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DEAF MINISTRY

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Welcome autumn! The State of Maryland is now in Phase Three of Maryland's COVID-19 Recovery Plan. Please be aware that restrictions vary in specific locations. The pandemic is certainly not over and done, but the numbers have improved. More of us are going out into environments that we have been avoiding for months. If you are comfortable and feeling safe about going out to certain places, please consider attending Mass at your regular parish. Attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion is an important part of our faith.

Please understand that you are **not** obligated or required to go to Mass on Sunday during this pandemic. Archbishop Lori has made it clear that if you are in a high risk group or if you have concerns regarding the coronavirus, you are excused. Please check with your local parish to learn the procedure for Mass attendance. Also check with the interpreter to be sure that interpreting is now available.



Note: We also have some small groups that are meeting online with Zoom. Also online meetings with Fr. Mike Depcik and with Sue Gudenkauf are scheduled. More about these later in the newsletter. Read on . . .



At the time this newsletter is being prepared, there are still livestream Masses available in ASL on a weekly basis. Also Adoration and the Rosary are available as well.

Here is a list of Sunday Masses online and a list of what is available online during the week:

Sunday Masses in ASL:

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St. John's Deaf Center, Detroit - Fr. Mike Depcik

Sundays 11:30 a.m. ET Facebook live <https://www.facebook.com/deafmass>.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia – Fr. Sean Loomis

Saturdays 5:30 pm ET – Facebook live <https://www.facebook.com/DeafCatholicPhilly/> or www.CatholicDeafPhilly.org

Archdiocese of Boston - Fr. Shawn Carey

Sundays 11:00am ET Livestream <https://www.youtube.com/user/DeafApostolateBoston>
Available later at <https://bostondeafcatholic.org/>

Holy Angels Deaf Church, Los Angeles - Fr. Tom Schweitzer and Deacon Tomas Garcia

Sundays 11:30am ET (ASL and spoken English) 2:30 pm ET (ASL and Spanish/ Español)
<https://www.youtube.com/user/hacofthedeaf/live>

Diocese of Rockford, IL – Msgr. Glenn Nelson

Sundays 11 am ET Facebook live <https://www.facebook.com/RockfordDeafApostolate>

Diocese of Newark, NJ - Fr. Tom Coughlin or Fr. Bismarck Chau

Sundays 1:00 pm — <https://www.facebook.com/St-Johns-Catholic-Deaf-Community-1515283505356491>

Daily ASL Masses & Prayer:

Archdiocese of Boston - Fr. Shawn Carey

Mondays 10:30 am ET Mass Livestream <https://www.youtube.com/user/DeafApostolateBoston>
Available later at <https://bostondeafcatholic.org/>

St. John's Deaf Center, Detroit - Fr. Mike Depcik

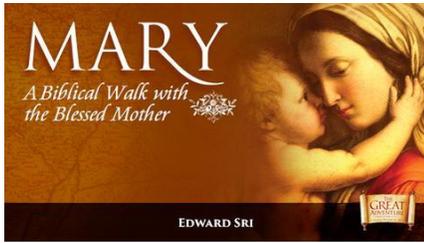
Mondays 11:15 am ET Adoration & Rosary Facebook live <https://www.facebook.com/deafmass>.

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Tuesdays 10:30 am ET Mass Facebook live <https://www.facebook.com/deafmass>

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Fridays 11:15 am ET Adoration/Rosary Facebook live <https://www.facebook.com/deafmass>



We have a group meeting online studying about Mary, the Blessed Mother. The focus is about what we know about Mary from the Bible. You are welcome to join the group. We will meet every two weeks on Thursday evenings on Zoom beginning October 8. If you would like to join, contact Chris Duck.

Fr. Mike Depcik has agreed to meet with us online every two months for now. We are disappointed that Fr. Mike cannot be here to celebrate Mass with us yet, but we hope and pray that the situation with pandemic will improve and he will be able to be back before too long. The next session with Fr. Mike is scheduled for Sunday, October 25 at 7 pm. I will send out an email with a link.



Many of you know and remember Sue Gudenkauf. Sue has agreed to provide a faith sharing group on Zoom every two months. The next session will be in November. I will send out an email with the link to the Zoom meeting. Hope you can join us!

Webinar for Interpreters

Sue Gudenkauf has agreed to do a webinar for interpreters. She recently presented this workshop for another area of the country. One of our interpreters was able to participate. It received great reviews. So Sue has agreed to present this online webinar for us. Plans are being made. It will be scheduled in November and will be free for those who sign up. RID CEUs will be available.



Archbishop Lori has encouraged us to pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary to ask her to pray for us during this pandemic. He suggests a novena (9 days of prayer).

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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