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## DEAF MINISTRY

May 2022



On Saturday, May 21, Luke Koski will be ordained a deacon. Next year, God willing, Luke will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Luke has taken ASL class and has continued to work on his ASL skills, meeting regularly with volunteer Ms. Sue Smith and also with Chris Duck. He plans to be able to celebrate the sacraments with the Catholic Deaf Community. You can watch a video of his story at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JjCWVJcE84>.

You are invited to attend Luke's ordination to the diaconate at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210 at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 21. Interpreters will be provided. If you plan to attend, please contact Chris Duck at [chris.duck@archbalt.org](mailto:chris.duck@archbalt.org) so we are sure to have enough seats for you.

### **Fr. Mike Depcik will be here for Mass in ASL on June 4 and 5 for the Feast of Pentecost.**

On **Saturday, June 4**, Fr. Mike will celebrate the **5 pm Mass\*** at **St. Ursula Church**, 8801 Harford Road, Baltimore 21230.

On **Sunday, June 5**, 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. Also, Fr. Mike will give a **presentation on St. Joseph** at the social.

\* **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 June 4. The social will take place in the hall. If you can, please plan to bring a dish.

If your last name begins with **A-C** please bring a **side dish**.

If your last name begins with **D-G** please bring **drinks**.

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

If your last name begins with **M-Z** please bring a **main dish**.

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

St. Ignatius Church has offered to provide sandwiches in the Social Hall at the Ijamsville Church after the 10 am Mass with Fr. Mike Depcik on June 5. **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, May 31.** There will be a basket available for any goodwill offering to help cover the cost of the sandwiches.



**Prayers, please.** For several months, we have been working on the development of 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. A draft of that plan is almost done. Once it is complete, it will be presented to Archbishop Lori and the other bishops of the archdiocese. **Please keep this process in your prayers!**

**Deaf Men's Retreat - Father Sean Loomis**, the Chaplain for the Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is the presenter. Join other Deaf men for this weekend retreat at the beach at the beautiful Redemptorist Retreat Center in New Jersey from **July 22-24**. **The deadline for registration is June 1, 2022. See next page for details.**

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**National Deaf Cursillo #67** - It will happen in **Atlanta, GA, September 22-25, 2022**. The Cursillo is for people like you! People who are Catholic, have been attending Church and Mass, but are still searching for something more! The team for the Cursillo are people just like you who work together to prepare and lead the Cursillo. Lay people and spiritual directors give talks in American Sign Language with discussions after each talk. The Cursillo talks always include the experience of the speakers.

Go to <https://www.nationaldeafcursillo.org> to get a current flyer and information about the next Deaf Cursillo.



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**Father Sean Loomis** is the Chaplain for the Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. 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](http://www.sanalfonsoretreats.org). For those at a distance – you can fly into Philadelphia or Newark airport.

On Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 \$260.00 per person for the whole weekend including 6 meals.** A \$50.00 per person NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is REQUIRED to register. **The deadline for registration is June 1, 2022.** Please reserve your place by making your down payment ASAP because rooms could be filled before the deadline.

To make your reservation, **FIRST:** please email Larry Hampel, at [plhampel@comcast.net](mailto:plhampel@comcast.net) or Sr. Kathleen Schipani at [sr.kschipani@archphila.org](mailto:sr.kschipani@archphila.org). **SECOND:** reserve your room by using this link: <https://www.sanalfonsoretreats.org/79>. Scroll down to **Men's Retreat**, click **Register** on Line. Be sure to indicate the July 22 retreat date / Deaf Apostolate. Once you complete the registration you will be asked to pay the down payment or pay in full on line.

Any questions or if you need assistance with registering contact Larry Hampel, at 302-261-8601 VP or email [plhampel@comcast.net](mailto:plhampel@comcast.net) or call Sr. Kathleen Schipani VP 267-507-1215 / email [sr.kschipani@archphila.org](mailto:sr.kschipani@archphila.org).

- STEPS TO REGISTER:**
1. Contact Sr. Kathleen or Larry Hampel (info above)
  2. Register & pay on line at <https://www.sanalfonsoretreats.org/79>
  3. Contact Larry Hampel or Sr. Kathleen if you have questions or cannot register on line.

**Deaf Apostolate / Archdiocese of Philadelphia / [www.deafcatholicphilly.org](http://www.deafcatholicphilly.org)**

*Men from ICDA Chapter # 8 have supported this retreat for 77 years. This is the 78<sup>th</sup> Deaf Men's Retreat.*