THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” - Mt 3:17
ST. BERNARD CHURCH was blessed this Christmas with a new, beautiful, outdoor creche to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord. We want to thank our custodian, Mike Colson, as he designed and constructed our new attractive creche, adding to our parish celebration of the birth of Christ.

The lovely nativity figures were a shared gift from The Daughters of St. Bernard and the Rockland Knights of Columbus, Council #136. Our parish appreciates the generosity and support of these church organizations!

We wish to thank Weskeag Farms in South Thomaston for donating the wreaths on our church doors for the Christmas season. The circle of live greens reminds us of everlasting life brought through Jesus, while the circular shape of the wreath represents God, with no beginning or end. Our parish appreciates the generosity of Weskeag Farms.

And this all would not have been possible had not Polly Kurowski and Sue Umberger spearheaded the research and legwork for the new Nativity scene — thank you Sue and Polly!

ROCKLAND KOF C AND COATS FOR KIDS

The Rockland Knights will hold their monthly breakfast after the 8am Mass at St. Bernard on Sunday, January 26th. Please join us! This month’s proceeds will go towards the purchase of winter coats for local children in need, as part of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program. The Rockland Knights - Limerock Council 136 meets the 3rd Thursday at 7pm in Grispi Hall, at St. Bernard’s Church, Rockland. http://kofc136.stbrendanparishnet.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord’s second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

...Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolic of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

—Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas, From: https://www.catholicculture.org

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR

Thank You
for your kindness

SUNDAY RETREAT,
FEBRUARY 8, 2020

Loving our enemies? We can do it.
Being at peace? That's possible, too.
No one says it will be easy, but by the grace of God...

You are warmly invited to a RETREAT here in our parish on Saturday, February 8th. Father Bob will start us off with some Taizé music and Deacon Bob will offer some contemplative-prayer guidance. Social Justice & Peace members and Pax Christi, Maine are organizing this event. There will be quiet time and time for sharing with SJ&P and PCM members who have been working for peace in our world and in our hearts for decades. If you’d like to join in, save the date! More details to come...

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR PARISH
MONTHLY 24-HOUR ADORATION

“When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.” —St. Teresa of Calcutta

DATE
Friday/Saturday
Jan. 31/Feb. 1

LOCATION
St. Francis of Assisi Church
Belfast

See sign-up sheets in the backs of churches, 2 people are needed for each hour!
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST (MASS TIMES)

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

Our Lady of Good Hope  
7 Union Street, Camden, ME 04843  
Saturday 4:00pm  
Sunday 11:00am  
Monday 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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11, 2020 – Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

4:00pm St. Francis Fr. Hyacinth  
Bernard and Rinette Charette  
By the Clark family

4:00pm OLGH Fr. Bob  
Earl Kelly by Charlotte Simon

6:00pm St. Bernard Fr. Bob  
Pro Populo

Sunday, January 12, 2020 – The Baptism of the Lord

8:00am St. Bernard Fr. Bob  
Carol Blodgett by Bill Blodgett

8:30am St. Francis Fr. Hyacinth  
Carl Chamberlin by his wife Sally

11:00am OLGH Fr. Hyacinth  
Greg Mandel by Ira & Catherine Mandel

11:00am St. Bernard Fr. Bob  
Paul & Florence Kvorjak by Those Who Loved Them

Monday  
Jan. 13  
OLGH 6:30pm Fr. Bob  
Living Intention for The Gilmore Family by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore

Tuesday  
Jan. 14  
St. Bernard 8:00am Fr. Hyacinth  
Greg Mandel by Ira & Catherine Mandel

Wednesday  
Jan. 15  
OLGH 8:00am Fr. Hyacinth  
Living Intention for Cathy Plese by Jean Baptiste Dorcourt  
St. Francis 6:30pm Fr. Hyacinth  
John Nolan by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore

Thursday  
Jan. 16  
MSP 2pm Fr. Bob  
Mass at Maine State Prison, please pray for inmates and their families

St. Bernard 6:30pm Fr. Bob  
Moira and Desmond Bardon by David Bardon

Friday  
Jan. 17  
St. Francis 8:00am Fr. Bob  
Mike Phelan by Karen Phelan

Saturday, January 18, 2020 – Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm St. Francis Deacon Bob—Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

4:00pm OLGH Fr. Hyacinth  
True Moro by Faith Vautour

6:00pm St. Bernard Fr. Hyacinth  
Hannah Perdrizet by the family

Sunday, January 19, 2020 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am St. Bernard Fr. Hyacinth  
Pro Populo

8:30am St. Francis Deacon Bob—Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

11:00am OLGH Deacon Bob—Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

11:00am St. Bernard Fr. Hyacinth  
Alice Hurd by Steve & Rae Leach

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@portlanddiocese.org

TO ADD NAME TO PARISH PRAYER CHAIN send an email to Kathy Daley at kassy23@protonmail.com
For I was Hungry and You Gave Me Food...

