



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



October 2011

Clerical Cookout - a Hit

On Tuesday evening, September 20, over twenty members of the Delchester Serra Club were privileged to join seven priests for the Club's annual Clerical Cookout—this year held in September.

We were thankful for the participation of Msgr. Skelly, Fr. Casey, Fr. Grogan, Fr. Lange, Fr. Reilly, Fr. Vogan, and Fr. Williams. We recognize that all clergy are busier than ever now and value the time these priests spent with us.

We also appreciate all of the efforts by Dolores Lavelle in organizing this event along with the many

volunteers who helped in setting up, preparing food, and cleaning up after ourselves.

The venue for the Cookout was the St. James Alumni Association "Dog House" in Eddystone. This seems to be tailor made for our events and is greatly enhanced by the gracious, generous, and helpful efforts of Dog House staff Jim Connors, Jack Gallagher, and John Mooney.

They also told us about a much different kind of event at The Dog House, a Murder Mystery Dinner on October 22 at 7:00 p.m. More info is available at www.stjbulldogs.org.

We look forward to other Club events at the St. James Dog House!

New Members Event Reminder

This year's "New Member Information Meeting" will be on Saturday, October 1st as part of our monthly meeting after Mass at Our Lady of Charity Church. Please try to attend and bring at least one guest. We are looking forward to meeting our guests. Let's make this event successful!

Keep in Touch

Remember, you may always view current and past newsletters at the Delchester Serra Club web site at www.delchesterserra.org and also contact us through the email link there.


**Jobs with a
Future.**

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Schedule for October - November 2011

October 1	Monthly 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Charity. Membership Meeting will follow immediately in the basement Rectory Meeting Room (RMR). Our speaker for this meeting will be Fr. Richard C. Williams, Pastor Emeritus of St. Thomas the Apostle parish.
October 18	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
November 5	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.
November 15	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Bulletin Input on Serra

BLESSED JUNIPERO SERRA, the Franciscan priest who founded nine of California’s missions, was a model of perseverance and strong faith. Despite a chronic foot infection, Serra walked more miles in his career than the expeditions of Lewis and Clark and Marco Polo combined, all to spread the Good News.

It was perhaps providential that the founders of Serra International, the organization of lay Catholics who promote vocations, chose Fr. Junipero Serra as their patron in 1935. Now, even more than then, the work of promoting vocations requires perseverance and strong faith.

Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood, sisterhood, and brotherhood, and for the canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Editor’s Note: This was taken from the “Vocation Clips for Parish Bulletin” located at the website of the USA Council of Serra International, http://www.serraus.org/serrausa/=serra_manuals.htm#vocations

Vocations Plan and Training

For those who were not able to attend the September monthly Club meeting, Gerry Farrell presented a plan for speaking at a number of parishes with which we are associated.

In addition to the tentative schedule, there was discussion about training for those who would like to participate as speakers at Masses or in parish schools. In addition to an outline, there would be opportunities for speakers to observe experienced speakers in actual speaking situations. There would also be chances to practice with feedback on their presentations.

In a somewhat related vein, the Delchester Serra Club has been invited by our chaplain, Fr. Mike Reilly, to participate in the St. Joseph, Collingdale, Vocations Fair on the weekend of October 8—9. There will be more information about this at our monthly meeting on October 1.

Reserve the Date

We plan to hold our annual Delchester Serra Christmas Mass and Social on Tuesday, December 13. More details will be forthcoming. Please reserve the date.

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



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