Frederick, MD

St. Ignatius Ijamsville Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. John the Evangelist 9:00 a.m. Sundays

Washington, D.C.

7202 Buchanan St, Hyattsville, MD 20784. Sundays 10:00 a.m

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Sundays 12:00 p.m.

Baltimore, MD

St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church
Baltimore, MD Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St Charles Borromeo Church
Pikesville, MD Sundays 8:30 a.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
Baltimore, MD Sundays 10:15 a.m

St. Joseph’s Church Cockeysville,
MD Sundays 12:00 p.m.

St. Marks Catholic Church
Catonsville, MD 7:30 a.m. Sundays

St. Matthew Catholic Church
Baltimore, MD 11:00 a.m. Sundays

St. Rita’s Dundalk MD Sundays
11:15 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Baltimore, MD 9:30 a.m. Sundays

Deaf Catholics Uniting on the Mid-Atlantic

Editor’s Notes: Starting with this issue, the newsletter will be a publication of the Office of Deaf Ministry for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. I would like to thank Cisco Vigil for being willing to help prepare this newsletter and for his work on previous newsletters. My name is Chris Duck. I am the Coordinator for Deaf Ministry for the Archdiocese. I began working in this position a few months ago in July. I have been active in Deaf Ministry for many years so many of you already know me. Many others of you I have not yet met. I am looking forward to meeting you!

During this short time, I have been able to meet with some of you so that we could exchange ideas about our vision for Deaf Ministry for the future. Thank you to all of you who came to those meetings to share your ideas.

I hope to put together a written plan for us to make Deaf Ministry more vibrant and more active. As you know, this is not something that one person can do alone. This will require all of us to work together to make good things happen.

I have tried to focus on some specific areas that we can use to guide us in our planning. I think if we can emphasize four major kinds of activities, Deaf Ministry can grow and become more vibrant and active.

First, we must address the spiritual needs of Deaf Catholics. We need to be sure that everyone has full access to the Mass and the Sacraments.

Next, we need education. We need to learn about our faith, the Bible, and our Church. Deaf children need religious education. Deaf adults need more information about these things also.

For a community to truly be a community, we need to have social events, events that will be attractive to the Deaf community. These
events hopefully will bring Deaf people together for fun and fellowship, but also show that Catholic Deaf Ministry is alive and fully functioning. Hopefully, it can also attract others to join us.

To be a truly Christian community, we also need to reach out and serve others in the community. Our service to others (such as the poor) shows others that we are people of faith who do the things that Jesus has taught us to do.

I see this as a framework. We will need to build on this framework to make these words and ideas become real and alive. This is what our faith is all about: Sharing our faith and living our faith together as a community. To me, the possibilities are truly exciting. I am looking forward to working with you to make a plan, and making the plan become a reality!

Chris Duck
Coordinator for Deaf Ministry

Save the Date
Deaf Advent Retreat
Preparing to Welcome Jesus Again
Archdioceses of Washington and Baltimore
Saturday, December 2, 2017
1:00 – 5:00 pm

Come join us for the Deaf Advent Retreat followed by Mass

Gregorie Youbara, Board of Camp Mark 7 will explore the meaning of Advent and its Coming and how it applies to your Advent life.
LINKS FOR DEAF MINISTRY

Deaf Ministry Page for the Archdiocese of Baltimore
www.archbalt.org Go to Ministries, then to Deaf Ministry

Archdiocese of Baltimore
Deaf Catholic - Facebook group
https://www.facebook.com/groups/ArchbaltDeafCatholic/

Deaf Ministries Page for the Archdiocese of Washington
www.adw.org Go to Ministries & Offices then to Special Needs Ministries, then to Deaf Ministries

www.masstimes.com
Laudate Catholic App
Upcoming Events

Coffee Hour with the Deaf Catholics: 9:00 a.m. January 14, 2018. St. Rita’s in Dundalk, MD (Voice Interpreted)

Mass in ASL with Fr. Mike Depcik
- December 10, 2017
- February 18, 2018
- Sundays at 10:00 am with social to follow:
  - Where: St. Ignatius Country Church
  - Urbana Church Road, Frederick, MD 2170

February 17, 2018
- Saturday at 4:00 pm with social to follow:
  - Where: Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart
  - 1001 West Joppa Road, Baltimore, MD 21204

PILGRIMAGE FOR DEAF CATHOLICS
SANCTUAIRES NOTRE-DAME DE LOURDES
10th—14th of September 2018
The annual Mid-Atlantic Congress (MAC) is a leadership conference created for Catholic pastoral and administrative leaders. Participants learn about current trends and best practices.

- Renew your enthusiasm and energy for ministry
- Enrich your spiritual life
- Grow as a leader in your faith community

This conference is held each year in Baltimore. Last year, Fr. Mike Depcik gave one of the keynote addresses. This conference has been very welcoming to the Deaf Community and provides interpreters for the various presentations. Hope you will consider coming.
Here are some opportunities from outside the Archdiocese of Baltimore:

The Archdiocese of Washington is having two events that may interest you. The White Mass is a special Mass celebrated by the Cardinal recognizing the gifts of persons with disabilities or special needs. The Annual Holiday Bazaar and Turkey Dinner is a fun event held at the Center for Deaf Ministries. If you are interested, please plan to go!
There will be a religious interpreting workshop called “Bringing Worship to Life!” held in Hagerstown, MD on November 3-4, 2017. Many hearing and Deaf people say good things about it. It is not “Catholic” interpreting, but is about religious interpreting. For information, see the website: http://gatecommunications.org/bringingworshiptolife-hagerstown

I hear good things about Fr. Chris Klusman. Some people from the Baltimore Archdiocese are planning to go to this retreat.
The Archdiocese of Baltimore together with the Archdiocese of Washington (not the Deaf Ministry Offices) are planning a joint pilgrimage to WYD 2019. Often there is a different group of Deaf Young Adults from all over the United States that also has a pilgrimage to World Youth Day. More information on that later.
MILESTONES OF A TRUE DEAF ADVOCATE

(A new person will be highlighted every edition)

It makes me very sad to share with you that our friend, Keith O'Donnell, has died. Keith was a faith-filled man who was there all of the time and willing to help out when needed. He was one of the last surviving members of the Catholic Deaf of Baltimore when they would meet at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Baltimore. At this parish he served as a Eucharistic minister to the over 100 Deaf members. Recently he attended St. Rita’s Church in Dundalk where he helped to keep the tradition of the Catholic Deaf of Baltimore alive. At St. Rita's he was a vital link to the training of the new interpreters for AOB. We will miss him greatly as his example of a Christ like spirit lives on. May perpetual light shine upon him, and may he rest in peace.