

PORTLAND PENINSULA AND ISLAND PARISHES
NEWSLETTER

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In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine

Solemnity of All Saints
October 31/November 1, 2009

Children's Corner:

Jesus taught many people all the things that he learned in his life that were good and true, and teaches us still. By our baptism, God empowers us to do the same.



Diocese of Portland ~ H1N1 Protocols Effective October 31, 2009

Out of concern for the health of individual persons and the public safety, the Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, Bishop of Portland, in consultation with local health authorities and the Diocesan Office of Risk Management, is implementing the following protocols for all parishes in the Diocese during this flu season, especially as regards the risks related to H1N1 influenza (swine flu).

If you are at risk for complications because of chronic health issues or compromised health (i.e., if you have lung disease or are susceptible to infections, etc.), or if you already have any type of cold or flu-like symptoms, you are asked to stay home, both for your well-being and that of others. When individuals are ill, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation."

The best way to prevent the spread of contagious disease is to practice good hygiene. In that light, Bishop Malone authorizes the following items in regards to the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy:

Shaking or Holding Hands
- Hospitality ministers (ushers, greeters, those who take up the

collection or distribute bulletins) should use verbal greetings only and not shake hands with parishioners. They are strongly encouraged to sanitize their hands prior to and after exercising their particular ministry.

- The Sign of Peace should be offered without any physical contact (use a verbal greeting along with meaningful eye contact, a smile, or the bow of the head).
- The faithful should not hold hands during the Our Father.

Holy Communion

- All ministers of Holy Communion must sanitize their hands prior to and after the distribution of Holy Communion.

- Communion in the hand is encouraged (not mandated); the faithful retain the option of receiving Holy Communion either on the tongue or in the hand. All ministers of Holy Communion are advised to distribute the consecrated hosts with care, being cautious not to touch the tongue or the hand of the communicant.

- The distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful is suspended, with the exception of those who must receive from the cup due to medical reasons (i.e., Celiac disease). The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.

Prayers of the Faithful

- Include prayers for those stricken with the flu or other serious illness, for those who care for the sick, and for the community at large.

Auction News:

Dear Parishoners,

Thank you so much for your overwhelming support of Cathedral School's 10th annual Dinner Auction, "We Believe!" Many of the parents who worked so hard on this project commented on the kind and generous spirit of those they met at our five parishes. How grateful we are to be part of such a vibrant, diverse, and inspiring community!

I'm pleased to announce that currently, initial reports indicate that we have exceeded our goal of \$35,000. This is such a great gift to our school, and our children.

If you have any questions regarding the billing process, or your auction items, please don't hesitate to contact me directly. I'd be happy to help.

May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly.

Most Sincerely Yours,
Michele Bernier
Auction Co-chair 899-4126 or
michele.bernier@maine.edu

H1N1 Continued...

- Holy Water Fonts - Sponges, sometimes found in holy water fonts, should not be used as they are a breeding ground for germs.

These directives are effective Saturday, October 31, 2009 and remain in effect until further notice. We thank you for your understanding and support of these directives, which aim to protect the health of our people.

Campus ministry at USM:

Help connect young people to a faith community while they are away at school:

The Catholic Newman Club at the University of Southern Maine is making a special effort to reach commuter students and Portland students this year. Their meetings will be alternating locations between the Gorham and Portland



campuses. This Monday, 11/2, the meeting is at 7:30 in the 1st Andrews study lounge in Robie-Andrews Hall on the Gorham campus. The following Monday, 11/9, the meeting will be at 7:30 in the Woodbury Campus Center. Connect with other students of faith, and help to create a Catholic Community at our local University that will be a nurturing Catholic space for students "from away."

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 parish.

Community News:

Hour of Power

7 p.m. on Wednesdays:

Nov 4, St. Joseph's College
 Nov 11, St. Peter's
 Nov 18, St. Peter's
 Nov 25, St. Peter's
 Sponsored by Veritas, Portland's Young Adult Ministry.

