



# DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



October 2019

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR MONTHLY MASS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL NOW BE HELD AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH IN ASTON. CHECK THE SCHEDULE AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION.

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**Pray.  
Invite.  
Encourage.  
Affirm.**

Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

## Come to Our Meeting

Would you recognize your fellow Delchester Serra Club members if you passed them on street?

Come out to our monthly meetings – meet our new members. Hear the reports of our members’ activities and plans. Bring prospective members to hear about our ongoing efforts and special events.

Start the day with Mass at the Church of St. Joseph in Aston attended by your fellow Club members.

We would all enjoy the benefit of your experience with Delchester Serra and, hopefully, your suggestions for improving what we do. Each of us has a unique perspective on our work based on our life history. Let’s make the best use of it!

Hope to see you this month!

## DID YOU KNOW?

When you reach the home page of our Club’s website, there is an option to click on “Favorite Links.” This takes you to a web page with links both to elements within the Philadelphia Archdiocese as well as to other organizations interested in promoting and supporting religious vocations. Try it out!

[www.delchesterserra.org](http://www.delchesterserra.org)

**Please keep our Delchester Serra members and their families in your prayers, especially ...**

Nora Grogan

Dolores O’Malley

Bill Murray

Rev. Richard C. Williams, Club Chaplain

**Continue to pray for  
religious vocations**



## Schedule for October– November 2019

October 5	Monthly Mass 8:30 a.m. at the <b>Church of St. Joseph, Aston –Lower Church</b> . Membership meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m. in the Neumann Meeting Room, Lower Level.
October 15	Officers and Trustees meeting at <b>Our Lady of Charity</b> parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
November 9	Monthly Mass 8:30 a.m. at the <b>Church of St. Joseph, Aston –Lower Church</b> . Membership meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m. in the Neumann Meeting Room, Lower Level.
November 19	Officers and Trustees meeting at <b>Our Lady of Charity</b> parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.

### National Vocation Awareness Week

As described on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayers and education. It is also a period to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of those particular vocations.

According to the website information, National Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. The celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in 1997. Then, beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week in November.

The USCCB website provided this Prayer for Vocations:

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of Faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever..

Amen.

### Did you know ...

... you can view back issues of this newsletter in color (when available) as well as winning essays from our essay contest and an email link to us at [www.delchesterserra.org](http://www.delchesterserra.org) ?

### Conference & Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St John Neumann

Our region is privileged to be the location of a regional Serra event on November 2, 2019—a Conference and Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. John Neumann located at the Church of St. Peter the Apostle, 1019 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. This is an event drawing from Serra clubs of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States.

Featured will be presentations by author and speaker Christopher de Vink, Serra US Council President Judy Cozzens, and past US Council President Greg Schwietz. There will also be a panel discussion of Saints and Blesseds of the region including St. Katherine Drexel, Blessed Father Stanley Rother, Blessed Father Walter Cizek, Servants of God Terence Cardinal Cooke, and Father Bill Atkinson, OSA.

There will be time to visit the Shrine, Museum and Gift Shop, as well as have Eucharistic Adoration and a closing Mass. In addition, fellow Serrans and friends will share in three meals during this day.

The \$99 fee for the day includes three meals, handouts, and workshops. To register by paper mail, send your name, address, phone number, email address, and names of anyone accompanying you to the conference together with your check payable to "Serra Club of Allentown" to Marie Mazzini, 3282 Golden Key Road, New Tripoli, PA 18066.

Registration and questions to Joe Pagano, District Governor, Serra Clubs, Archdiocese of Newark at 201-954-1990 or email [jpagano18@mac.com](mailto:jpagano18@mac.com).

### Dues Reminder

Our annual Delchester Serra Club membership dues notices were mailed with last month's Club newsletter.

Please return your dues payment, along with the bottom portion of the dues notice, to Club Treasurer, Jim Grugan, at the address listed on the dues invoice or bring it to our October 5 meeting.