

## ***News from Governor's Island***

**The Future** As many now know, the Marianists are surveying the strengths of our institutions in the U.S. to determine which can survive in the next 10 years. To that end, the newly formed **Governor's Island Task Force** will study the viability of our ministry here. Among the 12 religious and lay persons, two neighbors are serving: Mr. **Tom O'Connor** of Belle Center and Mr. **George (Bernie) Tuttle** of Bellefontaine. The group will meet next soon and complete its work by early June. In the meantime, join us in asking God to bless our efforts to attract young people to religious and priestly service in the Church.



*Our road is not less taken as visitors continue to enjoy G.I..*

**Mass Schedule** We resume regular 8 a.m. Sunday Eucharist in February thanks to volunteer priests from Dayton. **Fr. Jim** is in Puerto Rico where he is helping with pastoral service at our school in Río Piedras. Those who know some Spanish can practice with him after March 4, when he returns.

**Annual Spring Clean Weekend** will take place April 24. Come as early as Friday, stay as long as you want on Sunday. Good food, fellowship, and overnight accommodations – also, blister-free chores to welcome another busy season.

**Home improvements** include a new shingled roof for the chapel. Interior chores continue: painting, caulking, washing walls, etc.

### **Family Vacation Retreats**

It's first come, first served for these popular family events. June 22-26

July 6 – 10     July 13 – 17

Call now for information & registration: Anne [Anne.Petratis@khnetwork.org](mailto:Anne.Petratis@khnetwork.org), 937.258-3825, or Karen Brossart at 513.941-8390, [jbrossart@fuse.net](mailto:jbrossart@fuse.net) Ask about volunteering as a staff assistant.

**Guests** in the coming weeks: five U. of Dayton retreats, St. Mary of the Woods parish council, Marianist communities on Lenten retreats, and a Vocations retreat for young men and women.

**Island Oddities** Bro. Bill captured a panicky **Cooper hawk** that couldn't find its way out of our kitchen entry. On the floor lay its prey: a slightly wounded downy woodpecker. Bill freed the big guy, and the little fella, in shock, spent the night recuperating nestled in an old towel. By morning, it's back at our feeder. . . A **busy beaver** decimated dozens of small trees and bushes along our waterfront. Trappers' efforts have yet to capture the critter. Never a dull moment, even in winter!

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