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DEAF MINISTRY

June 2024

FR. MIKE DEPCIK WILL BE AWAY DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST. There will be no Mass in ASL during those two months. Please plan to attend interpreted Sunday Masses. A list of interpreted Masses can be found later in this newsletter.

Mass in ASL with Fr. Mike Depcik is held **every Sunday at 10 am at St. Ignatius Country Church**, 8817 Urbana Church Rd., Urbana, MD
September – June.



Mass in ASL with Fr. Mike will be held **at St. Isaac Jogues Chapel**, 9215 Old Harford Rd., Balto. at **4:30 pm on June 29**. Mass in Baltimore is planned for two Saturdays each month (September – June) beginning September 2024

Upcoming Events – Save the Dates



Many of you probably have heard about it. The Jesus movie in ASL will be available in theaters starting June 20. For information, go to <https://www.jesusdeaffilm.com/>

Committee is Planning a Retirement Party for Chris Duck – June 30

Most of us have learned about Chris Duck's planned retirement from the Baltimore Archdiocese where he had served as Coordinator for Deaf Ministry for many years. His last day

will be **June 30th**. We, the deaf community, have decided to give this dedicated and faithful friend Chris a potluck social to help him celebrate his retirement with a grand goodbye “bang” on **Sunday June 30th**.

The social will **follow the 10am Mass** in the Country Church. It will take place at the big St. Ignatius of Loyola Church on 4103 Prices Distillery Rd, Ijamsville, at the Polk Hall starting at **11:30am and ending at 4pm**. So, please plan to bring something to eat based on the groupings of the last names below:

If your last name begins with A-F, please bring a vegetarian main dish (not spicy)

If your last name begins with G-L, please bring a side dish, salad, fruits

If your last name begins with M-R, please bring drinks (soda, water, iced tea etc.)

If your last name begins with S-Z, please bring a main dish either vegetarian or with meat

Because we will have cake and gluten free cupcakes, there will be no need for extra desserts.

Please come early and plan to come and show appreciation to Chris! Please RSVP to Sue Smith at SueSmith314@gmail.com by June 26th. If at all possible, tell us what you plan to bring as we don't want too many doubles.

God's blessings,

Fr Mike and the Retirement Committee

Alternative Retirement Party for Chris Duck in Baltimore

There will also be a Potluck Social/Retirement Party following the 4:30 pm Saturday, June 29 Mass at the Seton Chapel at St. Isaac Jogues Church in Baltimore.

Kathleen Moran Doskos has generously offered to provide food to those who attend. She is planning for a “make your own” salad and wraps/sandwiches. We are asking those who plan to attend to please bring the drinks, chips, and fruit to share. Voluntary donations to help cover Kathleen's expenses will be accepted. Please follow the following schedule:

If your last name begins with **A-G, please bring some fruit**

If your last name begins with **H-L, please bring drinks**

If your last name begins with **M-Z, please bring chips**

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

As part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, the Seton Route of the Pilgrimage came to Emmitsburg, Baltimore, and Washington, DC. Fr. Mike Depcik, Chris Duck, and several Deaf people attending the Pilgrimage in Emmitsburg on June 6, participated in the Mass with Archbishop Lori, and walked in the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Emmitsburg. Chris Duck interpreted for the Mass that was held at the Baltimore Basilica on Friday, June 7. Quite a few members of our Deaf Community traveled to the National Shrine of St. John Paul II in Washington, DC on Saturday, June 8 where Fr. Mike Depcik celebrated the Mass as part of the National Pilgrimage there. *The Catholic Standard* printed an article about the event. Here is a link: <https://www.cathstan.org/faith/during-national-eucharistic-pilgrimage-in-washington-deaf-catholics-reflect-on-their-faith-experience>



Ordinations to be Interpreted

On Saturday, **June 22 at 10 am** at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Archbishop Lori will ordain **six new priests** for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The ordination will be interpreted. You are invited and encouraged to attend!

