

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON

OCTOBER 19, 2008

29TH Sunday of Church Time

WARNINGS:

- 1) FLU SHOTS: it is important for EVERYONE to get a flu shot this year, including all children older than 6 months.
- 2) MEDICARE: if you will become 65 this year or in 2009, you need to sign up for the Drug Prescription Plan (Part D) between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31 of THIS YEAR (2008). If you are over 65 and wish to switch your Part D plan from one provider to another, you must do so between 11/15-12/31. JENNIFER SCHEFFLER (Progress Center) and JULIE CHAVEZ (DuPage CIL) are both certified Medicare/Medicaid counselors.
- 3) This time of the year, change the batteries in your home smoke alarm. Also, replace all your outdoor lights before winter arrives.
- 4) BE SUSPICIOUS of any...letters, emails, calls, vp calls you get about the government "bailout" and promises of "easy money", "big returns (profits)", reverse mortgages, "low-cost credit". Don't sign any contract until you talk to family or expert counselors.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES: fill out the names of your deceased family, relatives, and friends. Place these envelopes in the Collection or on the altar. During NOVEMBER, we will pray for these people everyday at Mass.

Fri, 10/24, 7-9:30pm: LEADERS (DEAF) of OUR FUTURE. Three deaf leaders share their ideas and success stories (voice interpreting provided). \$5/person. Comfort Suite Inn, 111 N. Broadway (Rt.25), Aurora. cdhhcc@yahoo.com

Sat, 10/25, 10:30am, meeting of HEARING LOSS LINK for hard of hearing people or those losing their hearing. Sulzer Library, 4455 N. Lincoln, Chgo.

FREE BUS to Hawthorne race Track on Nov. 8th. Sign-up today! Buy your tickets for a fun afternoon. \$35: same as last year! \$40 at the door. Delicious meal; same room, TURF CLUB, as last year. Beautiful basket raffle with exciting baskets prizes. Only people at the race can win the baskets!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Tues, 10/21: LITURGY Meeting. 5:30pm: food. 6:30pm: meeting.

Wed, 10/22, 7:30pm: FREE/INTERPRETED talk on ST. PAUL.

Thurs, 10/23, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sun, 10/26: Mass, 10:30am. ICE CREAM SOCIAL after Mass.

Mass, 2pm: St. Josaphat Church, 2311 N. Southport, Chgo. INTERPRETED.

Special Mass for people with MENTAL ILLNESS & THEIR FAMILIES.

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

Sat, Nov. 1: Day of Spiritual Renewal with Fr. Mike Depcik in Plainfield, IL.

*** Turn your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed.***

Sun, Nov. 2: ALL SOULS DAY Mass, 10:30am.

Sat, 10/25, 1-4pm, have a fun time bowling at the ONLY bowling alley in downtown Chicago! 10pin Bowling Lounge, 330 N. State St, is a terrific place for a party. We will have a fund-raiser for Holy Trinity Deaf School at 10pin, 10/25. Info: 312-243-8186.

FREE CTA Bus & El train passes for deaf people. Must apply by 10/24! Contact: Terri Hedding, 773-257-6289 tty/vp.

Till 10/29: The Chicago International Film Festival has many films that are subtitled or captioned. Info: chicagofilmfestival.com

Pray for...ROBERT TRAPP, father of Steve Trapp, who died 9/22...RAYMOND MOZZER, father of Sue (Bob) Mather, who died 10/1...JOANN CROKE (62) who died 10/13. Husband is John....those in our community who are sick, near death.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

10/20: Ephesians 2:1-10/Luke 12:13-21

10/23: Ephesians 3:14-21/Luke 12:49-53

10/21: Ephesians 2:12-22/Luke 12:35-38

10/24: Ephesians 4:1-6/Luke 12:54-59

10/22: Ephesians 3:2-12/Luke 12:39-48

10/25: Ephesians 4:7-16/Luke 13:1-9

NEED HELP TO PAY FOR HEATING THIS WINTER? NICOR GAS has a special program, "Sharing", to help people. You can apply at any Salvation Army office. For PEOPLES GAS, call LIHEAP, 1-800-252-8643, to get this help to reduce your payments.

