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OF OUR TIMES
INFORMATION
FOR
THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING COMMUNITY

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March 31, 2010

Dear Friends:

Many things are happening all at once!

This week is Holy Week. Tomorrow is Holy Thursday. Friday is Good Friday and Sunday is Resurrection Sunday!

Many of us have been following the news about the sex abuse scandal that took place many years ago at St. John's School for the Deaf (now closed) in Milwaukee, WI and at a Catholic school for the Deaf in Italy. Many people are shocked and upset at the news. During this last week of Lent let us remember to pray for all children who have been victims of sex abuse. All of the former deaf students are now adults. Let us pray that they will be able to find professional people and interpreters in the areas where they live who can help them begin the process of healing.

The movie evening tonight has been postponed to Wednesday, April 14. See page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

On Saturday, May 1 the Diocese of Providence will sponsor a retreat/mission day for Deaf Catholics. Sr. Carol Lareau, a Sister of St. Joseph of Springfield diocese will give the retreat/mission day. She is the director of Deaf Ministry in the diocese of Springfield. It will begin at 9:00 AM and end with supper at 5:00 PM. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for detail information.

Enjoy the last days of Holy Week and 50 days of the Easter Season!

Sincerely,

Rev. Joseph J. Bruce, SJ

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RITA NAPOLI of Acton, MA. She passed away on March 14 in her home surrounded by her family members. Rita is a 1965 graduate of Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton, MA. She is the sister of Virginia Hartling who is also deaf. She leaves her mother, Catherine, her brothers, Thomas, Richard and David who are all hearing. Rita was a classmate of Fr. Joe Bruce while they were students at Clarke School. Fr. Joe took part in the funeral service which took place at Grace Chapel in Lexington, MA

MOVIE EVENINGS

The movie evening today Wednesday, March 31 has been CANCELLED. It was postponed to Wednesday, April 14. The title of the movie is **MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS**. This movie is about Jesus' mother. It is an inspirational story of love, sacrifice and faith. The movie also celebrates her humility and gracefulness as she endured her son's suffering and death.

The second movie for April will be on Wednesday evening, April 28. The name of this movie is **HEAVEN KNOWS, MR. ALLISON**. The movie takes place on an island in the Pacific Ocean during World War II. It is about an Irish nun (Deborah Kerr) and an American sergeant (Robert Mitchum) who hid on the island while the Japanese soldiers were patrolling the area.

The showings will take place in the first floor chancery conference room from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The address is One Cathedral Square; Providence, RI 02903. There is parking in the back of the chancery building. There is no charge for seeing the movies. Refreshments will be served.

BIBLE CLASS

The next Bible class will take place in the chancery cafeteria on Monday, April 5. The address is: 1 Cathedral Square; Providence, RI 02903. The class begins at 6:30 PM and ends at 8:30 PM. If you wish to attend the class, please contact Fr. Joe Bruce via e-mail to let him know that you plan to attend the class. His e-mail address is: jbruce@dioceseofprovidence.org.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The next advisory board meeting will take place in the chancery cafeteria on Wednesday, April 7. It will begin at 6:30 PM and end at 8:30 PM. The address is: 1 Cathedral Square; Providence, RI 02903. All are welcome. Please e-mail Fr. Joe Bruce at jbruce@dioceseofprovidence.org so that he can make sure there will be enough refreshments. Thank you.

CHRISTOPHER KLUSMAN

Christopher Klusman is a seminarian who is deaf. He is studying to become a priest for the archdiocese of Milwaukee. He will be ordained a transitional deacon on April 24. Fr. Joe Bruce and Fr. Shawn Carey of the archdiocese of Boston will be at his diaconate ordination. Fr. Joe will stay in the Jesuit community at Marquette University from April 23 to 26.

REATREAT/MISSION FOR DEAF CATHOLICS MAY 1, 2010 – THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

On Saturday, May 1, Sr. Carol Lareau, a Sister of St. Joseph of Springfield, MA will give a one day retreat/mission to deaf Catholics in the conference room on the first floor of the chancery building (One Cathedral Square; Providence, RI 02903). Sr. Carol is the director of Deaf Ministry in the Diocese of Springfield, MA.

The retreat will begin at 9:00 AM and end with supper at 5:00 PM. If you plan to attend this special one day retreat, please let Fr. Joe Bruce know by e-mail so that he can plan the day respectfully for refreshments, food and retreat materials. His e-mail address is jbruce@dioceseofprovidence.org. The deadline for letting him know is Wednesday, April 28.

If you plan to attend the retreat/mission, please bring your personal Bible and some food that does not need to be kept warm to share during the pot luck lunch. Please let Fr. Joe know what you are planning to bring for lunch to share. Supper will be provided by the committee.

