





# Seventh Sunday of Easter



## Merger Update

The Core Team met with the Temporalities Committee of the Diocese of Camden on 4/20/10. The Meeting was good and positive. Another meeting is scheduled for May. If everything goes well at that meeting, 8 weeks from that date in May, a Decree would be announced in the Star Herald sometime in July. Four weeks from that date in July, we would expect to merge.

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## A Family Perspective

In the gospel Jesus prayed “that all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you.” Unity is the goal of families, not uniformity. With uniformity everything is exactly alike. With unity, differences are accepted and reconciled. In a family we do not lose our individual personalities but create something greater, a family which is a sign of God’s presence.

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## Stewardship Reflection

### *Stewards Beginning to End*

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelations 22:13)

These words from the very last chapter of the bible are a final reminder for us to put God first in our lives. Putting God first means living a life of stewardship. Putting God first will mean giving our time, talent and treasure until our giving fills us with joy and contentment.

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## CAP Phase I & II

CAP is the safe environment training program for adults who have regular contact with minors. Attendance is required in order to comply with the USCCB’s *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. The policy of the diocese is that adults will attend CAP once every 5 years.

CAP 1 teaches attendees to recognize child abuse and neglect and how to report to the proper authorities. Adults are taught that children have the right to be safe, strong and free. CAP 1 is for **new** volunteers and employees.

CAP 2 is No More Bullies, No More Victims and is a workshop on bullying awareness and bullying prevention. Cyberbullying is also addressed. Both sessions are 90 minutes.

Adults must attend CAP 1 before attending CAP 2. After five years, adults have the option of attending CAP 1 again if they prefer.

CAP Phase I: Monday, June 7, 2010, 7:00 pm, St. Monica, Atlantic City, Church Hall

CAP Phase II: There are no CAP Phase II sessions scheduled for May or June.

**THERE WILL BE NO CAP SESSIONS FOR JULY AND AUGUST.**

**Call the Rectory at (856) 062-8642 for registration information.**

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***The best vitamin for a Christian is B1!***

## Wanted: Bus Driver

We need an individual to drive our parish bus on occasional Saturdays and Sundays. Must have the proper license. If interested, please call St. Joan of Arc Rectory at (856) 962-8642 or Mark Lacy at St. Bart’s at (856) 365-0573.

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## Retreat for Couples: Married and Unmarried

Don’t miss this opportunity. How long has it been since you sat down with your partner to find out what is new in his/her life? How long has it been since the both of you had some time to reflect on your lives together? Whether you’re married or just living together as a couple, come and join us at St. Joseph Pro Cathedral for this exciting retreat beginning Friday, May 21st at 7:00 pm and ending on Sunday, May 23rd at 4:00 pm with Mass. The cost will be \$100.00 per couple and it will be in Spanish only. To register for this event please call Rosa Estela at (856) 831-2367 or St. Joseph Rectory at (856) 964-2776, ext. 414 (Evelyn Cabrera).

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## Saturday Afternoon Fever at The Westwood

St. Bart’s Ladies Guild Presents Saturday Afternoon Fever at the Westwood in Garwood, NJ on Saturday, June 12, 2010, starting at 11:30 am.

It’s non-stop afternoon fun with dancing, a sumptuous feast, complimentary drinks and an out-a-sight show with saxophonist Lonnie Youngblood! Cost: \$90.00 (includes show and brunch). Payment due May 23, 2010.

Bus leaves St. Bart’s at 9:00 am and departs the theatre at 3:30 pm. For more information/tickets, call Bonnie at St. Bart’s rectory at (856) 365-0573, Cheryl Summers at (856) 848-2537 or Ruth Hamilton at (856) 541-0916.

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## Free or Low-Cost Health Insurance for NJ Children

NJ FamilyCare is a low-cost or free program for income-eligible families. For example, a family of four earning up to \$77,175 (or 350 percent of the federal poverty level) can qualify to insure their children for about \$130.00 a month in the state—and federally funded program.

NJ FamilyCare ADVANTAGE is a “buy-in” program for families earning more than 350 percent of the federal poverty level. The maximum monthly premium is \$411 for a family with three or more children.

Applications are printed in both English and Spanish. The state also has a translation service and materials available in 13 additional languages. For help, call 1-800-701-0710, or visit [www.njfamilycare.org](http://www.njfamilycare.org). Parents can also contact the Association for Children of New Jersey at (973-643-3876) or [njfamilycare@acnj.org](mailto:njfamilycare@acnj.org). The Association for Children of New Jersey (ASNJ) is a leading non-profit child advocacy group dedicated to improving the health and well-being of new Jersey’s children. ACNJ is assisting the state in its outreach efforts to boost enrollment in NJ FamilyCare. For more information, visit [www.acnj.org](http://www.acnj.org).