

PORTLAND PENINSULA AND ISLAND PARISHES
NEWSLETTER

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 11/12, 2009*

Vocation Awareness

As Catholics, in the past we have been spoiled by the number of men and women who have chosen to heed the call to a religious vocation. This trend has diminished. Members of the Church today must recognize this reality and create an awareness of the importance of encouraging God's people to serve as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons – even as laity – in full-time Church ministry.

Over 40 years ago the Second Vatican Council challenged us to strive to make our parish communities "vocations conscious". To meet this challenge all of us have a responsibility for creating an environment which recognizes the primary vocation of each and every Christian: to life and love; holiness and discipleship; witness and service. Such an environment would take for granted that young people will be endowed with the skills, knowledge and support that will enable them to make an informed, discerned, conscious choice about their life's vocation.

Because of this important work, the Diocesan Vocations Office offers to assist us in creating our own CLUSTER VOCATION AWARENESS COMMITTEE. In the Fall '09, they will be offering trainings for those among us interested



in creating such a committee and/or those chosen to serve on such a committee. Because it is important that there be a full understanding of the need, purpose, and responsibilities of a Vocations Awareness Committee, the Vocations Office will assist such committees in developing experiences to encourage parishioners to pray for, learn about, support, and recruit vocations to the priesthood and religious life and to provide opportunities to develop vocation awareness through various parish structures already in existence.

Ideally, at least one person per parish would be ideal to create such a committee in our cluster. Interested persons can sign up for more information in the parish offices or in the Cluster office located at the Cathedral. Together, we continue to build God's Kingdom.

Peter's Pence Collection 2009 - August 2, 2009

The Peter's Pence Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In ninth-century England, King Alfred the Great collected money - "pence" or pennies -- from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's Charitable work by giving the Holy Father the means to provide essential assistance. Our generosity allows the Holy Father to respond quickly to those who suffer as a result of oppression, natural disasters, war, and disease. Our contributions are vital to these charitable works. Please watch for this special collection in each of our Parishes.

A Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation

The Diocese of Portland has partnered with the University of Dayton to present seven cycles of online classes for catechists. Many of the courses are required for foundational certification as a Parish Catechetical Leader, Youth Ministry Coordinator, and Initiation Coordinator.

The purpose of the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is to offer adult faith and catechist formation anytime and anywhere via the internet.

For a description of the courses or to register or to get more information, go online at vlc.udayton.edu. Our diocesan contact is Judy Michaud, at 207-543-7731.

Charity in Truth

Pope Benedict XVI's third encyclical "Caritas in Veritate" was released this week. In it, the pope called charity in truth "the principal driving force behind the authentic development of every person and of all humanity." He called love -- *caritas* -- "an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace."

The full text of the 58-page document can be found at www.vatican.va, or call any of our parish offices for help with obtaining a copy.

Children's Corner:

Today's Gospel tells us how Jesus sent his disciples out to tell the Good News, giving them the instructions that would help them be successful. Today, let's pray about what those instructions mean for each of us, as Jesus' disciples in the present time.

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

Our Community Calendar

July 12, 2009, 3 p.m., Food Friends and Fun with the Maine Squeeze. The Maine Squeeze will feature Polish Folk Music, Polkas, Mazurkas, Accordion Favorites and all that Jazz on Sunday, July 12th at 3pm. The suggested donation is \$5.00 to \$10.00.

July 22, 2009, 5:15 p.m. Mass celebrating St. Mary Magdalene will be celebrated on her feast day at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish in the Chapel.

July 28, 2009, a Flatbread Pizza fundraiser for Haiti will be held. All are welcome to come and share some great pizza for a great cause.

August 9, 2009, a memorial remembering **Hiroshima/Nagasaki** will be held at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish.

August 14, 2009 St. Peter's 23rd Annual Fun Run and Adult 4-mile Road Race, 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. More information at St. Peter's Office, or online at www.active.com. Choose "Running" and type in keyword, St. Peter's Road Race.

August 15-16, 2009, St. Peter's 84th Annual Italian Bazaar for the celebration of the Feast of St. Rocco and the Assumption of the Blessed Mother. Annual Raffle - Games for the Entire Family - Lots of great food and fun! August 15th from 5 - 10 p.m., and August 16th from 4 - 9 p.m.

VERITAS portland's young adult ministry

Hour of Power: An hour of Eucharistic Adoration, song and prayer, and an opportunity for confession most Wednesdays, 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Church. Upcoming Schedule: July 15, 22, and 29. First Wednesday of each month, location TBA. Sponsored by Veritas, Portland's Young Adult Ministry.

Husbands...join a winning team! - become an even better husband, father and lover...*Choose natural family planning.* July 19th to 25th is NFP Awareness Week Go to <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/nfp> for poster, prayers, articles and "Couples' Stories." Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute contact: Meg Yates RN, myates@ccmaine.org, 207-620-3236 for info

A Marriage Proposal: Developing a spiritual life together - Saturday, August 1, 2009 a retreat for married couples will be held at St. Christopher

Parish open to all couples of Cluster 21 from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The cost is \$25 per



couple and lunch will be provided. The presenters are Teresa & Bill Schulz. They have presented retreats and workshops throughout Maine and California. To register, or for more information, contact Mary Ibrahim at 773-7746 or email sbeirne@maine.rr.com or bill@mainespiritus.com.

Married Couples, Sign up now for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend: at the Bangor Ramada Inn on September 11-13, 2009, or 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.wmmeNewEngland.org.

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

Two Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday, July 11, 2009 // Saturday July 18, 2009

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

Sunday, July 12, 2009 // Sunday July 19, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Mike // Fr. Richard
- 8:15 a.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Lou // Fr. Mike
- 8:30 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Kevin // Fr. Lou
- 9:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Richard // Fr. Kevin
- 9:30 a.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Mike // Fr. Richard
- 10:00 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Kevin // Fr. Lou
- 10:00 a.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Lou // Fr. Mike
- 10:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Richard // Fr. Kevin
- 11:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Mike // Fr. Richard
- 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 // Fr. Lou
- 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart // St. Dominic - Fr. Joe Schad, S.J. (both)

Our Neighbors

St. Matthew Church in Limerick, Maine is holding their 26th annual Funshine Fair on July 24, 25 & 26 featuring a \$10,000 Super Raffle, Nascar tickets raffle, a Chicken BBQ at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Bingo at 7 p.m. and a Fun Fair all day on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

World Youth Day 2011, pilgrimage with Pope Benedict XVI in Madrid, Spain, August 10-21, 2011. Estimated cost \$2677/\$2877. For more information, contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, at anne.connolly@portlanddiocese.org.

CLUSTER 21 PRAYER LINE, 774-7120. Confidential. Names are not used.

When using our Five Parish Offertory Envelope please include your name if you want your donations reported by your designated parish.

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



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