

# NEWSLETTER

In the Roman Catholic Diocese  
of Portland, Maine

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 12/13, 2009

## A Spirituality of Work, Part 2

by Fr. Mike Seavey

Last week I presented a brief overview of our faith's understanding on the sanctity of human work. There are many theological avenues to present these teachings, but the Incarnation ("The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" **John 1: 14**) is the point of departure for our discussion.

This week, the focus is primarily on the workplace for many reasons. First of all, through the Incarnation, we are reminded that Jesus grew up in a family and village and worked as a carpenter in his foster father's shop. His work raises the workplace to a location of grace and redemption.

Secondly, we all spend a large portion of our time on earth at the workplace, so therefore, we must realize it as a place where redemption can and needs to occur.

Therefore, below are some fundamental truths about a spirituality of work, and how our challenge is to make the workplace a location of grace.

**Children's Corner:**  
Follow Jesus' way  
in all things, and  
he will always be  
your best defense  
against injustice  
of all kinds.



*I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.*

Both employers and employees are responsible for shaping the workplace into an environment that is "truly human". This includes the office, factory, restaurant, school, health care facility, public safety departments, all governmental offices, small businesses, parish offices, etc.

A "truly human" environment means that all employers and employees are free from harassment, discrimination, ridicule and exploitation. A "truly human" environment means that everyone's marriages and relationships are honored and respected.

A "truly human" environment means that everyone's work is marked by honesty, competence, and justice. A "truly human" environment means that the product or service rendered is one that serves the human community with dignity, and is a product or service that reflects the pride and good work of the entire workplace (employers and employees).

Justice and trust must be the hallmark of a "truly human" workplace environment. These are among the greatest challenges of all. A recent study published in **The New York Times** (Sept. 2, 2009)

discovered that low wage earners are often routinely denied basic rights guaranteed under law. Of 4387 workers interviewed, in recent times, 26% had been at least one instance of being paid less than a minimum wage, 76% had not been paid proper overtime wages, and one in seven had worked off the clock.

For certain, some of this represents small business owners struggling in an economic collapse and desperate to stay open. But more than likely, many of these workers are being exploited by employers taking advantage of a shrinking job market. In any event, this represents a huge rupture of trust and one needing healing and restoration of justice.

Next week, the final installment will focus on the Catholic Church's support of labor unions.



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**Latin roots music to change the world; Passionate, poetic, playful and honest.**

Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish is proud to present a truly memorable concert by the Boston based band, "Sol y Canto" at **3 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, at Sacred Heart Church**. Suggested donation is \$10. Proceeds will benefit the mission and ministry of the parish, which serves the Parkside and Hispanic communities of Portland.

Sol y Canto's mission is to create music and performances that move, delight, excite and connect - connect the audience to the richness of Latin American culture; connect individuals, Hispanic and non-Hispanic, to each other through shared experience of music, poetry, humor and a joyful, playful vibe; and connect us all to our hopes and visions of a better world.

"Sol y Canto" features Puerto Rican/Argentine *Sol y Canto* lead singer/percussionist Rosi Amador and New Mexican husband Brian Amador, composer/guitarist and 2009 MacDowell Artist Colony fellow, along with their twin daughters Alisa and Sonia. The Amador family's repertoire features Latin American classics, jazz standards, and refreshing original Latin compositions from tender to danceable in Pan-Latin rhythms from Sol y Canto's critically lauded latest CD, "Cada Día un Regalo/Each Day a Gift," described as "unfailingly inspiring" by Billboard Magazine.

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 parish.

## Our Community Calendar Notes:

**September 12, 2009, Yard Sale for the Haiti Project:** on the lawn in front of Deering High School on Stevens Avenue. This annual yard sale benefits the school in Haiti. Donations of good saleable items will be greatly appreciated. Need items picked up? Call Anne Johnson, 929-3088.

**September 13, 2009 Sol y Canto!** "Joyful, original Latin roots music; Passionate, poetic, playful and honest." Hear the exciting music of the well-known Boston-based "Sol y Canto" with Rosi and Brian Amador and their twin daughters Sonia and Alisa. 3 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish. \$10 suggested donation.

**Connected Catholics of Maine** is a warm and inviting group of Catholics that meet regularly. The next meeting is this weekend, September 13 at Holy Martyrs Parish Hall, Route 88, Falmouth. There will be a 5 p.m. social hour and pot luck supper, a 5:45 business meeting, and a 6 p.m. program featuring Rabbi Harry Sky. All are welcome. For more information, contact Mary Jane Norton, 318-6032.

