

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA DEAF CENTER, 8025 W. ADDISON

MAY 18, 2008

The Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 25TH, FR. MIKE DEPCIK will offer his last Masses with us till the Fall. Fr. Mike will offer the 10:30am Mass at St. Francis Borgia, then the 4pm Mass at St. Mary of Vernon. Please join us for one of these Masses to wish Fr. Mike a good summer! Fr. Joe will offer Masses at St. Mary of Vernon during the summer.

MONDAY, MAY 26: MEMORIAL DAY. All Catholic cemeteries have Masses on this day. The Masses are at 10:30am. You must arrive by 10 am to get a seat! There are six Catholic cemeteries which have sign-language interpreters for their Masses.

ALL SAINTS, Rt. 45/Central Rd, DES PLAINES; ST. MARY, 87th/Pulaski, CHICAGO;
MARYHILL, Milwaukee/Dempster, NILES; ST. JOSEPH, Belmont/1st Ave., RIVER GROVE;
QUEEN OF HEAVEN, Wolf/Roosevelt, HILLSIDE; RESURRECTION, Archer Ave, JUSTICE

TUES, JUNE 3: learn about Medicare, prescription Drug programs, etc. St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center. MS. JENNIFER SCHEFFLER, deaf woman/expert on Medicare will give the presentation. 8:30am: coffee & rolls. 9:30-11:30am: presentation and questions/answers. FREE.

POLICE WARNING! This week and through next weekend, the police will be very strict about traffic laws. If you...speed through construction zones...not wear seat belts...drink & drive...not have insurance card, you will receive a ticket (not warning!) and have to go to court! Also...
...in Illinois we have "SCOTT'S LAW". This law states that if there is an emergency vehicle (police, fire, paramedics) with its flashing lights on, you must pull over and let that vehicle pass. If that vehicle is on the side of the road with flashing lights, you must slow down and move over to the next lane AWAY from the emergency vehicle. The fine for not obeying this law is \$500 and...you lose your driver's license for three (3) months!

Think...SUMMER! Camp Mark Seven in upstate New York is a beautiful place. The Camp is focused on deaf people, especially youth! Info: www.campmark7.org. There is also a special KODA (Kids of Deaf Adults) Camp in Wisconsin, July 20-Aug. 2.

DeSALES CAMP is a wonderful place, only 4 hours drive from Chicago. Fr. Mike Depcik is in charge of the Camp. The camp offers a variety of programs, including a special program for anyone (hearing/deaf) who wishes to improve Religious Sign-Language. Talk to Fr. Mike about the camp!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Thurs, 5/22, 10am-3pm: Deaf Seniors Social.

Sun, 5/25: Mass, 10:30am (Fr. Depcik). Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm. St. Mary of Vernon, Rt. 45, Indian Creek. (Fr. Depcik).

Mon, 5/26: Memorial Day Cemetery Masses (see above).

Wed, 5/28: Meeting about Catholic Deaf GOLF OUTING! 5:30pm: pizza. 6:30: meet.

Thurs, 5/29, 8:30am: stuff summer mailing. Plenty of coffee & rolls.

Sun, 6/1: Mass, 10:30am. Birthday party for Nancy Huber after Mass.

Tues, 6/3: Workshop for deaf on MEDICARE/PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (see above).

JACKSONVILLE, IL has a special set of apartments for deaf people; near stores and restaurants. For info, contact: Nancy Harper, 217-245-1350, balsam_spruce@verizon.net

Thurs, 5/22, 1-4pm: get a job & keep your Social Security. HOW? Attend the WISE Seminar, MOPD Field Office, 2102 W. Ogden, CHGO. FREE. 312-746-5713 tty, 746-5743 v.

READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:

5/19: James 3:13-18/ Mark 9:14-29

5/22: James 5:1-6/Mark 9:41-50

5/20: James 4:1-10/Mark 9:30-37

5/23: James 5:9-12/Mark 10:1-12

5/21: James 4:13-17/Mark 9:38-40

5/24: James 5:13-20/Mark 10:13-16

Sat, 5/24, 6pm: BAILANOS! Dance party till Midnight, Cicero Stadium, 1909 S. Laramie, Cicero. Fundraiser for Progress Center for Independent Living. 708-209-1500 (Marie).

Please pray for...Cecile Carsello, Mary Jo Scanlan, Deacon Thomas Ryan; Harry Roberts who died in California.

Sun, May 25, 1-4pm: "All about Turtles", FREE. North Park Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski

Sign-up to get FREE email alerts from Catholic Office of the Deaf: funerals, emergencies, etc. cathdeafch@archchicago.org

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) As many of you know, MS. NANCY HUBER has served our children for over 40 years. This summer, Nancy is retiring as the Director of Religious Education for the Catholic Office of the Deaf. NANCY is NOT going away. She will continue to help out at St. Francis Borgia.

MRS. MARGARET SWATEK will be the new Director of Religious Education beginning July 1st. Mrs. Swatek is the parent of four adult children (two deaf/two hearing). She has worked with us as a volunteer for a long time. In addition, she has her Master's Degree and has been a teacher in Catholic schools.

During the year, Sunday after Sunday, we have a very special group of helpers at St. Francis Borgia: our Catechists and Religious Education Aides. These people come early on Sunday morning to teach our children about Jesus and the Catholic Faith. These people do an amazing job with our children. We also have several Catechists who work with deaf children in the southwest corner of our Archdiocese at St. Alphonsus in Lemont, IL.

2) I (Fr. Joe) need help on.. Thurs., May 29th to stuff our summer mailing and on Tuesday, June 3rd to serve coffee & rolls for the workshop on Medicare. Let me know if you can help.

3) CARE MINISTRY WORKSHOPS: this summer, we will offer a six-week course for Care Ministers (renewal of certification) and those who wish to become Care Ministers. Care Ministers bring Holy Communion to those who are sick or cannot get out of their homes. Care Ministers also bring the comfort of friendship and love to people who often spend most of their time alone. The course is open to hearing and deaf persons. We will have special presenters during those evening classes which begin Tuesday, July 8th.

4) Saints this week:

a) 5/21: Saint Christopher Magallanes and his companions. From 1915-1937, the government of Mexico was very anti-Catholic. The government raped, tortured and murdered many priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and lay catechists. The Mexican government either shot or hanged Fr. Christopher, 21 other Catholic priests, and three lay men during that time. They are now all saints!

b) 5/22: St. RITA of Cascia was born in 1381. She was married to a very violent husband and had two sons. Someone murdered her husband, but Rita begged the people to forgive the murderer. She became a Sister and spent 40 years of prayer and caring for those who were suffering. Near the end of her life, she received a wound from a thorn from the Crown of Thorns. She died in 1457. She is the special saint for people in desperate situations and difficult marriages.

5) More bad news: many people are suffering because of the economy. Now, we see that more and more people are victims of money scams. Someone showed me an article last week about a woman who lost \$87,000 because of a scam.

If you want to figure out a way to save your money, take care of your future, then sit down with a PROFESSIONAL: an insurance expert (there are many insurance scams!), a trained investment counselor, a certified financial advisor. If you get any offers over the internet, in an email, on VP, in the mail from someone you do not know, DO NOT RESPOND! These are all "rip-offs", fraud! If you get some letter or appeal in the mail and do not know what to do, see me, Fr. Joe for advice.

Also, do NOT try to make money by going to casinos or gambling boats. You will only lose MORE money!

6) Tues, May 20, 9am-4pm: FREE Disability Expo (many exhibits and agencies), Holiday Inn/Convention Center, 18501 S. Harlem, Tinley Park. Lots of free parking.

7) Catholic Office of the Deaf is now registered for GoodSearch and GoodShop. Our supporters can raise money for our services to continue by using GoodSearch to search the internet and GoodShop to make online purchases! www.goodsearch.com