

THIS THURSDAY, 1/19: Senior Citizen Bingo, St. Francis Borgia.

WE NEED HELP. We need more people to volunteer to sign the Bible readings at Mass on Sundays. We also need more people to help with Holy Communion at Mass. Please see Fr. Joe, Fr. Roberto, or Deacon Hinch to volunteer.

DEAF PEOPLE in PRISON. Do you know any deaf person in jail or prison? Is there a hearing son or daughter of a deaf family in prison? Does that person want someone – Fr. Joe, Fr. Roberto, Deacon Hinch –to visit them? Let us know and we can arrange for a visit. Even if the person is in prison far way, we will still try to visit that person.

COLD & FLU SEASON is still here. WASH YOUR HAND! #1 way to keep yourself healthy.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Jan 19, 9am-2pm: SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL.

Jan 22: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

4pm: Mass, St. Mary of Vernon.

Jan 29: Mass, 10:30am. FR. ROBERTO. Refreshments.

Feb 5: Mass, 10:30am. FR. ROBERTO. Refreshments.

Feb 12: Mass, 10:30am. CCE Luncheon & meeting.

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

Feb 19: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Mass, 4pm. 'SOUP & SALAD', St. Julie Billiart.

Wed, 2/15, 11AM: Deaf Valentine's Day Luncheon. \$10/person. RSVP, 2/11.
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PRAY FOR.....Sylvia Kolinek, Genevieve Balsitis, Marilyn Johnson, Anthony Ariano, Bob Healy, Fidel Martinez, Susan Postl & Charlotte Seegert, Evelyn Rzasa, George Lastrico, Donna Taylor, Majka family, Caroline Goraj, James Mulcrone, William Costello, Marie Volpentesta, Bob Ryan, Mark & Diane Kubey, Danny Rivera, Lee Husted, Witold & Maria Poplawska, Mary Jane Ryan, Schelag Foler.

READ YOUR BIBLE: "Food" for your soul!

1/15: Isaiah 49:3-6; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

1/16: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22

1/17: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28. St. Anthony of the Desert (356 at age 105)

1/18: Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17; Mark 3:1-6

1/19: Hebrews 7: 25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12

1/20: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19. St. Fabian (250, Pope/martyr), St. Sebastian (288, martyr).

1/21: Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14; Mark 3:20-21. St. Agnes (age 12 when she died as a martyr in 300).

1/22: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; Psalm 27; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17; Matthew 4:12-23

GLAD (The Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness) produced a very good video on IMMIGRATION. Find it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ge1lr1CoHA&feature=youtu.be

Hopefully, this video can help deaf people and their families understand more

about IMMIGRATION & the RIGHTS of DEAF CONSUMERS.

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) THANKS to DEACON HINCH. Fr. Roberto, Mrs. Swatek, and I are at the NCOD "Pastoral Week" in Charlotte, NC. We are back this Tuesday.

2) GUNS. Do you have a gun in your home? In order to have a gun in your home, you must have a FOID (Firearm Owner Identification) card. If you have a gun and you do NOT have a FOID card, you are breaking the law. If the police discover that you have a gun without a FOID card, you will go to jail.

3) SUPPORT & ENCOURAGE FR. ROBERTO! In 1977, when I (Fr. Joe) began working with the deaf community, my sign-language skills were TERRIBLE! I remember trying to sign the Mass. many people told me the things I did wrong. FR. ROBERTO is still learning sign-language. He wants your suggestions and corrections. He does not need your CRITICISM. He is happy to have you show him how to sign words or phrases correctly.

4) DID YOU EVER SUFFER SEXUAL ABUSE AS A CHILD? Often, people who suffered sexual abuse still suffer years and decades later. These people often continue to have very hurt and painful feelings.

If you suffered sexual abuse, and you feel you want to discuss your feelings, you can see me (Fr. Joe), Fr. Roberto, Msgr Nelson, Fr. Chris Klusman (Milwaukee). EVERYTHING you tell us is CONFIDENTIAL. We can also refer you to counselors who are very skilled at helping people who were victims of sexual abuse.

5) ST. MARY OF VERNON Parish is located on Rt. 45, Indian Creek (near Mundelein), IL. We have 4pm Mass at the church on the 4th Sunday of the month. Afterwards, we always have refreshments. We will have Mass there next Sunday, 1/22. Please come to join our community there for Sunday Mass.

6) BE AWARE!!!! There may be changes coming soon to SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE, MEDICAID, OBAMACARE because of the new President Trump and the Congress. There will also be many scams to frighten people.

Be very careful about ANY letters, emails, tweets, etc that tell you: must pay money to... Or, you must send your Social Security number to...

Many of these are SCAMS. However, there may also be certain letters from the government that are important. If you do NOT understand something sent you, see Fr. Joe, Kim at CHS, Sarita at Schaumburg, Deaf Advocates at PROGRESS CENTER, DuPAGE CIL, etc.

7) DEAF SOCIALS this week: TODAY, Jan 15, 2 pm at Starbucks, 519 Main Street, Evanston; TOMORROW, Jan. 16, Deaf Senior Game Day at Swoboda Center, 7050 W. Belmont, Chicago.

8) The deadline to enroll for Affordable Health Insurance is extended again! Enroll before Jan. 31 deadline to make sure you're covered in the new year. GetCoveredIllinois.gov.

9) Remember, when the snow comes, keeping sidewalks ice-free is an important way to protect yourself and passersby from injury. It's also the law in Chicago, and many suburban municipalities. According to Chicago's code, "Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any building or lot of ground abutting upon any public way or public space shall remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk." Residents & businesses who do not follow this rule could face fines of \$50 to \$500. Chicago has a Snow Corps for helping seniors and people with disabilities. To volunteer or request help, go to:
www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/snowportal/snow_corps.html