Message from Father Russo

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this time of the year the Holy Spirit waits for us to use more time for prayer and meditation. Here we are going to focus on one highly significant event: why Jesus volunteered to die on the Cross. In his New Testament letters, St. Paul often says that the Lord Jesus Christ died for us. In Paul’s letters, the little word “for” catches our attention: it sometimes means “for the benefit of” and sometimes “in place of.” We are the ones who have sinned and He wanted to expiate these sins. Therefore, Christ died for our benefit and/or in place of us. In his New Testament letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes, “He was handed over for our transgressions.” (Romans 4:25)

In his book, The Central Message of the New Testament, Joachim Jeremias, a highly acclaimed Scripture Scholar, gives us a dramatic insight to show how Our Lord suffered the death penalty which we deserved. He quotes from St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians: “God has cancelled the writ (a sacred record or legal document) issued against us which listed the statutes (laws) we had violated, and destroyed it by nailing it to the cross.” (Colossians 2:14)

“When a man was crucified” explains Joachim Jeremias, “there was affixed over his head a tablet – the so-called TITULUS – which he had carried around his neck on his way to the place of execution. The crimes for which he had been sentenced were written on this TITULUS. Above Jesus’ head also hangs a TITULUS. “But don’t you see,” says Paul “that there is a hand which removes this TITULUS and replaces it with another one, with lines of writing crowded upon it? You will have to come near if you want to read this new TITULUS – it is your sins and mine that are written upon it.” Jesus’ love for us is so deep that it is beyond the ability of human language to express it.

The thanksgiving that we owe to God is likewise beyond our capacity to adequately express it. Near the conclusion of his Old Testament book, Sirach puts it this way: No more need be said. We cannot fathom Him, for he is greater than all His works. When you exalt Him, summon all your strength and do not grow weary, for you cannot praise Him enough. (paraphrase of Sirach 43: 27-30). May Holy Week and the celebration of Easter be a time of great blessing for each of you.

With very much love in Christ,

Fr. Anthony Russo, C.Ss.R.
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Message from Sister Kathleen

Dear Friends,

“St. Paul says that “the love of Christ compels us,” but this “compels us” can also be translated as “possesses us.” And so it is: love attracts us and sends us; it draws us in and gives us to others.” ~Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy

This year we have been paying a lot of attention to the meaning of mercy during this, Jubilee Year of Mercy, proclaimed by Pope Francis. Pope Francis asks us to see the face of mercy in the person of Jesus. There is no better time to do this than during Holy Week and the Easter Season. Jesus actions all during his life but especially as he approaches his death on the cross show us the extent to which he was willing to endure the sufferings of the human condition to show his immense love for us. Hopefully, we are compelled by this love for our baptism, this love does possess us. What is even more incredible is that it not only possesses us but we possess this immense love of Jesus. The same love God, the Father has for the Son and Jesus has for the Father – this love we possess and possesses us.

Many of us have heard the stories of scripture over and over again. Possibly at times we are no longer in awe of the actions of Jesus. We may not look at them with new eyes to see the astounding love and mercy that Christ’s actions reveal. During these last weeks, when many of us have been transfixed on the political scenes of a presidential primary, Pope Francis took 8 days of retreat to again behold the face of mercy – Jesus. The retreat master, a priest named, Fr. Ermes Ronchi reflected on God’s way of acting in the face of human suffering and pain. Jesus is risen, the papal retreat master said. “He is the God of the living,” and he “takes interest in the tears” of Mary Magdalene. “In his last hour on Friday, on the Cross, he took interest in the pain and anguish of a thief; and in the first hour of Easter, he took interest in the suffering and love of Mary.” This is the way of “Jesus, the Man of encounters,” Fr. Ronchi said. For he “never looks for a person’s sin but focuses instead on their suffering and need.” Just as this was true for Jesus’ encounter with Mary Magdalene, the good thief on the cross and countless others in many scenes in the Gospel, this is true for us. Jesus sees human suffering and has compassion. But this is not a generic seeing and loving, it is specific to each one of us in our human situations and experiences.