**September 13, 2009 Stand for Marriage Rally:** 6 - 8 p.m. Augusta Civic Center presented by Focus on the Family, the Maine Jeremiah project, Family Research Council, Stand for Marriage Maine and other groups. Speakers include Bishop Malone. Call 773-6471 for more information, or visit [www.mainejeremiahproject.com](http://www.mainejeremiahproject.com)

**September 12/13, 2009, Special Collection:** This weekend at all Masses, there will be a Diocesan collection to protect traditional marriage from redefinition. Special envelopes will be provided; checks must be made payable to "Stand for Marriage Maine" and are not deductible for income tax purposes.

**September 19th, Public Bean Supper - 4 to 6 pm - St Louis Church,** baked beans, breads, casseroles, salads, and out of this world desserts. sponsored by the St Louis Women's Society. Adults \$5, Children \$3.

**Saturday, September 19th at 7:30 p.m., "A Terrible Beauty,"** Ireland and the Famine through the words of Peter Berhens and Music of Paul Sullivan at The Maine Irish Heritage Center, 34 Gray Street, Portland, ME. Ticket information: 780-0118; [rivermusic.com](http://rivermusic.com); Longfellow Books and Ireland's Crystal and Crafts. For more information go to: [maineirish.com](http://maineirish.com)

**September 20, 2009, 10:15 a.m. at St. John, Bangor:** Bishop Malone invites the public to the annual Blue Mass honoring EMS, fire and law enforcement personnel.

**October 10th - Fall Yard, Book, and Bake Sale - 9am - 3 pm - St Louis Church,** Yard sale will feature new, antique, and slightly used items; St Louis Women's Society baked goods table; New and used books for wintertime reading. Reasonably priced luncheon also available. Sponsored by the St Louis Women's Society.

**October 23, 2009, Cathedral School's annual gala fundraising event!** This year's theme is "We Believe." 5:30 p.m., Dinner and Silent Auction. Italian Heritage Center, Outer Congress Street. Call 775-1491 for info.

**Friday, October 30, 2009 3rd Annual Harvest Ball:** 7 p.m. to midnight at Holiday Inn by the Bay, \$60 per person / \$100 per couple, 773-6471, ask for Christine. Proceeds will benefit Harvest Magazine.

## Two Weekend Mass Schedule:

### Saturday September 12, 2009 // Saturday, September 19

- 4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard Bertrand, S.J.
- 4:30 p.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou Phillips
- 5:00 p.m. St. Peter - Fr. Mike Seavey // Fr. Kevin Martin
- 5:15 p.m. St. Louis - Fr. Fred Irving // Fr. Mike Seavey

### Sunday September 13, 2009 // Sunday, September 20

- 8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Mike Seavey // Fr. Paul Marquis
- 8:30 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou Phillips
- 9:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Kevin Martin // Fr. Mike Seavey
- 9:30 a.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard Bertrand, S.J.
- 10:00 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou Phillips
- 10:00 a.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Fred Irving // Fr. Kevin Martin
- 10:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Mike Seavey // Fr. Paul Marquis
- 11:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Kevin Martin // Fr. Mike Seavey
- 12:00 p.m. Cathedral (Latin Mass) - Fr. Robert Parent
- 12:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic (Sp) - Fr. Phil or Fr. Richard
- 5:00 p.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou Phillips
- 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard Bertrand, S.J.

## 3rd Annual Harvest Ball

Friday, October 30, 2009  
7 p.m. to midnight  
Holiday Inn by the Bay  
hosted by Bishop Malone  
featuring the Tony Boffa Band  
\$60 per person / \$100 per couple  
773-6471, ask for Christine

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**November 14, 2009, the big shopping day in our cluster:** Two great Christmas fairs in the daytime and a Silent Auction in the evening. Save the date, and support our Cluster parishes.

**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](mailto:familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org).

**ST LOUIS TOYOTA PRIUS FOR SALE:** Last chance to buy the 2007 St Louis Toyota Prius, selling for \$17,500 with the remainder of its original factory warranty. Contact Denis Lafreniere at 773-7746.

## Daily Masses

### Monday, September 7, 2009

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

### Tuesday, September 8, 2009

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

### Wednesday, September 9, 2009

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

### Thursday, September 10, 2009

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

### Friday, September 11, 2009

- 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 Phillips.....773-7746  
Fr. Richard Bertrand, S.J. 772-6182  
(English, Français, Español)

Fr. Alfred Irving..... 380-5620  
(English, Français)

Fr. Paul Marquis..... 233-5914  
(English, Français) or 662-5911

Fr. Kevin Martin..... 773-0748

Fr. Michael Seavey..... 773-7746

Fr. Phil Tracy..... 767-6501  
(English, Français, Español, Portugues)



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