Greetings Everyone! I hope that everyone is having a great fall season, although things seem to be turning quite cold quite quickly!

Fr. Michael Depcik will be here to celebrate Mass with the Deaf Community this Sunday, November 17 at 10:00 am at the Mission Helpers, 1001 West Joppa Road, Towson, MD 21204. A pot luck social will follow. Details below.

The Pope Francis Catholic Deaf Center in Landover Hills will have an Annual Turkey Dinner and Raffle on Sunday, November 17 from 11:30 – 4:00. If you are interested, you could go there for dinner after the Mass and Potluck Social with Fr. Mike Depcik. Details below.

On Thursday evening, November 21, we will gather to watch the movie: Lourdes. We will meet in the classroom on St. Ignatius Church in Ijamsville at 6:30 pm. (The movie is 190 minutes.) This the story of a young girl named Bernadette who comes from a poor family. When the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to her near Lourdes, nobody believed her. Local authorities tried to quiet Bernadette and some wanted to expose her as a liar. Many came to believe her and the healings that took place at the grotto. The apparitions were later approved by the Catholic Church. The movie is captioned. All are welcome!
The Office of Deaf Ministry for the Archdiocese of Washington will have an Advent Day of Reflection on Saturday, December 7 at 9:30 am at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Gaithersburg, MD. Ms. Lulu Lee, the Lay Director of the National Deaf Cursillo, will lead the reflection. Lunch will be provided. Details below.

A new Bible Study will be beginning in Ijamsville after the New Year. We will be focusing on the Gospel of John. The Bible Study will meet on Thursday evenings after the Holidays. More details later.

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 weekend retreat 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!

May God bless you during the upcoming holidays!

Chris
Please Join Us for Mass in ASL with Fr. Michael Depcik

Sunday, November 17
10:00 am

Fr. Michael Depcik will celebrate Mass with the Deaf Community on **Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 10:00 am** at the **Mission Helpers in Towson**.

The Mission Helpers are at 1001 W. Joppa Road, Towson, MD 21204. (Parking is behind the building.)

A pot luck social will follow the Mass in the dining room.

If you can, please plan to bring something to eat based on the groupings of last names below:
- If your last name begins with **A-C** please bring **drinks**.
- If your last name begins with **D-G** please bring a **dessert**.
- If your last name begins with **H-R** please bring a **main dish**.
- If your last name begins with **S-Z** please bring a **side dish**

**Bring a friend! All are welcome!**

Save the Dates: Fr. Mike Depcik will be here again April 26 and May 31, 2020. Details later.

For more information, contact Chris Duck, Coordinator of Deaf Ministry

[Chris Duck](mailto:chris.duck@archbalt.org)
Annual Turkey Dinner & Raffle

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Advent Day of Reflection
Saturday, December 7, 2019
9:30 am to 1:00 pm
St. Rose of Lima Catholic
Lewis Room
11701 Clopper Rd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

The Hidden Treasures of Christmas
Louise “Lulu” Lee, Deaf Lay Director of National Deaf Cursillo will lead the reflection.
Lunch (soup & bread) will be provided. Voice interpreting will be available.

Please email or call to confirm your attendance. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. We will meet in Lewis room upstairs. Look for our signs. Laureen Lynch-Ryan, Office of Deaf Ministry - lynch-ryan@adw.org or VP 301-200-5430.
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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 became a priest,” he said. Fr. Mike has traveled to Medjugorje six times.