So this is a good time to follow the example of Mary Magdalene to open to Jesus and express our deepest concerns to him. We like Mary, will find in the Jesus, the Risen Lord, who even with wounded hands and feet is the promise of life eternal, a life of hope and glory. May Easter be a real celebration for each of us of what we believe and know:
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Lent, during which we think of the suffering and death of the Lord, is forty days long. The Easter Season, when we think of Jesus’ resurrection, is fifty days long. More time is given to the resurrection because the Church wants us to remember that the most important event in Jesus’ life is risen! Christ our light, has overcome the darkness of sin, suffering and death. With hearts renewed and possessed by the One Eternal Love, we will like Jesus be the face of mercy to those we meet.

Sincerely in Christ,
Sister Kathleen Schipani
Sr.kschipani@archphila.org

Deaf Apostolate News

Holy Doors of Mercy: Join us on April 14th at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul for a morning of reflection on the Year of Mercy and the Holy Doors. Arrive at the Cathedral at 10:45. Father Monsignor Paul Dougherty will celebrate the 12:05 Mass at the Cathedral Chapel in ASL. Please see the flyer.

Year of Mercy Holy Hours of Mercy: Throughout the Archdiocese there are different times and locations for these Holy Hours. Visit: www.archphila.org/mercy for all the details. On Tuesday, April 26th at 7 PM the Holy Hour at Mother of Divine Providence, 333 Allendale Rd, King of Prussia, PA will be interpreted. These hours will include a prayer service, time for quiet prayer and benediction. During the summer the Holy Hour at Our Lady of Ransom, on Thursday, August 4 at 7 PM will be interpreted. Plan to attend one or all of the Holy Year special times of prayer.

Sacrament of First Penance: On March 6, 2016, Lizzy Estrada and Robbie Pomroy received the Sacrament of First Penance. Father Sean Loomis heard their confessions in ASL. Afterward family, friends and other students in religious education celebrated with treats.

Mass Schedule: Please keep the Mass Schedule from the back of the Newsletter so you can refer to it or share it with other Catholic Deaf who may be interested in joining us. Also the Deaf Apostolate website lists all the interpreted Masses. It has recently updated and is really easy to keep current so look at it often: www.DeafCatholicPhilly.org. The current newsletter is posted, as well as upcoming event flyers. Also, if you are not on the e-mail list to receive updates, please e-mail Sister Kathleen with your e-mail address at sr.kschipani@archphila.org. Also the Archdiocesan site has lots of information about the Year of Mercy and other events: www.archphila.org.

NCOD Pastoral Week Conference 2015: Sister Kathleen Schipani joined pastoral workers from Deaf Ministries from the USA and Canada for a Conference in New Orleans, LA, from January 15-19, 2016. Patty and Chaz McFadden from our Archdiocese gave a fabulous presentation on Family Stewardship. They were fantastic! Congratulations. It was fun sightseeing in NOLA with them. Next year, the NCOD Pastoral Week Conference is in Charlotte, NC, from January 13-17, 2017. Visit the website www.ncod.org to learn more about this Conference.

Me, A Religious Interpreter: Working interpreters, practicum students and Deaf community members involved in Religious services are invited to this workshop on June 4, 2016 at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul. This workshop will focus on general information about Jewish and Christian religious settings with a focus on religious events such as funerals, preparation strategies and resources for continued improvement. By their participation, interpreters with either limited or extensive experience will increase their comfort level and skills in these settings. Contact info@dhcc.org for registration information.

Catholic Deafest: Catholic Deafest New Jersey will host the 6th Annual Catholic Deafest on Saturday, April 16th at 9 am to 5:00 pm at St. John Paul II Center, 777 Valley Rd, Clifton, NJ 07013. Its free event. The keynote speaker is Lulu Lee from Iron Mountain, Michigan. Lulu presentation is titled: God loves who: You. The doors will open at 9 am. Our opening prayer begins at 9:45 am. A light breakfast, and lunch will be provided. The Mass will be celebrated by a Deaf priest, Fr. Shawn Carey, from Boston, MA. To register, please email to catholicdeafestnj@gmail.com. Any questions, please VP, Kate Slosar at 856-283-3962.

Deaf Adult Weekend Retreat: The Diocese of Camden, Ministry with the Deaf is planning a retreat on the weekend of June 10-12, 2015 at Harvey Cedars, New Jersey. This retreat is for single or married couples who are Deaf. If you are interested email: kate.slosar@camdentdocese.org

Def Men’s Retreat: There will be a Deaf Men’s Retreat planned for the weekend of July 15-17, 2017. This will be the 75th Anniversary year of the Deaf Men from our area having a retreat at San Alfonso Retreat Center in Lang Branch, NJ. Look ahead to this summer and if you have never had a retreat experience plan to attend. Father Sean Loomis will direct the retreat. See the flyer and if you have questions contact: phampell@comcast.net.

