

PORTLAND PENINSULA AND ISLAND PARISHES  
**NEWSLETTER**

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese  
of Portland, Maine*

## Christ the King School, Morne Rouge, Haiti

Anne Johnson, Ann Lemire, and Ursula Slavick took letters and pictures from Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish children for students at Christ the King School in Morne Rouge, Haiti, a suburb of Cap Haitien.

Père Gabriel graciously provided a tour of the school and church grounds. The group learned that the school our parish community and friends sponsor is thriving under Father Gabriel's direction. They learned that, for a variety of reasons, most of the students, all from the parish, had no other access to schooling. Addition of grade five next year is anticipated. The two classrooms we built now have doors, seats, and blackboards and are fully in use. "Food for the Poor" has drilled a well outside, providing potable water for the children and, at a modest charge, the neighborhood. Beyond the well, a garden



now flourishes.

The school day runs from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m., with a meal of rice at 10:30 a.m. Unfortunately, leaving on Saturday, the group missed the Sunday parish liturgy. St. Patrick's Church has again collected school supplies for the students which will go down on the next Konbit Santé cargo container.

Haitian crafts will be available for sale starting November 15th. Merci beaucoup!



## Catholic Campaign for Human Development:

**...there can never be room  
for poverty...**

In his first encyclical letter, God is Love, Pope Benedict XVI stated that "within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life." In our own country, 37 million Americans struggle in poverty, many despite working full-time. **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** is committed to helping people create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their community. Please give generously to the CCHD appeal next weekend. Visit [www.ccmaine.org](http://www.ccmaine.org) to learn more.

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 14/15, 2009*

## Child Advocacy Forum

The Child Advocacy Forum for the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes held its first cluster-wide meeting on November 8, 2009 at St. Louis Parish. Discussed at the meeting were Pro-Life issues and how our cluster parishes might work more closely together for a larger voice and support system. Contact Mary at the Pastoral Center at 773-7746 if you are interested in getting involved in this ongoing forum.

### Children's Corner:

Everyone has some bad times. There's not much we can do about that. What we can do, is follow all of Jesus' advice to get us through our bad times.

## Providing Help & Creating Hope

Catholic Charities Maine is leading the state in providing services that touch the very fabric of people's lives. Serving all 16 counties of our state, we offer over 30 programs and services in more than 15 locations ranging from Caribou to Biddeford. Our services are non-discriminatory and aimed at helping individuals identify and deal with social and health problems that are hindering their ability to become self-sufficient.

The range of services we provide is extensive and quite varied. We strive to be a leader in the services that we provide, and in our role as an advocate for social awareness and discussion around needed services, especially those that affect the poor, the elderly, and children. Learn how we can all help at [www.ccmaine.org](http://www.ccmaine.org).

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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.*

## Community News:

**Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes Cluster Central Office is now open** at the Guild Hall, next to the Cathedral Rectory on the corner of Congress and Franklin Streets.

**November 15, 2009, 4 p.m. Troy MacGillivray**, winner of several Canadian music awards will perform at St. Louis Polish Church on Danforth St., Troy is an acclaimed fiddler, step dancer and pianist. He was selected to perform for the troops in Afghanistan representing Canada. Admission \$10, Seniors \$8, children 12 and under, free.

**Monday, November 16, 2009 7:30 p.m., Catholic Newman Club at USM.** The next meeting will be held in the 1st Andrews study lounge in Robie-Andrews Hall on the Gorham campus. For information contact Sarah Bujno, President sarah.bujno@maine.edu. 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, helping to create a Catholic Community at our local University that will be a nurturing Catholic space for students "from away."

**Wednesday, November 18, 2009 Hour of Power, 7 p.m.** at St. Peter's. Veritas, Portland's Young Adult Ministry sponsors this hour of prayer and adoration for people of any age. As a part of each evening, there is an opportunity for reconciliation with the Lord. Hour of Power is held most Wednesdays. Watch this page for the ongoing schedule.



**November 22, 2009 Men's Communion Breakfast:** The Greater Portland Council of Catholic Men will hold their annual communion breakfast on the Feast of Christ the King with a Mass at 8:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception followed by the breakfast at the Italian Heritage Center. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Please see your local parish bulletin for the person in your parish to contact.

**Summer Hosting Programs:** Families willing to host a child from Russia, Ukraine or Latvia (ages 6-15) next summer, or anyone interested in doing Missionary work at an Orphanage in one of the Eastern European countries should speak with Kim after the 11 o'clock Mass at St. Louis Parish, or contact her at stillriver\_1610yahoo.com or 829-9114.

**World Youth Day 2011, pilgrimage with Pope Benedict XVI in Madrid, Spain, August 10-21, 2011.** Watch for more information.

Youth and Young Adults (16-39) are invited. Estimated cost is \$2,677 - \$2,877. For information or a pre-registration package, please e-mail the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, at anne.connolly@portlanddiocese.org.

## Two Weekend Mass Schedule:

**Saturday, November 14, 2009 // Saturday, November 21, 2009**  
 • 4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Martin // Fr. Seavey  
 • 4:30 p.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou Phillips // Fr. Kevin Martin  
 • 4:00 p.m. St. Peter - Fr. Richard Bertrand, S.J. // Fr. Lou Phillips  
 • 5:15 p.m. St. Louis - Fr. Kevin Martin // Fr. Mike Seavey

**Sunday, November 15, 2009 // November 22, 2009**  
 • 8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Kevin Martin // Fr. Lou Phillips  
 • 8:30 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou Phillips // Bishop Malone, Fr. Martin  
 • 9:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Harold Moreshead // Fr. Paul Marquis  
 • 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. Mike Seavey  
 • 10:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Kevin Martin // Fr. Paul Marquis  
 • 11:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Harold Moreshead // Fr. Bertrand, S.J.  
 • 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 // Fr. Kevin Martin  
 • 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Bertrand // Fr. Seavey

### "What the Catholic Church Teaches About the Bible"

Fr. Mike Seavey will offer an adult faith formation class on Catholic Church teachings on the Bible. This will be a four week course beginning on Tuesday, December 1st at St. Peter's Church hall on Federal Street. The class will present the basic teachings on "What is the Bible?", "How did the Bible Come to Be?", "How to better understand the Bible", and "What are the different parts of the Bible?". No previous understanding of the Bible is necessary to take this course. Classes will begin at 6:30PM on Tuesdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22. Please bring a Bible to class!! Some Bibles will be available for those that do not own one. Parking is available on Federal Street or in the Cathedral parking lot on Congress Street. There will be no fee for this class, however a basket will be available for donations for a designated charity each week. This first week, money will be collected for The St. Vincent DePaul Society.

### Daily Masses

**Monday, November 16, 2009**  
 7:00 a.m. St. Peter  
 12:15 p.m. Cathedral

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009**  
 7:00 a.m. St. Peter  
 12:15 pm. Cathedral  
 5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

**Wednesday, November 18, 2009**  
 7:00 a.m. St. Peter  
 12:15 pm. Cathedral  
 5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

**Thursday, November 19, 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 20, 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)

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

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