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) SHAME! Two weeks ago, one of our families told me that two 16 year old gang members shot to death their 42 year old cousin, Ramon Franco. On the same day, at 2am, two cars filled with criminals were shooting at each other on the 3700 block of Oak Park Ave. Last week, a man who was angry, shot at a bus and killed an innocent 16 year old girl who was coming home after CARING FOR HER SICK AUNT!

These are shameful, sinful actions. Do all these criminals, gang members, killers think that God does not care? That God is not angry and sad because of suffering and death? What will these people say when they stand before God on the Judgment Day?

PRAY. Pray for the victims of violence....their families....their loved ones. PRAY for those who commit acts of violence. Pray that these people will open their hearts to God and change their evil ways.

2) DIFFICULT DAYS: I (Fr. Joe) know that many people are worried about the future. The whole financial system of our country (and the world!) is very shaky. So, people want to be careful about their money. Good! At the same time, I am responsible for the Catholic Office of the Deaf and St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.

YOU are good, generous people. I appreciate your support for all we do. The Hawthorne Fund-raiser each year is our ONE, BIG FUND RAISING EVENT! We need your support. How?

a) Buy a ticket to come to the event on Nov. 8th. The food is great. We have our own room, the Turf Club. We have terrific basket raffles (only for the people there!). It is a fun day.

b) Buy a Raffle ticket. Yes, they cost \$100. However, we guarantee the \$18,000 cash prizes (10 of them). Ask some of your hearing family to buy a ticket with you!

3) Every Tuesday, I drive to Mundelein, IL to teach a sign-language class to ten (10) young men studying to become priests. Five are from Chicago. The other five are studying to be priests in the Dioceses of Joliet; Springfield; Knoxville, TN; Kansas City, KS; and Brownsville, TX.

4) Two months ago, 8/19, MARY JO SCANLAN died. I often think of her. Sometimes, when I celebrate Mass on a Sunday morning, I look over to where the choir sits, expecting to see her smiling face. Mary Jo was an amazing person, and she touched the hearts of all of us.

During November, our custom is to pray for those who have died. This is a good thing to do for them and for their families. You can fill out an ALL SOULS envelope and place it on the altar or in the collection basket. (Check? Make out to: St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.) Throughout November, Fr. Mike and I will pray for these people everyday at our Masses.

DEACON CASIMIR FRONCZEK has a list of deaf people who have died and the cemeteries where they are buried. If you are visiting the graves of loved ones, maybe you can also visit the grave of a deaf person and pray for that person, too.

On Sun, Nov. 2, all Catholic cemeteries will have special services that day with the Rosary beginning at 2pm. Why? Because Sunday, Nov. 2nd is ALL SOULS DAY.

5) BEWARE of...criminals in the mortgage, home contractor, or lending business. There are many people trying to take advantage of people in these hard times. IF you are suspicious of a contract, a money offer, a refinance loan, or someone offering to lend you money: DO NOTHING until....you contact the Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline, 800-386-5438. Ask the people in this office if the offer given to you is HONEST & LEGAL.

6) PARENTS:

a) Sat, 10/25, Halloween Pumpkin Patch for deaf children, hearing siblings; hearing children of deaf parents. FREE. Ages 0-13. 11am-3pm: wear a costume. Games/crafts-fun for entire family. Horner Park, 2741 W. Montrose (free parking on California). 773-478-3374TTY/VP, 478-3499V.

b) Children's Film Festival, 10/25-26, 11/1-2. Many excellent films from around the world for children. (Many have captions and sub-titles.) www.cicff.org, 773-281-9075.

c) Sat, 10/25, trip to Bengston Pumpkin Farm for deaf and hard of hearing children. Contact: Jprusak@anixter.org

7) St. Mary's Cemetery (established 1888) at 87th and Hamlin in Evergreen Park is the burial site of some 26 deaf Catholic men and woman. Among these are Patricia Thompson (died 1986), Jeanette Kolinek (1991) wife of John, Paul (2002) and Lorraine (1992) Starcevich, Phillip Vella (2000), husband of Alice, Cecilia Huber (1991), mother of our Nancy, and our dear 'sister' Mary Jo Scanlan (2008).

We invite anyone who is interested in visiting these and other grave sites to meet at the cemetery office on Wednesday, November 5 at 2 PM. Deacon Casey will guide the tour and we will say a prayer at each site.