Summer Plans: This year Camp Mark Seven will have a Catholic Family Week from June 19-24, 2017 and the Bible Institute from August 21-29th. The 50 + Camp will run from August 28-Sept.3, 2016. Go to: www.campmark7.org for more information. Since there is no Camp Overbrook: In Sign this summer, the Deaf Apostolate may be able to assist with part of the registration fee for families who are active in the Deaf Apostolate, who have Deaf school age children and whose families wish to attend the Catholic Family Week. Also families with Deaf parents and school age children who are interested in attending Deaf Family Week. Please contact Sr. Kathleen Schipani by April 10th to apply for these small grants.

Deaf Cursillo: The National Deaf Cursillo #65 will be Sept. 28- Oct. 2, 2016 at St. Mary by the Sea, Cape May Point, NJ. The theme is “Waves of Grace”. A Cursillo Retreat helps people to understand what it means to follow Christ--how to help each other follow Christ. A Cursillo can give new meaning and encouragement to life. A Deaf Cursillo is geared to Catholic Deaf Adults, single or married couples can come. All presentations are given in American Sign Language. For information or to register you can email: DeafCurs65@gmail.com or go to www.deafcursillophiladelphia.org for the registration brochure. The Cursillo is filling up fast. Please register as soon as possible.

Catholic Women’s Conference 2016: Catholic Deaf woman, you will not want to miss this wonderful day of Mass, dynamic speakers, exhibits and prayer. There will be an ASL track that will feature Jeannine Adkins from Topeka, Kansas. Jeannine is deaf woman who is an inspirational presenter about her faith. She is becoming well known for her vlog, TheDeafCatholicMom on YouTube. For more information or to register go to: www.catholicwomensconference.org. There is only on line registration but if anyone needs assistance registering contact Sr. Kathleen by email.

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Msgr. Paul Dougherty

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was his resurrection, and the most important part of our lives will come after this life, when we rise to new life with the Lord. The Lord didn’t give us exact details about heaven, but he promises a place of absolute joy and peace. Keep your eyes on that heavenly goal, a life of glory beyond all our imagining.

Sincerely,
Monsignor Paul

Teen & Young Adult Coordinator

Dear friends,
I gladly announce that there will be a spring event for the teens and young adults. We currently are planning the event for Saturday, May 28, 2016. The theme of this event is disc golf with over 20 holes where you can enjoy playing against or with groups. The event will be held at Sedgley Wood Park in East Fairmount Park. The cost is $12 per person which includes ordering ahead of time the professional golf disc. The deadline for registration is April 30, 2016. The flyer and forms will be posted on Deaf Apostolate’s Facebook page. Please visit us at www.facebook.com/DeafCatholicPhilly or visit www.deafcatholicphilly.org for the registration forms. Families and friends are welcome to come. If you need more information about this event, please contact me at jr.sanjaya@gmail.com or call VP on 267-297-1977. We will inform you more about the future events on our Facebook page. It will be a great game and enjoyable day. Please save the date and plan to attend. Also if you would like to be on my email list of Deaf teens and young adults, please email me.

Jordan Sanjaya
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ICDA News

Dingo and Price is Right: The ICDA Dingo’s this spring is on April 16, 2016 at Our Lady of Ransom Gym. Please see the flyer attached. Mike Lynch is the chair of the Dingo. Congratulations to Mike and Carol who celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary in March.

ICDA Northeast Regional Conference: Save the dates: August 12-13, 2016. The ICDA-US is having the Regional Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ. Plan to attend. This is a great opportunity to see ICDA friends from other states in our region. Please contact ICDA138registration@gmail.com for more information or VP us at 856-283-3962. See the flyer attached.

ICDA Children Christmas Party 2015: This past December the ICDA Advent/Christmas Mass and Party was a great success. A special thanks to Norman Smeal, the chairperson and the dedicated committee. Thanks too to all the volunteers who assisted and especially the teens who helped as Santa’s elves. Please save the date, December 17, 2016.

