Deaf Catholics on the Mid-Atlantic

Coordinator’s Corner:

Because Holy Week occurs early this year and other things will be happening, we decided to publish the newsletter a little early this time. The weather did not cooperate very well with our schedule for Mass with Fr. Mike Depcik in December and February. We are looking forward to spring! Hopefully, each of you has had a Blessed Lenten Season. Hope you have a Joyous Easter!

Soon it will be Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday when we remember Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The story of His Passion is also read that same Sunday. On Holy Thursday, we remember the Lord’s Last Supper where Jesus celebrated the Passover Meal with his disciples, washing their feet, and instituting the Eucharist that we celebrate each week. On Good Friday, we remember Jesus’ suffering, death, and burial. There is no Mass on Good Friday. Instead a Communion Service is held. Then on Holy Saturday, we celebrate the Vigil of the Resurrection, beginning with the blessing of the fire. In the darkened church, several readings from the Old Testament tell us the story of salvation history. Then the church is illuminated and the story of Jesus’ Resurrection is read. The “Alleluias” that have not been seen during Lent ring out celebrating the Resurrection! This three-day celebration (Holy Thursday, Good Friday,
Holy Saturday is the high point of the Church year. Jesus has conquered sin and death and we have forgiveness of our sins. We have been given a clear way to eternal life! Alleluia!

For those wanting to attend Holy Week services that are interpreted, we have included a list of interpreted services that we know about. If you can go to any of these services, I think you will find it very worthwhile.

The Bible Study groups are meeting again in both Ijamsville and in Ellicott City. Both groups are meeting every two weeks (see the details in this newsletter). After Easter, we will begin a series focusing on “Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible.” This program uses a visual time line to follow the story of the history of salvation. It starts at the beginning of the Bible in Genesis, and continues through to the Gospel stories of Jesus and the early Church. This is an eight-session series. Participants can have a workbook and their own visual Bible timeline for reference. The sessions are free, but there is a small cost to help pay for the materials if you would like to have them. The people who have been attending are excited about this series and are looking forward to this. Everyone is invited to join one of the Bible Study groups, especially for this series focusing on “Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible.”

We have included information about some other events that taking place outside the Archdiocese, but not too far away. You may want to consider going to some of them.

Chris Duck
Coordinator for Deaf Ministry
Upcoming Events

Coffee Hour with the Deaf Catholics: April 8, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. 11:15 am Interpreted mass St. Rita's in Dundalk, MD (Voice Interpreted)

Bible Studies

Ellicott City Group will meet on Mondays, April 9, 23, May 7, 21

Ijamsville Group will meet on Thursdays, April 5, 19, May 3, 17

Future dates will be determined!

For More Information Please email Chris Duck: (chris.duck@archbalt.org)
INTERPRETED HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Holy Thursday** – Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Holy Family – Middletown - 7:30 pm
St Charles Borromeo – Pikesville - 7:30 pm
St John the Evangelist – Frederick - 7:30 pm
St. Vincent de Paul – Baltimore
  Seder (tickets required – 1 table of ASL users) 6 pm and
  Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 8 pm

**Good Friday** – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
St Charles Borromeo – Pikesville - 3:00 pm
St. Vincent de Paul – Baltimore:
  Celebration of Christ’s Passion - 8 pm
  Overnight Vigil of the Triduum, March 30-31, 9:30 pm – 6:30 am

**Easter Vigil** – Mass of the Resurrection
St Matthew – Baltimore - 7:30 pm
St. Vincent de Paul - Baltimore - 8 pm

**Easter Sunday**

Parishes will follow the normal Sunday schedule with the following exception:
St. Joseph - Fullerton - 10:30 am
St. Vincent de Paul - Baltimore - 10 am
8TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC DEAFEST

Sponsored by NJ Pastoral Workers with the Deaf:
Archdiocese of Newark, Dioceses of Camden, Metuchen and Paterson

DIVINE MERCY

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

9 AM - 5 PM
Archdiocesan Youth Center
499 Belgrove Dr., Kearny, NJ 07032

10 AM Fr. Mike Depolcik, "DIVINE MERCY"
2 PM Fr. Mike Depolcik, "OUR CALLING"

Fr. Mike was born in Chicago to a Deaf family. He travels to many places serving Deaf people.

Doors open at 9 AM
4 PM Closing Mass
FREE ADMISSION AND LUNCH!

Please register at catholicdeafestnj@gmail.com or call GinaMaria Correia at (973) 522-2210 [VP]
Deadline: March 24, 2018
For Booth Information: Contact CDFbooth@gmail.com
Please mail your registration:
St. John Church, Ministry With the Deaf, 22 Mulberry St, Newark, NJ 07102 ATTN: GinaMaria
DEAFCATHOLICNJ.NET || FACEBOOK.COM/NJCATHOLICDEAFEST

Name: ____________________________________________ Individual Registration Required
Address: ____________________________________________
City, State, Zip: _______________________________________
Email: _________________________________________ VP: ____________________________
Lunch Option (Choose one): Veggie ___ Ham ___ Roast Beef ___ Turkey ___ Tuna ___

All Presentations will be in ASL and voice-interpreted.
Building is fully accessible, CDI = Certified Deaf Interpreter
International Catholic Deaf Association-US
Northeast Regional 2018 Conference hosted by Chapter 29

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Friday, June 8  Welcome Reception  7 PM - 9 PM
Saturday, June 9  Workshops  9 AM - 5 PM  Banquet  6 PM - 10 PM

Metro Points Hotel & Conference Center, New Carrollton, MD

Dynamic Speakers

CHARMAINE HLIBOK
Board Member/Fundraising Director of Camp Mark 7 Deaf Foundation

GREG HLIBOK, ESQ.
Chief Legal Officer for ZVRS

FR. SHAWN CAREY
Deaf Priest Archdiocese of Boston & Board President of NCOD

Sunday, June 10, 10:00am
Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Deaf Catholic Church  |  Fr. Shawn Carey, Principal Celebrant
7202 Buchanan St., Landover Hills, Md. 20784
www.adw.org/icdane2018
Save the Date!

Deaf Men’s Retreat

July 13, 14, 15, 2018

“Matters of the Heart”

with Deacon Patrick Graybill

All presentations and Masses in ASL

LOCATION

San Alfonso Retreat House
755 Ocean Avenue
Long Branch, NJ 07740
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For more information visit: www.DeafCatholicPhilly.org
Save the Date!

DEAF WOMEN’S RETREAT
AUGUST 10, 11, 12, 2018

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with
Kate Slosar & Sue Gudenkauf

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