

DEAF? PARENT OF A DEAF CHILD? REGISTERED to VOTE? If your answer is “no, I am not registered to vote”, then “WHY NOT???” The government (State of Illinois, Federal Government in Washington, D.C.) is cutting programs for deaf people and/or people with disabilities. In Chicago, the Board of Education is cutting programs for deaf children. If YOU (deaf, interpreter, parent) do NOT show up to vote, then politicians will continue to ignore deaf children and adults. Registering to vote is simple. You must be 18 or older. State of Illinois:
<https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationClosed.aspx>

DIOCESE of JOLIET DEAF MINISTRY:

Sun, 9/20: Mass & Picnic, 11:30 am to 4 pm in Plainfield; Sat, 9/26: 9am-4pm, Day of Reflection & Prayer with Fr. Mulcrone in Naperville. INFO & registration: www.deafcatholicjoliet.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

THURS, Sept. 10: HAWTHORNE COMMITTEE Meeting, 6:15 pm.

SUN, Sept. 13: Mass, 10:30am. CCE lunch and meeting.

4pm, MASS at St. Julie Billiart, 7399 W. 159th, Tinley Park. Refreshments.

SUN, Sept. 20: Mass, 10:30am. Blessing for all married persons. Refreshments.

4pm, MASS at St. Julie Billiart. Marriage Blessing. Refreshments.

TUES-SUN, Sept. 22-27: Pope Francis in America.

THURS, Sept. 24, 10am-4pm: Senior Citizen Social, Swoboda Center.

THURS-SUN, Sept. 24-27: St. Francis Borgia CARNIVAL. Wonderful time for families: rides, food, music, prizes.

SUN, Sept. 27: Mass, 10:30am.

4pm, MASS at St. Mary of Vernon, INDIAN CREEK.

SAT, 10/24, NOON-6PM: Hawthorne Race Track...

...new, improved menu. More selections of food!

...basket raffle & purse/ carry-on raffles, “Special Prize Raffle”: you can only win these IF you are at Hawthorne that day!

...4pm: announcement of \$18,000 cash raffle winners.

...admission price---same as last year, \$40/person.

PRAY FOR...Sr. Alverna Hollis, Timo Owens, the Malka family, Anthony Ariano, Barbara Keiner, Bob Healy, Frank & Evelyn Rzasa, Mary Ann Gaszynski, Donna Taylor, John & Sylvia Kolinek, Alice Greco, Fr. Jerry Trancone, Italo DeArcangelis, Marie Volpentesta, Mark Kubey, Nathan Kucera, Peggy Smudzinski. PEGGY STACHOWIAK died 8/31. Peg taught at the Wisconsin School for the Deaf for many years. She was also a catechist for deaf children and religious interpreter.

READ YOUR BIBLE:

9/6: Isaiah 35:4-7, Psalm 146, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37

9/7: Colossians 1:24-3:4/ Luke 6:6-11

9/8: Nativity (birth) of Blessed Mother Mary. Micah 5:1-4/Matthew 1:18-23

9/9: St. Peter Claver (1654, “slave of slaves”). Colossians 3:1-11/ Luke 6:20-26

9/10: Colossians 3:12-17/Luke 6:27-38

9/11: Pray for all firefighters, police, paramedics, First Responders.

1 Timothy 1:1-14/ Luke 6:39-42

9/12: The Most Holy Name of Mary. 1 Timothy 1:15-17/ Luke 6:43-49

9/13: Isaiah 50:5-9, Psalm 116, James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35

ALL children are now in school. DRIVERS: slow down, especially near schools and parks. Do NOT text/read texts while driving.

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

- 1) Fr. MIKE DEPCIK is such a wonderful teacher about our Faith: www.frmd.org
- 2) Recently, there have been news stories about people living alone attacked in their homes or apartments. How can someone protect himself/herself?
 - a) Never let someone in your home you do not know. If a person comes to your door and tries to force himself in, slam the door, and dial 9-1-1. Do NOT hang up the phone. Leave it off the hook.
 - b) Many people do NOT own a gun. HOWEVER, buy a can of Wasp/Hornet Spray. This spray shoots 15-20 feet. If a person attacks you, spray at the person. The spray will blind the attacker. Then, run out of the house, yelling for help.
- 3) TUES, 9/29, 5:30-8:30PM, CHS (Chicago Hearing Society) will hold its annual fund-raiser. Lagunitas Brewery is a great place for a party, 2607 W. 17th St, Chgo. www.chicagohearingsociety.org
- 4) This FRIDAY, 9/11 is the 14th anniversary of the attack on the USA. More than 400 fire fighters, paramedics, and police officers died. EVERYDAY, fire-fighters, paramedics, police officers work to keep us safe, 24/7/365. We should pray for them, and for their families.
- 5) Do YOU pay your bills? Of course you do. Yet, the State of Illinois does not. We are in our 3rd month without a State budget. That means that many agencies which help people are shutting down, laying off staff, closing programs. Many of these programs help children who are deaf/disabled, persons with mental illness, senior citizens who cannot leave their homes because of illness. AMBER SMOCK of Access Living is a wonderful advocate in our community. She keeps us all informed about what is happening (and NOT happening!) in Springfield.
 - ❖ If you receive a letter telling you that your benefits are cut or a program has “dropped” you, do NOT throw out the letter. Bring it to me (Fr. Joe) or anyone at a CIL (Access Living, Progress Center, Will-Grundy, AIM, Lake County, etc), Sarita Phadke (Schaumburg), Kim Eischen at Chgo Hearing Society.
 - ❖ There are many SCAMS. If you receive a call, VP, text, letter telling you you MUST pay someone to keep your benefits, SCAM!!!!!!! Do NOT give any stranger your Social Security # or Bank Account #.
 - ❖ Politicians want your vote. If you are deaf, family member of deaf, interpreter, parent of deaf child, tell politicians I VOTE!!!! If you are not registered to vote, do so as soon as possible. There is NO COST to register to vote.
- 7) NEW website for Catholic Office of the Deaf: www.deafchurchchicago.org
- 8) SAT, 9/12, 10am-dusk: Chicagoland Deaf Seniors PICNIC. FREE. Brown Forest Preserve #29, Golf Rod, near Rte. 53. Esroz3@aol.com, 224-520-9725vp.
- 9) DEAF? WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Ms. Patricia Slisz is deaf. She is Certified by the Archdiocese of Chicago to prepare adults to become Catholic OR receive Sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Reconciliation (Confession). The first meeting will be Sun., 9/20, after 10:30am Mass, St. Francis Borgia. There is NO charge for this class. pfslisz@gmail.com