MONDAY
Live Stream from OLGH
Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

TUESDAY: 8am Mass at St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY 2:00 - 6:00pm
Live Adoration
St. Bernard Church Parking Lot
Facing Rectory Window: Stay in Car
(Confession available in parish hall with Fr. Bob.)

WEDNESDAY at St. Francis of Assisi
Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

THURSDAY Live Stream from St. Bernard
Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

FRIDAY Live Stream Mass 8am from St. Francis

SATURDAY
4:00pm Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden
4:00pm St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast
6:00pm St. Bernard, Rockland

SUNDAY
8:00am St. Bernard, Rockland
8:30am St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast
11:00am Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden
11:00am St. Bernard, Rockland

Church Doors Are Open
Weekdays from 12:00pm-3:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Half hour before Mass:
• Fr. Hyacinth in parish hall
• Fr. Bob in parish hall

Wednesdays, 2-6pm St. Bernard Parish Hall

Or by appointment:
• Fr. Hyacinth, call 930-9869
• Fr. Bob (parish hall), call 551-7974

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish
January 31, 2021
Belfast ~ Camden ~ Rockland ~ Islesboro ~ North Haven ~ Vinalhaven ~ St. Dismas Catholic Community (Maine State Prison)

"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."
A Prayer Amid an Epidemic

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, [Wounded Healer], heal us.

By Kerry Weber, executive editor of America Magazine.

Updated Note on Face Coverings: The latest Executive Order signed by Governor Janet Mills states all owners and operators of all indoor public spaces must not allow those who refuse to wear a face covering to enter or remain in their venue. We continue to be blessed to be able to gather for Mass to celebrate God’s Word and share in the Holy Eucharist as a parish family, but be reminded that proper and effective face covering must be worn during Mass and must be properly worn, covering the entire nose and mouth, through the entirety of the Mass. This is for all parishioners who are attending our Masses. You may adjust your face mask when receiving Communion: After you receive the Host you may step aside, remove your mask to place the Host in your mouth, then place your face mask back on and return to your pew. The wearing of face masks properly and for the duration of Mass is essential for the protection and safety of all churchgoers, and is an act of Christian charity. Wearing a face mask at this time is a sacrifice we can ask Our Lord for the strength to bear—and He will help us! We thank you for helping to keep all of us safe by doing so.

By permission of the Diocese, our priests will be able to offer Holy Communion to people in their cars after all Masses.

Please park close to the church, have car lights on and keep an eye out for parishioners helping the priest locate those who would like to receive. (A plus would be viewing a livestream Mass on a phone or device in the car before receiving.) Please wear a face mask.

In addition to the schedule on the front of the bulletin, for the Sacrament of Confession you can make an appointment with Father Bob or Father Hyacinth. You may also ask to receive Communion at that time. Their contact information is:

Father Hyacinth: 930-9869
or Father Bob at 551-7974

Options for Attending Mass at This Time (January 31, 2021)

Please remember Bishop Robert Deely’s dispensation from Sunday Mass is still in effect. Below are options for attending Mass—in person or live-streamed. See the front page of the bulletin for both the weekend and weekday schedule.

1. Regular Mass Schedule with 50 People in Church.

The latest guidelines allow for up to 50 people in our churches, 50 people in cordoned-off halls, depending on space needed for distancing. The same safety guidelines are still in place: please wear facemasks and keep 6 feet apart. If you’re not feeling well, please stay home for your well being and others. Names/contact information of attenders are needed before each Mass in case someone comes down with the virus, so please leave extra time for that when coming to Mass.

2. Live Stream: See the “LS” notation on the Mass Intention schedule (p. 3) for the Live Stream Mass schedule. Masses will appear live-streamed on our Facebook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/stbrendanparishmaine

Masses will be uploaded to our YouTube channel as well:

https://www.youtube.com/c/StBrendantheNavigatorParishofMaine

• Online Mass guide for streaming Masses: https://mass-online.org/daily-holy-mass-live-online
• TV: EWTN, Channel 27: at 8am, 12pm, 7pm

AUDIO TIP: Hard to hear live-stream Masses? Try using external speakers with your device—makes a huge difference!

