Greetings Everyone! Happy Fall! Sorry the newsletter is a little late. My apologies!

Fr. Michael Depcik was here to celebrate Mass with the Deaf Community on Sunday, September 15 at 10:00 am at the St. Ignatius Country Church. Fr. Mike will be back to celebrate Mass on Sunday, November 17 at 10:00 am at the Mission Helpers at 1001 W. Joppa Road, Baltimore, MD 21204. A pot luck social will follow.

A new Bible Study is beginning in Ellicott City. We will be focusing on the Gospel of John. The Bible Study began September 29, but it is not too late to join.

On Thursday, September 12, we began the third part of the ChristLife series at St. Ignatius in Ijamsville. In Sharing Christ, the emphasis is on sharing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. We have a small group of Deaf adults who meet with the St. Ignatius parish program.
On September 22 at 10 am, the St. Francis Deaf Catholic church community welcomed Archbishop Wilton Gregory as the celebrant for Mass in Landover Hills, MD. Several members of the Deaf Community in the Archdiocese of Baltimore attended the event.

On Sunday, October 27 at 11:30 am, Archbishop Gregory will celebrate the White Mass, celebrating the gifts that persons who are Deaf and those with disabilities bring to the Church. The Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036. You are welcome to attend. Guests are encouraged to wear white to renew their baptismal promises.

Several members of our Deaf Community attended the Deaf Women’s Retreat in NJ in August. They came back with very positive feedback!

Other Upcoming Items:

**Zoom Video-Conferencing Meetings for Interpreters**

I am planning to host a monthly meeting for interpreters where we can discuss the interpretation of the readings for the month. I will be contacting interpreters that are on my list with additional details. If others are interested, please contact me.

Ms. Sue Smith is interested in planning a Deaf Cursillo here in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Sue attended the National Deaf Cursillo this past June and found it to be a very beneficial experience and would like for others to have this opportunity. The planning process is a multi-year process. As things develop, we will keep you posted.

Ms. Carol Polizzi would like to begin to work with religious education for a few students in grades 1 – 3 at St. Ignatius of Loyola parish in Ijamsville. We are in the process of reviewing materials that would be appropriate for this. If you are interested or willing to help, please contact Carol Polizzi or Chris Duck.

I've added some fliers for some other activities. Please see below. Please note that the Mid-Atlantic Congress does provide interpreters.

Please keep all of these items in your prayers!

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**Spiritual Director: Fr. Mike Depcik**

Fr. Michael Depcik, OSFS is one of the few deaf priests worldwide. Ordained in 2000, he currently ministers to deaf Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit. In 1991, at the age of 21 he re-discovered his Catholic faith after reading a book on Medjugorje. “If it were not for Medjugorje, I would have never become a priest,” he said. Fr. Mike has traveled to Medjugorje six times.