



# DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



March 2011

## Message from Our Chaplain

As we approach the month of March, we are reminded of two instrumental saints of our Church – St. Patrick and St. Joseph. Both of them helped Christ come into the world in different ways.

St. Patrick, in Ireland, converted thousands through the Gospel message and by his humble witness. St. Joseph helped raise his foster child, Jesus, and taught him his trade, as a carpenter. He was a good example to Christ and to us all.

Both were patient in God's plan for them and helped foster Christ by their good examples and witness. Through the intercession of St. Patrick and St. Joseph, may we encourage and foster Christ and His special vocations of the priesthood and consecrated life in our ministry as Serrans.

God bless you!

Father Mike Speziale

## Vocations Presentations Scheduled

Thanks to the work of our Vocations co-vice presidents, Delchester Serra club has been invited to make presentations at one of our parishes and one of our parish schools in March.

On the weekend of March 5 – 6, we will be at St Katherine Drexel parish in Chester. Club members will speak at the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass as well as the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Masses. Additional Club members will be available at the Church as Mass ends to provide printed Club information as well as speak about our work. Volunteers to assist with these three Masses would be appreciated.

On Friday, March 11, Club members will be at St. Maximilian Kolbe parish school. At this event, they will speak to the seventh and eighth grade classes.

Both of these events will be discussed at our March 5 monthly meeting. (See the schedule of events in this newsletter.)

## Schedule for March - April 2011

March 5	Monthly 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Charity. Membership Meeting will follow immediately in the basement Rectory Meeting Room (RMR). Our speaker will be Sr. Mary Beth Antonelli, OSF, Vocations Director for the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia. We will also be discussing the speaking events at St. Katherine Drexel Parish and St. Maximilian Kolbe parish school (see listings below).
March 5 - 6	Delchester Serra Club members have been invited and will speak at St. Katherine Drexel parish at their Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses.
March 11	Delchester Serra Club members have been invited and will speak at St. Maximilian Kolbe parish school.
March 15	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
April 2	Monthly 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Charity. Membership Meeting will follow immediately in the basement Rectory Meeting Room (RMR). Speaker to be announced.
April 19	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.

## Delchester Serra Club Sisters' Appreciation Event

On Sunday, February 13, twenty-eight women religious gathered with a contingent of Delchester Serra Club members for a celebration of the Fifteenth World Day for Consecrated Life. The event started with a Mass and was followed by an hors d'oeuvres buffet. There were also gifts for all of the sisters donated by the Club members.

This event had been planned and completed in cooperation with Sr. Kate Leary of the Archdiocesan Office for Consecrated Life. The venue for this event was the St. James High School Alumni facility, also known as the Dog House. While familiar to many of our club members who are St. James alumni, this was the first Delchester Serra Club event held there.

Fr. Mike Speziale, chaplain of our Serra Club, celebrated Mass in the cozy but beautiful second floor chapel which was filled with the sisters attending. The Serra members and Dog House staff who attended were accommodated via chairs set up just outside of the double doors leading into the chapel.

Following the Mass, all returned to the large banquet room on the first floor, passing through the warmly appointed bar area on the way. In addition to the soft drinks and wine available, there was plenty of both hot and cold hors d'oeuvres for all who attended. As people finished the hors d'oeuvres and began getting coffee and desserts, our Club president, Deacon Jack (call me Henny) Betzal took the podium to entertain all with amusing reminiscences and jokes. Of course, the sisters were all thanked

for their dedication, commitment, and example of leading a consecrated life within their communities.

Then the slips of paper on which all of the sisters had written their names upon arriving at the event were drawn, with each sister selecting from a table of wrapped gifts something for herself. Although Sr. Kate Leary was not able to attend due to a conflict with a responsibility she had at the Cathedral that afternoon, she had prepared heart shaped boxes containing chocolate kisses and a prayer for each participant.

The Club members present generally seemed to think that this was a fantastic venue for this event. Thanks to all of our Club members and our chaplain for all their efforts to carry out this event. Special thanks to Sr. Kate Leary for her help. Finally we thank not only those women religious who were able to attend but all of those women in consecrated life who play a vital role in our parishes and organizations.

### AD BOOK REMINDER

In order to get the layout set up and the books printed by our May 1 Charter Night, **all returns must be received by our April 2 meeting.**

If you need additional 2010 ad books as samples or extra ad sales sheets, please get them at the March 5 meeting or call Marty Frick at 610-361-9397.

Also remember to turn in the names of all patrons to be listed with \$10 per listing.

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