

2008 Summer Edition

(Be sure to visit our web site at www.capemaymarianists.org for a complete schedule, retreat photos and application)

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Summer Family Retreat Update



Last week marked the half way point of our summer family retreat program. Boy, does time fly! Families from all over the country have joined us on our nautical voyage of discovery - we've even had families from as far as Indiana, Texas and Louisiana. We've also been blessed by the large number of Marianist religious that have joined us including two brothers from India (see below). Participants and staff alike have expressed delight with meeting our new friend, Marco de Chaminade, and are particularly impressed by the "special effects" included in this year's skits.

If you have already joined us this summer as a staff member or participant, thank you for helping to make this summer so wonderful. If you are scheduled to join us later in the summer, we look forward to seeing you. And if you are unable to join us this summer, we thank you for supporting us with your thoughts and prayers and don't forget to check out our online photos for a small taste of this summer's delights! ***For photos from Weeks 1 thru 6 [click here.](#)***



Thank You, Ben!

After week #2 this summer Ben Pollicino who had been here since October as our Marianist Volunteer Intern left to go back to his home on Long Island. Ben's time with us was filled with great joy and lots of hard work. His musical gifts combined with his outgoing personality made him a great asset to our staff and more importantly to our ministry. Please join us in wishing Ben great success as he moves on to the next phase of his life.



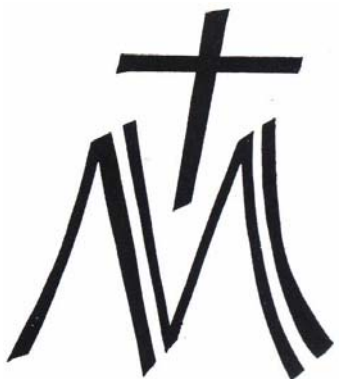
Special Visitors from India

Each year for the past 6 years the Marianist Seminary (which is located in Rome) sends International Marianist Students to experience ministries in the United States. This year Brothers Bhaskar and Rajesh came to America for the very first time. They flew into JFK airport in NY and were driven directly to Cape May. They spent two weeks staffing our Summer Family Program and took to it like fish to the ocean! It was simply a joy to spend time with these men and to experience our Marianist Charism in persons from such a different culture than our own.

One of the many highlights from their time with us is an act that they put on with Joe Janosik (a Marianist Aspirant) and Fr. Ted Cassidy.

[To see a YouTube Video of this click here.](#)

(In the photo Rajesh is on the left and Bhaskar on the right)



Marianist Lay Formation Initiative

This one-year program supports laity passionate about the Marianist charism and who have a desire to spread the Marianist spirit in their area. Funded by the Marianist Family Council, the MLFI program is designed to assist individuals in developing an increased understanding of Marianist mission, tradition, and history. *If you would like to learn more follow the link [MLFI](#)*

Marianist East Coast Regional Gathering Lay & Religious, Come one, come all!

Whether you live nearby, used to live near by, or wish you lived nearby!

Information about and representatives from various opportunities and ministries currently available within the Marianist Family will be available. This is an opportunity to network with others who have shared Marianist experiences.

Where: St. Josephs Parish Community, Sykesville, MD

When: October 3-4, 2008

Keynote Speaker: Tony Garascia

MCs: Anthony Fucci & Kathy Murray

For more information call The Marianist Center at 215-634-4116

Upcoming Retreats & Critical Dates

To print an application please [click here](#).

*****August 20th EARLIEST POST MARK DATES FOR ADVENT FAMILY RETREATS*****

*****We are now accepting applications for the Autumn High School Teen Retreat*****

End of Summer Cleaning Days – August 26-29

Come for 1, 2 or more days this week to help us get the Center ready for our 2008 Autumn Retreats. We typically clean in the mornings and allow the afternoons for time to hit the beach, sit on the porches, take a walk or just rest up for the following day's work! If you can help us please call us at 609-884-3829. Pick up breakfast & lunch provided – *dinners are on your own.*

Autumn Spiritual Getaway Days*

September 16-18, 23-25

October 7-9, 14-16

November 4-6

Cost: \$100pp

There is no required schedule to follow – all are free to join our local Community for morning Eucharist and Evening Prayer. Meals are provided.

*** Other dates may be available with meals “on your own.” Please call our office.**



Celebration of Marriage Retreat
Sept 12-14

This retreat, among our most popular, is intended for couples married at least 10 years. It honors and celebrates the commitment of marriage. Presentations and small group discussions address (1) how we got to this point in our marriages, (2) where we are now and (3) what the future might hold. We strike a deliberate balance among participation/reflection, liturgy, free time and fun and plenty of "couple time." Cost: \$220 per couple

Widow-Widower “Butterfly” Reunion Retreat

Sept 30 – October 2



This *mid-week retreat*, open to all widows and widowers, is a time for fellowship, prayer, Eucharist, sharing and lots of fun. This experience is meant to combine retreat aspects with leisurely time to enjoy one another's company and the beauty that is Cape May Point during the monarch butterfly migration.

Cost: \$100pp



Men's Spirituality Retreat

November 21-23

This weekend, open to men from all walks of life, focuses on unique male issues on the spiritual journey. The retreat will consist of Eucharist and other prayer, input, quiet time, small group sharing, socializing, and fun within a supportive, intentional community of men.

Cost: \$115pp

Remembering John Lyp



On July 4th of this year a faithful husband, loving father and dear friend of our Center passed away. John will be remembered by each of us on staff here as a truly giving person – one who was always asking “what else can I do?” John, along with his wife Mary Ellen could often be found here behind the scenes – whether it was on our annual Cleaning Weekends or running after toddlers on the Families with Young Children Retreat. John was a man dedicated to his family and it truly showed in his dedication to our ministry.

Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers

Contributed by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

On Marriage...

Studies indicate that the average couple spends only 20 minutes a day together. (Perhaps it only refers to direct relationship time; not sleeping, eating, chores). How much time will you spend with your spouse today? Do you need to increase "face time"?

On Parenting...

Are there any assumptions you have about your children such as, they will be good in sports, they will try hard in school, or they know I love them. Goals are good but assumptions are dangerous. Tell your children you love them in a creative way today.

Blessings to All!
The Marianists
Cape May Point