

PORTLAND PENINSULA AND ISLAND PARISHES  
**NEWSLETTER**

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese  
of Portland, Maine*

**St. Peter's Golf Tournament  
Donations Welcomed**

The Annual Golf Tournament will be held the **weekend of July 11-12**. This tournament has been a long-standing fund-raiser to help with the Building and Maintenance Fund for St. Peter's Parish. If anyone has any golf memorabilia to donate to auction off for prizes or would want to leave a cash donation for this fund, they would be gratefully appreciated. FMI, please speak with Tony Mancini 774-5829. Thank you for all those who have helped support the Annual Golf Tournament.

**Children's Corner:**

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples why they are so afraid. In such a big storm, we would probably be afraid too. Still, Jesus reminds us that even in the most dangerous situations, things go better when we are not so afraid. With our faith in Jesus, we can go through our storms with confidence.



**Cluster News and Changes:  
Read it here first**

In October of 2006, the Planning Committee for Cluster 21 published the first Newsletter to keep parishioners informed about the changes that would take place in our cluster. In that time, we have seen a few changes, collaborated on several projects, and have gotten to know our sister parishes a little better.

With the implementation of our plan happening now, this Newsletter continues to tell the news from the leadership of our cluster.

Announced last week was the move of Fr. Fred Morse to Brunswick, and Fr. Alfred Irving into our cluster as chaplain at Maine Medical Center.

**Changes in Mass Times**

With anticipated changes in the cluster clergy staffing and availability this summer, and to facilitate the priests' coverage of the 17 Masses offered within the 5 parishes of the cluster during the summer season, several changes will go into effect beginning the weekend of July 4/5, 2009.

Beginning the first weekend in July, St. Peter's Saturday Vigil Mass will begin at 5 p.m. instead of 4 p.m. The Saturday August 15 Vigil Mass will start at 4 p.m. because of activities associated with the Bazaar (please make a note of the **famous** St. Peter's Bazaar taking place on August 15th).

The St. Louis Saturday Vigil Mass will begin at 5:15 p.m. instead of 5 p.m.

The Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Sunday 9:45 a.m. Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m. The choir rehearsal will begin at 8:30 as usual.

In other news, a business coordinator Denis Lafreniere, Jr. has been hired and began his work this week. His strength is in property management and financial analysis. More information about new members of our team can be found in our Newsletter in the weeks to come.

**Council meetings**

The Finance Council for the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes cluster will meet next on Tuesday, June 23rd at

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 20/21, 2009*

6:30 p.m. The Cluster Pastoral Council's next meeting is Sunday, June 28 from 2-4 p.m.

In his first weeks in our cluster, Fr. Lou asked us to let him know our ideas and our concerns. All parishioners should take the time to get to know their parish representatives to these two councils, and be in touch with them about the needs of our parishioners. This is really the best way we have for keeping Fr. Lou and our parochial vicars informed about our parishes.

We all know the challenge that communication can be to our efforts in many areas of our lives. As a thriving cluster community, let's use that knowledge to our advantage, and make good communication the driving force of our mission together.

Good communication and relationships are core values in the message of our beloved Gospel. As we embrace them to the fullest, and do our mission here in the city of Portland, we can walk with Jesus and each other in confidence through any storm that comes our way.

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**Columban Sisters:** In accordance with the Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Plan, the Columban Sisters will visit our Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes on the weekend of June 27/28, 2009. They will speak on behalf of their missionary work in Asia and South America. Your prayers and financial assistance will enable the Sisters to continue to serve the poor among whom they live and work.

Find more about the Catholic Community of the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes online at [www.cluster21portland.org](http://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

**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.

**June 29 to July 3, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., St. Peter's Church Vacation Bible School:** Kids will sink their teeth into BIG fun at Crocodile Dock, where fearless kids shine God's light! Crocodile Dock is filled with incredible Bible-learning that kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the Crocodile Dock activities that help faith flow into real life. Pre-register at: [www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/stpetersportland](http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/stpetersportland)

**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 [marykiely1@yahoo.com](mailto:marykiely1@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

**People's Veto Signature Gathering Campaign:** Our diocese is participating in a state-wide signature gathering campaign in support of a People's Veto regarding same-sex marriage in Maine. 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. Registered voters only.** 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.

**Relaxed Flu Protocol continues this week:** Following continued 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;** though 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 peace is as acceptable as a handshake which is again permissible;

## This weekend's schedule:

### Saturday, June 20, 2009

- 4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard
- 4:00 p.m. St. Peter - Fr. Mike
- 4:30 p.m. Cathedral - Fr. Kevin
- 5:00 p.m. St. Louis - Fr. Lou
- 5:00 p.m. Long Island - Fr. Fred
- 6:15 p.m. Chebeague Island - Fr. Fred

### Sunday, June 21, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Lou
- 8:15 a.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Fred
- 8:30 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Mike
- 9:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Kevin
- 9:45 a.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard
- 10:00 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Mike
- 10:00 a.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Fred
- 10:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Lou
- 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) - Fr. Phil Tracy
- 5:00 p.m. Cathedral - Fr. Mike
- 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard

**4.** Parishioners are encouraged to receive **Holy Communion** in the hand rather than on the tongue; parishioners who prefer to receive on the tongue will not be refused;

**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.

## 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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