



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



August 2011

Member Bills Enclosed

Delchester Serra Club members will find your annual dues invoices enclosed with this newsletter. It is specifically for **your** dues and will reflect whether it is an Individual or Couple membership with the appropriate dues amount listed.

The date listed for paying these dues is September 1 with our treasurer's name and address listed for you to send in the bottom of the invoice and your payment. If you will be attending the September Club meeting on September 3, you may turn in the invoice and payment at the meeting.

Thanks in advance for your continued commitment to the goals of our Club and all of your support, both financial and also the hard work you do, toward those goals.

2011 Clerical Cookout Planned

As mentioned in last month's Club newsletter, our annual Clerical Cookout is being held in September this year rather than the traditional July. This is an attempt to hold it at a time when priests and deacons of our 25 parishes might be more available than in the summer months.

The event will be held on Tuesday night, September 20 at 6 p.m. at the St. James Alumni Hall (aka The Dog House). Those Club members who were able to attend the Sisters event there in February will know what a great facility it is for this type of celebration.

At the monthly Club meeting on Saturday, August 6, Dolores Lavelle will have sign up sheets for both club member attendance and for what kind of food and desserts members will bring. Paper products are not needed.

If you will not be able to attend the August Club meeting, please contact Dolores at 610-876-0709 to confirm your attendance and what food or dessert you will bring to the cookout.

**Vocations
Don't Just Happen:
Ask
Somebody.**

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

An email link to us is available at

www.delchesterserra.org

Schedule for August - September 2011

August 6	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 Father Thomas P. Gillin, Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Fatima parish. He is a Delaware county native and has served at both St. Kevin and St. Francis de Sales parishes in our county.
August 16	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
September 3	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.
September 20	Annual Clerical Cookout (see article above). No Officers and Trustees meeting will be held

Fall Membership Event

Club members may recall the membership event at our monthly meeting last November. We invited potential new Delchester Serra Club members to attend a meeting and enjoy a continental breakfast. Not only could these visitors attend Mass with us, hear our speaker and learn about our activities, they could also see our members planning to accomplish our vocations support goals. New members joined our Club after that event.

This year's "New Member Information Meeting" will be on Saturday, October 1st. We will discuss and plan this further at our August and September meetings.

Now is the time to begin thinking of people to invite. Let's make this day successful! We pray for 100% attendance by current members, and pray that all will be able to bring at least one guest.

Delchester Vocations Plans

Last program year, we had vocations programs at some of our parishes, speaking both at Masses and to parish school classes.

This year, our Vocations Co-Vice Presidents are working to increase the number of speaking events we conduct. In conjunction with this, we are looking for additional Club members who would like to be speakers and would be willing to be trained. More information will be available at our August and September monthly Club meetings.

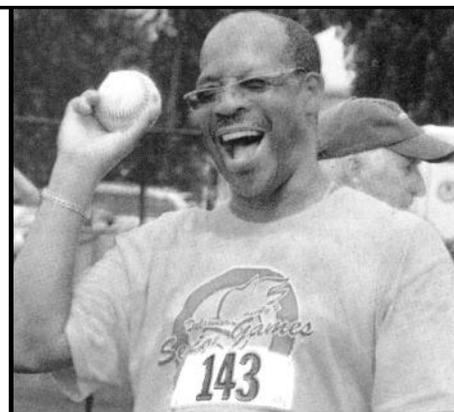
New Chaplain Approved for Delchester Serra Club

Our Club president, Deacon Jack Betzal, is pleased to announce that he received correspondence from Monsignor Daniel J. Sullivan, Vicar for Clergy regarding the approval of a new chaplain for our Club to replace Father Michael G. Speziale who was assigned to the faculty at Archbishop Ryan High School.

His Eminence, Cardinal Justin Rigali, has approved the appointment of Father Michael J. Reilly, Pastor, St. Joseph parish, Collingdale, as our Club chaplain effective September 1, 2011.

Some of our members have had the pleasure of working with Father Reilly previously. All who attended our most recent Charter Night Dinner will recall how Father Reilly graciously agreed to fill in as toastmaster and did a splendid job. We all warmly welcome him as Club chaplain and look forward to working with him toward our goals.

A man of many talents and setting an example for us to stay active, Club member Rick Dennis is shown here at the recent Delaware County Senior games as he prepares for the softball throw. (Photo was in the 2011 DelcoNewsNetwork Senior Healthy Living supplement to local newspapers.)



2011 - 2012 Officers

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| President | Deacon Jack Betzal |
| Vice President - Programs | Dolores Lavelle |
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| | Gerry Farrell |
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