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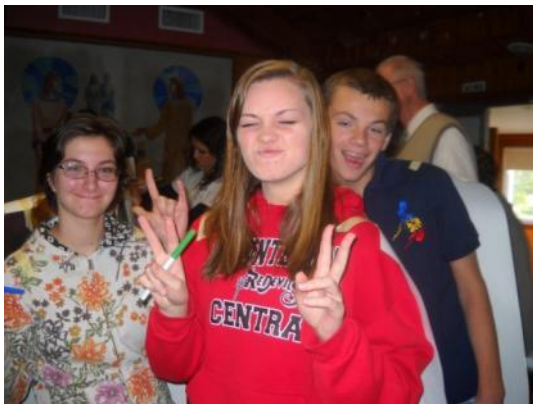
(Be sure to visit our web site at
www.capemaymarianists.org for a
complete schedule, retreat photos and application)



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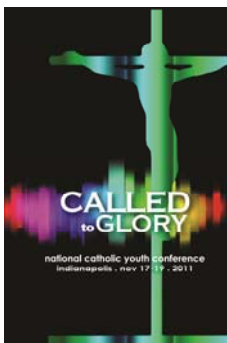
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Dear Friends,
As we begin this month of November, I cannot help but think about Thanksgiving and all that we have to be thankful for. Two weeks ago we had our Autumn Teen Retreat and what an experience it was not only for the kids, but for the staff as well. Using the theme of Building Relationships, we focused on all the types of relationships we have in life: with ourselves, with our parents & siblings, with our friends and of course with God.

Our young people continue to amaze me – the depth of their faith, their desire to serve, and their willingness to sacrifice makes these retreats so special. Of course their goofy antics and ability to make me laugh always helps!

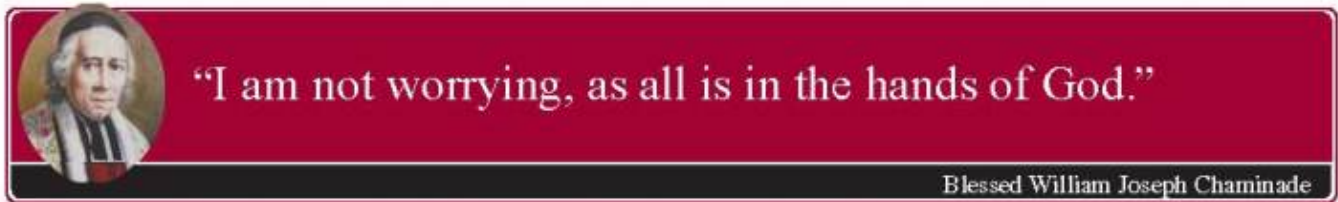


Once again this year we will be attending the *National Catholic Youth Conference* – a gathering of 25,000+ teens to share in our faith. As we pilgrimage to Indianapolis on November 17-20 we ask for your prayers for safety in travel and for a positive experience for our youth as well as all of those who attend from all corners of our country.

Finally, I would like to wish each of you, those who really make this ministry so special for so many, a healthy and happy Thanksgiving!

Peace & friendship always,
Anthony

Chaminade Quote of the month:



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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

Family Retreat Weekends (Friday Dinner to Sunday 2pm)		
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

Summer Family Retreat Weeks*
(Arrive Monday afternoon, depart Saturday 1pm)

Week #1	June 25 - 30
Week #2	July 2 - 7

OTHER RETREAT OFFERINGS
(See pp 2-3 for details)

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
Widows & Widower Reunion	Sept. 18 - 20 **MID-WEEK**
Easter Triduum Retreat	April 5 - 8
Contemplative Prayer Retreat	October 1 - 4 **MID-WEEK**
Volunteer & Friends Reunion	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

Our new 2012 Program Brochure is at the printers and will be mailed soon – please keep an eye out for it and 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](#).



Women's Spirituality Retreat #3

Encountering Crossroads and roadblocks is all part of life's journey, yet they can stop us in our tracks and make us feel very lost and totally alone. This weekend 44 women from all over the US (and one from Ireland!) examined the physical, emotional and spiritual roadblocks & crossroads that keep us from being our true selves and distance us from God. A common complaint from many

women in our over scheduled world, is that we have no time for ourselves or for God. So this weekend we allowed ourselves the gift of quiet meditative desert time, shared struggles & triumphs in small groups and in prayer partner dyads. We broke bread at Eucharist and at table and generally do what women do so well; support each other. We laughed, we prayed, we cried and of course despite the wind and rain, we went shopping!! It was a holy, happy weekend.

~submitted by Joanne McCracken who led this retreat along with Patti Jarvis and Chris Suriano

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



Women of Wisdom

Last week 12 women joined us for this year's Women of Wisdom Retreat. Each year the retreat revolves around recognizing the wisdom that is in each of us. Beginning with our early childhood years, into grade school and as young adult women, we took a look back to identify those moments of wisdom that made us into the women we are today. Using creative playful activities, we shared in those events and times of our lives that are so meaningful to who we are today!

~Submitted by Madge Hempsey who co-led the retreat with Pam Laurenzi

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Men's Spirituality Retreat, November 18-20

Openings remain!

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.

The cost for this retreat is \$120 per person.

To print an application please [click here](#) or call us at 609-884-3829

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 (18 - 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!

Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers

Contributed by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

On Marriage...

Whether or not you travel over Thanksgiving, remember those who can't afford a plane ticket, gas, or even a pair of shoes, or worse - don't have a loved one with whom to share the day. Our bounty is not deserved, but a gift. Give some of it away.

On Parenting...

"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife." (Mt 1:20) As the foster father of Jesus, Joseph raised a child not of his own blood line. November is Adoption Month. Might this be a call to you? Consider adoption, foster parenting, or simply mentoring an at risk child.

Blessings to All!
The Marianists
Cape May Point