Our Lady of Ransom School: For many years now the ICDA has used the classrooms, meeting rooms and also the school gym for Dingo and the Christmas party. The parish school closed several years ago and the children from Our Lady of Ransom go to Resurrection Regional School which is nearby. The school building is being sold to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the Archives of the Archdiocese. After renovations this summer, the parish, Deaf Apostolate and the ICDA will have use of some of the classrooms and a large meeting room. The lower floor gymnasium/auditorium will be converted to the Archives. The ICDA will consider other options of parish halls to use in the vicinity for larger events. The convent meeting room and other available spaces at Our Lady of Ransom will be still be available for the ICDA.

Sacrament of Confirmation: The grandson of Norman and Loretta Smeal, Nolan Joseph Buterbaugh was confirmed at Our Lady of Ransom Church on March 6, 2015. Congratulations Nolan Joseph!

ICDA 65th Anniversary 2017: Look ahead and save the date, April 23, 2017. The ICDA, Chapter #8 is planning a wonderful celebration for its 65th Anniversary. There will be a Sunday Mass celebrated by Father Paul Ziriminya, a Deaf priest from San Francisco who is active in ICDA-US. Please helps us spread the word and save the date!

ICDA Mass and Meeting: The first Sunday of each month, Father Sean Loomis celebrates the Deaf Community Mass at Our Lady of Ransom at 12:15 PM. Following the mass the ICDA has lunch and their monthly meeting. Following the 11 AM Mass on the third Sunday, the ICDA has a coffee social. All are welcome.

De Sales Society

Winter has been mild since we had the 22.5 inches of snow blizzard in January 2016. Not too much snow to shovel with the exception of the two incher that fell March 4th 2016.

James and June Goodwin celebrated their 27th Anniversary of marriage by going out to dinner on March 4th 2016. Nick Fazzolari, Jr. loves to go hunting and to participate in shoot off target shots. He made the first Class A high trap shoot off gun with hitting 49 out of 50 targets. This put him in 6th place in Class A.

We have our Masses third Sunday of each month at 11:45 PM followed by a luncheon. Please feel free to join us at St Stanislaus Chapel.

During this year Eva Hartman has been preparing to fully join the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation which will take place on April 24, 2016 at the 11 AM Mass at St. Stanislaus. This Mass will be interpreted instead of the 9 AM Mass on April 24th.

Take care,
James K. Goodwin, Editor
j.goodwin.125@gmail.com

Congratulations to Caitlyn Tecklin who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church on February 27, 2016. Bishop Senior was the celebrant.

On February 14th Eva Hartman joined her family and the group of those in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul where they were presented to Archbishop Chaput during the Rite of Elections at the beginning of Lent. Congratulations Eva!

Catholic VLOGS
www.FRMD.org
TheDeafCatholicMom on YouTube and DeafVIDEO
DeafYouthCatholicLady on YouTube
Delaware/ Chester County News

St. Anastasia, Newtown Square: Please join us on the Second Sunday of each month at 10:30 AM at St. Anastasia Parish for the Deaf Community Mass for Chester and Delaware Counties. It is easy to get to 3309 West Chester Pike in Newtown Square. The mass is in the Rectory basement and it is accessible. Each month there will be refreshments and time to socialize after mass.

St. John Chrysostom, Wallingford: Congratulations to St. John’s parish for the Opening Doors Award they received in March from Loyola Press and the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. The parish has recently begun to have interpreted Masses on both the first and third Sundays at 11:30 AM.

Sacrament of Confirmation: The daughter of Kathie and Perry Gray-Plotkin, Mina Plotkin received her Confirmation on March 3, 2016 at St. Thomas of the Apostle Church in Glen Mills. PA. Her sponsor was her sister, Kacee.

St. Ann, Phoenixville: The parish has started a second interpreted Mass which began in March. Please spread the word that the interpreted Mass is on the First and Second Sunday of each month. Please see the back of the Newsletter for the full listing of interpreted Masses.

Rest in Peace: On November 28, 2015, the mother of Joseph Farrell, Jr., Emilia M. Farrell died. She was 92 years old. Amelia was an active and devout member of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Secane. Her Mass of resurrection was celebrated there on December 4th. On January 17, 2016, Margaret DiSciullo died at Broomall Nursing Home. Margaret was a long time member of St. Eugene parish and for many years she was one of the ICDA and Deaf Apostolate “kitchen woman” cooking for so many of the events during her many years of service. May Amilia and Margaret rest in peace enjoying the glory of God’s heavenly kingdom.