FYI: Maine residents age 70 and older are now eligible for vaccination against COVID-19. For more info go to:

https://www.main.gov/covid19/vaccines/vaccination-sites
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TO ADD NAME TO PARISH PRAYER CHAIN
you attend most often to Christine Fee at Christine.Fee@portlanddiocese.org

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 daleykathy90@gmail.com

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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.

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS on...
Blessing of Throats
Wednesday, Feb. 3rd
Feast of St. Blaise
—After 8am Mass at OLGH
—During Outdoor Adoration 2-6pm at St. Bernard
—After 6:30pm Mass at St. Francis

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS
(Mass times may change and intentions may need to be rescheduled)
LS indicates Live Stream, Drive-in indicates parking lot Mass

Saturday, January 30, 2021 – Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm  St. Francis Fr. Bob LS Timothy Donnelly by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore
4:00pm  OLGH Fr. Hyacinth True Edward Moro by Grandma Jean & Grandpa Steve Moro
6:00pm  St. Bernard Fr. Hyacinth LS Pro Populo

Sunday, January 31, 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am  St. Bernard Fr. Hyacinth Anna Stanislaw by Tadeusz & Alicja Strzalka
8:30am  St. Francis Fr. Bob Kevin Witt by Sue Woehler
11:00am OLGH Fr. Bob John Daly by OLGH Women's Club
11:00am St. Bernard Fr. Hyacinth LS Deceased Members of Limerock K of C by Limerock K of C

Monday
February 1
OLGH 6:30pm Fr. Hyacinth LS Patrick Harnedy by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore

Tuesday
February 2
St. Bernard 8:00am Fr. Hyacinth Peggy Vasquez by Jane Sturner

Wednesday
February 3
OLGH 8:00am Fr. Hyacinth Katharina and Franz Pietzsch by the family
St. Francis 6:30pm Fr. Hyacinth Patrick Harnedy by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore

Thursday
February 4
Masses at Maine State Prison are suspended at this time— please pray for the inmates and their families.
St. Bernard 6:30pm Fr. Bob LS Gloria Hayes by Mary Kay Hayes
St. Francis 8:00am Fr. Bob LS Anita C. Bilodeau by Elaine E. Lachance

Saturday, February 6, 2021 – Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm  St. Francis Fr. Hyacinth Paul Devin by Penny Wolfe
4:00pm  OLGH Fr. Bob Elizabeth Polityka Wilson by Jean and Steve Moro
6:00pm  St. Bernard Fr. Bob LS Delores Dernuth by Craig Dernuth

Sunday, February 7, 2021 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am  St. Bernard Fr. Bob Edward Chaisson by RoseAnn Chaisson
8:30am  St. Francis Fr. Hyacinth LS Arthur Richardson by Elaine Witt
11:00am OLGH Fr. Hyacinth Lenore Niles by the family
11:00am St. Bernard Fr. Bob Pro Populo
“MEET JESUS IN THE WORD”: BISHOP DEELEY OFFERS ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE PARTICIPATING IN LIVE-STREAMED MASSES DURING PANDEMIC

JANUARY 24, 2021

“PORTLAND---Locally and nationally, late January has become a time of solemn community each year at events calling for the end of abortion and the protection of human life from conception to natural death. It was on January 22, 1973, that the Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion across the country.

Due to the pandemic as well as safety issues stemming from threats to state houses and our nation’s capital, these commemorations, like the March for Life in Washington, D.C., have been postponed, cancelled, or moved online in 2021. A sad reality that Bishop Robert Deeley addressed as he presided at a morning Mass on Sunday, January 24, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland.

“The same circumstances have also affected our Maine opportunity to gather for prayer, teaching, and demonstrating regarding respect for life. Hands Around the Capital, a gathering organized by Maine Right to Life, tries to do in Maine what the larger demonstration does in Washington: affirm the dignity and value of all human life,” said the bishop.

