



**The Beacon.Com - Marianist Family Retreat
Center E-Newsletter**

December 2011

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

To find out more of what is happening in the greater
Marianist Family – click here www.marianist.com/fo for
Marianist Family Online - the Province E-Newsletter.

Inside this issue:

- Director's Message
- 2012 Brochure – [Click here to view online version](#)
- Advent Family Retreats #1 & #2 – Recap & Photos
- Men's Spirituality Retreat Recap & Photos
- 2012 Retreat Dates – College-Age, Cleaning & Young Adults up first!
- Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers



Dear Friends,

This past November 17-20 we attended the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) with six teenagers who are connected to our Center. The theme of the weekend was “Called to Glory.”

This was my fifth NCYC and every time I attend I can honestly say that I feel as if I get as much (if not more) out of the experience than the teens! Blessed Chaminade reminded us that we are called to be a “spectacle of saints.” Well, if this wasn't a spectacle of saints then I do not know what is - 23,000 attendees all focused on how each one of us is *called to glory* by virtue of our baptism is simply an awesome spectacle.

I know there seems to be so much negativity all around us these days and sometimes it may be difficult see God's Glory, but during this season of Advent – a season of joyful & hopeful waiting - let us remind ourselves and one another of who it was that made the blind see and the lame walk and how each of us is called to share in God's glory.

Advent peace & friendship always,
Anthony

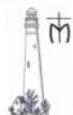


Our staff: Diane, Andrea, Jessica, Gracie, Anthony, Brother Al, Brother Ed, Fr. Tim, Brother Tom, and Fr. John wish each of you a blessed Advent season, a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2011 has been filled with many blessings (with a few more to come we are sure) and we are grateful to have you all as part of our Marianist Family.

Chaminade Quote of the month:



 <p style="text-align: center;">THE MARIANIST FAMILY RETREAT CENTER 2012 RETREAT PROGRAMS 417 YALE AVENUE, P.O. BOX 488 CAPE MAY POINT, NEW JERSEY 08212-0488 (609) 884-3829 EMAIL: MFRC@CAPEMAYMARIANISTS.ORG WEB: WWW.CAPEMAYMARIANISTS.ORG</p> 																																															
<p><i>Our Mission</i> In partnership with the larger Marianist family, the Marianist Family Retreat Center offers all who seek personal and spiritual growth, a wide choice of Christ-centered communal retreat experiences in the Catholic Tradition.</p>																																															
 <p style="text-align: center;">FAMILY RETREAT SCHEDULE</p> <p><i>Family Retreat Weekends</i> (Friday Dinner to Sunday 2pm)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>March</td> <td>9 - 11</td> <td>Latino Family Retreat; See p.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April</td> <td>5 - 8</td> <td>Easter Triduum Retreat (Thurs - Sun)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April</td> <td>20 - 22</td> <td>Black Catholic Family Revival; See p.2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May</td> <td>18 - 20</td> <td>Families with all children 7 yrs. & under</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Summer Family Retreat Weeks*</i> (Arrive Monday afternoon, depart Saturday 1pm)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Week #1</td> <td>June 25 - 30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Week #2</td> <td>July 2 - 7</td> </tr> </table>	March	9 - 11	Latino Family Retreat; See p.2	April	5 - 8	Easter Triduum Retreat (Thurs - Sun)	April	20 - 22	Black Catholic Family Revival; See p.2	May	18 - 20	Families with all children 7 yrs. & under	Week #1	June 25 - 30	Week #2	July 2 - 7	<p style="text-align: center;">OTHER RETREAT OFFERINGS (See pp 2-3 for details)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>High School Teen Retreats</td> <td>May 11 - 13 & Oct. 19 - 21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>College-Age Retreat</td> <td>January 6 - 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Young Working Adult Retreat</td> <td>February 10 - 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cleaning and Maintenance</td> <td>Jan 13 - 15, June 18 - 22 & August 28 - 31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Young Married Couples</td> <td>March 30 - April 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Widows & Widowers</td> <td>April 13 - 15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Widow & Widower Reunion</td> <td>Sept. 18 - 20 **MID-WEEK**</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Easter Triduum Retreat</td> <td>April 5 - 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contemplative Prayer Retreat</td> <td>October 1 - 4 **MID-WEEK**</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Volunteer & Friends Remin</td> <td>May 25 - 27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women's Spirituality #1</td> <td>March 16 - 18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women's Spirituality #2</td> <td>May 4 - 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Women's Spirituality #3</td> <td>October 26 - 28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Celebration of Marriage</td> <td>Sept. 21 - 23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Men's Spirituality</td> <td>November 16 - 18</td> </tr> </table>	High School Teen Retreats	May 11 - 13 & Oct. 19 - 21	College-Age Retreat	January 6 - 8	Young Working Adult Retreat	February 10 - 12	Cleaning and Maintenance	Jan 13 - 15, June 18 - 22 & August 28 - 31	Young Married Couples	March 30 - April 1	Widows & Widowers	April 13 - 15	Widow & Widower Reunion	Sept. 18 - 20 **MID-WEEK**	Easter Triduum Retreat	April 5 - 8	Contemplative Prayer Retreat	October 1 - 4 **MID-WEEK**	Volunteer & Friends Remin	May 25 - 27	Women's Spirituality #1	March 16 - 18	Women's Spirituality #2	May 4 - 6	Women's Spirituality #3	October 26 - 28	Celebration of Marriage	Sept. 21 - 23	Men's Spirituality	November 16 - 18
March	9 - 11	Latino Family Retreat; See p.2																																													
April	5 - 8	Easter Triduum Retreat (Thurs - Sun)																																													
April	20 - 22	Black Catholic Family Revival; See p.2																																													
May	18 - 20	Families with all children 7 yrs. & under																																													
Week #1	June 25 - 30																																														
Week #2	July 2 - 7																																														
High School Teen Retreats	May 11 - 13 & Oct. 19 - 21																																														
College-Age Retreat	January 6 - 8																																														
Young Working Adult Retreat	February 10 - 12																																														
Cleaning and Maintenance	Jan 13 - 15, June 18 - 22 & August 28 - 31																																														
Young Married Couples	March 30 - April 1																																														
Widows & Widowers	April 13 - 15																																														
Widow & Widower Reunion	Sept. 18 - 20 **MID-WEEK**																																														
Easter Triduum Retreat	April 5 - 8																																														
Contemplative Prayer Retreat	October 1 - 4 **MID-WEEK**																																														
Volunteer & Friends Remin	May 25 - 27																																														
Women's Spirituality #1	March 16 - 18																																														
Women's Spirituality #2	May 4 - 6																																														
Women's Spirituality #3	October 26 - 28																																														
Celebration of Marriage	Sept. 21 - 23																																														
Men's Spirituality	November 16 - 18																																														

