

**ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON**

**May 24, 2009**

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

WOW!!!! Next Sunday, May 31, FR. PAUL ZIRIMENYA will celebrate Mass at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. Fr. Paul is deaf. He was born in Africa. Presently, he is a priest serving in San Francisco, CA. Come to welcome Fr. Paul. We will have a free, light buffet after Mass. Please bring DESSERTS to share!!!!

**Memorial Day Masses:**

All Catholic cemeteries have 10:30am Masses on Memorial Day. Eight (8) have interpreters:  
All Saints, DES PLAINES. St. Mary, CHICAGO.  
Calvary, EVANSTON. (Fr. Joe). Maryhill, NILES.  
St. Joseph, RIVER GROVE. Queen of Heaven, HILLSIDE.  
Holy Sepulchre, CHICAGO RIDGE. Resurrection, JUSTICE.

Fri, June 19: What is a DUI? If the police arrest you for DUI, what are your rights? What happens if the court finds you "GUILTY of a DUI?" NEIL LEVINE is an experienced attorney. He also signs and has had many deaf clients. Fri., 6/19, 7pm, Neil will give a presentation at St. Francis Borgia on "DUI & Deaf People." FREE. Please join us.

CONGRATULATIONS to...JONATHAN DARNALL who graduated from Oak Park River Forest High School...RYAN CROKE who married BROOK in Springfield, May 23<sup>rd</sup>... CHESTER & WANDA MAJKA who celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary May 10<sup>th</sup>.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK...ARLENE REDMOND, VITA HOLUBETZ, JIM SMUDZINSKI, WILIE MAE BOYCE, JEANNE SPANKNEBELL, ANN MARTINEZ, VICTOR ZUCCARO, SEAN CIOLEK, MITCH & LAUREL RACI...ROBERT ALDRICH, brother of KEN ALDRICH, died on 5/9.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Mon, 5/25: Memorial Day, Cemetery Masses.  
Tues, 5/26: 11am, Bible Study with Deacon Pat Graybill  
Thurs, 5/28, 10am-3pm: Senior Citizens. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.  
Sun, 5/31: Mass, 10:30am. FREE Social after Mass. NO Mass at St. Mary of Vernon.  
Tues, 6/2: 11am, Bible Study with Deacon Pat Graybill.  
Sun, 6/7: 10:30am Mass (Fr. Mike's last Sunday till Fall.) NOON: VP/phone workshop.  
Tues, 6/9: 11am, Bible Study.  
Sun, 6/14: Mass, 10:30am. CCE Lunch and meeting.  
Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiart. Refreshments.

Need understandable information about ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE? [www.alz.org/illinois](http://www.alz.org/illinois)

PRESIDENT OBAMA wants everyone to tell the government how to improve health care. You can email the President at: [president@messages.whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@messages.whitehouse.gov). Tell the President about...  
...the need for health care especially for poor people and people with disabilities;  
...the need to make Medicare/Medicaid easier to understand;  
...the need for doctors, clinics, & hospitals to provide sign-language interpreters for deaf people;  
...the need for better mental-health programs, especially for children.

Sun, June 7, 11:30am-1:30pm: Town hall meeting about improved 911 services, and changes on our VP, VRS services. Geraldine Francini will present the workshop. Free refreshments.

"THANKS TO EVERYONE for your best wishes, congratulations, prayers, and hugs on our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!" Deacon Ralph and Virginia Hinch

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:**

5/25: Acts 19:1-8/ John 16:29-33      5/28: Acts 22:30-23:11/John 17:20-26  
5/26: Acts 20:17-27/John 17:1-11      5/29: Acts 25:13-21/John 21:15-19  
5/27: Acts 20:28-38/John 17:11-19      5/30: Acts 28:16-31/John 21:20-25

Were you married in 1959? The Archdiocese of Chicago will honor all 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary couples with a special Mass on Sunday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>. You must RSVP: Contact the Catholic Office of the Deaf to reserve a place and also have a sign-language interpreter.

DRIVERS! Wear your seat belts. ALWAYS wear seat belts, even for a short trip. No drinking alcohol and driving. NO texting or checking your messages while driving!

## **SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:**

1) During the week of May 10-16<sup>th</sup>, we had four people die (three of them on one day!). Some died after years of sickness and suffering; some died quite suddenly and unexpectedly. Some of the families were prepared for that person to die; others were not.

