



# DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



December 2017

## New Monsignors Named

CatholicPhilly.com announced in November that nine priests who studied at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and have served as priests for over 40 years have been named monsignors by Pope Francis with the title of Chaplain of His Holiness.

The online Archdiocesan newsletter detailed that “Diocesan priests receive the honorary title in recognition for their many years of distinguished priestly service and as a sign of their communion with the pope and his apostolic ministry. Under new rules set by Pope Francis in 2014, fewer diocesan priests are named monsignor than previous years, and only those 65 years or older may be named.”

Our Club members will recognize many of those named who have served in parishes associated with our Serra Club. Their current assignments are listed after their names:

Father Angelo R. Citino, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, West Chester;

Father Joseph M. Corley, pastor of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Darby;

Father Thomas J. Dunleavy, senior priest at SS. Simon and Jude Parish, West Chester;

Father John C. Eckert, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Morrisville;

Father William C. Kaufman, pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Broomall;

Father Paul M. Kennedy, pastor of St. Katherine of Siena Parish, Philadelphia;

Father Henry J. McKee, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Havertown;

Father George L. Strausser, chaplain for the University City hospitals, Philadelphia;

Father Robert C. Vogan, pastor of Sr. Joseph Parish, Aston.

We join with all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in congratulating these priests who have served us for over four decades as they receive this recognition.

## 2018 Essay Contest Update

In late October, informational letters were sent to pastors and invitation to participate were sent regarding our 2018 vocation awareness essay contest.

This year’s theme is: *How can we hear the whisper of God’s call in our loud modern American Culture?*

Although the deadline for submitting essays is three months away, this information is provided in recognition of the preparation involved in writing and selecting essays for submission.

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

Deacon Jack Betzal

We were pleased to welcome Marie Anderson and Rick Dennis back at our November Membership Meeting.

## Schedule for December 2017 - January 2018

December 2	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). Speaker to be announced
December 19	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
January 6	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). Speaker to be announced
January 16	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.