

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

**APRIL 24, 2016**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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MFP (Ministry Formation Program for Deaf Persons) prepares deaf and hard of hearing people to do ministry in the Catholic Church.

SUNDAY, MAY 15<sup>th</sup>, MFP will sponsor a luncheon at SDC (Swoboda Deaf Center), NOON till 4pm to raise funds for this great program. We will NOT have coffee & rolls that Sunday because of the parish carnival. This will be a wonderful afternoon for everyone. Cash prizes, excellent food, always a fun day. \$20 per person before May 8; \$25 at door. INFO: Josie Lowery, jtl7lowery@aol.com or Patti Koras, patriciakoras@gmail.com

PRAY for our...mothers, grandmothers, god-mothers, mothers-in-law, aunts, good women in our lives, living and deceased. Fill out the MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE envelope and place in the special box on our altar starting next Sunday. During the month of May, all the priests at St. Francis Borgia will pray for all these women at EVERY MASS in MAY!

Mt. PROSPECT IRISH FEST, April 29-30. MPIRISHFEST.COM

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Thurs, Apr 28, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizen Social, St. Francis Borgia.

Sat, Apr 26, NOON: First Communion.

Sun, May 1: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. "Mother-Father-Deaf" Day.

Tues, May 3: HAWTHORNE 2016 Committee Meeting. 5pm, meal. 6pm, meeting. Looking for new committee members!

Sat, May 7: "Year of Mercy" workshop/ Confessions. Urbana, IL.

Sun, May 8: MOTHER'S DAY Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

NO 4pm Mass, St. Julie Billiart.

FRI-SUN, May 13-15: St. Francis Borgia Parish Carnival

SUN, May 15: 10:30am Mass. MFP Luncheon (see above).

4pm Mass, St. Julie Billiart. Refreshments.

PRAY FOR... Meg Finneran, Jim Dunne, Tracy Baldwin, Susan Postl, Evelyn Rzas, John & Sylvia Kolinek, Patti Phadke, Marie Volpentesta, Majka family, Balsitis sisters, George & Laverne Lastrico, Nathan Kucera, Mark Kubey, Bob Healy, Mary Jane Ryan, Marilyn Johnson, Anthony Ariano, Donna Taylor, Fidel Martinez, James Mulcrone (Fr. Joe's brother). Fr. Rene Robert, who died April 10.

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:**

4/24: Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 145; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-35.

4/25: 1 Peter 5:5-14; Mark 16:15-20. ST. MARK, writer of Gospel.

4/26: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31                      4/27: Acts 15:1-6/ John 15:1-8

4/28: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11. St. Peter Chanel (martyr, 1841); St. Louis de Montfort (1716).

4/29: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17. St. Catherine of Siena (1380; declared "Doctor" of the Church, 1970)

4/30: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21. St. Pius V (Fifth), died 1572.

5/1: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10-14; John 14:23-29

PATRICIA PHADKE is a wonderful deaf woman, a wife, mother, grandmother. She is suffering from a very rare form of cancer. There will be a fundraiser for her on SATURDAY, MAY 14, 3-6pm, 6s559 Mill Creek Lane, Naperville.

WONDERFUL SUMMER PROGRAMS for...DEAF Youth...DEAF Families...DEAF individuals...interpreters. HOLLEY FAMILY CAMP/DeSales center, Brooklyn, MI. www.holleyfv.org, 517-592-6283v, 517-536-1518vp

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

1) CONGRATULATIONS to the MID-WEST ICDA. Special thanks to MS. PATRICIA SLISZ & the Committee for an excellent job preparing for this wonderful weekend. I am very grateful to FR. JOE BRUCE, S.J., for his presentation; FR. CHRISTOPHER KLUSMAN for handling all our Prayer Services; FR. RONALD HICKS, the VICAR GENERAL of the Archdiocese, for celebrating our Mass. Also, a big thanks to our great interpreters!

2) THIS SUNDAY is our last Sunday of our Religious Education Program. MRS. MARGARET SWATEK, as always, has done a great job this year. Special thanks to our Catechists, Aides, Helpers for their wonderful commitment to our children. I also want to thank our PARENTS who make the effort to bring their children each week to our program. Parents make the sacrifice to get up (and get their children up!) for our classes. God will reward you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

3) Next Sunday, 5/1, 1-4pm, is "Mother-Father-Deaf" Day. At SDC (Swoboda Center), 7050 W. Belmont, we will have a wonderful program to honor parents, grandparents who are deaf. Story-telling, food/refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

4) PARENTS of DEAF/HARD of HEARING CHILDREN: CHILDREN OF PEACE/HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL, 1900 W. Taylor St, CHICAGO offers a first-rate, quality, CATHOLIC education for children who are deaf, hard of hearing & hearing. A very 21<sup>st</sup> century science lab; great music program; teachers who are skilled in sign-language. INFO: <http://www.copeace.pvt.k12.il.us/>  
ALSO: ISD (Illinois School for the Deaf, Jacksonville, IL offers summer programs for deaf and hard of hearing students and also their PARENTS!  
[www.illinoisdeaf.org](http://www.illinoisdeaf.org), 877-339-2686v, 217-882-6361vp.

5) FR. RENE ROBERT. April 18th, police in Jacksonville, FL announced they had located a body suspected to be Fr. Rene Robert (71) in Georgia. Fr. Rene Robert began his religious life as a Franciscan Brother. He was then ordained a priest. Later, he became a diocesan priest for the diocese of St. Augustine, FL. For most of his adult life, Fr. Rene ministered to the Catholic deaf community. He taught at St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee, WI, and worked in other dioceses. He took on the responsibility as the Catholic Chaplain at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind in Jacksonville, FL, and worked there for many years. Several years ago, Fr. Rene came to Chicago and gave a wonderful week-end Mission for the deaf community in our Archdiocese. All those who attended remember his gentle, kind message, and the prayerful way he celebrated Mass in American Sign-Language.

Fr. Rene's death is a terrible blow to his family, pastoral workers with the deaf throughout the United States, and the deaf and hearing communities he served so well in Florida. When something like this happens, we have two choices. We can be angry, bitter, want revenge and punishment for the person who committed this horrible crime. However, that would not be Fr. Rene's choice. To the end, Fr. Rene Robert lived the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi in all he did. He would want us to forgive the person who killed him. The last lines of the famous prayer of St. Francis certainly remind us of who Fr. Rene Robert was, and what he certainly would want us to remember: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen." ETERNAL REST GRANT TO YOUR SERVANT, FR. RENE ROBERT, O LORD. MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM. AMEN.

7) DEAF COFFEE SOCIALS this week: Weds. Apr 27, 7 pm at NEW LOCATION – Blaze Pizza, 953 W. Belmont, Chicago (right off Belmont train station).