The death of those we love (and our own deaths) is difficult to face. However, if we do not prepare ourselves and our families for death, then when death comes, our lives and the lives of our families suffer great stress. There are some simple things we all can do:

A) There is a wonderful program titled “FIVE WISHES”. Go to [www.fivewishes.org](http://www.fivewishes.org) for all the information. You can download it FREE, or ask your children to do so!

B) Realize that there are five papers (instructions) everyone should have for themselves and for the people they love: Will (or Living Trust); Power of Attorney; Medical Power of Attorney; Living Will (or “Instructions Re: DNR”); and Instructions to the family about what YOU want for the Wake, Funeral, and Burial.

C) Discuss YOUR wishes with your loved ones. Let them know YOUR feelings, thoughts, plans to prepare for death. Suppose you get a heart attack or stroke and are unconscious: do you want the hospital to operate/do everything possible to ‘save’ you OR let you die in peace? Your loved ones need to know. Which funeral home and what arrangements? (I remember when GEORGE PLOS was dying. He took his two daughters to the funeral home and he picked out his own holy cards, etc. GEORGE included them in all the plans.) Where do you want the funeral Mass: St. Francis Borgia or the nearby parish?

D) Our Deacons have had experience in these matters (Deacon Casey really understands how the cemetery arrangements work!). Fr. Mike, Msgr. Nelson, Fr. Fracaro, myself: all of us are willing to be of assistance.

E) I was able to pray with and ANOINT Irene Hoban, Catherine Cupuro, Maria Lara. Our Catholic Church teaches that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick gives Catholic people special strength in times of sickness, forgiveness of our sins, and great hope & comfort when we are dying. The sacrament also helps the family feel God is with them, too. If someone needs to receive this sacrament, contact a Catholic priest immediately. Only a Catholic priest can give a person the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

2) WORSE THAN EVER! There are more and more scams about...car warranties...home foreclosures...special “Medicare benefits” you must pay for...etc. LIES! FRAUD! Do NOT pay for or give credit card numbers to anything you get in the mail or on your email. WAIT UNTIL you check with someone who knows about these things.

3) BABY BOTTLES FOR...BABIES! Please take one of our baby-bottles and begin filling the bottles with your spare change. All the money we collect goes to help young women who are pregnant and want to keep their babies. Often, pregnant young women feel that they have no support, so they abort their babies. The money we collect gives these women encouragement to keep their babies.

4) During the summer, emergencies happen or someone dies. The Catholic Office of the Deaf has a very good email alert system. We send out information, especially when a person in our community has died OR there is something important you should know.

We do NOT give out your emails to any other organization. If you wish to be on our FREE email system, send your name and email address to: [cathdeafch@archchicago.org](mailto:cathdeafch@archchicago.org)

5) DEAF EVENTS:

a) Fri, 5/29, 7pm-1am: Deaf Salsa(dance) Night, LaCabanita, 8114 W, Ogden, Lyons.

b) Sat, 5/30, 7pm...: Evening with Miss CCD, Di’sDen, 5100 W. Irving Park, Chgo.

c) Wed, JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>:

1) “Understanding Circuit-Breaker” workshop, 9am. FREE. DuPage CIL, Glen Ellyn.

RSVP: Julie Chavez, [Julie\\_dupagecil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Julie_dupagecil@sbcglobal.net), Jennifer at 708-689-1380v/vp.

2) Workshop on Video Relay Services, changes in phone numbers, better 9-1-1: 7-9pm, Hoffman Estates. Must RSVP: 847-884-1560tty/vp.

6) A LIFE STORY WITH A LESSON: In the “Chicago Tribune” 5/17, there was a story about a family and the Recession: “Surviving the Recession: One family’s story”. This is the story of a good, Catholic family and what happens when bankruptcy & unemployment hit. There are some good lessons from the story:

a) The family did NOT have a three-month emergency fund. (Financial planners tell us that every family should have enough money to pay bills for three months if there is no income.)

b) The family had lots of credit card debt. (You MUST get rid of credit card debt! Credit card debt means you pay lots of interest; you need that money to live!)

c) The family did NOT have a budget. (Everyone/every family should have an honest budget that the family – everyone – follows.)

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-recession-abyssmay15,0,7877278.story>