Visit the new Deaf Apostolate Web Page www.DeafCatholicPhilly.org

Delaware News

Station of the Cross: There are Stations of the Cross on Friday 25th at noon at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear Christiana Rd (on Rt. 7 near Rt. 273), Bear, DE 19701. You can go both dates or either one.

Holy Thursday Mass: We will have a Holy Thursday mass on Thursday evening, March 24th at 7 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Good Friday Mass: We will have Good Friday mass on Friday, March 25th at 3 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Easter Mass: We will have a beautiful Easter mass on Sunday, March 27th at 9:15 am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. The mass might be crowded so try to come early and get seats on the right side of the front pews.

Please let us know if you, your family and friends would like to come to the services above. We need to know the headcount, so the interpreters can prepare for you. To RSVP, contact Theresa at comescrap@comcast.net or Patty at phampel@comcast.net.

Spring Bash Dingo: Wilmington Club for the Deaf will host a Spring Bash Dingo on Saturday, April 2nd and 2 pm to 7 pm at St. John - Holy Angels Church at Joan Muzzi Athletic building, 82 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711. They will have Dingo game, 50/50 and Instant Scratch off’s Lottery drawing! BYOB - bring your own non-alcoholic or bring alcoholic beverages and bring a snack to share! Admission $10.00 a person. Bring your friends and join the Spring Fun! Send your check or money order to: Wilmington Club for the Deaf, P.O. Box 123, Bear, Delaware 19701. Or you can pay at the door.

Deaf Senior Citizens Social: Deaf Senior Citizens Social is back! Thanks to Karen Miller for letting them use a room and getting them together again. The location will be at Grace United Methodist Church, 900 North Washington Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 on Friday, April 8th at 10 am to 2 pm. Bring your own drink and lunch. Let’s have some fun! Any ages are welcome! For questions about Deaf Senior Citizens Social, contact: Margie Wynn - superwoman1939@aol.com, or Karen Miller - watunya@verizon.net.

Fr. Mike Depcik Comes to Delaware: Fr. Mike Depcik, the deaf priest from Detroit, Michigan, will come to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 345 Bear Christiana Rd (on Rt. 7 near Rt. 273), Bear, DE 19701. Father Mike will celebrate mass and give a workshop on the Year of Mercy, Friday evening, May 6th. There will be Mass, refreshments and a short workshop. Contact Theresa at comescrap@comcast.net to RSVP and get the final details for this wonderful opportunity.

Deaf Men’s Retreat: We will have a Men’s Retreat weekend on Friday, July 15th thru Sunday, July 17th at San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ. The cost will be 210.00 including 6 meals. Come on deaf men and join us in this fantastic, spiritual and relaxing weekend at a beautiful oceanfront retreat house on the beach. Check the flyer in this issue. If you would like any of your friends to be on our email list, let Patty know. Also, please spread the word to other interested men that all are welcome!

Patty Hampel phampel@comcast.net

Holy Year Retreat Day at the Shrine of St. John Neumann January 20, 2016
Wednesday: March 23
CELEBRATION OF THE CROSS
7:00 PM St. Pius X, Broomall, PA
220 Lawrence Road

HOLY THURSDAY: March 24
MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
7:00 PM Our Lady of Ransom, Phila.
6740 Roosevelt Blvd.
7:00 PM St. Pius X, Broomall, PA
220 Lawrence Road

GOOD FRIDAY: March 25
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S PASSION
3:00 PM Our Lady of Ransom Church, Phila.
6740 Roosevelt Blvd.
3:00 PM St. Pius X, Broomall, PA
220 Lawrence Road

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: March 27
11:00 AM Our Lady of Ransom, Phila. 6740 Roosevelt Blvd.
9:00 AM St. Pius X, Broomall, PA
220 Lawrence Road
9:00 AM St. Stanislaus Church, Lansdale, PA
Main Street and Lansdale Road
11:00 AM Epiphany of Our Lord Church, S.Phila.
11th and Jackson Street
9:30 AM St. Francis of Assisi, Norristown
Marshall and Buttonwood Streets
9:00 AM St. Thomas of Villanova, Rosemont
1229 W. Lancaster Avenue
11:30 AM St. John Chrysostom, Wallingford
615 S. Providence Road
11:30 AM St. Denis, Havertown
Eagle Road and St. Denis Lane

Do you have old used cell phones, pagers, smartphones or tablets?
Help the Deaf Apostolate by donating them to us!
Collect them at work and from family members. Contact Sr. Kathleen: sr.kschipani@archphila.org
Give them to any Deaf Apostolate or ICDA Officer or contact us for a pick up.

