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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
“Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.”
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.

Sanitize Hands

Keep 6 Feet

Wear Face Covering

Remain in Their Venue

Online Mass guide for streaming Masses: https://massonline.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 call 877-780-7545 or go to: https://www.maine.gov/covid19/vaccines/vaccination-sites.
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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.

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

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN
Have a need or any kind of request? Know someone else with a need? Contact the Parish Prayer Chain, and we will pray for all requests. If you are uncomfortable using a full name, no need to do so. The Lord knows who you are. Please contact Kathleen Daley: daleykathy90@gmail.com.
Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Stay tuned for details on:
- Teachings by our priests and deacon
- Friday Stations of the Cross
- Adoration and Mass
- Rice Bowls
- Formed.org presentations
- The Light Is On for You and more!

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.

The Year of St. Joseph

On December 8, 2020, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the pope proclaimed a Year of Saint Joseph, which will continue until December 8, 2021, and issued Patris corde (“With a Father’s Heart”), an apostolic letter celebrating the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX’s declaration naming Saint Joseph the patron of the Universal Church.

The pope said he was moved to issue the decree and apostolic letter during the many months of the global pandemic, saying it has shown “how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked.”

The pope said that, “Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

And the pope sees in St. Joseph a model for all Catholics to follow because of the trust he placed in the Lord, even when unsure and facing a difficult situation.

"Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust," the pope said.

For more information on celebrations and events in the Portland Diocese, Plenary Indulgences and how to receive them, prayers to St. Joseph, St. Joseph images, Year of St. Joseph Decree with conditions for Plenary Indulgences, and the Year of St. Joseph Official Website, go to https://portlanddiocese.org/year-of-saint-joseph.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEBRUARY 11TH

The light
Near the Grotto, millions of candles continuously burn since February 25, 1858. That day, Bernadette arrived at the Grotto with a blessed candle which she held, still burning, in her hand until the end of the apparition. Before she left, the Virgin Mary asked her to leave the candle burning in the Grotto. Since then, the candles offered by the pilgrims remain alight day and night. Each year, 700 tons of candles burn for you and those who cannot come. This sign of the light is omnipresent in sacred history. Pilgrims to Lourdes express their hope in a tangible way by carrying a candle in the procession.

The water
“Go and drink at the Spring and wash yourself there”: this is what the Virgin Mary asked of Bernadette Soubirous on February 25, 1858. Lourdes water is not holy water. It is normal water. It has no thermal virtue or specific property. Lourdes water from the Spring became popular because of the miracles associated with it. The people who are cured either apply it or drink it. Bernadette Soubirous herself said: “This water is being taken as medicine… One must have faith, one must pray: this water would have no virtue without faith!” The water of Lourdes is also the sign of another water: that of baptism.

"I do not promise you happiness in this world, but in the next."

FROM: https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/
Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hirling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, “When shall I arise?” then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.
Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious: it is fitting to praise him. The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers.
R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name.
R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The LORD sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground.
R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

READING 2: 1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

GOSPEL ACCL: Mt 8:17
R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mk 1:14-20

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, “Everyone is looking for you.” He told them, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.
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OFFERTORY ENVELOPES ARE IN CHURCH HALLS

Ways that you can pick up your offertory envelopes:

- Stop by the Parish Halls before/at any scheduled Mass time.

- All three churches are open between 12-3pm daily during the week so they can be picked up then as well (if picking up at Our Lady of Good Hope, please let the office know, 236-4785, and we can leave them in the Church vestibule for you)

THANK YOU FROM THE BRAZIL MISSION!

Sr. Priscille Roy, SCIM and the Brazil Mission express the sincerest gratitude for the Brazil Mission donations from the St. Bernard Giving Tree. The contributions are of great assistance in helping to educate poor and needy students in Brazil. May God bless you generously!

THAT MAN IS YOU!

That Man Is You! is up and running again! We meet on Saturdays at 8am at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden. (No food or drink is allowed to be distributed but you may bring your own.) That Man is You! is an interactive men’s program focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best scientific research with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

New members are welcome! To find out more, contact Joe Cammilleri at 975-4634 or email jccam@tidewater.net.

DISCOVER JESUS IN UNEXPECTED PLACES!

Catholic Charities of Maine is sponsoring “The Journey Begins”—a book of reflections written by and for members of the Maine prison ministry and those currently incarcerated in our jails and prisons. These prayerful reflections will touch your heart in their universal themes of suffering, loss, hope and forgiveness. Find God’s healing love in “The Journey Begins.” You can receive these reflections daily in your email inbox by sending your email address to: psm@ccmaine.org (your email address will not be used for any other purpose). FMI 956-1457.

THE INT’L CATHOLIC BIBLE SUMMIT FEB. 11-13

Learn from 70 of the most trusted and inspirational Catholic Bible experts in the Church today on how to confidently and quickly approach the Bible for answers, hope, and peace in your day-to-day challenges and struggles. https://www.cardinalstudios.org/catholic-bible-summit-home

COLLECTION REPORT

https://stbrendanparish.weshareonline.org/

ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week of January 25, 2021 we provided

M - 52, T - 45, W - 50, T - 49, F - 38

Thank you to all the volunteers that made this possible.

Want to help? Call Rich Norman at 691-6400.

Soup Kitchen donations 1/24/21: $46.00

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.