

PORTLAND PENINSULA AND ISLAND PARISHES
NEWSLETTER

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

*The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 13/14, 2009*

The Holy Name Cookout was a huge success

The St. Peter's Holy Name Society held its annual cookout for the mentally challenged at Camp Gregory on June 6th. 200 people registered for the event and were given a beautiful sunny day. Thanks to all of the volunteers, many were fed and sent home with goody bags and big smiles. Many of the volunteers commented about how good they felt after working at the picnic. Anyone interested in the Holy Name Society, which is a men's club, can contact Salvatore Bonetti at 871-7300.

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.

Children's Corner:

Today we think again in a very special way about all that Jesus did for us, so that we could have a good community with whom we live and learn day by day.



8th grade letter: Cathedral School held their 8th grade promotion ceremony last week during the 5 pm Mass at Cathedral. Seventeen students were promoted. In addition to students bringing up the offertory, the following letter was read by 8th grader Teresa St. Pierre thanking everyone for their support.

Dear Members of Cathedral and Our Peninsula and Island Parishes,

The 8th Grade Class wants to thank each of you who have supported our education at Cathedral School!

We want to thank the priests who have come in to answer our puzzling questions; who have attended our school's programs; and, have guided us through their homilies at Mass and celebrations of the Eucharist.

We want to thank Sr. Theresa, our Middle Level Teachers past and present, all the teachers at Cathedral School for their teaching, and Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Walsh for their care for us. Thank you most especially for your encouragement of us and your belief in us!

We thank one another for the friendships we have formed, for the good times and the bad times, the fun times and the challenges.

And, we thank our parents who wanted us to get a good, strong education furthered by Catholic Teachings.

Thank you so much to all who have supported our education in any way.

Pray for us as we move on to High School; and know that we will keep you in our prayers.

Love, the Entire 8th Grade Class

The 8th grade class also sends their thanks to everyone who participated in their fundraising car wash and bottle drive on Saturday, May 23rd to raise funds for their class trip and promotion banquet. Well done!

Clergy Assignments

This week Bishop Richard J. Malone announced two clergy assignments that concern our cluster.

Father Alfred Irving, who currently serves as administrator of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Boothbay and St. Patrick, Newcastle, has been named priest-chaplain at Maine Medical Center, Portland. In addition, he has been appointed parochial vicar of our cluster.

Fr. Frederick Morse, who currently serves as priest-chaplain at Maine Medical Center and parochial vicar of St. Christopher, Peaks Island has been named parochial vicar to serve the soon-to-be-formed All Saints Parish, Brunswick. Fr. Morse will join the newly named pastoral team led by Fr. Frank Murray, administrator along with Fr. Normand Carpentier, parochial vicar. All Saints will include the churches of St. Charles and St. John, Brunswick; St. Mary, Bath; Our Lady Queen of Peace, Boothbay; St. Patrick, Newcastle; and St. Ambrose, Richmond.

These assignments take effect July 1, 2009. Other assignments were also made. Details can be found at the Diocesan Web site, www.portlanddiocese.org.

We wish both Fr. Fred and Fr. Alfred a fruitful renewal of their ministries in their new assignments.

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

Community Calendar

Annual Silver & Gold Mass this weekend.

Congratulations to all our couples who are celebrating with Bishop Malone this weekend their 25, 40, 50, 55, 60, 65 or 70 years of marriage in 2009!

Sunday, June 14, 2009, Corpus Christi Feast - Boze Cialo at St. Louis Church:

Mass will be at 10 a.m. followed by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to 4 altars outside the church. An annual tradition at St. Louis. All are welcome.

June 27, 2009, The Blessing of the Sanctuary of St. Peter's and the culmination celebration of the refurbishing of the church, 4 p.m. Mass followed by a reception.

Friday, July 3, 2009, 9 a.m. Independence Day Holiday Mass at the Cathedral: The Chancery will be closed on July 3, and there will be no daily Masses at any of the other cluster churches on that day.

Saturday, July 11, 2009: A Celebrate Life! Walk™ will be held to promote and celebrate the gift of life. Anyone can participate! The Walk is only 2 miles long. It's fun! It's easy! To participate, contact Mary Ibrahim at 838-8095 or marykiel1@yahoo.com. Those who don't walk can sponsor a Pro-Life Walker! Join us on July 11 as we go Green for Life! Help build a Culture of Life. . . one step at a time. Register today! Sponsored by Maine Right to Life Committee, PO Box 257, Auburn, ME 04212.

July 11 & 12, 2009, The Annual St. Peter's Golf Tournament at Riverside Golf Course

Use the Five Parish Offertory Envelope when visiting a different parish in our cluster.

People's Veto Signature Gathering Campaign: Our diocese is participating in a state-wide signature gathering campaign in support of a People's Veto as to whether or not same-sex marriages should be allowed in this state. Bishop Malone has authorized the collection of signatures inside all Catholic Churches, before and after Masses. **This weekend and next, registered voters will be invited to sign their names to the People's Veto Referendum.** You must be a registered Maine voter to sign a petition. Your signature is not a vote. It merely allows the referendum question to be placed on the ballot. Maine voters will make the final decision in November.

Flu Protocol Update: Following discussions with state health officials regarding H1N1 (Swine Flu), the Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, Bishop of Portland, has decided to relax the influenza protocols implemented several weeks ago and continue to prioritize health considerations by emphasizing proper respiratory hygiene.

Relaxed protocol

- 1. If you are ill,** please stay at home and do not attend Church celebrations until fully recovered;
- 2. the cup of consecrated wine will again be offered;** thought please note that we are not obligated to receive the Eucharist under both species. The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ are fully present in either the consecrated bread or wine;
- 3. Because of the significance of its meaning,** all parishioners should participate in the **greeting of peace;** however, a respectful head nod or verbal greeting of

This weekend's schedule:

Saturday, June 13, 2009

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

Sunday, June 14, 2009

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

peace is as acceptable as a handshake which is again permissible;

4. Parishioners are encouraged to receive **Holy Communion** in the hand rather than on the tongue.

5. Ministers of Holy Communion are being urged to **wash their hands** before Mass begins and to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of Holy Communion;

6. Greeters and ushers are being encouraged to **use verbal greetings** rather than hand shakes to welcome parishioners.

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention has been grateful for the strategies implemented by the Church in order to curtail the spread of the disease and is understanding of the Diocese's desire to return to its normal practices especially regarding the shared cup. The Bishop's office will remain in close consultation with state health officials and should the public health situation warrant it, the Bishop may decide to re-implement the stricter protocols. Thank you for your understanding.

Daily Masses

Monday

7:00 a.m. St. Peter
12:15 pm. Cathedral

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

Thursday

7:00 a.m. St. Peter
12:15 pm. Cathedral
5:00 p.m. St. Christopher
5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic
6:30 p.m. St. Louis

Friday

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

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



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