The Deaf Apostolate is selling Wawa “Shorti” Hoagie Coupons for $4.00 each (Retail cost is $4.19)
These coupons can be redeemed at any Wawa Store. No expiration date! For coupons, fill out the order form and send to:
Deaf Apostolate, 222 North 17th Street, 8th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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Thanks to all who helped at the ICDA Christmas Party!

NCOD Pastoral Week in New Orleans. Congratulations to Chaz & Patty McFadden on a great Presentation.

Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf children celebrating with their friends during St. Lucy’s School’s 60th Anniversary.
Passage through a Jubilee Holy Door is an efficacious sign of our decision to enter into the life of Jesus Christ and make the passage from sin to grace. The Holy Father has granted the gift of indulgences during the Jubilee Year for prayerfully passing through a Holy Door of Mercy or for living one or more of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Cathedral Basilica SS. Peter and Paul
18th Street & Benjamin Franklin Pky.
Philadelphia, PA
(Meet in Chapel at 10:45 am)

Presentation on Holy Doors Year of Mercy
10:45 AM

Confessions
Monsignor Paul Dougherty
11:00 am – Noon

Mass in Cathedral Chapel
12:05 pm

Lunch
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Cafeteria,
Comcast Center or
Restaurant of your choice.

To learn more about the Jubilee Year of Mercy, visit archphila.org/mercy.
Philadelphia Chapter #8
International Catholic Deaf Association

The Price is Right & Dingo
Saturday, April 16, 2016
1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

at
Our Lady of Ransom School Gym
6740 Roosevelt Blvd. (Route 1)
Philadelphia, PA 19149

ADMISSION: $25.00 Per Person - $30.00 Per Person at the Door
PLEASE NOTE: Adults Only (18 years old and up)

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DEADLINE: April 9, 2016

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**Deaf Men’s Retreat**

San Alfonso Retreat House
755 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740

**July 15, 16 and 17, 2016**

Father Sean Loomis

I hope that you are interested in joining Father Sean Loomis and the other deaf men to pray, have peace of mind away from the stress at home and job. Come, relax, pray and have an enjoyable time together. See the website for more information and directions at [www.sanalfonsoretreats.org](http://www.sanalfonsoretreats.org). Sr. Kathleen Schipani, IHM will be assisting with the retreat.

On Friday, July 17th, registration starts after 4:00 pm, dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and the retreat begins at 7:30 pm. **The cost is $210.00 per person for the whole weekend including 6 meals.** A $50.00 per person NON-REFUNDABLE deposit is REQUIRED. You will pay the final balance of $160.00 when you arrive at the Retreat House on July 15th. **The deadline for registration is June 10, 2016.** Please reserve and make your down payment ASAP. Call in any changes or cancellations as soon as possible before the retreat weekend since they usually have a waiting list.

To make reservation, fill out the form below, detach it and send it with a $50 check/ money order deposit. Make the check/ money order made payable to: **San Alfonso Retreat House. Send the form and money, as soon as possible, to: Larry Hampel, 1919 Brian Circle, Bear, DE 19701-4317.** Any questions, call Sr. Kathleen Schipani VP 267-507-1215 Voice 215-287-3913, or Larry Hampel, at 302-261-8601 VP or email [phampel@comcast.net](mailto:phampel@comcast.net).

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**Deaf Men’s RETREAT – July 15-17, 2016**

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- **Address:** ________________________________
- **City, State & Zip Code:** ________________________________
- **Video Phone:** ____________________________ **Cell Phone (text):** ____________________________
- **Email:** ____________________________ **Fax:** ____________________________
- **Contact person’s name and contact # in case of emergency:** ____________________________
- **Health or Dietary Needs:** ____________________________
Northeast Regional Weekend
August 12 – 13, 2016

I.C.D.A. Chapter #138 welcomes you to our Northeast Regional Weekend
Friday, August 12 to
Saturday, August 13, 2016
at Holiday Inn – Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

“Jersey - Garden of God’s Blessing”
We are excited and we welcome you to New Jersey, the Garden state, with bountiful blessings. Our speaker for the weekend is

Fr. Mike Depcik!