AI0 Food Pantry (70 Thomaston St, Rockland): This week’s item is microwavable meals, next week is Ramen noodles/instant soup.

TIF Food Pantry (2nd Floor, Watts Hall, Main Street (Rte 1) Thomaston): 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 Church doors — thank you!


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

ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week of Dec. 30, we served the following meals:

M - 57 , T - 48 , W-Clsd, T - 61, F - 65

We want to thank Peter Ott's on the Water of Camden for a large donation of food to our soup kitchen. Any questions or want to help? Call Rich Norman 691-6400

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| St. Bernard | $2, 648.00 |
| Our Lady of Good Hope | $1,854.00 |
| St. Francis of Assisi | $2, 045.00 |
| Soup Kitchen | $1, 021.00 |

WESHARE

Find out about WeShare online giving at: https://stbrendanparish.weshareonline.org/

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Belfast: Belfast Knights—William S. Brannagan Council 3942 meets the 2nd Wednesday at 6:30pm at St. Francis church hall. On Sunday, Jan. 19th after the 8:30am Mass please join us for food and fellowships for a Knights pancake-filled breakfast! William Brannagan Council 3942 (Belfast, ME), http://www.kofc3942.org.


THAT MAN IS YOU!

That Man Is You is on winter break — we will keep you posted when the Saturday morning 7:00am meetings at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden will resume! New members are welcome! To find out more, contact Joe Cammeliari at 975-4634 or email jccam@tidewater.net.

BOOK CLUB AT OLGH

Our Lady of Good Hope Women’s Club BOOK CLUB will be meeting Friday January 31st at 10am in Cote Hall – All are welcome to start the New Year with fun and good reads …Come share your favorites with us over tea and goodies! We look forward to meeting new members! For more information call Peggy at 230-0337 – looking forward to a fun year of reading!

CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you are a registered parishioner and signed up for envelopes, they have arrived and can be picked up in your churches! At Our Lady of Good Hope they are in the parish hall, at St. Bernard they are in the hall near the religious articles counter, and at St. Francis they are in the back of the church. If you have any questions please call Paula Williamson at the parish office, 236-4785. Thank you!

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.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS, WEEK OF JAN. 12, 2020

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:19-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28
Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 6:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-13

RCIA: ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW FEELING CALLED TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish will begin a series of Monday night sessions at 7pm at Our Lady of Good Hope Church in Camden for those who are unbaptized and seeking to know more about the Catholic faith.

RCIA is also for:
- Baptized Catholics who need to receive the other sacraments of initiation—Confirmation and First Holy Communion
- Other Christian denominations and faiths or those with no faith background at all who wish to explore becoming Catholic
- Children over the age of 7

If you know someone or you yourself are interested in learning more, please contact Christine Fee in the parish office at 207-236-4785.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS, IN MEMORY OF...

Parishioners’ generous Christmas flower donations were made in memory of the following:

Jack Sullivan
Edw. R. Murphy
William Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Leo Maquis
Thomas & Marion Greeley
Kevin & Gary Witt
Laboe & Tremblay Families
Dora Doak
The Beaulieu Family
The Broggs Family
Darrell O’Leary
Stephen & David Deptula
Frank Stearns, Sr.
Margaret Scott
Charles Zimmerman
Tom Murphy
Art & Louise Poulin
Beverly Nolan
Mark Riemer
The Smith Family
Mariissa Hope Spera
Denise J. Sylvester
Estelle Peloquin
Joa'n Grant
Mary Orbin
Louise Riedl
Tommy Economaki
All my deceased relatives

Bernard & Blanche Slaughter
Dr. & Mrs. Bernard F. Slaughter
Helen Joseph Marue
Per Hellyvig
Fr. Anthony Moore, ofm
Mario & Phyllis Grispi
Lawrence & Peggy Molloy
Ralph & Louise Billings
Wayne McNally
Mary & Patrick Viscout
Kathryn Wenckus
Samuel Doran Maltese
Delores Demuth
Roger Brochu
Maria Bartlette
Lawrence Dumais
Helen Reiners Bachand
Thomas Murphy
Emile and Juelian Pellerin
Paul LePage
Bernard & Renette Charette
Joe & Shorely Carroll
Helen Prisco
Francis & Irene Carroll
Blanche & Wallace Walter
Dennis Horsman
Michael Prisco

ADORATION

Come Adore Jesus Truly Present in the Blessed Sacrament!

