

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

NEWSLETTER

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2008*

In and around Cluster 21

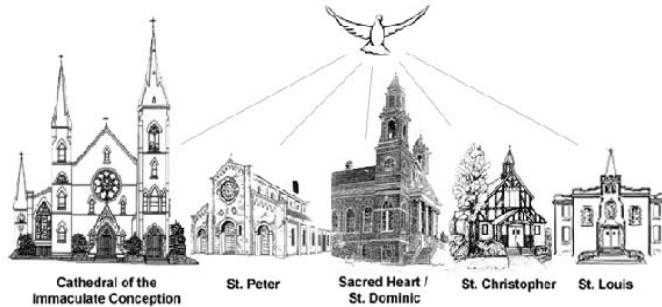
Wednesday, August 13, 2008, Change of Place: The Hour of Power that is normally held each Wednesday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Peter's Church will be at Cathedral on August 13th. It is sponsored by VERITAS Young Adult Ministry of Portland. A priest is present each week to celebrate the Holy Hour, and for Reconciliation.

Friday, August 15, 2008, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated as a holy day of obligation this year in the dioceses of the United States.

Vigil Mass on Aug 14:
4:30 p.m. at Cathedral,
7 p.m. at St. Peter's.

Mass during the Day:

- St. Peter's, 7 a.m.
- Cathedral: 8 a.m.
(Traditional Latin Mass),
12:15 and 7 p.m., (note:
those going to the 7p.m.
Mass at Cathedral need
to enter on the
Cumberland Avenue side
due to St. Peter's Road
Race),
- Sacred Heart / St.
Dominic, 6 p.m.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The "Safe Environment" training, *Protecting God's Children*, will be given at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 17, 2008, facilitated by Christine Thibeault. These training sessions are required for all clergy and employees of the church, and any volunteers who work regularly with children.

Protecting God's Children is an awareness session that instructs the adults of our churches to protect our children from child sexual abuse through awareness, vigilance and empowerment.

To register for this session, call Lori at 415-1979.

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 cookies 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.

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 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

continued on reverse...

Family Fun!

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.

Cluster Corner

What do YOU think about Cluster 21, our 5 parish cluster here in Portland, Maine. Please send your observations, comments and questions to webmaster@cluster21portland.org. With your permission, these will be shared with the Cluster 21 Pastoral Council in September.

Just like in this week's Gospel, we are all in the same boat with our fellow disciples. Jesus speaks to us all now just as He did then.

Children's Corner:

Some days it seems like everything goes wrong no matter if you're little or big. When that happens, Jesus says, "Do not be afraid, I am here." So, do not be afraid. He is here with us. Just do what Jesus says to do, and it will get better.

& 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, home-made 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!

Sunday, August 17, 2008, Protecting God's Children, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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 415-1979, or writing to: tsacredh@maine.rr.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.

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. 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.

Saturday, 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.

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.

Promote Catholic Education: Our Cluster elementary school is rich in ethnic diversity, and encourages and broadens children's understanding of social justice and peace, and has Jesus for a role model of behavior. Visit or call Cathedral School. For information, go to www.cathedralportland.com.

Struggling with Alcohol/Drug Issues? Catholic Charities of Maine Counseling Services offers confidential substance abuse and mental health counseling for those experiencing problems and/or family members needing assistance. Immediate appointments available. Walk-ins welcome. Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 250 Anderson Street, Portland, or call 775-5671.

Volunteer opportunities: Volunteer opportunities exist in every parish. Lead the way, and contact your parish office to find out how to help.



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