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Easter



On this greatest day of the year, all fasting and somber thoughts are banished. As St. John Chrysostom announces in this famous

Easter sermon, all are invited to the feast: "Let all then enter the joy of Our Lord!

Both the first and the last, and those who come after, enjoy your reward!

Rich and poor, dance with one another, sober and slothful, celebrate the day.

Those who have kept the fast and those who have not, rejoice today, for the table is richly spread.

Fare royally upon it-the calf is a fatted one.

Let no one go away hungry.

All of you, enjoy the banquet of faith!

All enjoy the riches of His goodness.

Let no one cry over his poverty, for the universal Kingdom has appeared!

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again, for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let none fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free.

He has destroyed it by enduring it.

He spoiled the power of hell when he descended thereto.

Isaiah foretold this when he cried, 'Death has been frustrated in meeting him below!'

It is frustrated, for it is destroyed.

It is frustrated, for it is annihilated.

It is frustrated, for now it is made captive.

For it grabbed a body and discovered God.

It took earth and behold! It encountered Heaven.

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Calendar of Events

The Club meets on the FIRST and THIRD Tuesday of each month beginning with 7:00 am Mass at St Vincent Ferrer Church, 840 Palm Trail, Delray Beach, followed by a breakfast meeting at the Holiday Inn Oceanside, 2809 South Ocean Boulevard, Highland Beach

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| Date | Program |
|-------------|--|
| Mar 1 | Day of Reflection, SVDP Regional Seminary |
| Mar 4 | Breakfast Meeting Sr. Mary Clare Fennel, RSM |
| Mar 18 | Breakfast Meeting |
| Mar 28 | Good Friday |
| Mar 30 | Easter Sunday |
| Apr 1 | Breakfast Meeting Sr Helen Kilijanski, ASCJ |
| Apr 4 | Ordination of Deacon Andrew Brierley, Cathedral of St Ignatius Loyola |
| Apr 8 | Affirmation Dinner, Ascension Church |
| Apr 13 | World Day of Prayer for Vocations |
| Apr 15 | Breakfast Meeting |
| Apr 15 | IRS Tuesday!! |
| May 6 | Breakfast Meeting Fr. Germain Kopaczynski St. Mark Catholic Church |
| May 11 | Pentecost Sunday |
| May 20 | Breakfast Meeting |
| Jun 3 | Breakfast Meeting Installation of Officers |
| Aug 12-17 | Serra International Convention, Sao Paulo, Brazil |

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Chaplain's Corner

Fasting and Feasting for All Seasons

Fast on judging others.....feast on Christ dwelling in them
Fast on emphasis on differences.....feast on the unity of all life
Fast from apparent darkness.....feast on the reality of life
Fast from thought of illness.....feast on the healing power of god
Fast from words that pollute.....feast on phrases that purify
Fast from discontent.....feast on gratitude
Fast from anger.....feast on patience
Fast from pessimism.....feast on optimism
Fast from worry.....feast on divine order
Fast from complaining.....feast on appreciation
Fast from negatives.....feast on positives
Fast from unrelenting pressures.....feast on increasing prayer
Fast from hostility.....feast on non-resistance
Fast from bitterness.....feast on forgiveness
Fast from self concern.....feast on compassion for others
Fast from personal anxiety.....feast on eternal truth
Fast from discouragement.....feast on hope
Fast from the facts that depress.....feast on verities that uplift
Fast from lethargy.....feast on enthusiasm
Fast from suspicion.....feast on truth
Fast from thoughts that weaken.....feast on promise that inspires
Fast from shadows of sorrow.....feast on the sunlight of serenity
Fast from idle gossip.....feast on purposeful silence
Fast from problems that overwhelm.....feast on prayer that undergirds

Your Chaplain,

Father Joe

Membership News

Barbara Hostomsky
VP Membership

We want to welcome another new member to our club.

Joanne Lizardi is married with four children and six grandchildren. Her husband, Mark is currently studying for the Diaconate at St. Vincent DePaul and will be ordained in September.

Joanne recently retired as Director for Donor Relations from FOOD FOR THE POOR in Coconut Creek.

She is an active member of St. Thomas More where she volunteers with Madonna CCW, Columbettes, Daughters of Mary, and as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Welcome, Joanne!

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It took what was visible, and was overcome by what was invisible.

*O Death, where is your sting?
O Death, where is your victory?*

Christ is risen, and the demons are cast down.

Christ is risen, and life is set free.

Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead.

