

PORTLAND PENINSULA AND ISLAND PARISHES
NEWSLETTER

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

*The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 14/15, 2009*

Marriage Preparation

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.

Invest in your Marriage and reap the benefits... Sign up now for a *Marriage Encounter* weekend on March 20-22 in Lewiston. Contact Dave & Ellie at 207-933-4237 or go to www.wmeNewEngland.org.



As Lent approaches, our parish and cluster is preparing for *Disciples in Mission*. This renewal experience will involve our parishioners in a number of special activities during the six weeks of Lent, especially the weekly faith-sharing groups, teen groups and family groups.



THEREFORE GO AND
MAKE DISCIPLES
OF ALL NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM
IN THE NAME OF THE
FATHER & OF
THE **SON & OF THE**
HOLY SPIRIT...

MATTHEW
28:19

Each group or family will learn about the Scriptures, and apply the Scriptures to daily life. For more information, ask around, or call your parish office.

For more information about Disciples in Mission, please visit the cluster Web at:

www.cluster21portland.org/disciplesinmission.htm

What's in a name?

Throughout this clustering process, there have been those people commenting on the name, "Cluster 21," saying in essence, "that's not a name." No, it is not our name.

So in response, last weekend at the regular monthly meeting of the Cluster Pastoral Council, it was decided that henceforth, our cluster would be known as the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes.

What's in a name? Identity, unity, and a sense of place... like children who know their family's home address and telephone number. In that regard, we are now the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes (formerly known as Cluster 21).

Children's Corner:

It's hard to keep good deeds a secret, and sometimes it really is best to tell when someone has done something good. When trying to decide, the godly thing to look for is the one thing that is best for everyone involved, especially the least.

Find the Catholic Community of the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes online at www.cluster21portland.org

The Web site contains the most current news and information about our five parish community, the history, meeting dates and minutes, links to each parish, and a schedule of activities and events throughout the cluster. This Newsletter is produced by the Communications Committee of the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes Pastoral Council together with the bulletin editors of each parish.

The Church is Young!

Cathedral School, the right choice: Imagine a place where children begin every day with scripture and prayer, and where Jesus is the role model of behavior. Visit or call Cathedral School. For more information about Cathedral School, go to <http://www.cathedralportland.com/>

Junior High Youth Ministry: is held the first and third Sundays of each month in the Cathedral Guild Hall, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Theology Underground will meet every two weeks in February: The next meetings will be February 5 and 19, at Cathedral from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. Fr. Kevin will be there to open the sacristy by 6:50 p.m.

The next Hour of Power will be at St. Peter Parish on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 7 p.m. The Hour of Power is sponsored by Veritas, Portland's young adult ministry.

February 28-March 1, 2009, Retreat for College Students: Come away to Frenchville, Maine, meet other young adults, do some soul searching, and get in touch with God who lives within each person. The retreat is free, and sponsored by Maine Councils of the Knight's of Columbus and Maine Councils of the Daughter's of Isabella. Registration begins Friday, February 27 at 7 p.m. and the retreat ends with lunch on Sunday, March 1. Topics include:

- 7 Basic Needs of the Human Person*
- "Who Am I?"*
- "Where is God in All this Mess?"*
- "What Am I Supposed to Do When I Grow Up?"*

Presenters will include Fr. Bob Vaillancourt, priest of the Diocese of Portland; Joe Mailhot, campus minister at USM & UNE; and Josh Houde, campus minister at UMFK. A downloadable registration form is available at our Cluster Web site. For more information, please call 207-551-7974.

For information about any Cluster 21 liturgies, programs, or events, contact your parish office, or visit www.cluster21portland.org.

Presider Schedule for this week

Saturday, February 14, 2009

4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Lou
 4:00 p.m. St. Peter - Fr. Kevin
 4:30 p.m. Cathedral - Fr. Mike
 5:00 p.m. St. Louis - Fr. Richard

Sunday, February 15, 2009

8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Mike
 8:30 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou
 9:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Kevin
 9:45 a.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard
 10:00 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou
 10:00 a.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Fred Morse
 10:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Mike
 11:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Kevin
 12:00 p.m. Cathedral (Latin Mass) - Fr. Robert Parent
 12:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic (Spanish Mass) - Fr. Phil Tracy
 5:00 p.m. Cathedral - Fr. Mike
 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard

Monday, February 9, 2009

7:00 a.m. St. Peter
 12:15 pm. Cathedral
 5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

Tuesday, February 10 2009

7:00 a.m. St. Peter
 12:15 pm. Cathedral
 5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

7:00 a.m. St. Peter
 12:00 p.m. St. Christopher
 12:15 pm. Cathedral
 5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

Thursday, February 12, 2009

7 a.m. St. Peter
 12:15 pm. Cathedral
 5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic
 6:30 p.m. St. Louis

Friday, February 13, 2009

7 a.m. St. Peter
 12:15 pm. Cathedral
 5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

Saturday, February 21, 2009

4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Kevin
 4:00 p.m. St. Peter - Fr. Richard
 4:30 p.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou
 5:00 p.m. St. Louis - Fr. Mike

Sunday, February 22, 2009

8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Kevin
 8:30 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou
 9:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Mike
 9:45 a.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard
 10:00 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou
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Change in Confession Schedule

Beginning with the first weekend of Lent, Feb 28/ March 1, 2009, the confession schedule will be as follows:

Saturdays, 3-4 p.m.,
 Cathedral

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 Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

Sundays, 12:00 noon in
 Spanish, Sacred Heart /
 St. Dominic Parish

Please note that Saturday confessions will no longer be scheduled for St. Peter in order to facilitate the extended time for confessions at the Cathedral location. During busier times, two priests will now be available for confessions at the Cathedral.

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.

Faith, Hope and Love. The greatest of these is Love.



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