

HAPPY “MOTHER FATHER DEAF” day. We honor all of our deaf parents, grandparents, god parents.

**MOTHER’S DAY ENVELOPES:** fill out these envelopes with the names of mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, mothers-in-law, aunts, sisters, living and dead. Place in the special box next to the altar. We will pray for these women at EVERY MASS at St. Francis Borgia during the entire month of MAY.

HAWTHORNE 2017: this year will be Fr. Roberto’s FIRST year in charge of the Hawthorne event. We want to support him in this job. Our first Hawthorne Committee meeting is this THURSDAY, MAY 4, at St. Francis Borgia. 5pm, meal. 6pm, meeting. Please volunteer.

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 4 pm to 9 pm. Illinois Deaf Latino Assoc hosts CINCO DE MAYO celebration at SFB, 8025 W Addison. INFO: idla.response@gmail.com.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Thurs, May 4, Hawthorne meeting (see above).

Sun, May 7: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Sun, May 14: Mother’s Day Mass, 10:30am. Refreshments. NO Mass, St. Julie.

Sun, May 21: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. Special visitor from GERMANY.

Mass, 4pm, St. Julie Billiard. Refreshments.

Thurs, May 25, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizen Social.

Sun, May 28: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

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

Mon, May 29: MEMORIAL DAY Cemetery Masses.

PRAY FOR.... Rabbi Doug Goldhamer, Sylvia Kolinek, Genevieve Balsitis, Marilyn Johnson, Anthony Ariano, Bob Healy, Susan Postl & Charlotte Seegert, Evelyn Rzasz, Donna Taylor, Theresa Stanis, Majka family, Caroline Goraj, James Mulcrone, William Costello, Carmen Reyes, Bob Ryan, Mark & Diane Kubey, Danny Rivera, Lee Husted, Mary Jane Ryan, Schelag Foler, John Hoberg, Drucilla Ronchen, Kevin Ronchen, Arlene Redmond, Dolores Amato, Clarence Whitt. Stephani Ruich, who died April 23.

**READ YOUR BIBLE DURING EASTER SEASON:**

4/30: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

5/1: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29. St. Joseph the Worker.

5/2: Acts 7:51-8:1; John 6:30-35. St. Athanasius (373).

5/3: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14-14. Saints Philip & James, Apostles.

5/4: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

5/5: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

5/6: Acts 9:31-42/ John 6:60-69

5/7: Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10: 1-10

DEAF, DEAF-BLIND, HARD OF HEARING? VICTIM of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, DATING ABUSE? There is a new hotline – every day of the year, 24 hours/day – to help you. Counselors are trained in ASL and understand the deaf community. 855-812-1001vp, nationaldeafhotline@adwas.org

JUNE 18-23: ISD (Illinois School for the Deaf) Summer Camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, Jacksonville, IL. <http://bit.ly/ISD-Outreach2>, 217-919-2656vp.

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

JULY 9-14, 2017: RASL (Religious American Sign Language) Week, Rockford, IL. This is a wonderful week for deaf or hearing persons to improve their sign-language skills, their skills at signing the Bible readings at Mass, etc. If you are someone who signs our readings at Mass on Sunday or is a Catechist/Aide in Mrs. Swatek's program or an Interpreter who interprets Catholic services, we will pay for your registration. Contact Mrs. Swatek or Fr. Joe asap!

Last week, April 17-21, I (Fr. Joe) was in Rome, Italy. I went there for meetings re: deaf Catholic pilgrimage to Rome (and Pope Francis!) June 2018. I flew out of O'Hare at 6:30pm Easter Sunday, and arrived in sunny Rome, Italy 10:30am, Monday morning. The day was sunny and 65, not a cloud in the sky. Our team – me, Ian Robertson from Miami, FL & Chelo Manero from Mexico City, Mexico – met with a number of priests and Vatican officials to prepare for next year. Even though we had meetings each day, we were able to walk around Rome and visit St. Peter's Basilica. (I prayed for all of you at the altar of Saint John Paul II.) We accomplished a lot in a short time, and have a good program ready for next year. (More info on that soon.) I flew back Friday, 4/21, leaving Rome at 11:30am and arriving in Chicago at 6pm. Rome, the Vatican, Italy are such wonderful places to visit, and the food is terrific!!!! St. Francis Borgia did NOT pay for my trip. The organization I work with, DCYIA, paid for my expenses.

**PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, UNCLES & AUNTS, BROTHERS & SISTERS:**  
If someone tried to give your children/family members poison, what would you do? You would do everything possible to stop that person. Of Course! However, many families are allowing another "poison" into their family homes.

**PORNOGRAPHY!** Many children are seeing XXX videos, where? On the computers/internet in their own homes! Adults think, "oh, I can watch this; my children will not see it." **WRONG!!!!** Children know how to access computers and the internet better than adults.

**PLEASE**, protect your children. **NO PORNOGRAPHY** on our computers, phones, tablets, anywhere.

**MONDAY, MAY 30: MEMORIAL DAY. MEMORIAL DAY MASSES** at Catholic Cemeteries. All Catholic Cemeteries have Masses on Memorial Day (Archdiocese of Chicago/Cook & Lake Counties). Masses begin at 10:30am; you **MUST** arrive before 10am to get seats. Seven (7) cemeteries will have sign-language interpreters:

- **ST. JOSEPH**, 1<sup>ST</sup> Ave/Belmont, **RIVER GROVE**.
- **MARYHILL**, Milwaukee Ave., **NILES**.
- **ST. MARY**, 87<sup>th</sup>/Kedzie, **EVERGREEN PARK**.
- **RESURRECTION**, Archer Ave., **JUSTICE**.
- **ALL SAINTS**, Rt. 45/Central Ave, **DES PLAINES**.
- **QUEEN OF HEAVEN**, Wolf Rd/Roosevelt, **HILLSIDE**.
- **HOLY SEPULCHRE**, 111<sup>th</sup>/Central, **CHICAGO RIDGE**.

**DEAF SOCIALS** this week: **TOMORROW**, May 1, 6 pm to 9 pm - **GAME NIGHT** at The Nerderly, 1033 W. Van Buren, Ste. 700, Chicago.

Looking for elementary schools? **CHILDREN OF PEACE SCHOOL** (Holy Trinity Deaf program), 1900 W. Taylor, **CHGO** is one of the best schools in the entire city of Chicago!!! A very 21<sup>st</sup> century science lab; great music program; teachers who are skilled in sign-language. For hearing & deaf children. **INFO:**

<http://www.copeace.pvt.k12.il.us/>