

NEWSLETTER



In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 2/3, 2009

Cathedral School News

Cathedral School is Off to See the Wizard! The Cathedral School Drama Club will present an original rendition L. Frank Baum's classic "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," adding to an eventful weekend for Cathedral students and parishioners. Read below to May 15, 16 and 17 for the details.

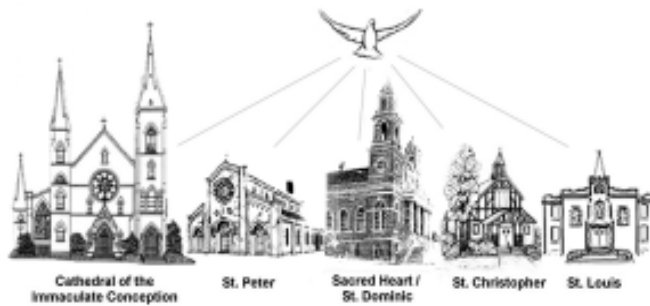
Golf for Cathedral School on Thursday, June 4, 2009. Nonesuch River Golf Club 773-2726, Be a Player. Be a Sponsor! Good time, great cause.

Attention Runners! Get ready for the East End 5K to Benefit Cathedral School: It's not until September 5, but it's time to start training now! Let's give our wonderful Cluster school a good run for the money.

It takes a whole community to raise a child

Cathedral School, the right choice: 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/>

Call 775-1491 to learn about these and other goings on at Cathedral School, our Cluster Catholic Elementary School.



Our Catholic Community

Sunday May 3, 2009, 12 p.m. St. Louis Church Plaque Unveiling Ceremony to honor the early Polish immigrants who built the church in 1915: Following the ceremony there will be a potluck luncheon in the parish hall. Share a favorite family dish with fellow parishioners. Internationally acclaimed musician Jacek Slawiec will perform. Let's pray for good weather and a beautiful day! Coordinated by Chairman, St Louis Parish Life and Social Justice Committee, Maciej Gustav Tasarz.

Thursday, May 7, 2009, National Day of Prayer: Join neighboring clusters at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish on May 7th for an Hour of Prayer for our nation. This date is the National Day of Prayer as tens of thousands across the nation come before God in prayer. In God's Word we read *"If my people who are called by My Name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, I will forgive their sins and I will heal their land."* 2 Chronicles 7:14

May 14, 2009 - Day program on scripture using Lectio Divina: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Marie Joseph Spiritual Center, 10 Evans Road, Biddeford Pool, ME, 284-5671.

Unity Day at Cathedral School, Saturday, May 16, 2009: Games, International Food Fest and a Talent Show! It all starts at 10 a.m.

May 15, 16, 17, Cathedral School's Drama Club presents "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." Doors open one half hour before each show. Tickets are \$5.00 for Adults and \$2.00 for students, and are available at the door. Find all the details at the cluster Web site, or call the school for more information, 773-2726.

Thursday, May 21, 2009, Neophyte Mass at the Cathedral, 7 p.m.: Those who were newly received into the Church, and their families and friends, are invited to attend this special Mass with Bishop Malone so as to rejoice in their initiation into the faith.

Monday, May 25, 2009, Memorial Day at Calvary Cemetery: Every year Conroy Tully Crawford holds a special Mass at 9 a.m. on Memorial Day. The Mass takes place at Calvary Cemetery in South

Raising Children

So, if it takes a whole community to raise a child, who needs parents?? **We all do!!**

See, it takes a whole community to help our parents, who may actually have one of the most important jobs on the planet. The next generation will not only inherit what we have created for them, and try to fix it, but will have the opportunity to create something of their own. Do we just hope for the best?

As co-creators with the Most High, our own Creator, let us teach them well who to follow in every situation they will face. Lord, bless our children.

Children's Corner:

Today, Jesus talks about himself as a shepherd who loves his sheep more than anything else in the whole world. We are his sheep. Jesus is our good shepherd who would only lead his sheep the right way. We should trust him, listen to his words, and let him teach us to do good.

