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DEAF MINISTRY

March 2020



The season of Lent has arrived. Each year at this time, we focus on things that will help us draw closer to God. We spend more time in prayer, we look for opportunities to help others especially the poor or needy, and we fast. Fasting means that we practice self-control and self-denial. We offer a sacrifice to God by giving up something because we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us by dying on the cross. But remember that the main point is that Lent is a time for us grow closer to God.

There are many things happening both here in the Archdiocese of Baltimore and elsewhere that are wonderful opportunities to grow closer to God. We have two small groups that meet regularly. One group meets in Ijamsville, the other meets in Ellicott City. These groups give Deaf people an opportunity to learn more about their faith and to share with others who also want to grow in their faith. Please consider if one of these groups might be right for you (see information below).



Fr. Mike Depcik will be here for **Mass in ASL** both in Ijamsville and in the Baltimore area on **April 26** and **May 31**. See below for details.



The Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Kansas City is working to translate the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church (YOUCAT) into American Sign Language (ASL). YOUCAT was published as a help for youth to better understand the beliefs of the Catholic faith. The short videos (approximately four minutes each) are posted on YouTube weekly. You can find a playlist at

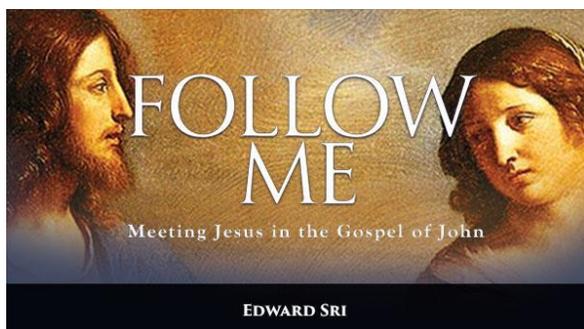
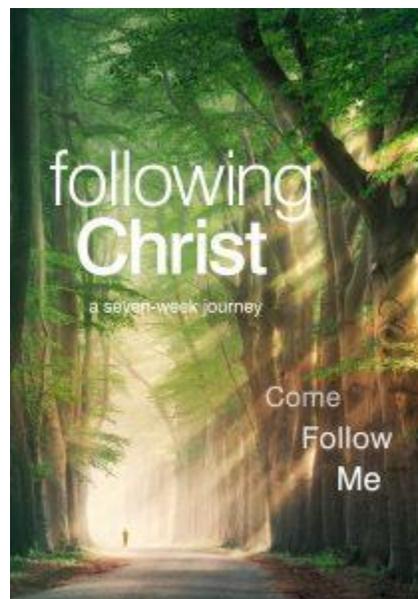
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcmdGrOnlm4kObDq8TJrvCDkIOcAE4RF> .

Many Deaf people have found the videos very helpful. Take a look!

Following Christ provides the basic tools to help Catholics grow in discipleship by teaching the basics of daily personal prayer, how to receive God's message in Scripture, how to experience the power of the Sacraments, the importance of forgiving one another, and the reality of spiritual warfare.

Following Christ is a seven-session series and is open for everyone, regardless of religious background, whether you've been active in a church or not.

This is being held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ellicott City (Ilchester) on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning March 9. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Chris Duck.



Our Deaf Bible Study group continues to meet in Ijamsville at St. Ignatius. We are focusing on the Gospel of John. We meet every other Thursday at 6:45 pm. If you can join us, please contact Chris Duck

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 upcoming month. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, at 7 pm. I will be contacting interpreters that are on my list with additional details. If others are interested, please contact me.



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Mass in ASL with Fr. Michael Depcik



Sunday, April 26

Sunday morning in Ijamsville
Sunday afternoon in Pikesville

Bring a friend! All are welcome!

Sunday, April 26, 2020

10:00 am at the Country Church in Urbana/Ijamsville, and

Note the new location in the Baltimore area:

2:30 pm at St. Charles Borromeo, 101 Church Lane, Pikesville, MD

A pot luck social will follow Mass at each location.

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-G** please bring a **main dish**.

If your last name begins with **H-L** please bring a **side dish**.

If your last name begins with **M-R** please bring **drinks**.

If your last name begins with **S-Z** please bring a **desserts**

Save the Date:

Sunday, May 31, 2020

10:00 am at the Country Church in Urbana/Ijamsville

2:30 pm at the Mission Helpers, 1001 West Joppa Road, Towson, MD

It's exciting to have Patrick Graybill, a renowned actor, a master poet, storyteller, and teacher, and Roman Catholic deacon, and Tony Melendez, a Nicaraguan American guitar player, composer, singer, and songwriter who was born without arms. It will be a day to gather, pray, and walk with Jesus, reflecting on the spiritual journey. If any questions or concerns, contact Lauren Lynch-Ryan at specialneedsministry@adw.org or VP# 301-200-5430.

