



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



July 2011

Plan for Our 2011 Clerical Cookout

One of the annual programs of the Delchester Serra Club has been the clerical cookout to which we invite the priests serving in the 25 parishes associated with our club. This event had traditionally been held in the summer, usually in July.

In recent years, there had been fewer and fewer clergy attending. When surveyed, the priests indicated that conflicts with vacation schedules for their staffs and themselves were typical during the summer months. Suggestions were made that we might get more attendees if the event were held in the early fall after the new school year had started.

Accordingly, this year we are planning to have the priests' picnic event in mid-to-late September. The details of the date, time, and place have not yet been finalized. More information about this event will be forthcoming next month.

Member Bills Coming in August

The time is nearing for Delchester Serra Club members to pay our annual dues. This year we are planning to send out the dues renewal notices with the August newsletter. This would allow our members to make their dues payments to our treasurer by our monthly meeting on September 3.

Just a reminder that our dues are \$85.00 for individual members and \$125.00 for a wife and husband membership.

This is to remind you that almost all of this amount has to be sent to Serra International and USA Council of Serra. This is to cover operational costs of those organizations and includes the Serra magazine sent to members.

It should be obvious, then, that these dues amounts are not the primary income sources for the many programs we produce for the encouragement and ongoing support of religious vocations.

Rather, our projects are funded by the profit we make through our Charter Night ad book sales so we thank all who helped make our Charter Night ad book campaign such a success.

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Somebody.**

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

An email link to us is available at

www.delchesterserra.org

Schedule for June - July 2011

July 2	Monthly 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Charity. Membership Meeting will follow immediately in the basement Rectory Meeting Room (RMR). We will be discussing upcoming club programs, vocations events, and future activities.
July 19	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
August 6	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.
August 16	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.

UPDATE to Clerical Assignments in Delchester Serra Parishes

Since the June newsletter, there have been additional clerical change announcements. Here is the most current list of changes pertaining to the parishes we affiliate with:

Reverend Richard C. Williams, Pastor, *St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Glen Mills*, retiring and will reside at *Our Lady of Charity Parish, Brookhaven*.

Reverend James W. Donlon, Pastor, *St. Matthew Parish, Conshohocken*, retiring and will reside at *Nativity B.V.M. Parish, Media*.

Reverend Francis P. Groarke, from Pastor, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Philadelphia, and Parochial Administrator, pro tem, *St. Anne Parish, Philadelphia*, to Pastor, *St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Glen Mills*.

Reverend Stephen D. Thorne, from Director, Office for Black Catholics, and Parochial Administrator, pro tem, *St. Katherine Drexel Parish, Chester*, to Pastor, *St. Martin de Porres Parish, Philadelphia*.

Reverend Peter J. Welsh, from Coordinator, Hispanic Ministry, Delaware County, to Parochial Administrator, pro tem, *St. Katherine Drexel Parish, Chester*.

Reverend Thomas P Gillin, to Parochial Vicar, *Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Secane*.

Reverend Angelo J. Hernandez, from Parochial Vicar, *St. Aloysius Parish, Pottstown*, to Coordinator, Hispanic Ministry, Delaware County, with residence at *St. Katherine Drexel Parish, Chester*.

Reverend Philip J. Lowe, Faculty, Neumann University, from *Holy Saviour Parish, Linwood* to *St. Cornelius Parish, Chadds Ford*.

Reverend Michael G. Speziale, the *current chaplain of our Delchester Serra Club*, from Parochial Vicar, *St. Anastasia Parish, Newtown Square*, to Faculty, Archbishop Ryan High School, Philadelphia, with residence at *Christ the King Parish, Philadelphia*.

Deacon Jeffrey S. Hanna, *Assumption B.V.M. Parish, West Grove*

Deacon Ronald L. Lewis, *St. Cornelius Parish, Chadds Ford*.

Deacon Harry J. Morris, *St. Cornelius Parish, Chadds Ford*.

Deacon Paul A. Quinn, *St. Francis de Sales Parish, Lenni*.

Deacon John J. Todor, *St. Cornelius Parish, Chadds Ford*.

Altar Server Certificate Project

Over 533 altar servers who are graduating from their parish schools or the equivalent PREP level in 34 parishes in Delaware and Chester counties received the certificates this year.

Thanks to Deacon Jack Betzal for printing the certificates and to all those Delchester Serra club members who drove, sometimes for hours, to deliver them to the parishes..

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