



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



July 2015

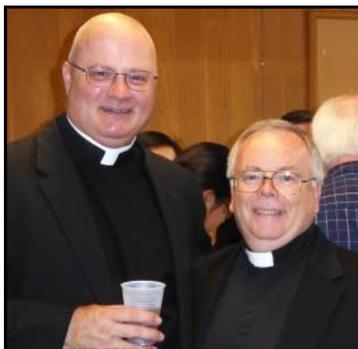
NOTE: NO REGULAR MONTHLY MASS AND MEETING ON SATURDAY, JULY 4, INDEPENDENCE DAY

Father Jim Grogan

Reverend James J. Grogan, Sr., ordained in the Trenton Diocese on June 6, 2015, celebrated his first Mass at his home parish, Our Lady of Charity, on June 14. Many members of the Delchester Serra Club joined his family, friends, and the parish congregation at the Mass. In addition to the parish priests, Father Jim's brother, Reverend William E. Grogan, pastor of Holy Cross parish, Philadelphia, concelebrated the Mass.

We join the Grogan family in their joy for this blessed event. All are thankful that our fellow Serran, Bill Grogan, was able to witness it before his passing.

Pictured at right is Father Brian Izzo, Pastor, Our Lady of Charity Church, with recently ordained Father Jim Grogan on the right.



Upcoming Dues Changes

The Delchester Serra Club dues, which are used to pay our dues to both Serra International and the USA Council of Serra International have been increasing gradually over the years. For at least the last five years, the dues charged to our Club members has remained level at \$85.00 for an individual member and \$125.00 for an individual and spouse.

By this year, the amounts due to Serra International and USA Council increased to \$92.00 and \$138.00 for individuals and couples respectively. The officers and trustees of Delchester Serra Club have voted to increase the amount of annual dues paid by our member to \$90.00 for individual members and \$135.00 for individual with spouse. Although this does not cover the entire amount we owe to Serra International and USA Council, we will use funds in our treasury from the annual Charter Night ad book revenue to pay the balance.

As usual, the dues bills will be included with the August monthly newsletter and are payable on September 1.



Schedule for July - August 2015

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| July 4 | NOTE: NO CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON INDEPENDENCE DAY. |
| July 21 | Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m. |
| August 1 | Monthly 8 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Charity. Membership Meeting will follow at 8:45 a.m. in the basement Rectory Meeting Room (RMR). Our speaker will be Seminarian Kyle Adameczyk. |
| August 18 | Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m. |

Pope Francis on Fr. Serra

The following was reprinted from a May, 2, 2015 transcript of a Vatican Radio segment.

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis on Saturday made the short trip to Rome’s Janiculum Hill to the Pontifical North American College, the national seminary for the United States.

The College was hosting a day of reflection on Blessed Junipero Serra, the Franciscan missionary to California who will be canonized by Pope Francis during his trip to Washington, DC, in September.

Pope Francis said during his homily he wanted to discuss three aspect of the life of Blessed Serra – his missionary zeal, his Marian devotion, and his witness of holiness.

Pope Francis said it was “that heartfelt impulse which seeks to share with those farthest away the gift of encountering Christ: a gift that he had first received and experienced in all its truth and beauty” which drove the Franciscan Missionary to leave everything he knew and go to the ends of the earth.

The Holy Father said this a challenge to us today, and asked if are able “to respond with the same generosity and courage to the call of God, who invites us to leave everything in order to worship him, to follow him, to rediscover him in the face of the poor, to proclaim him to those who have not known Christ and, therefore, have not experienced the embrace of his mercy.

Pope Francis noted Blessed Junipero wanted to consecrate his life to Our Lady of Guadalupe and

to ask her for the grace to open the hearts of the colonizers and indigenous peoples, for the mission he was about to begin. The Pope said you cannot “separate her from the hearts of the American people.”

And finally, Pope Francis pointed out he was one of the founding fathers of the United States, a saintly example of the Church’s universality and special patron of the Hispanic people of the country.

He said this zeal was also true for the many missionaries who brought the Gospel to the New World and, at the same time, defended the indigenous peoples against abuses by the colonizers.

The Pontifical North American College has been at capacity enrollment for four years, reflecting an overall increase in vocations to the priesthood in the United States over the past few years.

Blessed Serra Series on EWTN Starting June 29

A five part series on Blessed Junipero Serra, titled **Serra: Always Forward, Never Back**, is scheduled to be aired on EWTN.

The early morning schedule is daily at 3 a.m. starting on Monday, June 29, continuing through Friday, July 3. The evening schedule is daily at 6:30 p.m. starting on Tuesday, June 30, continuing through Saturday, July 4.

The episode titles are:

1. Knights of the Cross
2. The Mystic Vineyard
3. God and Caesar
4. La Mision Sagrada
5. Almas del Fuego

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