

NEWSLETTER

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 27/28, 2009*

Cluster Update

The Cluster Pastoral Council meeting scheduled for June presented schedule problems for some of our members. Additionally, the organizational energies have been directed for the most part on financial issues that need to be addressed before we can proceed with some of the more pastoral concerns that will be the focus of the work of the Pastoral Council.

With uncertainty about the composition of our Cluster clergy staffing, which also impacts the work of the Pastoral Council, the next council meeting has been postponed to September. After that, the plan is for that council to meet on the third Monday of each month. The Cluster Finance Council will meet on the third Tuesday.

Fr. Lou and Denis Lafreniere, our new business coordinator, is continuing to meet with the Finance Council this summer, as well as with the new Cathedral School Task Force. The Task Force will devise a development plan for the school to ensure the school's viability for the future.

The move of the cluster offices to Guild Hall will take place sometime between the beginning of



I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.
Psalm 30

August and the beginning of September.

Fr. Mike Seavey is now in residence at St. Peter rectory. The plan is to rent St. Louis rectory to a Catholic agency and negotiations to this effect are currently in progress.

It is most likely that instead of having one of the cluster priests permanently reside at the St. Christopher rectory on Peaks Island, the priests apartment on the second floor will be used by the cluster priests on weekends when they are assigned to St. Christopher.

Lastly, the plan is for the Pastoral Council to meet on the third Monday of the month (rather than on Sunday afternoons). Then, the Finance Council would meet on the third Tuesday of the month. These back-to-back council meetings should contribute to the effectiveness of administering the parishes, and provide a ready forum whenever it is necessary for the two councils to meet together

(which needs to be done at least once a year for the budgeting process to be completed).

With this in mind, the Pastoral Council's next meeting will be Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pastoral Center Conference Room (1st floor of Guild Hall).

Sister Theresa Rand will be leaving Cathedral School after 13 years of leadership and ministry as Principal. We have all been inspired by Sister's love for the students, support for her faculty, and dedication to Cathedral school.

As an expression of their gratitude to Sister Theresa, the *Home and School Association* is sponsoring a Mass and Reception in Sister Theresa's honor on Monday evening, June 29, 2009, 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend this dessert reception, and to contribute a dessert by bringing it to Guild Hall prior to the Mass.

Finally, please remember the changes in Mass schedules beginning the first weekend in July that were announced in last week's Newsletter. Archived copies of our weekly Newsletter can be found at www.cluster21portland.org.

Columban Sisters: We welcome the Missionary Sisters of St. Columban here for the Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Plan. The sisters will speak on behalf of their missionary work in Asia and South America. Please be generous with assistance that will enable the Sisters to continue to serve the poor among whom they live and work.

Children's Corner:

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us what it means to have faith. With confidence and prayer, and doing our own part in the mission, trusting that God is with us, he will show us a better way to see the things that can make us most afraid.

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

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

Friday, July 3, 2009, 9 a.m. Independence Day Holiday Mass at the Cathedral: The offices 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. 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.

July 17-19, 2009, Pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beupre: The Sodality of St. Anne, in Westbrook, is sponsoring a pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beupre with a side trip to Quebec City. Two seats left. Passports will be required. For more information, contact Marilyn at 854-1199, or Angie at 854-5947.

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.

Married Couples, Sign up now for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend: at the Bangor Ramada Inn on September 11-13, 2009, or the weekend available November 6-8 in Lewiston. 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.wmneNewEngland.org.

People's Veto Signature Gathering Campaign: Again this weekend, registered voters have another opportunity to sign their names to the People's Veto Referendum. 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.

This weekend's schedule:

Saturday, June 27, 2009

- 4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Kevin
- 4:00 p.m. St. Peter - Fr. Lou (blessing of murals)
- 4:30 p.m. Cathedral - Fr. Mike
- 5:00 p.m. St. Louis - Fr. Richard
- 5:00 p.m. Long Island - Fr. Fred
- (6:15 p.m. Chebeague Island Mass begins July 4)

Sunday, June 28, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Kevin
- 8:15 a.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Fred
- 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
- 10:00 a.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Fred
- 10:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Kevin
- 11:00 a.m. St. Louis - 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. Lou
- 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard

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

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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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