Find more about 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

Maine Marriage Initiative

During the next couple of weeks, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, the churches in our cluster along with other faith denominations will be gathering signatures from Catholics and Christians who are opposed to the redefinition of traditional marriage in Maine. By signing, you show your support for traditional marriage and your opposition to the bill that would allow same-sex couples to marry in our state. The signatures will be delivered to Maine legislators as a way to encourage them to support a NO VOTE on same-sex marriage in Maine. Please take time to sign your name and also consider contacting our legislators to oppose the passing of this bill and ask your family and your friends to join us in preserving traditional marriage. Documents at entrance to sign, for more information go to the web site at www.mainemarriageinitiative.com

Our Catholic Community

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Portland. This year's celebrant will be Bishop Malone, therefore, there will be no Masses that day at Cathedral. All parishioners of the cluster are encouraged to attend the Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery on Monday, May 25 at 9 a.m.

Sunday, May 31, 2009: Cursillo: The next School of Leaders will be held at Camp Mechuana, Winthrop, on May 31, at 1:00pm. School of Leaders is not a commitment to be on a team but an opportunity to learn more about the Cursillo Movement and to bring you closer to Christ. For more information, call Joe Presti 377-3488.

Saturday, June 6, 2009, Disciples in Mission Reflection Day: Save the date for this day of reflection about year two of Disciples in Mission. All are welcome, 9 a.m. to noon, Cathedral Guild Hall.

Saturday, June 13, 2009, Annual Silver & Gold Mass, Bishop Richard Malone will preside at the annual Silver & Gold Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. This special liturgy honors couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, 65 and 70 years of marriage during 2009. Watch for more info.

St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen is in dire need of men's clothing: khakis, chinos, blue jeans, tee-shirts, polos, sweatshirts--any type of clothing which is suitable for everyday use. At this time, they are unable to accept dress suits or sports jackets. Drop off is Friday morning. Thank you for generously helping those who need a leg up. For information please phone: Cluster 22: Charlene Hagen 883-1645; Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes: Bob Rand, 774-8730 after 3 p.m.; Deering Cluster: Arthur Ledue 774-7538

VERITAS portland's young adult ministry

Hour of Power - Praise the Lord with music, worship and Eucharistic Adoration! Veritas, Portland's Young Adult Ministry, invites community members to this weekly event at St. Peter's Church, 72 Federal St in Portland, Wednesdays at 7pm. Our next date is Wednesday, May 13th. To offer your musical talents or for more info contact Becky at hourofpowerportland@gmail.com or call Chris @ 653-1429. This event is open to ALL AGES.

This weekend's presiders are:

Saturday, May 2, 2009

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

Sunday, May 3, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Lou
- 8:30 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Kevin
- 9:00 a.m. St. Louis -
- 9:45 a.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard
- 10:00 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Kevin
- 10:00 a.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Fred
- 10:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Lou
- 11:00 a.m. St. Louis -
- 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. Lou
- 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Cathedral Chapel

Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:30 p.m., Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

Sundays, 12:00 noon (Spanish) Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

Or by appointment:

Fr. Lou or Fr. Mike 773-7746
Fr. Kevin 773-0748
Fr. Richard 772-6182
Fr. Fred 766-2585

Confessions at St. Anthony Friary: the Franciscan priests at the monastery at 28 Beach Street in Kennebunkport hear confessions every Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Directions can be found at <http://www.framon.net/>

We're not alone

Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute offers many service for families in both good times and in bad. For information, call 1-800-CARE-002 ext. 2670, or e-mail familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org.

Daily Masses

Monday

7:00 a.m. St. Peter
12:15 pm. Cathedral
No Mass at SHSDP on Mondays

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

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7 a.m. St. Peter
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5:00 p.m. St. Christopher
5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic
6:30 p.m. St. Louis

Friday

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION	
Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes	
Please credit this offering to:	
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A Five Parish Offertory Envelope is available in every church in our cluster. Use them to direct cash and check contributions to your parish of registration when you are attending one of the other parishes in our cluster. Your regular budget envelope can also be used.



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