Cheverus High School

seniors will be raking leaves as a fundraiser for Project Graduation during the month of November for a minimum donation of \$25/lawn. Please contact Margaret Rogosienski at 774-6238 x 47 to arrange a date.

Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes Cluster

Central Office opening: To better support our parish communities and the cluster, Cathedral, St. Peter, Sacred Heart / St. Dominic, St. Christopher and St. Louis parish offices will be moving to the Guild Hall on Congress Street on Tuesday, Nov 3rd (Nov 6 for Sacred Heart / St. Dominic). The office phone lines won't be installed until Wednesday, Nov. 4th/Nov. 6th. If you have trouble during this transition contacting a priest please either call Fr. Lou's cell phone (446-1012) or stop by the office at the Guild Hall, next to the Cathedral Rectory on the corner of Congress and Franklin Streets.

A Child Advocacy Forum for the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes

will be the focus of a cluster-wide meeting on November 8, 2009 after the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Louis. Discussed how our cluster parishes could work more closely together for a larger voice and support system, learn about the summer hosting programs available, and get pro-life leaders together from each of our parishes. Contact Mary at Cathedral at 773-7746 if interested in representing your parish at this meeting.



St. Peters Holy Name Society Turkey Shoot and Family Fun Night, **6 p.m., Sunday November 8.**

Everyone is invited and should feel welcome to come. Along with a wonderful magician there is good food and cheer.

We will have our raffle where many, many prizes are given away and an auction.

\$10 per person, under 12 years old come free.

Cluster Junior High Youth Gathering:

is Sunday, November 15 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the multipurpose room of Cathedral School. Think First; Stay Safe Programs will be presented to junior high youth students and their parents. Mrs. Rachel Johns will be the presenter. All junior youth and their parents are asked to attend.

The Greater Portland Council of Catholic Men's Communion Breakfast for the Feast of Christ the King

is set for Sunday, November 22, 2009. Mass at the Cathedral will be at 8:30 a.m. followed by the annual breakfast at the Italian Heritage Center. Tickets are \$15.00 for patrons, \$10.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for students. Please contact Peter Manning for information and tickets at 871-1599.

Good Cause Thrift Shop
 16 Forest Avenue
 Portland, ME 04101
 207/772-4903

Two Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday, October 31, 2009 // Saturday, November 7, 2009

- 4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Bertrand
- 4:30 p.m. Cathedral - Bishop Malone & Fr. Lou // Fr. Lou Phillips
- 5:00 p.m. St. Peter - Fr. Kevin Martin // Fr. Mike Seavey (4 p.m.)
- 5:15 p.m. St. Louis - Fr. Mike Seavey // Fr. Kevin Martin

Sunday, November 1, 2009 // November 8, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Mike Seavey // Fr. Richard Bertrand., S.J.
- 8:30 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Kevin Martin // Fr. Lou Phillips
- 9:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Fred Irving // Fr. Paul Marquis
- 9:30 a.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard // Fr. Mike
- 10:00 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Kevin // Fr. Lou
- 10:00 a.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Lou Phillips // Fr. Kevin Martin
- 10:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Mike Seavey // Fr. Richard Bertrand, S.J.
- 11:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Fred Irving // 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. Kevin Martin // Fr. Paul Marquis
- 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard // Fr. Kevin

November 14, 2009, Support your Parish & Cluster Fundraisers:

Plan now for this day of Christmas shopping fun and community in our Cluster

St. Peter's Buon Natale Christmas Fair from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. sponsored by St. Peter's Sacred Heart Sodality.

St. Louis' Christmas Fair and Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. sponsored by the St. Louis Women's Society.

4th Annual Silent Auction at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish. Mark your calendar! Please try to attend all of these Cluster events and support the Catholic Community throughout Portland.

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

Daily Masses

Monday, November 2, 2009

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

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

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

Thursday, November 5, 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, November 6, 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, Português)



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