*For Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits for those who sleep.
to Him be glory and power forever and ever!*

Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

[Be Transformed by Easter](#)

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Serra Club of South Palm Beach County
Minutes of the Board meeting
Feb. 26, 2008

1. Meeting opened at 7:05pm with the Serran Prayer for Vocations by President Larry Winker. Also attending were Barbara Hostomsky, Richard Park, Jim Anderson, Michael Farenga, Richard Siegel, Lon Phillips and Bob Venezia. Absent were Chaplain Fr. Joe Kuczborski, Nancy Noonan, Veronica Comrie, Fernande Camino and John McGillicuddy.
2. Day of Reflection, 3-1-08. Update by Michael Farenga. \$440 received thus far. Honorarium to the retreat leader and donation to the seminary will be as usual.
3. 8th grade visit to the Seminary, 3-11-08. Our club's Deacon Paul Gaucher and Lon Phillips and Deacon Marty Serraes of the KofC will have everything in place, as usual. Club members will be needed to serve pizza and sodas. Linda Reeves of The Florida Catholic has been appraised.
4. Affirmation Dinner, 4-8-08. Approved updated budget by Jim Anderson, including setting the ticket price at \$40. Approximate break-even is anticipated. Additions and deletions were made to the guest list, including Linda Reeves. ALL members will be asked to underwrite guest tickets.
5. Friends of the Seminary, 2-15-08. Donations received greatly exceeded previous years. Thirteen of our club members/guests attended.
6. Mass and breakfast meeting, 3-4-08. Sr. Mary Clare Fennell, principal of St. Vincent Ferrer School, will be our speaker. Upcoming speakers include Sr. Helen Kilijanski, permanent deaconate program, and former state Senator Phil Lewis.
7. Men's Vocations Awareness Weekend, March 7-9, 2008 at the St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami. Fr. Yves Francois, Director of the Office of Vocations and Seminarians, has asked for names and numbers of potential candidates. His phone number is 561-775-9552.
8. Indian River Club at Vero Beach recently hosted a "Two for Serra" dinner. Bishop Barbarito and twelve prospective Serrans attended.
9. Jim Anderson has/will speak about Serra to Ascension Catholic Church's Men's Club and CCW. He asks each of us to do the same at our parishes.
10. Trustees need to audit our books after the close of the Serra year.
11. President and each VP need to submit year-end reports to Serra USA by May 1.
12. Four new members need to be inducted in an upcoming meeting.
13. Nominating committee of the entire Board will develop a slate of officers and trustees at the March 25 meeting.
14. First ever issue of the Serra USA magazine appears on line. Activities of eight clubs were featured, but the Seedlings planting at the Seminary and our Girls Night Out didn't make the cut.
15. World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 4-13-08.
16. Serra International Convention, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Aug. 12-17, 2008.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm with the Serran Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations.

Submitted by Bob Venezia, VP for Communications

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Affirmation Dinner Info/Menu For Members/Friends

DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2008

PLACE: Ascension Catholic Church
7250 North Federal Highway
Boca Raton, Florida

TIMES: Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Cocktails (cash bar): 6:30 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

MENU: Mixed Green Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing
Roasted Turkey breast with gravy
(Dark meat available – indicate preference below)
Cranberry walnut stuffing
Mashed Potatoes, Candied Yams
Medley of vegetables, Cranberry Sauce
Dinner rolls w/ butter
Apple & Pumpkin Pie ala Mode
Red and White Wine
Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea

Cost: \$40.00 per person

DIRECTIONS: Ascension Church is located on the east side of Federal Highway between Yamato Road and Linton Blvd. (Phone 561-997-5486)

RESERVATION(S):

Name: _____

I (we) will attend: _____ I (we) cannot make it! _____

Dark meat preferred? _____ **Pie preference** (apple or pumpkin) _____

Name: _____

Dark meat preferred? _____ **Pie preference** (apple or pumpkin) _____

YES, I would like to sponsor _____ **Priests/Religious/Deacons at \$40.00 each.**

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____.

COST PER PERSON: \$40.00. Please make check payable to Serra Club of South Palm Beach County, and mail with this form to:

PLEASE MAIL TO: Jim Anderson, 7025 N.W. 4th Avenue, Boca Raton, FL 33487
(561-994-9267)

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SAM

Substance Addiction Ministry

Submitted by Bob Venezia

On Feb. 5, 2008 at our semi-monthly breakfast meeting, who better to talk with us about SAM than its diocesan director, Erik Vagenius.



Erik Vagenius addresses the Serra Club of S Palm Beach Co

Begun in 1998, SAM now functions in fifteen diocesan parishes, with a two-fold mission of education and re-

ferral. Besides writing articles in The Florida Catholic, Erik sees his role as meeting with parish teams, educating the team members about contacts with the addicted, and referring those in need of help to AA, Alanon, The Hanley Center, etc. The Diocese of Palm Beach is among only five in the USA that has a SAM-type program.