We are selling raffle tickets to help pay for the expenses of the retreat/mission day. The prize is a hundred dollar American Express gift card which can be used almost anywhere. The raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. If you would like to help sell any raffle tickets or buy some raffle tickets, please contact Fr. Joe Bruce. Thank you!

All are welcome to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker in a special way!



MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE APRIL 2010

Friday, April 1, 2010 – Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

- a) 3:00 PM service **SIGNED and VOICED in English** by Fr. Joe Bruce at St. Charles Borromeo Church; 190 N. Main St.; Woonsocket, RI 02895

Sunday, April 4, 2010 – Easter Sunday

- a) 9:00 AM **INTERPRETED** Mass at St. Jean's Church; 324 Main St. (route 114); Warren, RI 02885
- b) 9:30 AM **INTERPRETED** Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church; 329 Oxford St.; Providence, RI 02904
- c) 9:15 – 9:45 AM **CONFESSION** with Fr. Joe Bruce at St. Charles Borromeo Church; 190 N. Main St.; Woonsocket, RI 02895
- d) 10:00 AM Mass **SIGNED and VOICED in English** by Fr. Joe Bruce at St. Charles Borromeo Church; 190 N. Main St.; Woonsocket, RI 02895.
- e) 11:00 AM **INTERPRETED** Mass at St. Rita's Church; 722 Oakland Beach Ave.; Warwick, RI 02889

Sunday, April 11, 2010 – Second Sunday of Easter and Devine Mercy Sunday

- a) 8:15 – 8:45 AM **CONFESSION** with Fr. Joe Bruce at St. Jean's Church; 324 Main St. (route 114) ; Warren, RI 02885
- b) 9:00 AM Mass **SIGNED and VOICED in English** by Fr. Joe Bruce at St. Jean's Church; 324 Main St. (route 114); Warren, RI 02885 Coffee and donut social after Mass in the parish hall
- c) 9:30 AM **INTERPRETED** Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church; 329 Oxford St.; Providence, RI 02905

Tuesday, April 15, 2010 – Thursday of the Second Week of Easter

- a) 7:00 PM **SIGNED** Mass by Fr. Shawn Carey in the Mary Chapel at Holy Cross College; 1 College St.; Worcester, MA 01610

Sunday, April 18, 2010 – Third Sunday of Easter

- a) 9:00 AM **INTERPRETED** Mass at St. Jean's Church 324 Main St. (route 114); Warren, RI 02885 Coffee and donut social after Mass in the parish hall
- b) 9:30 AM **INTERPRETED** Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church; 329 Oxford St.; Providence, RI 02905
- c) 9:30 AM Mass **SIGNED and VOICED in English** by Fr. Joe Bruce at St. Mary's Church; Spring St.; Newport, RI 02840

Sunday, April 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

- a) 9:00 AM **INTERPRETED** Mass at St. Jean's Church; 324 Main St. (route 114); Warren, RI 02885 Coffee and donut social after Mass in the parish hall
- b) 9:30 AM **INTERPRETED** Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church; 329 Oxford St.; Providence, RI 02905

Saturday, May 1, 2010 – Mission/Retreat Day

Retreat/mission Day for Deaf Catholics on the first floor of the chancery building; One Cathedral Square; Providence, RI 02903 See page 3 for more information.

Sunday, May 2, 2010 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- a) 9:00 AM **INTERPRETED** Mass at St. Jean's Church; 324 Main St. (route 114); Warren, RI 02885 Coffee and donut social after Mass in the parish hall
- b) 9:30 AM **INTERPRETED** Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church; 329 Oxford St.; Providence, RI 02905
- c) 9:15 – 9:45 AM **CONFESSIONS** with Fr. Joe Bruce at St. Charles Borromeo Church; 190 N. Main St.; Woonsocket, RI 02895
- d) 10:00 AM Mass **SIGNED & VOICED in English** by Fr Joe Bruce at St. Charles Borromeo Church; 190 N. Main St.; Woonsocket, RI 02895 Coffee and donut social after Mass in the rectory
- e) 11:30 AM **INTERPRETED** Mass at St. Rita's Church; 722 Oakland Beach Ave.; Warwick, RI 02889

Sunday, May 9, 2010

- a) 8:15 – 8:45 AM **CONFESSION** with Fr. Joe Bruce at St. Jean's Church; 324 Main St. (route 114); Warren, RI 02885
- b) 9:00 AM Mass **SIGNED & VOICED in English** by Fr Joe Bruce; 324 Main St.; Warren, RI 02885 Coffee & donut social after Mass in the parish hall
- c) 9:30 AM **INTERPRETED** Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Church; 329 Oxford St.; Providence, RI 02905

JOY IS THE ECHO OF GOD'S LIFE IN US!

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