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of Portland, Maine*

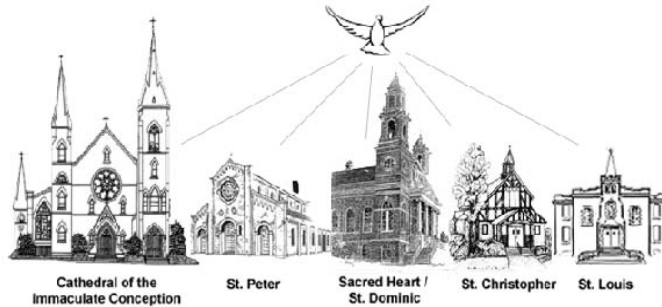
NEWSLETTER

*Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time
June 22, 2008*

In and around Cluster 21

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 24-27, 2008, "VBS" Vacation Bible School at St. Peter's Church: Please remember that Vacation Bible School starts Tuesday, June 24 and runs through Friday, June 27, 9:00 a.m. to noon! The theme is 'Power Lab' where kids get to be junior funologists and learn about Jesus' miracles! It is not too late to sign up!" The fee is \$20 per child with a \$45 maximum per family, due at registration on Tuesday. VBS could really use a few more ADULT volunteers to help throughout the week, too! This program is called "the Easy VBS" for a good reason—every last detail is already written so there are no last minute worries!



**So do not be afraid;
you are worth more
than many sparrows.**

Please consider joining VBS and registering your children for some great fun! Sign up at www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/stpetersportland, call Rachel Johns at 854-2797, or call St. Peter's Church directly at 773-0748. Volunteers should be at St. Peter's Church at 8:45 each day. If your children are coming, please do not drop them off before 8:45 and for safety purposes, please bring all children into the church hall and help them find their Crew Leaders. At noon, our program ends and we ask that parents or another pre-designated person come into the church hall to pick up the children. They will not be allowed to wait outside.

Thank you and please pray that once again we are able to reach out and touch the lives of so many with such a great program! It is run fully by volunteers who are committed to enriching the lives of our children!

June 26, 2008, Thursday: The Auxiliary to Mercy Hospital will hold its annual Fashion Show at the Marriott at Sable Oaks in South Portland. The Auxiliary is a dedicated group of individuals who support Mercy Health System through their contribution of time, talent and service providing \$80,000 annually. This year's event will feature cancer survivor models with a "Celebrating Life" theme.

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Cluster Corner

On Saturday, June 14, 2008 at Cathedral's Guild Hall, approximately 36 people from Cluster 21 gathered for a Disciples in Mission Day of Reflection. Fr. Kevin Martin led an opening prayer and kicked off a group discussion. Then, much like the Lenten small group gatherings, the group broke off into six random small groups for further discussions of the goals of Disciples in Mission to see what we might have accomplished through those six weeks of the Lenten program in our cluster.

One small group was charged with discussion of the goal to foster an appreciation of scripture study by more frequent study, study in small groups, and through more thorough scripture studies.

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Children's Corner:

**Jesus' story
about the tiny
sparrows tells
us how very
much we are
loved by Him.**

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.

Women's fashions will be provided by Benoit's, Carlisle Collection, Saco Bay Classics, Serendipity, Simply You, and Simply You Too. Men's fashions will be provided by Benoit's, Joseph's, and S \$ K Famous Brands. Ticket's are \$40 pp or \$500 for a Reserved Table of Ten (includes dinner). All proceeds from this event with benefit The Oncology-Hematology Center at Mercy. Call the Development Office for a reservation. 879-3486.

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 5, 2008, Saturday: 2008 St. Christopher Church Fair, Peaks Island, 11:00 AM~2:00 PM, Lobster Roll Lunch, Hot Dogs & Hamburgers, Raffle Tables, Silent Auction, Baked Goods Table, White Elephant Table, Kid's Games, Horse Rides, and much

more! From the Ferry, go left at the top of hill & go past Plante's Gas & Laundry & take the right on to Central Ave. (About 5 minutes from the dock!)

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.

July 12, 2008, Saturday, Celebrate Life! Walk: Join Pro-Life Maine this summer... Support and Celebrate the Gift of Life! Join family, friends, and community leaders as we Walk for Life! Only 2 Miles! Anyone can participate! Go Green For Life! Take a heart-healthy Walk. It's easy! It's fun. Help build the Culture of Life—one step at a time. Don't just "talk the talk". Now we can "walk the Walk!" Proceeds benefit unborn babies and their moms—love them both! Join with hundreds of joyful, pro-lifers across Maine on Saturday, July 12, 2008. For more information contact Team Leader Mary Ibrahim at 838-8095 or e-mail marykiely1@yahoo.com.

Maine Right to Life Committee, PO Box 257 Auburn, ME 04212 phone 782-0101.

July 28 - 31, 2008, Advanced Christian Leadership Institute: Presented by the Office of Youth Ministry, this is a nationally recognized leadership training camp for youth and adults that has been offered in Maine for over 20 years. Registration deposits are due July 1st. For more information, call Veronica Carbonneau at 594-5019. Scholarships are available.

Dates to Save:

August 7-9, 2008: The Initiation Experience: Beginnings" for all who are interested in learning about implementing a strong RCIA Tuition is \$225 per person. Registration information is available through each Parish Office throughout Cluster 21.

September 10, 2008: Public Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new *Mercy at the Fore*. www.mercyhospital.org/mercyfore/.

September 14, 2008: Redemptorist Mission retreat is intended to complement the goals

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One point was made that the way we focus on youth is important since they are the Church's future. There was a feeling among the group that we need to bring the Church back to a strong faith, and that becoming a cluster is partly so that we can get our act together, and the Church be more cohesive. It was agreed that people are more intelligent as a group.

Another point was that in the past, Catholics were not necessarily taught to be Bible readers. Perhaps in some kind of way, that has made our desire for the Word a bit more "organic" than it might have been otherwise.

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and objectives of Disciples in Mission as we move forward with our evangelizing mission. Watch for more details.

September 27, 2008: Third annual Silent Auction at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish to benefit the mission and ministry of the parish. An fun annual event. Watch for more details.

Friday, October 17, 2008 Cathedral School gala fundraising event! Hundreds of fantastic auction items will be up for bid...Call 775-1491 for more information.

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