

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON
MAY 3, 2009 **4th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

PRAY for YOUR...MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, GODMOTHERS, MOTHERS-IN-LAW. Fill out their names on the Mother's Day Spiritual Cards and place on the altar. We will pray for these good women throughout the month of May at Mass everyday!

PRAY THE ROSARY! During the month of MAY, we pray the Rosary each day. Pray for your family, for those who are sick or unemployed; pray for Peace!

Were you married in 1959??? The Archdiocese will have its Mass for couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. The Mass is Sun., August 30, 3pm at St. John Brebuef Church in Niles. A sign language interpreter will be there. FREE.

Next Sunday, MAY 10, is MOTHER'S DAY. Free flowers and refreshments for ALL women. There is NO Mass at St. Julie Billiart next Sunday.

FR. GERRY TRANCONE, the priest chaplain at Gallaudet University for many years, will celebrate his 40th anniversary as a priest on Sunday, May 31, 4-8pm, in Silver Spring, MD. If you wish to attend or want to send him a note, contact Mary O'Meara at omearam@adw.org

KEEP YOURSELF FINANCIALLY HEALTHY! Get rid of ALL credit card DEBT. Owe nothing! You will save yourself a lot of money and stress.

SPEND SOME TIME AWAY WITH GOD (but not very far away!). The Monastery of the Holy Cross, 3111 S. Aberdeen, Chicago, offers a quiet retreat place (with private rooms and delicious food at good prices). Stay a day; stay a week. You will find great rest for your body AND your soul! 773-927-7424, www.chicagomonk.org, 1-888-539-4261.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Tues, 5/5: Bible Study with Deacon Pat Graybill.

Sun, 5/10: Mass, 10:30am. Mother's Day. Ralph & Virginia Hinch 50th wedding anniversary.

Tues, 5/12: Bible Study with Deacon Pat Graybill.

Sat, 5/16, 10:30am: First Communion Mass.

Sun, 5/17: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls after Mass.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart.Refreshments.

Tues, 5/19: Bible Study.

Sun, 5/24: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mon, 5/25: Memorial Day. Masses at all Catholic cemeteries.

Tues, 5/26: Bible Study.

Thurs, 5/28, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizens.

Sun, 5/31: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm, St. Mary of Vernon. Refreshments.

Want to reduce your monthly PHONE BILL? The CUB (Citizens Utility Board) is sponsoring a "Phone-Bill Clinic" on how to reduce your monthly phone bill. Tuesday, May 19th, 11:30am and 1pm. Morton Grove Library, 6140 Lincoln, Morton Grove. FREE. If you want a sign-language interpreter, contact them at: 1-800-669-5556, 1-312-263-4282.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...CHRISTENA BRIGHT (87), mother of CHARLES BRIGHT, who died 4/23; RALPH RITTENHOUSE, cousin of Jim Dunne, who died 4/26; JACKIE CZARNIAK, aunt of Ron Houle, who died 4/27...Jim Smudzinski, Wille Mae Boyce, Vita Holubetz, Deanne Seymour, Frank Stefanski, Arlene Redmond, Bessie Early, Connie Kennedy, Ann Martinez, Jeanne Spanknebell.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

5/4: Acts 11:1-18/John 10:1-10

5/7: Acts 13:13-25/John 13:16-20

5/5: Acts 11:19-26/John 10:22-30

5/8: Acts 13:26-33/John 14:1-6

5/6: Acts 12:24-13:5/John 12:44-50

5/9: Acts 13:44-52/John 14:7-14

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN THE U.S.A...

...the average age of a sexually abused child is 8? (This means half of all children who suffer sexual abuse are abused younger than 8 years old!)

...one in four girls and one in seven boys will be sexually abused before age 18?

...deaf and disabled children suffer sexual abuse twice as often as hearing/non-disabled kids?

