singers will be blending narrative and song to deliver Charles Dickens’ heartwarming “A Christmas Carol” in a performance sure to transform the stubbornest Scrooge. Suggested donation is $15 and accompanied children are free.
PARISH, FAITH & SACRAMENTAL LIFE

SCRIPTURE READINGS, WEEK OF DEC. 8 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: Gv 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: Js 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: Sr 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-11

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
AT OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE IS ON RECESS UNTIL JANUARY 12TH!

ARE YOU CALLED?

Are you called to be “A herald’s voice in the desert” preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father Seamus Griesbach at (207) 773-6471 or write: seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org.

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: 26KXZ8
- 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 firstarker 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 WCHS6 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 Saturday, December 14th, we will be on Session 12, Week 7: The Challenge of Friendships.

- The Mystery of Technology
- Technology in Our Lives
- Technology and the Social Network
- Becoming a “Micro-Celebrity”
- The Reward System and Technology
- Imitating Reality
- Don Bosco and a Walk in the Country

To find out more, contact Joe Cammerieri 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 stain 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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DECEMBER 12TH

“Am I not here, I, who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need anything more? Let nothing else worry you, disturb you.”

—Our Lady’s words to St. Juan Diego in 1531

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PROJECT

Bangor Daily News
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 support for the homeless, or those in emergency situations who contact the church office. The donated money will assist with emergency shelter, fuel and/or food costs. Checks should be made out to St. Brendan the Navigator Parish. Please write on the memo line: OLGH Giving Tree—emergency assistance. Thank you.

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 December 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 ask that gifts be placed under the tree in Cote Hall. If doing a gift card please wrap it in a small box or gift bag to keep it from getting lost.

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. 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 maybe one day without a carry-out sandwich. “Whosoever you do for the least of your brothers, that you for Me.” Thank you for your generosity!

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!

PARISH-WIDE PARTY & CELEBRATION GAUDETE SUNDAY
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 15TH
STARTING AT 2:00 PM
AT OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE

OLGH GIVING TREE

PLUS — The Middle School EDGE program and High School ministry of our Parish will be collecting gloves and mittens of all sizes for the homeless and those in need.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE’S LIFE!

There will be boxes in each church to collect items on December 8th and 15th.

The following items will be collected:

- Socks—men, women, children
- Hooded sweat shirts—teen and adult
- Gloves, mittens, scarves for men and women
- Sealed toothbrushes and toothpaste
- School supplies
- Baby diapers

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