



DEL-CHESTER SERRA CLUB



December 2009

Delchester Serra Christmas Event

We had the opportunity to meet our recently appointed chaplain, Father Mike Speziale, at our November 7 monthly meeting. Father Speziale will celebrate Mass at the home of club member Margaret Flanagan at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15 to start our club's annual Christmas Event. Following Mass, we will enjoy good fellowship and treats.

Please note that this event is for all Delchester Serra Club members and their spouses, only.

For those members planning to attend, there will be a sign up sheet at the December 5 monthly meeting to indicate how many will attend. Also available will be directions to Margaret's home.

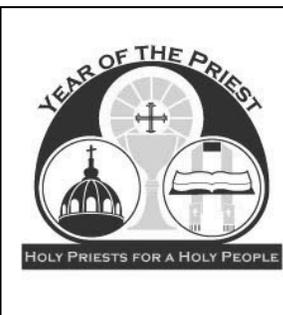
If you will not be at the December 5 meeting but do plan to attend the event on December 15, please call 610-499-1451 to let us know how many will attend or if you need directions.

A Blessed and Joyous Christmas to all!

January Meeting Date Reminder

Remember to mark your calendars for our monthly meeting at Our Lady of Charity **one week later on January 9, 2010.**

Remember to keep Christ uppermost as we get involved in the upcoming Christmas season.



Keep in Touch

View the Delchester Serra Club web site at www.delchesterserra.org and contact us through the email link there.

Schedule for December 2009 – January 2010

- December 5 Monthly 8 a.m. Mass and Membership Meeting at Our Lady of Charity parish (Concelebrated by Rev. Michael G. Speziale, Chaplain, Delchester Serra Club) Speaker will be Sister Shaun Kathleen, OSF
- December 12/ Vocations talk by Delchester Serra Club at Our Lady of Fatima parish, Secane
- December 13 Masses at (Saturday) 4:30 p.m., (Sunday) 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
- December 15 Delchester Serra Club Christmas Mass and Event (See article in this newsletter) Club members should call 610-499-1451 to confirm their attendance at this event and for directions
- January 9 Monthly 8 a.m. Mass and Membership Meeting at Our Lady of Charity parish Speaker will be Rev. Michael G. Speziale
- January 19 Officers and Trustees meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Charity rectory

Essay Contest for 2010

As many of you know, Delchester Serra club member Judy Doolittle chaired the 2009 Essay Contest last year. With the benefit of last year's experience, Judy is chairing it again this year and has gotten an early start on planning and notifying the parishes of our 2010 Essay Contest.

Judy worked diligently on a theme for this year's essay, getting comments from officers and trustees as well as from the membership at the November 7 monthly meeting. Based on these comments, she has developed this theme for seventh and eighth grade students in parish schools and PREP programs to write about: How is following a religious vocation a courageous and radical action?

As challenging as it might be to write a concise essay of not more than 200 words on this theme, Judy constructed a number of suggestions for the students to consider as they respond to the theme in their essays.

The instructions have already been sent out to our parishes. With this much advance notice, we all hope that we see an increase in essays submitted by the March 25, 2010 deadline. We will all be able to congratulate the winners at our club's annual Charter Dinner planned for May 2, 2010.

PRAYER IS A MOVING FORCE in vocation development. Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

“Lord, your Church is in need. Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you.

Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders. Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment.

May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world.

Amen.”

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Another example of the resources in Parish Bulletin Clips on the USA Council of Serra International web site, http://www.serraus.org/resources/vocations/parish_bulletin_clips.pdf

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