June 20 – 23, 2024 – National Deaf Cursillo retreat

There will be a National Deaf Cursillo weekend retreat at the O’Dwyer Retreat House in Sparks, MD from June 20 – 23. **Please pray** for the team and the retreatants!

Faith Formation (Religion Classes) at St. Ignatius in Ijamsville Next Year

If you are interested in having your child attend religion classes in ASL with a Deaf instructor in the fall at St. Ignatius Church in Ijamsville, please contact Ms. Carol Polizzi at mylibra28@gmail.com . Also, if you are interested in working with Ms. Polizzi preparing your child to receive the sacraments, please contact her.

Statistics from April

May 2024	Attendance			Collection		
	Balto.	Urbana	Total	Balto.	Urbana	Total
May 4-5	13	39	52	\$30.00	\$165.00	\$195.00
May 12		47	47		\$329.00	\$329.00
May 19 First Communion		73	73		\$342.00	\$342.00
May 25-26 Memorial Day Weekend	22	27	49	\$71.00	\$112.54	\$183.54
Total					\$948.54	\$1049.54
Average Weekend Amount	17.5	46.5	39	\$55.50	\$237	\$262.39

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Weekly Interpreted Masses

Church of the Resurrection

3175 Paulskirk Dr.
Ellicott City, MD 21042
9:30 a.m. Mass Sundays (when
requested – Contact Chris Duck
at chris.duck@verizon.net)

Our Lady of the Fields

1070 Cecil Ave South
Millersville, MD 21108
9:30 am Mass Sundays

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

101 Church Lane
Pikesville, MD
8:30 am Mass Sundays

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

1800 Seton Drive
Crofton, MD 21114
4:30 pm Mass Saturdays

St. Ignatius Catholic Church (Hickory)

533 E. Jarrettsville Rd.
Forest Hill, MD 21050
9:00 am Mass Sundays

St. Ignatius Church-Ijamsville

4103 Prices Distillery Road
Ijamsville, MD 21754
8:00 am Mass Sundays-July, Aug

St. Ignatius Country Church-Urbana

8817 Urbana Church Road, Urbana
**10:00 am Mass in ASL Sundays-Sept-
June**

St. John the Evangelist – Frederick

112 E. 2nd St.
Frederick, MD 21701
9:00 am Mass Sundays

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

100 Church Lane
Cockeysville, MD
12:00 noon Mass Sundays

St. Joseph, Fullerton

8420 Belair Road
Baltimore, MD 21236
10:30 am Mass Sundays
* Please check with the interpreter when
planning to attend:
Melissa Kadar – Lisa8530@comcast.net

St. Mark's Catholic Church

27 Melvin Ave.
Catonsville, MD 21228
7:30 am Mass Sundays (when requested
– Contact Margaret Decker
at margaret.r.decker@gmail.com)

St. Ursula

8801 Harford Road
Baltimore, MD 21234
5:00 pm Mass Saturdays (when
requested – Contact Margaret Decker
at margaret.r.decker@gmail.com)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

120 N. Front St.
Baltimore, MD
10:00 am Sunday Mass

Eucharistic Congress

Catholic Deaf Community

APRIL 5, 2025



Join us at:

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

339 S SETON AVE, EMMITSBURG, MD 21727

9:00 AM - 5 PM

Doors open at 8:30 AM: Registration and Light Refreshments.

The day will include times of Eucharistic Adoration, presentations, lunch together and the Vigil Mass.

Participants who arrive Friday will have the opportunity to visit Mother Seton Museum, her house and the Basilica on their own. On Sunday all are welcome to join the local Deaf Catholic community at Urbana, MD and visit the National Shrine of Lourdes Grotto.

Cost: \$30 (includes light refreshments & lunch)



For more information and to register:
<https://sjdc-oll.org/eucharistic-congress-1>

Register by: March 1, 2025

Questions contact: Fr. Mike Depcik at
depcik@oblates.us

Guest speaker

JEANINE ADKINS

The Healing Power of Eucharist



Guest speaker

DEACON PAT GRAYBILL

Eucharist: Holy Ground