

PORTLAND PENINSULA AND ISLAND PARISHES
NEWSLETTER

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

*The Solemnity of Christ the King
November 21/22, 2009*

Haiti Part II: Sr. Rosemary's Program of Student Sponsorships

Sacre Coeur Institute in Cap Haitien, founded and headed by Sr. Rosemary, is now run by a Haitian nun, Sr. Marie Joseph. Sr. Rosemary still raises funds and oversees the microcredit program for Cap Haitien women while working with mentally and physically handicapped children at "Bethlehem," an institution en route to Morne Rouge.

The Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Haiti Project now has 76 sponsorships of students who are provided uniforms, books, a daily meal, and tutoring at Sacre Coeur, The Institute serves up to 200 students a meal daily. The October Sacred Heart / St. Dominic delegation, Anne Johnson, Ann Lemire, and Ursula Slavick, took along school supplies, clothing, and material for the sewing program. More will be sent on the next cargo container.

Anne and Ursula spent some time at the Justinian Hospital cleaning up a storeroom in pediatrics. Ann worked at the hospital in the Konbit Sante program there.



Catholic Campaign for Human Development:

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

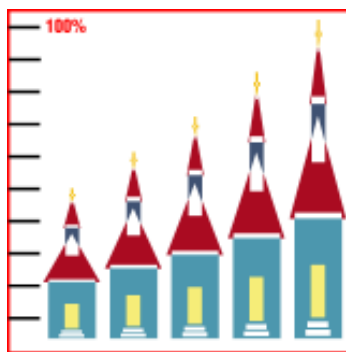
In his first encyclical letter, God is Love, Pope Benedict XVI stated that "within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life." In our own country, 37 million Americans struggle in poverty, many despite working full-time. **Catholic 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 this weekend. Our participation in this national collection provides the help that empowers people to improve their lives. Visit <http://www.usccb.org/cchd/> for info.

Capital Campaign News:

Congratulations to Cathedral parishioners for exceeding their Diocesan Capital Campaign goal of \$750,000 following last weekend's successful **"Commitment Sunday."** Add a special thanks to them for their generosity and sincere concern for future generations of Maine Catholics in helping to gift them with a legacy of faith.

Cathedral parishioners pledged an unprecedented \$126,630 in just one weekend! Additionally, over 40 Cathedral families have indicated that they are still praying about the level of their commitment to the campaign. Added to the early leadership gifts already received from Cathedral parishioners, this brings Cathedral's current total to \$787,730 (at the time of this printing).

Having gone over goal, Cathedral has now moved into the 50%-50% sharing formula between the diocese and parish (local funds to be used to establish an operating endowment for Cathedral School). The next benchmark is \$825,000—this is the point where Cathedral School would begin to receive 75% of all additional pledge amounts.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

This weekend, Cathedral will be engaged in the second, follow-up commitment Sunday in order to include those who were unable to attend Mass at Cathedral last weekend.

St. Christopher's is less than \$2,000 away from reaching their parish goal of \$100,000. St. Peter's, St. Louis and Sacred Heart / St. Dominic's will be participating in the third and final stage of the diocesan capital campaign which will begin in the new year.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION

Please credit this offering

to: Cathedral
 Sacred Heart / St.
 St. Dominic

Name (optional): _____

Use the Five Parish
Offertory Envelope to
make a designated gift
to one of our parishes.

Children's Corner:

How does one
behave before an
earthly king, and
especially one who
is good and kind?
How much more
worthy is our Lord
of such honor?
How much more do
honorable subjects
wish to serve such a
kind and benevolent
King, obey Him
and imitate Him?

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:

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, 207-773-7746.

Catholic Newman Club at USM, Monday meetings: The schedule for November and December alternates between the Woodbury Campus Center on the Portland campus (7 p.m. on 11/9, 11/23, 12/7), and the 1st Andrews Study Lounge on the Gorham campus (7:30 p.m. on 11/2, 11/16, 11/30). The Catholic Newman Club at the University of Southern Maine is making a special effort to reach commuter students and Portland students this year by alternating locations between the Gorham and Portland campuses. 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." For information contact Sarah Bujno, President sarah.bujno@maine.edu.

November 26/27, 2009, Give Thanks! The Pastoral Center offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, and the following day as well.

Wednesday, December 2, 2009, Hour of Power takes to the road and will be held at Holy Family Church in Sanford; Dec. 9, 16, and 23 it will be back at St. Peter. There will be no Hour of Power on November 25 or December 30th. Hour of Power is sponsored by Veritas, Portland's Young Adult Ministry.

Sunday, December 6, 2009, St. Christopher's Annual Christmas Show at the Peaks Island School: St. Christopher's Annual Christmas Show promises lots of fun for boys and girls of all ages on Sunday, December 6th at the Peaks Island School. Doors open at 1:30 PM for gift tables, door prizes and refreshments. This year's show, with entertainment that begins at 2 PM, is produced by Doreen McCann and features dancers, singers and a very Special Guest performance. Tickets are at the door and cost \$3.00 for adults and \$1 for children. Times for the Show coincide nicely with Sunday's Ferry schedule. Guests can catch the 12:15 Ferry to Peaks Island and easily return on the 3:45 PM Ferry to Portland.

Sunday, December 13, 2009, Knights of Columbus Backpack Sunday: Please bring your new or used back packs to church on this Sunday and deposit same on the designed table in the church hall. The back packs will be given to the homeless with a blanket and a pair of socks as part of the Christmas season of caring. Council #14246 (John Paul II) at St. Louis Church will ensure that your donated back packs get to those in need. Please help us brighten someone's Christmas holiday this year. Should you have any questions, please contact either David Deprey or Ernest Shorey of council # 14246 of the Greater Portland Knights of Columbus Councils.

Two Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday, November 21, 2009 // Saturday, November 28, 2009
 • 4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard Bertrand, S.J.
 • 4:30 p.m. Cathedral - Fr. Kevin Martin // Fr. Mike Seavey
 • 4:00 p.m. St. Peter - Fr. Lou Phillips // Fr. Kevin Martin
 • 5:15 p.m. St. Louis - Fr. Mike Seavey // Fr. Richard Bertrand, S.J.

Sunday, November 22, 2009 // November 29, 2009
 • 8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Lou Phillips // Fr. Richard Nadeau
 • 8:30 a.m. Cathedral - Bishop Malone, Fr. Martin // Fr. Seavey
 • 9:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Paul Marquis // Fr. Fred Irving
 • 9:30 a.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard Bertrand, S.J.
 • 10:00 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou Phillips // Fr. Mike Seavey
 • 10:00 a.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Mike Seavey // Fr. Kevin Martin
 • 10:30 a.m. St. Peter - r. Paul Marquis // Fr. Richard Nadeau
 • 11:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Richard Bertrand, S.J. // Fr. Fred Irving
 • 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. Mike Seavey
 • 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Seavey // Fr. Bertrand, S.J.

"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 23, 2009

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

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

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

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. St. Peter
- 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic
- 7:00 p.m. Cathedral

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 26, 2009

- 9:00 a.m. St. Peter

Friday, November 27, 2009

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