



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

***November 2012***

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

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Dear Friends,

I wish to thank all of you who prayed for us and the Center as Hurricane Sandy approached and afterwards. We were truly blessed – aside from some water in the basement and the loss



of power for a short period of time we were virtually unaffected by the storm.

In the end it turns out that many more of you were adversely affected by the storm than we were. My parents and so many others in NY and NJ are still without power! So please know of our thoughts and prayers as those of you affected by the storm recover over these next weeks and months.



## Set \$5 Aside

In 2012 for our College-Age and Teen Retreats we asked those attending to donate at least \$5 to the Center to be used in support of a retreat we offer for Mother Seton Academy (MSA) and our young people really responded! From the 3 retreats this year we collected over \$600 – this represents an over 80% participation rate with several giving more than the \$5 requested! What a great way for our young people to see how donations they make can have

a direct impact on a ministry they love.

MSA is a school that the Marianists co-sponsor with several other Catholic religious orders that is open to gifted inner-city Baltimore children who live below the poverty line. Each year the graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade class comes here for their big year end trip. Our time includes retreat sessions as well as field trips to explore Cape May and the beauty it offers. For many of the students it's their first time to a beach resort.

We are so blessed to have young people who come here be so generous to those less fortunate - inspiring.

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*Our Mission*  
 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.

FAMILY RETREAT SCHEDULE		OTHER RETREAT OFFERINGS (See pp 2-3 for details)
<b>Family Retreat Weekends</b> (Friday Dinner to Sunday 2pm)		<b>Youth &amp; Young Adult Retreats:</b>
March	8 - 10 Latino Family Retreat	College-Age Retreat January 4 - 6
March	28 - 31 Easter Triduum Retreat (Thurs - Sun) Pg.2	High School Teen Retreats May 3 - 5 ***NEW DATE***
April	26 - 28 Black Catholic Family Retreat	High School Teen Retreats Oct 25 - 27
May	17 - 19 Families with all children under 7 yrs Pg. 2	Young Working Adult Retreat February 15 - 17
June	7 - 9 Creative Prayer Retreat Pg. 2	
<b>Summer Family Retreat Weeks</b> * (Arrive Monday afternoon; depart Saturday 1pm)		<b>Married Couples Retreats:</b>
Week #1	June 24 - 29	Young Married Couples April 12 - 14
Week #2	July 1 - 6	Celebration of Marriage Sept. 27 - 29
		<b>Cleaning and Maintenance</b>
		Jan 11 - 13, June 17 - 21 & Sept. 3 - 6
		<b>Widow &amp; Widower Retreats:</b>
		Widow - Widower Retreat April 19 - 21
		Widow - Widower Reunion Sept. 17 - 19 **MID-WEEK**

## 2013 Calendar Corrections

Last month we updated our web site for 2013. Since then we made a few changes.

**The Celebration of Marriage Retreat** is now scheduled for Sept. 27-29.

**The October Women's Retreat** is now scheduled for October 4-6.

**The October Teen Retreat** is now scheduled for October 25-27.

**The Women of Wisdom Retreat** is now scheduled for October 29-31.

Once again, our website [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) has been updated for 2013 – please take a look! The new 2013 Program Brochures will be mailed later this month – look for them toward the middle of November.



## ***Men's Retreat- Some openings remain!*** **November 16-18**

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.

Each year there is a new theme for this retreat. This year's theme will be *Pilgrimage as a Way of Life*.



## **Teen Retreat – Saints Alive!**

On the weekend of Oct 19-21 we had a full house of teens for our Autumn Teen Retreat. Our theme was *Saints Alive*. Throughout the weekend we explored the lives of Saints in our Church (both named and unnamed) looking at ways we

can learn from their examples of faithfulness and holiness. Session topics included being Saints in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, feeling distant from God, and how to overcome hurdles in our lives. The experience was life-changing in so many ways for the young people who attended.

To see photos from this retreat [click here](#)

### \*\*\*\**New Programs for 2013*\*\*\*\*

We have some new exciting programs scheduled for 2013. Two that we would like to highlight are:



#### **Mother – Daughter Retreat**

**(Mother's Day Weekend: May 10-12):**

Knowing that your relationship is special, and the need to nurture it throughout the years, this is a wonderful opportunity to walk upon common ground while celebrating your differences. Eucharist, small group sharing, prayer experiences, socials and fun are included.



#### **Marianist Prayer Retreat (Mid-week April 9-11):**

This is a retreat based on Blessed Chaminade's methods of prayer and how we can use and share those methods today. This will be an experiential type of prayer retreat using different forms - individual, small groups, audio/visual etc.

*We hope you will be able to join us!*

### ***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...\*\**

#### **2013 Retreat Dates:**

[College Age Retreat](#) (ages 18\*-21)

January 4-6

\*open to high school seniors

[Cleaning & Maintenance](#) (Painting, etc.) Days

January 11-13

[Young Adults Retreat](#) (ages 22 - 35)

February 15-17

Check out [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) for a full listing of  
Other 2013 Retreat Offerings!

### ***Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers***

Contributed by Susan Vogt, [www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net)

#### ***On Marriage...***

"The spirit of wisdom came to me." (Wisdom 7:7) What's the wisest thing your beloved has ever said or done (besides marrying you)? Tell him or her. What's the dumbest thing you've ever done? Forgive yourself.

#### ***On Parenting...***

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday, especially for Christians, because it's more about family reunions than buying stuff. Keep it that way. Share some family history, funny stories, connect with far flung relatives (by the internet if necessary). Christmas is in the future. Live in the present on Thanksgiving weekend.

Blessings to All!  
The Marianists  
Cape May Point