Day of Reflection **Journey with Jesus: Lent & Beyond**

MARCH 21, 2020

St. Mary's Catholic School
7207 Annapolis Road, Landover Hills, MD 20784

9:30 a.m.
Registration and childcare check-in

5:00 p.m.
Vigil Mass (optional)
St. Mary's Catholic Church

\$10 per individual and \$25 per family
Includes lunch and childcare

Hosted by
Department of Special
Needs Ministries

ASL and simultaneous Spanish
language translation provided



Featuring
Deacon Pat Graybill,
Dioceses of Rochester



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Tony Melendez
Jose Melendez



Join the Department of Special Needs Ministries for a Lenten Day of Reflection for people who are Deaf, persons living with disabilities, family members, caregivers, professionals and ministry staff.

It will be a day to gather, pray, and walk with Jesus, reflecting on the spiritual journey impacted by the lived experience of a person who is Deaf or living with disabilities.

#BelongingStartsHere | #DOR2020

Register at

www.eventbrite.com/e/ejourney-with-jesus-lent-beyond-registration-89987080781



Archdiocese of
Washington



Choosing To Live in Peace

Deaf Men's Retreat



San Alfonso Retreat House

755 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740

July 10-12, 2020

Father Sean Loomis

All presentations and Masses in American Sign Language

Father Sean Loomis is the Chaplain for the Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He recently produced the Hands of Grace videos in ASL with Ascension Press. He has given retreats throughout the US and Canada. Join other Deaf men for this weekend retreat at the beach at the beautiful Redemptorist Retreat Center. See the website for more information and directions at www.sanalfonsoretreats.org.

On Friday, July 10th, registration at the Retreat Center starts after 4:00 pm; dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and the retreat begins at 7:30 pm. **The cost is \$240.00 per person for the whole weekend including 6 meals.** A \$50.00 per person NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is REQUIRED. You can pay the final balance of \$190.00 when you arrive at the Retreat House on July 10th. **The deadline for registration is June 10, 2020.** Please reserve your place by making your down payment ASAP. Call in any changes or cancellations as soon as possible before the retreat weekend since they usually have a waiting list.

To make reservation, fill out the form below, detach it and send it with a \$50 check/ money order deposit. Make the check/ money order made payable to: **San Alfonso Retreat House.** **Send the form and money, as soon as possible, to: Larry Hampel, 1919 Brian Circle, Bear, DE 19701-4317.** Any questions, contact Larry Hampel, at 302-261-8601 VP or email plhampel@comcast.net or call Sr. Kathleen Schipani VP 267-507-1215 / email sr.kschipani@archphila.org.

Deaf Men's RETREAT – July 10-12, 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Video Phone: _____ Cell Phone (text): _____

Email: _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Contact person's name and contact # in case of emergency: _____

Health or Dietary Needs: _____

Deaf Women's Retreat

San Alfonso Retreat House
755 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740

August 7-9, 2020

My God has Become My Strength

Isaiah 49:5

Katie Locus

Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS

All presentations and Masses in American Sign Language.



Katie Locus who is the Consultant for Deaf Ministry for the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS will lead the retreat. This retreat will invite us to come back to our center in God and be drawn into the peace of Jesus finding our strength in our relationship with God. Join other Deaf women at this beautiful beachfront retreat center to be refreshed and renewed.

On Friday, August 7, 2020 registration at the Retreat Center starts after 4:00 pm; dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and the retreat begins at 7:30 pm. *The cost is \$240.00 per person including 6 meals.* A \$50.00 per person NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is REQUIRED. The deadline for registration is July 7, 2020. Final balance of \$190.00 may be paid when you arrive at the Retreat House on August 7th. Please reserve your place by making your down payment. Call in any changes or cancellations as soon as possible before the retreat weekend since they usually have a waiting list.

To make reservation, fill out the form below, detach it and send it with a \$50 check/ money order deposit. Make the check/ money order made payable to: **San Alfonso Retreat House**. Send the form and money, as soon as possible, to: Sr. Kathleen Schipani, Deaf Apostolate, 222 N 17th Street, Phila, PA 19103. Any questions, contact Kate Slosar at icdaus.president@gmail.com or Sr.kschipani@archphila.org / VP 267.507.1215.

Deaf Women's Retreat – August 7-9, 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Video Phone: _____ Cell Phone (text): _____

Email: _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Contact person's name and contact # in case of emergency: _____

Health or Dietary Needs: _____

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OUR PILGRIMAGE INCLUDES

- 7 Nights in private home in the village (*Double Occupancy*)
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Holy Mass in English daily at 10 AM
- Talks with Priests and Visionaries (*dependent upon availability*)
- Transfers by private motor coach

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Day 1	US /Frankfurt
Day 2	Frankfurt/Split/Medjugorje
Day 3-8	Medjugorje
Day 9	Medjugorje/Frankfurt /US

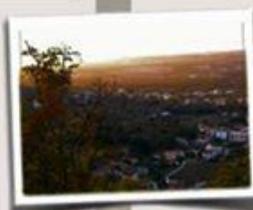
MORE INFO

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a journey of
the heart

Medjugorje

The visionaries in Medjugorje tell us that no one goes to Medjugorje by accident. We are all called individually by Our Lady. If you feel you are being called to Medjugorje, then answer Our Lady's invitation! Traveling to Medjugorje is truly a life changing experience! Your pilgrimage begins the moment you say yes.

