

News from Governor's Island

Winter 2005 - Spring 2006

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Spring is upon us! What remains of winter are happy memories of the many Christmas greetings, gifts, and homemade treats from friends and neighbors. They provided plenty of warmth to make those winter weeks memorable. Some groups we enjoyed hosting since New Years:

University of Dayton Groups:

Lighthouse Retreat Team

Semester of Service students

More to Life Retreat Team

Faith - Life guided retreat

Marianist Fellows

Dayton Civic Scholars

Also...

Dublin Court, Stonemill and Trinity Marianist Communities

Marianist Novitiate Community

St. Mary of the Woods Parish Council

Province Vocation Retreat

Big Upcoming Events

Mothers' Day Weekend Special (May 6 - 8)

Our 3rd special day for moms and grandmas; spouses and kids are welcome also to enjoy the Island, to relax and just have fun. No meetings or other scheduled events, except a special Mass on Saturday followed by an extra nice dinner. Arrive and leave as your schedule allows. Good-will donation appreciated. Please register by May 1.

2006 Family Vacation Retreats (July 11 - 15 and July 18 - 22)



Now in its 11th year at the Island, this unique family program originated in 1971 at Cape May, N.J., and is still going strong there and at other sites. Conducted by lay and religious volunteers, the retreats offer a unique time away for the family to participate in a variety of family-centered activities, discussions, worship and crazy fun for all ages. While many other families on vacation stay in expensive motels, wait in long lines, and rack up credit card debt, your family can share fun, security, and depth with families who share your faith, goals, values.

For a brochure, contact: Donald.Smith@notes.udayton.edu or write: Bro. Don Smith, Mount St. John, 4435 E. Patterson Rd., Dayton, OH 45430

Interested in volunteering as a team member on one or both retreats?
Contact Anne.Petratis@kmcnetwork.org for details.

A Thank You note about the Family Retreats . . .

"I went to the retreat confused and not sure about our future as a family. Joe [not his real name] was restless and just as unsure. Somewhere along with the discussions, fun, and other activities, something happened that made us realize how important we are to each other and to our children. Your retreat doesn't solve problems, you say, but we are family again, thanks to the wonderful days at Governor's Island."

For information about other Marianist retreats for families, contact

CFL Family Retreat Center
2006 Wicker St.
North Topsail Beach, NC 28460
910.328-1584
cflcenter@charterinternet.com

Marianist Family Retreat Center
410 Yale Ave.
Cape May Point, NJ 08212
609.884-0545
afucci@capemaymarianists.org

Dick Flack
Bergamo Center
4400 Shakertown Rd.
Dayton, OH 45430
937.426-2363
dickf@bergamocenter.org

Single-parent family retreats are offered at Cape May and Topsail.

Retreat style, date, and costs vary but each site reflects the Marianist Family Spirit. Common to all are the activities and content that meet all ages, child care, home-cooked meals, attractive and inviting locations; emphasis is on each family rediscovering God's presence in their lives and the gifts of each family member. Christians of all denominations are welcome.

Marianist Community News

Our faithful yard man and buyer, **Bro. Bill Deanhofer**, underwent a long overdue knee replacement Feb. 9, in Dayton. Recovery and therapy went very well at Mercy Siena., and Bro. Bill will soon be ready for the grass cutting season.

Fr. Jim has been active in helping out at Logan County's two parishes, which have only one priest each. The priest shortage is certainly real!

Bro. Paul conducted a day-long workshop for the parish council of St. Mary of the Woods church. He also has on display a painting and samples of his winter woodworking fun at the MEEC Exhibition at Mt. St. John through April 22. The Marianist Environmental Education Center is a creative and upbeat group who promote environmental concerns. Some groups complain, this group puts their hands to the hoe!

Home Improvements

- New dinnerware and flatware have been ordered, thanks to the generosity of a neighborhood couple who noticed our **dream list** in the last issue.
- Thanks to other donors, the guest house will see new towels, sheets, and bedspreads in the months ahead, along with a facelift for the living room consisting of new ceiling tiles and painted walls. We are looking for a creative person to guide and help with painting.
- Better outdoor lighting due to new motion-sensor lights. Many small but important improvements, thank to our skilled **Bro. Charlie Gausling** of Dayton, who dedicated his weekends to help. Though long retired from teaching and from missionary work in Africa, Charlie is very active with Habitat for Humanity.

In our prayers we commend to God our friends and neighbors for the greetings cards, best wishes, homemade goodies, and gifts to the community over the Christmas holidays. Also, to the worshipers who attend St. George's chapel for their super generosity in contributions for our ministry. Many thank to all.

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