

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

NEWSLETTER

*The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17 & 18, 2009*

Disciples in Mission

Schedule for Lent 2009

January 24-25:

Sign-up Sunday one

January 31-Feb. 1:

Sign-up Sunday two

First Week of February

*Confirm small group leaders
and assign people to small
groups.*

February 7, A Disciples in Mission retreat for Year B

is being held at St. Max in Scarborough from 9 a.m. to noon. A registration fee will be collected at the door of \$1 to be donated to a local food pantry. Please register in advance by sending your name, parish name and phone number to Anne Connolly, Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, 510 Ocean Ave., Portland, ME, 04104. Consider attending as a parish team as we prepare for our second year.

February 14-15 and

**February 21- Distribution of
Materials in Parishes**

Ash Wednesday - February 25

1st Sunday of Lent - March 1

2nd Sunday of Lent - March 8

3rd Sunday of Lent - March 15

4th Sunday of Lent - March 22

5th Sunday of Lent - March 29

Palm Sunday - April 5th

Easter Sunday - April 12th



Highlights from the Pastoral Council

The Cluster 21 Pastoral Council had their monthly meeting last Sunday in St. Peter's Parish Hall. Along with the council and clergy from Cluster 21, present for this meeting was Fr. Lou Phillips, who will become the Cluster 21 Administrator as of January 30, 2009. Discussion included updates on the collaborative work we have done as a cluster in Faith Formation, communication, and beginning to plan once again for the start of Disciples in Mission in Lent.

In other business, Lee Kimball of St. Louis Parish was named Vice-Chair of the Council, and a timeline was discussed for hiring a cluster business manager and parish life coordinator. The complete minutes of the meeting can be found on the Cluster 21 Web site:
www.cluster21portland.org

CATHEDRAL SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

THE FROG PRINCE & THE PRINCESS BRAT

written by Jeannette R. Jaquish
directed by Christina Klein

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17
7PM**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18
2PM**

Tickets at the Door
\$5 Adults
\$2 Students

CATHEDRAL GUILD HALL

MECA at CATHEDRAL
Maine College of Art &
Cathedral School Art Outreach Program

Sponsored by:
Craig & Dolly Foster

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Children's Corner:
Jesus said to his friends, "come and see." We follow Jesus today by listening to his words, thinking his thoughts, and doing his deeds in the world around us.

Find information about Cluster 21 at 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.

**YEAR OF ST. PAUL
PLENARY
INDULGENCE
JANUARY 25, 2009**

**10:00 AM MASS with
Bishop Richard J. Malone
Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception**

*Pope Benedict XVI has
declared this year the Year of
St. Paul*

"During this Pauline Year, Catholics can receive a plenary indulgence by meeting certain conditions. Those include sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father; plus participating in either a pilgrimage to the papal Basilica of St. Paul or a publicly-held religious event in the saint's honor (Mass, Scripture study, etc.) on specified days. These days include **Jan. 25, 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**, and also at 2 p.m. in Lewiston, where there will be an ecumenical service at the basilica, and June 29, (the close of the Pauline Year) and in holy places designated by Bishop Richard Malone.

The bishop has named St. Louis, Fort Kent, St. Paul, Patten; St. John Bangor, Ss. Peter & Paul Basilica, Lewiston; and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland, as indulgenced churches.

A plenary indulgence is the 'full remission of the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven.' Through sacramental confession, our sins are forgiven and our relationship with the Lord is restored. However, we continue to experience the worldly effects of sin (think of the ache that remains despite the fact that a broken bone has healed).

Through acts of prayer, penance and charity, the repentant sinner is fully purified from these consequences of sin and enters more deeply into the mystery of Christ's life."

**January 25 begins
Catholic Schools Week**

All are welcome to **celebrate the opening of Catholic Schools Week by attending the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, January 25 at the Cathedral.** Many of our students will be there and taking part in the liturgy.

Cathedral School's 200 Club. Support our Cluster 21 elementary school with an annual membership of \$60. To register, simply send a card that says, "Yes, I want to be a "Cathedral School 200 Club Member" along with your name, address and telephone number to Cathedral School, 14 Locust St. Portland, ME 04101. Make check payable to "Cathedral School 200 Club. Seven winners are drawn monthly!

*Promote
Catholic Education*

Weekend Mass Schedule in Cluster 21

Saturday Masses

- 9:00 a.m. St. Louis (first Saturday of the month, for the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
- 4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic
- 4:00 p.m. St. Peter
- 4:30 p.m. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- 5:00 p.m. St. Louis

Sunday Masses

- 8:00 a.m. St. Peter
- 8:30 a.m. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- 9:00 a.m. St. Louis, (Polish Mass)
- 9:45 a.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic, with choir
- 10:00 a.m. Cathedral, with choir
- 10:00 a.m. St. Christopher
- 10:30 a.m. St. Peter
- 11:00 a.m. St. Louis
- 12:00 p.m. Cathedral Chapel (Latin Mass)
- 12:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic, (Spanish Mass)
- 5:00 p.m., Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- 6:00 p.m., Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

Hour of Power started up this week at St. Peter's, and will be there for the next two Wednesdays, Jan 21, 28. The Feb 4 location is not yet confirmed. The remainder of Feb (11, 18, 25) is again at St. Peter's. Hour of Power is sponsored by Veritas, Portland's young adult ministry.

**World Marriage Day
February 8, 2009
wmd.wwme.org/intro.html**

Invest in your Marriage and reap the benefits...

You'll get more from spending just 44 hours together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend than you would from a 10 day romantic cruise. Sign up now to join us for the weekend of March 20-22 in Lewiston or April 24-26 in Presque Isle. The weekend is designed as a private experience between husband and wife that develops deeper communication, restores hopes and dreams, renews passion, affirms the

uniqueness of each couple and inspires good marriages to grow into even better marriages. The registration fee is \$50 and a freewill donation will be accepted at the end of the weekend. For more information or to register contact Dave & Ellie at 207-933-4237 or go to www.wwmeNewEngland.org.

Preparing for Marriage?

Our Cluster-wide Marriage Prep program ("Unitas") is starting soon for couples seeking marriage preparation. This is a time tested program that has benefited many couples over the years. Sessions will held in Cathedral Guild Hall at 6 p.m. on the following dates: **March 8, March 15, March 22, Mar. 29, Apr. 5, Apr. 19, and Apr. 26.** For more information, contact Steve & Kathy Beirne at 772-2968.

Retrouvaille: Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. The next weekend is March 20-22, 2009. Find out more at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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LINE, 774-7120.
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are not used.**

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Cluster 21
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for more information**

Living Water Spiritual Center has released their February 2009 programs and retreats, including "Immigration and the Spirituality of Hospitality," "Forgiving and Letting Go," and "A Modern Prophet of Compassion." Learn more by calling the retreat center at 872-2370, or visit www.retreatinmaine.com.



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