

NEWSLETTER

Trinity Sunday - May 18, 2008

In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine

In and around Cluster 21

May 2008

**May 17, 2008, Saturday,
"Venite a mangiare la
pasta" / Come and Eat
Pasta:** Join parishioners at
St. Peter's for a Pasta &
Meatball Dinner. St. Peter's
Church Hall, \$5 per person,
Desserts are welcomed &
appreciated.

**May 17/18, 2008, Bishop's
Appeal:** The special
collection for the annual
Bishop's Appeal begins on
this day. Bishop Malone
thanks us for our generosity
of time, talent and treasure
in past years, and asks for
our continued generosity
through pledges and
prayers. For more than 35
years, Maine Catholics have
responded to the call that is
now called the Bishop's
Appeal. Just as our local
dollars support our local
churches, we are asked to
make a place in our hearts
for the Diocesan church as
our way of assisting the
special needs of churches
all around the Diocese.
Learn more about the
Bishop's Appeal at the
Diocesan Web site,
www.portlanddiocese.net.

**May 18, 2008, Sunday,
"The Hidden Child Experi-
ence During the Holo-
caust":** Temple Beth El,
400 Deering Avenue,
Portland, 1 - 2:15 p.m.
Come hear the story of
Charles Rotmil, born in
Strasbourg in 1932. He was
one of nearly 400 Jewish
children rescued by Father



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Bruno Reynders during
World War II. Father Bruno,
a Benedictine monk, has
been recognized by Yad
Vashem as "righteous
among nations." Mr. Rotmil
will present his personal
account of hiding during the
Holocaust in Belgium and
France. His story, as seen
through the eyes of a child,
will help us make a personal
connection between the
past and the present. Mr.
Rotmil will be introduced by
Dr. Robert Bernheim,
Executive Director of the
Holocaust and Human
Rights Center of Maine.
Sponsored by the Commu-
nity Relations Committee of
the Jewish Community
Alliance of Southern Maine.

**May 18, 2008, Sunday,
Cluster 21 Pastoral
Council meeting:** Pastors
and delegates from each of
our five parishes will meet
at St. Peter's Church, 2 - 4
p.m. to continue the work of
forming our cluster.

**May 18, 2008, Sunday,
Open House at St. Brigid
School, Deering Cluster:**
1-3 p.m. with opening
remarks and refreshments
beginning at 1 p.m. Dis-
cover St Brigid School, a
PK-8th grade Catholic
school "where excellence,
faith and community
thrive." 695 Stevens
Avenue, Portland.

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Cluster Corner

This week our focus is on
part of one of the breakout
sessions at the May 2
Diocesan Evangelization
Day held at St. John's in
Bangor for clusters through-
out the state.

Business/Finance/Admin- istration/Human Re- sources

In this breakout session, the
group met David Twomey,
Fr. Phil Tracy, Theresa
Schulz, and Peter
McPartland. The Diocesan
Department of Financial
Services is set up under
David Twomey to provide
financial guidance to
parishes. It is a resource to
advise and help with compli-
ance, and to help us through
our problems with regards to
property, technology, human
resources, etc.

As the parishes reorganize
into clusters, the Chancery
is also reorganizing to be in
a better position to provide
this help. Peter McPartland's
is a new position that has
evolved to reflect the

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Children's Corner:

God shows Himself
to us in three ways:
as a loving father, as
a beloved son, and
as a spirit of holiness
and goodness. Jesus
says that when we
know what He's really
like, then we know
about God too.

For more information, visit the Web site www.cluster21portland.org

The Web site contains the most current news and information about Cluster 21, the history, meeting dates and minutes, links to each parish, and a schedule of activities and events throughout the cluster. The Cluster 21 Newsletter is produced by the Communications Committee of the Cluster 21 Pastoral Council with the Cluster 21 bulletin editors.

May 22, 2008, Thursday, First Ever... Values Voter Forum for 1st District:

Please join Maine Right to Life Committee for the first ever Maine Values Voter Congressional Forum on Thursday, May 22 at 7 pm at the University of New England, Westbrook Campus, 716 Stevens Avenue, Portland. This will provide Maine people with an opportunity to hear first-hand from the Candidates their positions concerning the issues that are of such importance to Maine families. This is a non-partisan Forum. Be a proactive presence for PRO-LIFE Maine! Please fellow Maine citizens on May 22nd! FML: Contact Maine Right to Life Committee, PO Box 257, Auburn, ME 04212 Telephone: 782-0101 E-Mail: mrlc@MaineRightToLife.com

May 25, 2008, Sunday, Corpus Christi Feast - Boze Cialo:

St. Louis Parish will be having only one Mass at 10:00 a.m., then following Mass there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to 4 Altars outside the church. An annual tradition at St. Louis, all are welcome.

