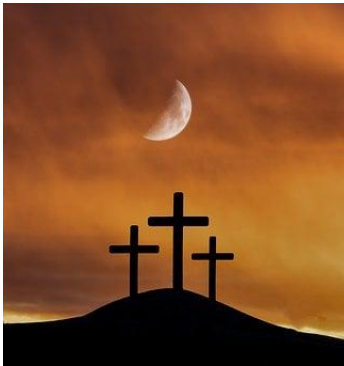




## DEAF MINISTRY

March 2022



Ash Wednesday, March 2, begins the season of Lent. Pope Francis has asked everyone, believers and non-believers, to join in prayer and fasting for the people of Ukraine especially on that day. Lent is the traditional time for Catholics to fast and pray. Now is the time that our world can use our prayers, fasting, and giving to others in need. It is true that we have been through a long period of time when we endured many restrictions due to the coronavirus. Praise God, it seems that as we begin Lent, the numbers are down and restrictions are being lifted. Now is a perfect time to return to Mass to develop a deeper relationship with God.

The following parishes have interpreted **Weekend Masses** since the pandemic:

Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City, 9:30 am Mass Sundays

Our Lady of the Fields, Millersville, 9:30 am Mass Sundays

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Pikesville, 8:30 am Mass Sundays

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Crofton, 4:30 pm Mass Saturdays

St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Ijamsville, 8:00 am Mass Sundays

St. Ignatius Catholic Church (Hickory), Forest Hill, 9:00 am Mass Sundays

St. John the Evangelist, Frederick, 9:00 am Mass Sundays

St. Joseph, Cockeysville, 12 noon Sundays

St. Mark, Catonsville, 7:30 am Sundays

St. Ursula, Parkville, 5 pm Saturdays

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Baltimore, 10:00 am Mass Sundays

If your parish is not listed and you would like attend an interpreted Mass at your parish, please contact me at [chris.duck@archbalt.org](mailto:chris.duck@archbalt.org) .

**Fr. Mike Depcik will be here for Mass in ASL on April 2 and 3.**

On **Saturday, April 2**, Fr. Mike will celebrate the **5 pm Mass\*** at **St. Ursula Church**, 8801 Harford Road, Baltimore 21230.

On **Sunday, April 3**, Fr. Mike will celebrate Mass at the **Historic Church at 10 am\*** in **Urbana**, 8817 Urbana Church Road, Urbana MD 21704. Please note: We are planning to have **a social after each Mass**. See below for details.



\* **Please note:** These arrangements for the times and locations of Mass with Fr. Mike Depcik and social time after Mass have been made with the assumption that the COVID numbers will remain low and that the restrictions because of COVID will not change. If there is a change, adjustments may need to be made. I will send out a notice with any changes. Please pray that the numbers remain low and we don't have to make further adjustments.

\* **Pot Luck Social after Mass with Fr. Mike Depcik in Baltimore**

We are planning to have a pot luck social after the Mass at St. Ursula in Baltimore on April 2. The social will take place in the hall. If you can, please plan to bring a dish.

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 **dessert**

\* **Sandwich Social after Mass with Fr. Mike Depcik in Ijamsville**

St. Ignatius Church has offered to provide sandwiches from Panera in the Social Hall at the Ijamsville Church after the 10 am Mass with Fr. Mike Depcik on April 3. **If you would like to have a sandwich, please RSVP to Chris Duck at [chris.duck@archbalt.org](mailto:chris.duck@archbalt.org) by Tuesday, March 29.** There will be a basket available for any goodwill offering to help cover the cost of the sandwiches.

**Save the Date: Fr. Mike Depcik will be here for Mass in ASL also on June 4 and 5, 2022.**



**Stations of the Cross on Zoom with Ms. Sue Gudenkauf**

Ms. Sue Gudenkauf will provide a presentation on the Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 27 at 7 pm on Zoom. I will send out a link on March 27 to everyone on my email list. If you want to be sure to receive the link and are not sure if you are on the list, please contact me at [chris.duck@archbalt.org](mailto:chris.duck@archbalt.org).

**Seminarian Who is Improving His ASL to be Ordained a Deacon on**

**May 21.** Seminarian Luke Koski has been meeting regularly with volunteer Ms. Sue Smith and also with Chris Duck to improve his ASL skills. Luke wants to be able to minister with the Deaf as an archdiocesan priest. On May 21 at 10 am at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210, Luke will be ordained a deacon. God willing, next year he will be ordained a priest. **You are welcome and encouraged to attend the ordination** that will be interpreted.



The process is underway to develop an archdiocesan **Pastoral Plan for the Deaf**. This is a process of assessing the needs of the Catholic Deaf Community and establishing a plan for how the archdiocese should plan to meet these needs. Members of the Deaf Community are involved in this process. **Please keep them and this process in your prayers!**



## Donations to Catholic Ministries

The Archdiocese has an Annual Appeal that supports various ministries serving those in need throughout the archdiocese. Deaf Ministry is one of those ministries that receives money from this appeal. Please consider making a donation that will help Deaf Ministry and other ministries in the archdiocese including

Prison Ministry, Respect Life, Catholic Charities, and many, many more. If you would like to donate *only* to Deaf Ministry, please contact me and I will send you the information on how you can limit your contribution to only Deaf Ministry. To contribute, go to <https://www.archbalt.org/annual-appeal-for-catholic-ministries-2022/> or use the QR code.



**Free Webinar – My Family, Our Family: Deaf People, The Church, and Sexual Abuse** will be presented by the Deaf Catholic Youth Initiative for the Americas on March 19, 2022. Please register. See <https://www.facebook.com/DeafCatholicYouthInitiative> 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!