

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

**FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF CHURCH TIME**

TAX HELP: CHS (Chicago Hearing Society) is offering FREE Income Tax help for persons who are deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing. Sites include: Chicago Hearing Society offices, Schaumburg (March 8) and Swoboda Deaf Center, March 6. You must RSVP: 773-904-0143vp, [keischen@anixter.org](mailto:keischen@anixter.org)  
ALSO.....EITC (earned Income Tax Credit) can save money for individuals and families. Make sure you ask your tax preparer if EITC can help you.

DEAF? WEDDINGS or QUINCINIERAS in 2018? Contact FR. ROBERTO MERCADO: 1-773-905-2722v/text, [rmercado@archchicago.org](mailto:rmercado@archchicago.org)

IMMIGRATION WORKSHOP, SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 12:30-2pm, St. Francis Borgia. We will have a special presentation by an Immigration lawyer to answer your questions. INTERPRETED. Voice interpreted in Spanish, too. Refreshments.

OLD PALMS: bring them to church. Brian Swatek will burn them to be used as ashes on ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1.

The ICDA (INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC DEAF ASSOCIATION) Conference will be in St. Louis, MO, JUNE 25-30, 2017. The site is WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY which is a beautiful and safe college campus. Mass every day. Socials. Tours. Workshops. INFO: [www.icda-us.org/2017-in-st-louis-icda-us-conference/](http://www.icda-us.org/2017-in-st-louis-icda-us-conference/)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Thurs, Feb 23, 9am-2pm: Senior Citizen Bingo Social.

Sun, Feb 26: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

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

Wed, Mar 1; ASH WEDNESDAY. All Catholic Churches give ashes that day.

St. Francis Borgia: Mass & Ashes, NOON. Ashes prayer service, 2:30pm, large church, interpreted.

Sun, Mar 5: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent. Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls.

Tues, Mar 7: Lent Bible Study. Swoboda Center. Doors open, 11am. Bring your own lunch, dessert to share. 12:30-2pm: Bible Study.

Sat, Mar 11: Day Light Savings Time begins at night.

Sun, Mar 12: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee/rolls. 4pm, St. Julie Billiart.

PRAY FOR.... Sylvia Kolinek, Genevieve Balsitis, Marilyn Johnson, Anthony Ariano, Bob Healy, Susan Postl & Charlotte Seegert, Evelyn Rzasa, George Lastrico, Donna Taylor, Theresa Stanis, 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, Drucilla Ronchen, Kevin Ronchen, Carmen Reyes, Penny Hendee and Arlene Redmond. Nikos Likaris (36) – son in law of interpreter Coleen Hogan – died Feb 9 in a motorcycle accident; Clarendia Gaudio – mother of interpreter Clare Johnson, who died Feb. 12; William McGovern – father of Meghan, who died Feb. 12.

**READ YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY:**

2/19: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; Psalm 103; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

2/20: Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29

2/21: Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37. St. Peter Damien (1072)

2/22: 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19. THE CHAIR: ST. PETER THE APOSTLE\*

2/23: Sirach 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50. St. Polycarp (martyr, 155).

2/24: Sirach 6:5-17; Mark 10:1-2

2/25: Sirach 17:1-15; Mark 10:13-16

2/26: Isaiah 49: 14-15; Psalm 62; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

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

“STRANDED BY THE STATE”, Thursday, 2/23, 9pm. This is a tv program that explains the budget “mess” the State of Illinois is in. WTTW, Channel 11.

FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART HEALTH MONTH! Excellent video in ASL explains signs of cardiovascular disease and heart attack.

<http://deafhealth.org/news/cardiovascular-disease-overview-with-cc-and-voiceover-options?ct=t>

DEAF COFFEE SOCIALS this week: TODAY, Feb. 19, 2 pm at Starbucks, 519 Main Street, Evanston; TOMORROW, Mon Feb 20, GAME DAY, 10:30 am at Swoboda Deaf Center, 7050 W. Belmont, Chicago; Weds, Feb 22, 7 pm at NEW LOCATION – Blaze Pizza, 953 W. Belmont, Chicago (right off Belmont train station).

PARENTS: the situation re: Special Education for children who are deaf and/or disabled may be changing. Why? Because the new Secretary of Education in Washington, DC, knows nothing about children with disabilities. Therefore, parents who have children who are DEAF and/or DISABLED need to be very alert about ANY changes to your children’s educational programs. REMEMBER:

- Parents have the right to decide what goes into the child’s IEP (Individualized Educational Plan). A parent does NOT have to sign the IEP until the parent is satisfied with the plan.
- The IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) protects the rights of children who are deaf and/or disabled to get an education EQUAL to the education that other children receive. We must oppose ANY attempt by the government to weaken this law.

If there are problems with schools providing an appropriate education to your child who is deaf and/or disabled, contact RACHEL ARFA, attorney at EQUIP FOR EQUALITY: <http://www.equipforequality.org/online-intake-form/>

\*The feast of THE CHAIR of ST. PETER is NOT about a chair! The “Chair” represents the “place of authority” for the Pope. This reminds us that St. Peter was the first Pope, and ever since the Catholic Church has had the Popes who succeed St. Peter as leader of the Catholic Church in the world. Pray for Pope Francis I.

DEAF/HARD OF HEARING HIGH-SCHOOL Sophomores or Juniors: RIT (Rochester Institute of Technology)/NTID (National Training Institute for the Deaf) in Rochester, NY offer summer program EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE either 7/8-13 or 15-20. [www.rit.edu/NTID/EYFVR](http://www.rit.edu/NTID/EYFVR) 585-743-1366vp, 1-866-644-6843v.

There is a beautiful, quiet Eucharistic Adoration chapel in the St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center building. It is open every day, 6:30am-11pm. This is a wonderful place to pray. Many Catholic parishes have these chapels, usually open early in the morning till late at night.

APRIL 21-23, “BEYOND THE BOOKS” Silent Weekend for those learning sign-language. [www.beyondthebookssilentweekend.weebly.com](http://www.beyondthebookssilentweekend.weebly.com), email: [ncampbell@colum.edu](mailto:ncampbell@colum.edu)

BE CAREFUL! There are many SCAMS sent to people (hearing and deaf) re: Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, etc. If you receive an email or letter and the message asks you to “send money” or “sign up and return immediately”, BE CAREFUL! This is probably a SCAM. Do NOT sign anything unless you know exactly what you are signing.