May 26, 2008, Monday, Memorial Day Mass:

The annual outdoor Mass for deceased Veterans and family members will be held at 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 26th at its usual location in the St. Dominic/Armed Forces section of New Calvary Cemetery, South Portland. Rev. Michael P. Gendreau will be the principal celebrant and homilist. In the event of rain, the Mass will be held in St. John the Evangelist Church on Main Street, South Portland at the same time. Limited chairs are available so bring lawn chairs if you wish. This event is sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Church in cooperation with Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Homes and Cremation Services.

June 2008

June 1, 2008, Plant Sale at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish, 11 a.m.: An annual fundraiser. All proceeds are spent on the Church Garden at Sacred Heart.

June 5, 2008, Thursday, Annual Golf Tournament: 12 Noon shotgun scramble, BBQ dinner after golf. Golfers of all abilities are invited to register. Putting contest, raffle prizes and more. \$80 per golfer, \$320 for a foursome. This is an important benefit for Cathedral School here in Cluster 21. Go to www.cathedraportland.com or call (207) 775-1491.

June 8, 2008, Sunday, Protecting God's Children: This training session will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish on the corner of Sherman and Mellen Streets in Portland. Cluster 21's facilitator is Christine Thibeault. To register, please call the Parish Office at 772-6182.

June 14, 2008, Saturday, Disciples in Mission Reflection Day for Cluster 21: A day of Reflection will be held from 9 am - 12:00 noon at Cathedral Guild Hall for those who participated in Disciples in Mission for Cluster 21. All parishioners are welcome.

June 15-22, 2008, 49th International Eucharistic Congress, Quebec City: Bishop Malone is leading a diocesan pilgrimage from Thursday, June 19 to Sunday, June 22. For details, go to www.portlanddiocese.net. Online registration is available.

June 24, 2008, Share a Flatbread Pizza for Haiti: \$3.50 from every pizza sold between those hours will benefit Sacred Heart / St. Dominic's Haiti Project. Enjoy a good pizza with friends, and do a good deed. 5 to 9 p.m. at Flatbread Company on Commercial Street by the Casco Bay Ferry Terminal.

June 28, 2008, Saturday, Anniversary Celebrations with Bishop Malone: "Bishop Richard J. Malone and Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute invite couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th and 70th wedding anniversaries to celebrate a special Silver and Gold Mass on Saturday, June 28, at 4:30 p.m. at the Cathedral in Portland. RSVP by June 13th to 871-7464, ext. 2670 or 800-CARE-002, ext. 2670. A light reception will follow.

July 2008

July 11, 12 & 13, 2008, Pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre: The Sodality of St. Anne, in Westbrook, is sponsoring this trip with a side trip to Quebec City. For more information contact Marilyn Foster, 854-1199. Each parish office has, or can obtain a copy of the itinerary, costs and registration form.

Save the Date:

Friday, October 17, 2008 Cathedral School gala fundraising event! Hundreds of fantastic auction items will be up for bid...Remember, you can Christmas shop with us AND support Cathedral School at the same time! 775-1491.

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reorganization. He is the primary go-to person for parish leadership regarding financial issues... a support desk for parishes. The way Peter's work ties into evangelization is by promoting stewardship and business administration.

Stewardship is usually directed toward individual blessings. Peter's role is about caring for the Church's assets and blessings. What drives the result is having the best information available to maximize what we have. While stewardship drives it, careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care is what Peter's role is about. Peter's current projects includes forming the Cluster Business Coordinator's Conference. The conference has ten members now, and the goal is to get it up to 29. They have met already, and have found it helpful to have business coordinators from different clusters get together to bring their concerns to Chancery.

Peter is also involved in parish mergers, having merged 35 parishes into 12; 140, down to 108. July 1 will see another 29 merge into 8, with the Diocesan parish count in the low 80's and benefits of the mergers being seen.

Next week, "Cluster Corner" will continue with details about the Human Resources portion of Evangelization Day, Spring 2008.

More information about Cluster 21 events can be found online at www.cluster21portland.org

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