Statistics can often help us appreciate a problem. Erik tells us that about 80% of us can drink without having problems, but as many as 30% of us cannot handle drinking. And each problem drinker will seriously affect the lives of four other people. He shared with us that in the north of our diocese, 50% of teenage confessions include dealing with drunkenness and stealing alcohol. And a growing problem oc-

curs with the elderly who mix prescription medications with their before-dinner cocktail. Not to be forgotten, the number of priests and sisters addicted to alcohol, drugs, and gambling is growing at rates and a level of serious concern.

Erik believes that addiction is a spiritual disease, as it affects our connecting with God, family, job, and friends. Aloneness then takes over, he said. SAM, therefore, is a ministry of prevention – preventing the damaging effects of addiction. In relating SAM and the mission of Serra, Erik stated that supporting and affirming vocations is not enough. Serra in his opinion needs to add “conserving” vocations, as too many are destroyed by addiction. I don’t think we can argue

From the Editor’s Desk

Father Joe’s column this month is actually the basis for his Day of Reflection presentation held March 1st. It was a very inspiring time and enlightening for all who attended.

As my term as editor of the Serran Sentinel comes to a close I thank all those who have contributed and especially Bob Venezia

who has faithfully written an article on every speaker or program we have had over the last year. Which got me to thinking, since we now have 40 members, if each member wrote one (1) article or review or whatever per year, we would have 3 1/3 stories per month for the newsletter that are actually about our club. It’s really not that hard. If you passed fresh-

man English you are qualified! We might even have to add a couple of pages, which we can do without increasing the postage required!

Of course this requires someone to put it all together, graciously called the Editor. Hours are short and pay is great so come on in and get a title! I think the perfect and most qualified candidate is

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 from Rome
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Number of Priests on the
 Rise

'08 Pontifical Yearbook Pre-
 sented to Pope

VATICAN CITY, FEB. 29,
 2008 (Zenit.org).- The num-
 ber of priests steadily in-
 creased between 2000 and
 2006, according to the newest
 pontifical yearbook.

Benedict XVI received today
 from his secretary of state the
 2008 edition of the Annuario
 Pontificio.

Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone
 was accompanied by
 Archbishop Fernando Filoni,
 "sostituo" for General Af-
 fairs, and the officials respon-

sible for compiling and print-
 ing the volume.

A communiqué regarding the
 presentation highlights some
 of the salient facts contained
 in the new yearbook. In 2007,
 eight new episcopal sees were
 created, as well as one apos-
 tolic prefecture, two metro-
 politan sees and one apostolic
 vicariate; 169 new bishops
 were also appointed.

From year-end 2005 to year-
 end 2006, the latest date for
 which numbers are available,,
 the number of Catholics in
 the world increased from
 1.115 billion to 1.131 billion,
 a growth of 1.4%. Over the
 same period, the number of
 bishops grew to 4,898 from
 4,841, an increase of 1.2%.

The number of religious and
 diocesan priests passed from
 406,411 in 2005 to 407,262 in
 2006 (a growth of 0.21%).

The number of priests has
 grown steadily from 2000 to
 2006.

However, the distribution of
 priests differs from continent
 to continent. Their numbers
 have fallen in Europe and
 America, and increased in
 Africa and Asia.

Students of philosophy and
 theology in diocesan and reli-
 gious seminaries number
 115,480, an increase of 0.9%
 from year-end 2005 to year-
 end 2006.

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*Pat and Mike were adrift in a
 lifeboat following a dramatic
 escape from a burning
 freighter. While rummaging
 through the boat's provisions,
 Pat stumbled upon an old lamp.*

*He rubbed it vigorously and,
 to his amazement, a genie
 popped out. This particular ge-
 nie stated that he could deliver
 only one wish instead of the
 standard three.*

*Hardly hesitating, Pat blurted
 out. "Make the entire ocean
 into Guinness Beer!"*

*The genie clapped his hands
 and with a deafening crash, the*

*entire sea immediately turned
 into the finest brew mortals
 had ever sampled.*

*Simultaneously, the genie
 vanished. Only the gentle lap-
 ping of the Guinness on the
 hull broke the stillness as the
 two men considered their cir-
 cumstances.*

*Mike looked disgustedly at
 Pat. After a long, tension-filled
 moment, he spoke: "Nice going
 Pat! Now we're going to have
 to pee in the boat!"*

From the Boynton Beach
 Neighborhood Post

Because they had no reservations
 at a busy restaurant, my elderly
 neighbor and his wife were told
 there would be a 45-minute wait
 for a table. "Young man, we're
 both 90 years old," the husband
 said. "We may not have 45 min-
 utes." They were seated immedi-
 ately.

 The reason congressmen try so
 hard to get re-elected is that they
 would hate to have to make a living
 under the laws they've passed.

Women and cats will do as they
 please, and men and dogs should
 relax and get used to the idea.

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**The Meal in Emmaus, by Rembrandt.
Panel, 1648, Paris, The Louvre**

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