Our Lady of Good Hope Church - Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm, immediately followed by Mass at 6:30pm.

St. Francis of Assisi Church - Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm, immediately followed by Mass at 6:30pm.

St. Bernard Church - Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm, immediately followed by Mass at 6:30pm.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT OLGH

A Study of the Prophets: Men and Women Who Spoke For God

Starting up again on January 12th, 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. We will be continuing our year with the prophets. In the Hebrew scriptures, the prophets were men and women who spoke a message from God. How do we hear the message of God today? Some have said the age of the prophets is over. But God is still speaking...come and listen for the voice of God with us. If you have any questions, contact Mary Smyth at 207-975-3527 or email, mlstocme@gmail.com.

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.

Encounter Christ First: Then Set the World on Fire : Curtis Martin, founder of FOCUS, shares how a personal encounter with Jesus is the key to following him with fidelity, gratitude, and joy. With humor and relatable examples, he also shows how experiencing Christ before evangelizing others is the biblical model witnessed to by the Apostles, and one that is certain to bear fruit in the life of any believer.

For more information, contact Paulette Spera at paulette.spera@gmail.com.

ARE YOU CALLED?

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” If you think you may be called to serve as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Father Seamus Griesbach at (207) 773-6471 or seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org.
MASS & HANDS AROUND THE CAPITOL IN AUGUSTA, JAN. 18TH

The Hands Around the Capitol Rally, marking and mourning the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion, will be held in Augusta on Saturday, January 18. The rally and march are being organized by the Maine Right to Life Committee, which was founded to protect and uphold the dignity and worth of every human life from conception to natural death.

All are welcome to attend part or all of the event. Here is a schedule for the day:

10am—Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church on 41 Western Avenue in Augusta (celebrated by Bishop Deeley)
11am—Gathering at the St. Michael School gymnasium next to the church
11:15am—Rally with Bishop Deeley and pro-life leaders from across Maine
12:15pm—March to the State House
12:30 pm—Participants join hands while the capitol bell is rung 47 times, once for each year since the Roe v. Wade ruling.

For more information about the Hands Around the Capitol Rally or the Maine Right to Life Committee, visit www.MaineRighttoLife.com or call (207) 782-0101.

WISH TO CARPOOL? Please call Armelle at 594-8505 or Paulette Spera at 236-8661.

“God created human beings in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.” —(Gen 1:27)

REFLECTION: It is only of God that the word “create” is used, because only He is the one Who can bring life out of nothing. The sanctity of life has its root in the unique relationship that human beings have with their creator. Life is sacred because it comes from God, belongs to God, and returns to God.

PRAYER: Thank you Father of Life, for creating every human being, born and unborn, healthy and sick.

FROM: Pro-Life Reflections for Every Day by Father Frank Pavone

“LET GO: A MEN’S RETREAT ON SPIRITUAL FREEDOM IN THE IGNATIAN TRADITION” IN BIDDEFORD
FEBRUARY 7-9, 2020

Deacon Fran Burke, the new director of the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford, will lead his first retreat on the Ignatian idea of spiritual freedom through detachment. The retreat will be held at the center on February 7-9. Deacon Burke will use Scripture, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, art, the beauty of winter in Maine, and personal experiences to bring this topic to life. The retreat begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and concludes with lunch on Sunday. The cost is $240 for a private room and $220 for a shared room. For more information or to register, visit www.mariejosephspiritual.org or call (207) 284-5671.

Maine Catholic
Women’s Conference
March 21, 2020
in Portland

The 2020 Maine Catholic Women’s Conference is set for Saturday, March 21, from 8:30am to 5:00pm at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. Registration is now open at www.portlanddiocese.org/mcwc2020. The conference will feature Mass with Bishop Deeley, dynamic presentations, Eucharistic adoration, and displays from vendors and exhibitors. Gather with other women of faith to celebrate being Catholic and to be renewed in the graces of forgiveness and mercy that God provides. This would make a wonderful Christmas gift for the women in your life! Teenagers are welcome. Admission is $65 ($59 if tickets are purchased prior to February 21). Students can register for $40 (ages 16 to 23). The admission fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. For more information, please visit the registration link above.