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) The Catholic Office of the Deaf has a very good e-mail alert system. We send out information especially when there is a funeral or some information you need to know. The email system is CONFIDENTIAL. We do not give out your email to anyone else, even in the Archdiocese of Chicago! If you wish to join (FREE): cathdeafch@archchicago.org

2) SCAMS never end. Recently, several people have brought me letters or emails they received that APPEARED to be “official”. Or, the letters used the language of “Stimulus”, “Bail Out”, etc. Almost all of these are scams. If you have any questions, please see me (Fr. Joe) or look for Mr. ROBERT SWATEK (DRE Maggie’s husband) who has much financial experience.

In 2010, there will be a national CENSUS. Presently, there are government census workers who are visiting homes to check if the person listed as living there is actually there. This is official government work. However, there are already mailings going out with the word “Census” on them that are NOT from the government.

Any mailing that looks like it is from the government, BUT asks for a “donation”, a “fee” is a scam! Do NOT send it back with any personal info or put in any money. The government will NEVER ask for a donation/ fee for CENSUS information! When the Census form comes, it will NOT ask for any financial information as your bank account, your credit card number/ “pin”. Any mailing that asks for this info is false, a scam, a fraud!

3) Mon, May 4th is the feast of St. Peregrine. He is famous as the “cancer saint”. When he was older, he developed an awful cancer on his leg and the doctors told him they (the doctors) had to cut off his leg. In terrible pain, St. Peregrine prayed to Jesus. The night before the surgery, he dreamed that Our Lord reached down from the Cross and touched the wound. When Peregrine awoke, his leg was cured.

Brother Peregrine was born in Italy in 1265, was cured when he was 60, and died at 80. The National Shrine of St. Peregrine is at Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica, 3121 W. Jackson Blvd, Chgo. It has a very secure parking lot behind the church. Fr. Joe has prayer cards and blessed medals from the shrine.

4) Fr. Michael Depcik keeps us all informed about our Catholic faith: www.frmd.org

5) SOUTHSIDE/SOUTHEAST & SOUTHWEST SUBURBS: need help with MEDICARE, CIRCUIT BREAKER, MEDICAID, SOCIAL SECURITY, ETC? Progress Center for Independent Living has an office in BLUE ISLAND! CAROL NEMECEK-KOWALSKI & JENNIFER SCHEFFLER can assist you. Both are deaf and KNOW the needs of deaf people. Contact them at: 708-209-1826tty/vp.

Live in DuPAGE Contact JULIE CHAVEZ at dcil@mcs.com, 630-469-2300v/tty.

6 A FEW ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

a) JEANNE SPANKNEBELL had emergency eye surgery. Her eye sight is recovering very slowly. We are looking for some people to spend afternoons (maybe 11am-4pm) with her in her home. Do what? Be there. Maybe help her get around without tripping, etc. If you are interested, talk to me (Fr. Joe).

b) I put in the Bulletin that CARLOS MARTINEZ had been elected President of the Building Foundation. I goofed. Carlos was nominated; the election is in the future. However, I am glad that Carlos was nominated. He is a good man and wants to serve our community.

c) ANN MARTINEZ, Carlos’ wife, has cancer. Let’s all keep this fine woman in our prayers.

d) Until the swine flu goes away, we will NOT distribute Jesus’ Blood at Communion. WASH YOUR HANDS! PARENTS: make sure your children wash their hands!

e) ADANARY DE LUNA is a deaf student at Holy Trinity. Adanary won first place in the deaf spelling bee last week in Springfield. Also, DANIELLA BERNAL won third place!

7) Sometimes, I re-read an old book. Even though the book was written many years ago, it still has a lot of wisdom. Many years ago, a famous Catholic bishop, Fulton J. Sheen, wrote YOUR LIFE IS WORTH LIVING: the Christian Philosophy of Life. Even though this book was written more than 40 years ago, there is a great deal of wisdom to what Bishop Sheen wrote.

8) Till MAY 17th: Art by People with Disabilities, Chicago Cultural Center, 77 E. Randolph, Chgo. Everyday till 6pm.

9) Ms. Kate Geiser is a wise and skilled counselor. She works in the deaf community. Kate writes a good newsletter, “THRIVING”. Recently, she wrote “10 Tips for Easing Money Worries.” Go to: www.alliancecounseling.org