“This year, because of Covid-19 precautions and a concern for the safety of those who might participate in the events in Augusta, it was determined that the event would be cancelled for the first time in 48 years.”

Despite the cancellation of the events this year, the importance of the message they convey carries on in minds and hearts.

“It does not lessen the commitment of those who would have participated to continue to hold before us a testimony to the value of each human life, born and unborn,” said the bishop. “This anniversary puts before us again the conviction we have that each life is sacred because each of us is created in the image and likeness of God. I am reminded of a profound statement from Mother Teresa: ‘If now we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten how to see God in one another.’ And I would add, even in the unborn.”

Found in the urgency of defending the rights and lives of unborn children is a familiar invitation for Christians.

“What we learn in the Bible is that God is seeking us. God is in search of us and calls us to life with him. That is the story of the Hebrew Scripture where we listen to the prophets such as Jonah inviting the people of Israel to turn from evil and live as God has called them,” said Bishop Deeley during his homily. “The prophets always remind the people of how God has already come to their help. The message of the Gospel, then, tells us that God’s love for us was so great that He sent his Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins and to reveal to us the depth of his love for each of us. Paul and the other apostles, evangelists, and authors of the New Testament make known the message of Jesus as they invite those to whom they preach to hear about Jesus so that they too can believe and find the joy and hope contained in his message.”

The bishop said that last year, Pope Francis declared the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time as the celebration of Word of God Sunday to welcome the gift of the Word that God made and remind us of the centrality of the Sacred Scriptures to the life of the Church and Christians.

“The Scriptures convey a message to us of God’s love and care for us as they present to us a way of life,” said Bishop Deeley. “It seemed to me that it was particularly appropriate that we join Francis in this celebration. We have been in pandemic mode now for 10 months. For many of us that has meant we have been unable to participate in Mass. That is a hardship. Mass is the primary way in which we encounter the Lord Jesus and are strengthened by the power of his love and mercy.”

The bishop told the assembly that he has received many letters from people lamenting the loss of attending Mass in the spirit of caring for their health and the safety of those around them.

“Today’s celebration of the Word of God keeps before us our belief that spending time with Scripture, reading the Bible, and particularly the Gospels, is a way we can remind ourselves of what those Scriptures, that Word of God, wants us to know: God is near. This celebration of Word of God Sunday reminds us that meeting Jesus in his Word can be done in our homes.”

Bishop Deely encouraged those who participate in live-streamed Masses to meet Jesus in the Word.

“I encourage you, both as individuals and families, to take the family Bible out of its box and realize that it is a living book. With Pope Francis, I encourage you to read a verse or two each day. It brings a powerful message to us. We will discover that God is close to us. When we welcome Jesus into our hearts by reflecting prayerfully on his message, we, like the disciples did in the Gospel today, will find our lives changed. We will find the same peace they found, and the same desire to live like Jesus. Knowing we are loved we will, out of love, bring Jesus’ message to others.”
Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.’”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works.”
R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

READING 2: 1 COR 7:32-35
Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. A married woman, please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. A married woman, please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. A married woman, please the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCL: Mt 4:16
R. Alleluia, alleluia.
The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death,
light has arisen. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mk 1:14-20
Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Saints This Week
February 2: The Presentation of the Lord
February 3: St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr,
St. Ansgar, Bishop
February 4: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
February 5: St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

Readings from UCCB.org: https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/
Get Local help with your Medicare questions.

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C 207-357-4201 (TTY 711)
RCIA: ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW FEELING CALLED TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program is 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.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

This year the Zoe (formerly CareNet) Baby Bottle Fundraiser looks a little different, but the goal and heart has remained the same.

From January 17 to February 21 you have the ability to donate online at www.zoeawomenscenter.org/baby-bottles. You can also donate online via the St. Brendan the Navigator Parish’s WeShare system by going to https://stbrendanparish.weshareonline.org/ and look for the Baby Bottle Drive icon. Mothers and babies 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.