

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 15:

St. Francis Borgia COMMUNION SERVICE (No Mass), 10:30am.

Deacon Hinch. Sign/voice. Coffee & rolls after Mass.

St. Julie Billiart. NO 4pm Mass.

STOP COLDS, COUGHS, FLU: wash your hands. PARENTS: make sure your children wash their hands especially after using the washrooms.

We need HELP. We need more people to volunteer to be READERS & COMMUNION MINISTERS at Mass. Please see Fr. Joe or Deacon Ralph Hinch to volunteer.

JUNE PRUSAK is a CDI (Certified Deaf Interpreter). She works for the CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, Office of Accessibility and Education Outreach. If you are deaf and need help with the Courts in COOK COUNTY: 312-603-9187vp, 312-502-0996text, ocj.deafhardofhearingaccess@cookcountyil.gov

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Jan 15: Communion Service, 10:30am.

NO Mass, St. Julie Billiart.

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

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

Jan 26: 9am-2pm. Senior Citizen Social. (May be switched to 1/19).

Jan 29: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. FR. ROBERTO.

Feb 5: Mass, 10:30am. Coffee & rolls. Fr. Roberto. BLESSING OF THROATS.

PRAY FOR.... Anthony Ariano, Bob Healy, Fidel Martinez, Susan Postl & Charlotte Seegert, Evelyn Rzasas, George Lastrico, Sylvia Kolinek, Genevieve Balsitis, Marilyn Johnson, 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 EVERYDAY:

1/8: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-6; Matthew 2:1-12

1/9: Baptism of the Lord. Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 29; Matthew 3:13-17

1/10: Hebrews 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28

1/11: Hebrews 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39

1/12: Hebrews 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45

1/13: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12. St. Hillary (367).

1/14: Hebrews 4:12-16/ Mark 2:13-17

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

*During January and February, the 2nd reading each Sunday is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. CORINTH was a city in Greece which was a "business center". There was lots of money in that city. There was also heavy drinking, prostitution, and other serious sins. The Christian community in Corinth was trying to obey God's laws, but there were many temptations.

St. Paul writes this Letter to encourage them to live the right way. Try to read the entire Letter, reading one chapter each day. This Letter has much to teach us about living in 2017!

APRIL 21-23, 2017: "SILENT WEEKEND" for people studying deaf culture and sign language. Beyondthebookssilentweekend.weebly.com

SOME NOTES FROM FR. JOE:

1) FR. MERCADO, MRS. SWATEK, and I are attending the NCOD Pastoral Week in Charlotte, NC starting this Thursday. If there is any emergency, please contact the Catholic Office of the Deaf as soon as possible.

2) WEDDINGS: Fr. Roberto and I are available for weddings. However, contact us as soon as possible because our schedules, especially summer of 2017 will be busy.

3) CHRISTMAS EVE we had Mass at St. Julie parish in Tinley Park. We had 80 people at the Mass. A big thanks to NICK KULASA & his parents. Nick took care of setting up the hall and chapel. His parents provided all our refreshments!!!

4) Moraine Valley College (Palos Hills) offers an excellent Sign Language Interpretation program. It is a two year program. For information, contact: Shelley M. Engstrom-Kestel, engstrom-kestels@morainevalley.edu, 708-974-5464.

5) SAVE THE DATE: IAD (Illinois Association of the Deaf)/IRID (Illinois Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf) Joint Conference, JUNE 22-25, 2017. Indigo Hotel, downtown NAPERVILLE.

6) TUES, 1/10, Deaf Social/Support Group, 11:30am-3pm. Schaumburg. INFO: 224.520.9763 VP, 847.884.0300 v, Sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

7) 2017 & ST. FRANCIS BORGIA PARISH. I (Fr. Joe) will officially retire as the Director of the Catholic Office of the Deaf 6/30/17. On 7/1/17, FR. ROBERTO MERCADO will become the full-time priest for the deaf community in the Archdiocese of Chicago. We are truly blessed to have a young priest like Fr. Roberto willing to work in our community for many years ahead.

I will continue to live at St. Francis Borgia parish. I have told Fr. Roberto I will do whatever I can to support and assist him in his work. I want to spend more time visiting the sick and the dying.

FR. RICHARD MILEK, the pastor of St. Francis Borgia for the last six years, is leaving the parish 6/30/17. He has some health issues he must deal with, so we will be getting a new pastor at the parish. Fr. Richard has been VERY GOOD to our deaf community. Please pray for him.

8) ITALY 2018. We will have a group leaving Chicago on SUNDAY, 6/24/2018 and arriving in Rome on 6/25. We will meet Pope Francis on Tuesday, 6/26. Friday, 6/29, we will leave Rome to drive south. We will spend the weekend at a beautiful Italian resort. July 1st, we will do more travelling in Italy and then go to Sicily. We will return to Chgo JULY 6th.

9) DEAF SOCIALS THIS WEEK: Sat, Jan. 14, 8 pm at Starbucks, 1240 N. Wells, Chicago; NEXT SUNDAY, Jan 15, 2 pm at Starbucks, 519 Main Street, Evanston; NEXT MONDAY, Jan. 16, Deaf Senior Game Day at Swoboda Center, 7050 W. Belmont, Chicago.

10) SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL in JANUARY???? There is some confusion whether it is 1/19 or 1/26. We will let everyone know asap!

11) ComEd & Nicor Gas offer a program called JUMPSTART, a technician will come to your home and provide energy saving things like LED bulbs and digital thermostats. INFO: http://peoplesgasdelivery.com/home/rebates_direct.aspx?s_ecid=LNK_NLT_CustConnection