“Learning about our Catholic Faith”
A Deaf Priest from Archdiocese of Detroit, Michigan. Fr. Mike was ordained in year 2000 and ministers with Deaf Catholics in the Metro Detroit area. He travels to different parts of the world and will share his experiences with us.

**Registration – Early Bird - $115 by March 30, 2016
$120.00 – after March 30, 2016 – August 1st, 2016 for ICDA members.
$135.00 – after March 30, 2016 for non-members.
$100.00 for Youth/Young adult under 35 years old.
Saturday night Banquet only - $50.00
Saturday Workshop and Banquet - $75.00
**Registration includes Friday night Social, Workshop, 2 meals and Saturday night Banquet**

For hotel information: We will use Holiday Inn – Cherry Hill. $109.00 (doubles room) per night plus tax. Please contact ICDA138registration@gmail.com for more information or VP us at 856-283-3962.
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11:00 AM Show
Don’t wait to reserve your ticket.

Go to www.sight-sound.com for directions or to view scenes from the show. Plan to arrive 30 minutes before the show.

Millennium Theatre
300 Hartman Bridge Rd

Sight & Sound Theatre presents Bible Stories through visual drama filled with talented actors, ASL interpreters, elaborate staging, live animals, magnificent costumes and incredible special effects. We have a limited number of tickets reserved for Samson. Complete the form and send in payment as soon as possible to be assured of tickets. Carpooling can be arranged. Payment covers the cost of the show tickets only. We plan to reserve a Church hall nearby to have a pizza supper and discussion after the performance. The Deaf Apostolate and Christ the King Deaf Church are sponsoring this trip. All are welcome to join us!

Tickets for the Show: Samson – Nov. 19, 2016 (To reserve a ticket please send in the form and full or $25 down payment for each ticket as soon as possible. For children tickets make a down payment of $10. Deadline for full payment is September 10, 2016. Tickets usually sell out fast. Please place a down payment to reserve your ticket ASAP!)

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CATHOLIC MASS IN SIGN LANGUAGE

1st Sundays- 12:15 PM Our Lady of Ransom Chapel, Phila.
   Unruh Street and Roosevelt Blvd. Confessions before Mass
   (No First Sunday Chapel Mass in July, August.
   ICDA Meeting & lunch social after the First Sunday Mass.)

2nd Sundays - 10:15 AM St. Anastasia Chapel, Newtown Square, PA
   3309 West Chester Pike

3rd Sundays - 11:45 AM St. Stanislaus Chapel, Lansdale, PA
   Main Street and Lansdale Road (not in December/July/August)

MASS INTERPRETED IN ASL

Every Sunday- 9:30 AM St. Pius X, Broomall, PA
   220 Lawrence Road

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays - 11 AM Our Lady of Ransom Church, Phila.
   Unruh Street and Roosevelt Blvd (First Sundays in Summer Months)

2nd and 4th Sunday - 9:30 am St. Francis Assisi, Norristown
   Marshall and Buttonwood Streets

1st and 3rd Sundays - 10:00 AM St. Joseph Church, Warrington
   Easton and County Line Roads

1st and 2nd Sundays - 11:30 AM St. Ann Chapel, Phoenixville
   604 S. Main Street

1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays - 9:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Lansdale
   Main Street and Lansdale Road

1st Sundays - 11:30 AM St. Norbert, Paoli
   50 Leopard Road (11 AM-July, August)

1st and 3rd Sundays – 11:30 AM St. John Chrysostom, Wallingford, PA
   615 S. Providence Road

2nd and 4th Sundays - 11:00 AM Epiphany of Our Lord, South Phila.
   11th and Jackson Street

2nd and 4th Sundays - 9:00 AM St. Thomas of Villanova, Rosemont
   1229 W. Lancaster Avenue

4th Sundays - 11:30 AM St. Denis, Havertown
   Eagle Road and St. Denis Lane

2nd Sunday - 10:30 AM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Doylestown
   235 E. State Road

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