

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

In and around Cluster 21

August 2008

**Wednesday, August 6,
2008, 7 p.m. Natural
Family Planning**

Catholic Charities Maine
Family Life Institute
Services' introductory
session on Natural
Family Planning, at St.
Paul Center in Augusta.
Engaged and married
couples are invited.
Learn to manage fertility
within the design for
human happiness.
Contact 1-800-CARE-
002, ext 2626 or
familylifeinstitute
@ccmaine.org to
register.

**Friday, August 15, 2008,
the Solemnity of the
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

The solemnity is
celebrated as a holy day
of obligation this year in
the dioceses of the
United States. Mass
times vary in our five
peninsula and island
parishes, and will be
published in next week's
Newsletter.

**August 15, 16, 17, 2008,
The 83rd Annual St.
Peter's Bazaar 2008:**

This important
fundraising weekend for
St. Peter's Church kicks
off with St. Peter's



BENEDICT XVI'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

VATICAN CITY, 31 JUL 2008 (VIS) - Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for August is: "That the human family may know how to respect God's design for the world and thus become ever more aware of the great gift of God which Creation represents for us".

His mission intention is: "That the answer of the entire people of God to the common vocation to sanctity and mission may be promoted and fostered, with careful discernment of the charisms and a constant commitment to spiritual and cultural formation".

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signature 22nd Annual 4
Mile Run on Friday. The
Children's Fun Run
begins ½ hour before
the race and parents
are encouraged to walk
or run with their children.
Then on Saturday &
Sunday St. Peter's
Church will be celebrating
The Assumption &
Feast of St. Rocco.
Savor the incredible
canolli, mouth watering

ziti & meatballs, the
most amazing sausage
& peppers, homemade
Italian cookies, and of
course St. Peter's
crowd pleasing pizza &
delicious fried dough
from booths operated
by families of St. Peter's
Church. This is an 82
year old tradition at St.
Peter's. All are welcome!

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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.

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2008*

Cluster Corner

The ideal parish
reorganization plan
emphasizes mission,
the role of the laity and
parish collaboration.

*Seek First the
Kingdom of God*

**Wednesday, August
13, 2008, Save the
Date for the Cookie
Bake!** St. Peter's needs
all available men,
women & children to roll,
frost and sprinkle cook-
ies for their annual
bazaar. August 13th,
start at 8 a.m. and bake
until completion in St.
Peter's Parish Hall.
Lunch will be provided.
Donations of anise
flavoring and cookie
sprinkles will be greatly
appreciated.

Children's Corner:

No matter what,
Jesus reminds us
every day that
we have what we
need when we
follow Him in His
ways, and learn
to give to others.

Sunday, August 17, 2008, Protecting God's Children will be held at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., facilitated by Christine Thibeault. Please register in advance for this session by calling Lori Arsenault at 772-6182 between 4 - 8 p.m., or by writing to tsacredh@maine.rr.com.

Protecting God's Children is a program designed to educate adults on how to recognize the warning signs that might indicate that a child is being abused, and the behavior predators use prior to abusing their victims. Attendance at one of the many Protecting God's Children sessions held around the diocese is required for all diocesan employees, and for all volunteers who work with children. Learn more by clicking the "Child & Youth Protection" link at www.portlanddiocese.com.

September 2008 Saturday, September 6, 2008: The annual Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Yard Sale in support of the parish's Haiti Project is September 6, from 9 to 2, at the corner of Stevens and Ludlow--on the Deering High School lawn. For information about donating items to be sold, please call 773-6562.

"Why spend your money for what is not bread: your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare." - Isaiah

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 Public Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new Mercy at the Fore. For more information about this new hospital facility, go to <http://www.mercyhospital.org/mercyfore/>

Sunday, September 14, 2008 "Gather Us - A Maine Mission": This Redemptorist Mission retreat is intended to complement the goals and objectives of Disciples in Mission, and presents an opportunity for our parishioners to experience spiritual services, sermons and sacraments that focus on the major themes of our Catholic faith. The Redemptorists possess a rich legacy of preaching redemption - about what Christ has done to set us free from the evils of sin. This will be a time of great grace for the Diocese of Portland, an occasion of healing, conversion, and reconciliation for our parishes and our people. Watch for more information.

Friday, September 27, 2008: Third annual Silent Auction at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish to benefit the mission and ministry of the parish. A fun annual event to be held directly following the 4 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.

Friday, October 3, 2008 at 6 p.m., Dinner and Reception: Bishop Richard Malone will preside at a Mass to be held at the Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul, Lewiston, to which all are welcome, followed by a dinner-reception at the Martindale Country Club. A benefit for Guest House ministries for priests and religious struggling with alcohol addiction, The featured guest speaker will be Maine storyteller, John McDonald. For more information, call Kathy Schiffer, Guest House's Director of Special Events, toll-free at 1-800-626-6910.

Friday, October 17, 2008, 2nd Annual Harvest Ball: Join Bishop Malone at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland at this benefit for Harvest Magazine. Dance to the music of The Tony Boffa Band and get in on the fun of the silent auction. Ticket

price is \$60 per person or \$100 per couple for this black tie optional event. For details, visit www.portlanddiocese.org.

Friday, October 24, 2008 Cathedral School gala fundraising event! Hundreds of fantastic auction items will be up for bid. Support our Cluster school, and do some Christmas shopping for a good cause. Call 775-1491 for more information.

Give Thanks

Hour of Power is held each Wednesday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Peter's Church. This hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Praise and Worship is sponsored by VERITAS Young Adult Ministry of Portland. A priest will be present to celebrate the Holy Hour, and for Reconciliation.

For our deaf community members, the Parish Inclusion Ministry of Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute would like to make parishioners aware that interpreters are available at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Anthony of Padua in Westbrook.

Retrouvaille: A retreat for married couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriages. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

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