



DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



February 2012

NOTE: Changes in Scheduled Events

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WHICH DEVIATE FROM PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED EVENTS OR STANDARD MEETING SCHEDULES

- Saturday, February 4 - CANCELLED: the scheduled Mass and social event recognizing those in Consecrated Life at our parishes. Future events for our religious sisters and brothers will be discussed at upcoming meetings.
- Saturday, February 4 - REINSTATED: our regular monthly Mass and meeting at Our Lady of Charity parish. This is an important meeting at which we will discuss upcoming Club events. (See article about the Charter Night ad book on page two of this newsletter.)
- Saturday, April 14 - SCHEDULED: our regular monthly Mass and meeting at Our Lady of Charity parish. We are meeting on this date since our normal meeting date is Holy Saturday, and we expect to need to use this meeting to finalize our Charter Night plans.

Continue to
pray for
religious vocations



Vocations Event at St. Cornelius

Late Tuesday afternoon, January 10, Delchester Serrans and Sr. Mary Beth Antonelli, OSF, joined in a vocations presentation at the St. Cornelius CCD/PREP program.

Bill Grogan, Gerry Farrell, and Sr. Mary Beth spoke to the seventh and eighth grade classes taught by catechists Andrea Gosselin and Andrew Arthur, respectively. This was especially significant since this was Vocation Awareness Week



Bill Grogan



Gerry Farrell

As usual, the students warmed up to the presenters and asked thoughtful questions during the question and answer periods.

We thank both Monsignor Gregory J. Parlante, pastor, and Mary Ann Rusek, Coordinator of Religious Education for allowing us to speak with these children.

Other parishes wishing to have Delchester Serrans speak either at Masses, in schools, or PREP programs, should contact Margaret Flanagan at 610-499-1451 or send email to webmaster@delchesterserra.org.



Sr. Mary Beth

Schedule for February - March 2012

February 4	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).
February 21	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.
March 4	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).
March 20	Officers and Trustees meeting. Our Lady of Charity parish basement Rectory Conference Room (RCR) at 7:00 p.m.

Essay Contest Deadline Nears

A reminder to sixth, seventh, or eighth grade teachers at parish schools or PREP programs that March 9 is the deadline for submission of entries for this year's Delchester Serra Club essay contest. The topic for this year's essay is "How can we hear the whisper of God's call in our loud American culture?" More details are available on our website <http://www.delchesterserra.org/documents/2012%20Serra%20essay%20contest%20guide.pdf>

Altar Server Certificate Project

One of our Serra Club's annual projects has been to provide recognition for the graduating eighth grade altar servers in parishes assigned to us. This recognition also extends to any public school students who have assisted as altar servers and will be moving on to high school.

This project is a coordinated effort with the other clubs in our district so, in this effort, we serve significantly more parishes than those we normally support, especially farther into Chester County.

We will again be contacting forty-three parishes to find out how many recognition certificates they will need, prepare the certificates for completion of altar servers' and pastors' names, and deliver them to the parishes.

We are now preparing to start this year's project and will be discussing it and providing updates at the monthly meetings. Please let us know at that time if you would like to help or call Marty Frick at 610-361-9397.

Ad Book for Annual Charter Night

The Delchester Serra Annual Charter Night will be held on Sunday, May 6. Part of the preparation for this event is selling advertising for our program/advertisement book. This is our primary means of raising the funds we use to support our Club's efforts, including:

- events recognizing priests, religious sisters, and other religious for the invaluable work they do;
- materials used in promoting vocations through our speaking engagements at parishes and parish schools and PREP/CCD programs;
- support of seminary activities and newly ordained priests;
- annual altar server recognition certificate program;
- other unique activities promoting and supporting vocations which may develop each year.

Information and sales packets for this year's Charter Night ad book will be distributed at our February 4 Club meeting. They will include a letter with instructions about selling the ads, ad order forms for new ads, and copies of last year's ad book for use in soliciting new advertisers.

We will also ensure delivery of these packets to Club members not able to attend this meeting.

Deadline for ad returns will be April 2, 2012.

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