October 12-20, 2020

Come to Medjugorje where Our Blessed Mother is teaching all of her children how to grow closer to God.

Our Lady has been giving messages to the world, through the six visionaries of Medjugorje, since 1981. Learn from the priests and visionaries in the village as they speak of her plan from Heaven. Participate in the St. James parish celebrations: Holy Mass at 10 AM daily, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, rosaries



prayed with the Croatian villagers, and much more. There will be time for personal prayer and reflection, walks through the beautiful countryside, and opportunities to climb Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain. Our local guide will accompany us each day, explaining the history of the Apparitions, the heart of the messages, and life in the village.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Mike Depcik

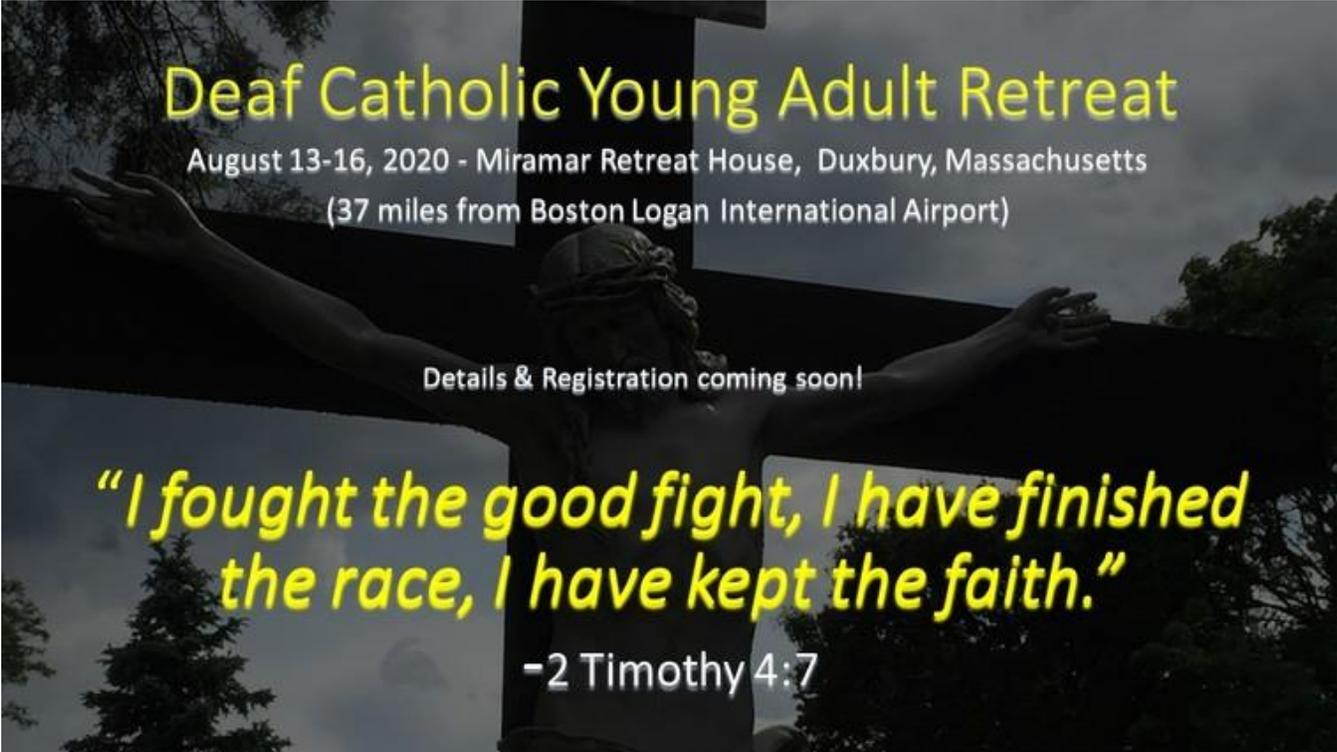
Fr. Michael Depcik, OSFS is one of the few deaf priests worldwide. Ordained in 2000, he currently ministers to deaf Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit. In 1991, at the age of 21 he re-discovered his Catholic faith after reading a book on Medjugorje. "If it were not for Medjugorje, I would have never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

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Newark
Departure

Tips for driver, guide, and hosts are not included (\$60 total recommended).

SIGN UP ONLINE

<http://medjugorje.org/reservationmedjdf.php>



Deaf Catholic Young Adult Retreat

August 13-16, 2020 - Miramar Retreat House, Duxbury, Massachusetts
(37 miles from Boston Logan International Airport)

Details & Registration coming soon!

***“I fought the good fight, I have finished
the race, I have kept the faith.”***

-2 Timothy 4:7

<https://bostondeafcatholic.org/deaf-catholic-young-adult-retreat>