2012 Program Brochure

By now you should have received our new 2012 Program Brochure so be sure to share with family & friends. Should you like a few additional copies simply email us mfrc@capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.

To view an online version of the 2012 Brochure – [click here](#).



IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR...

FEBRUARY 1 – Earliest Postmark Date for the *Summer Family Retreats*.

FEBRUARY 1 – Earliest Postmark Date for the *May High School Teen Retreat*



Advent Family Retreats

We are currently in the midst of our Advent Family Retreats. Our theme, “Advent: A Recipe for Readiness” continues the cooking theme that has carried us through the year. Once again, we are joined by our southern belle, Pauline Deena and the Linguini Family as they show us how preparing a recipe is a lot like preparing our hearts and homes for Christ’s coming. The four main sessions focus on the ingredient of hope, being bakers of Christ’s

peace, putting Jesus and others first in our recipe for joy and of course, feasting on God’s love. Our annual cookie baking takes on new meaning in light of our theme and we take the opportunity to invite families to share THEIR Advent and Christmas cooking traditions. If you are joining us this Advent, we look forward to sharing our recipe for readiness with you. If you aren’t joining us, please unite with us in prayer as we ask, “Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of Your only Son.”

[To see photos from these retreats click here](#), and select from the menu.



12th Annual Men’s Spirituality Retreat

Drawn from the Scripture passage of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18) the theme for this retreat was “The Spirituality of Imperfection.” As one presenter put it, “the authentic movement of God in our lives is through our imperfections which brings us to a wholeness of being.” During the Saturday morning session Dave Gotha led us through a “step back prayer” where through an awareness of self, our fathers, and our grand fathers we became more

conscious of the generational influences that have helped to shape our lives to this present day.

This weekend retreat of a spirituality of imperfection led us from humility, to acceptance, and then into a prayer of gratitude. This was another great retreat led by Ray McCracken and his team of John Bowie, Dave Gotha, Jay Konar, and Mike Wasno.

~submitted by Brother Tom Redmond, SM

[To see photos from these retreats click here](#), and select from the menu.

Other Upcoming Retreats & Important Dates

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

*****Financial Aid is available – please do not let the cost of a retreat be the obstacle that prevents you from joining us...*****

Check out www.capemaymarianists.org for a full listing of
Retreat Offerings!

2012 Retreat Dates:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



College-Age Retreat – January 6-8, 2012

This retreat is designed to bring together young people of college-age (17 - 22, 2012 HS graduates are welcomed) to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and to enrich your association with your peers. Our time will be filled with prayer, special liturgies, peer group discussions and Eucharist.



Cleaning Weekend – January 13-15, 2012

Please call 609-884-3829 or email us at mfrc@capemaymarianists.org to let us know if you can attend – we do limit this weekend so please sign up early!



Young Adults Retreat – February 10-12

This weekend is for young adults (age 22 -35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, co-workers and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing and social interaction.

This retreat tends to fill quickly so please send your application in as early as possible.

Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers

Contributed by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

On Marriage...

Don't let the chaos that often accompanies the rush to Christmas disturb your calm and your love. If you find you've spoken harshly or impatiently to your spouse or child, ask God for increased peace and your spouse or child for forgiveness.

On Parenting...

If you have small children, the intensity of this time right before Christmas can be fun but also draining. When you feel stressed, keep repeating the mantra, "Whose Birthday is it anyway?" If you keep this in mind, what's important and what isn't will sort itself out. Actually this applies to all ages.

Blessings to All!
The Marianists
Cape May Point