CATHOLIC DEAF CIRCLE NEWSLETTER
Office of Pastoral Outreach
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CAMP MARK 7 AT THE MOHAWK

Where is that, you might ask? It is in upstate New York at Old Forge, NY. What is so special about that? Well, it was begun by Fr. Tom Coughlin many years ago when he bought an old hotel on a lake and converted it into a summer camp for deaf kids. During the summer there are week-long camps for deaf kids of different ages and then for the final week of summer he offers a Bible Camp for adults. After much urging from Fr. Tom, we decided to go this past August. What a great week!

The theme chosen for the Bible study this year was our Blessed Mother Mary. Fr. Tom led us in a study of icons (special paintings) of Mary, tying them in with verses from the Bible to better understand their meanings in 2 hour sessions. Following that we had a group Rosary and then lunch. The afternoons allowed us to enjoy the lake, the beach, and other activities around the beautiful camp. At 4 pm we had Mass, then wine and cheese, dinner and socializing with other people at the camp. There were two other groups—ASL Families and Senior Citizens.

We would strongly encourage you to think about going to Camp Mark 7 next summer. There are different sessions for kids of different ages, Family weeks and much more. I will ask Fr. Tom to send information for next summer and have it available for anyone who is interested in going.

The picture on the left shows the entrance to the camp. In the picture on the right you will see Fr. Tom along with us, Dolores and Ric. This was taken in the tiny chapel next to our meeting room. There are plans to convert a house which he bought next to the camp into a larger chapel.
A PILGRIMAGE IN EUROPE

David Heyman joined a group of Deaf Catholics on a pilgrimage to Europe last month. A pilgrimage is a journey to a shrine or holy place or to a place of historical interest. Fr. Tom Coughlin led a group of 15 Deafies exploring the footsteps of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina, Shrine of Divine Mercy and many more tours of century old churches with daily Mass. The above pictures show Fr. Tom doing one of the readings in one of those churches. The church on the left is St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague, Czechoslovakia, one of the many churches that they visited. If you would like to know more about this pilgrimage, David will be happy to tell you about it and show more pictures!

A QUOTATION FROM LUKE 12:13-21

“Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God.” This quotation was taken from the parable that Jesus told about the rich man who had a big harvest and was going to build more silos to keep his riches for himself. Instead “Let’s share those good things that God has given us. Let’s use them generously to lift people up.”
About Fr. Tom Coughlin

Many of you will remember Fr. Tom from the retreats he gave us here in Albuquerque several years ago. He had a house for seminarians in San Antonio, TX and it burned down. This has led to many expenses for him and we would like to encourage you to help in any way that you can with a donation to:

Mark Seven DePaul House of Studies INC

And mail it to: Fr. Tom Coughlin

225 Farmington Ave.

New Britain, CT 06053

Other Upcoming Possibilities

Fr. Chris Klusmen is a young deaf priest who was ordained not so long ago. We have asked him to come and give a workshop for us in February or March 2020. We are still working on the dates. When we know more about this, we will let you all know through the newsletter, a flyer and online at dccnm@dccnm.org.

Preparation for the sacraments of Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism:
please contact Deacon Robert at: 505-831-8174 email: rvigil@archdiosf.org

INTERPRETED MASSES

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
502 4th Street in Albuquerque
1st Saturdays 5:30 p.m.
Sundays 7:30 a.m. in English
10:45 a.m. in Spanish

St. Anne Church
511 Alicia St. in Santa Fe
Sundays 9:00 a.m.
Saturdays 6 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church
1301 Osage Ave. in Santa Fe
Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Holy Cross Catholic Church
126 S. McCurdy Rd. in Santa Cruz
Sundays 12:30 p.m.

Santa Maria de la Paz Catholic Church
11 College Dr. in Santa Fe
Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

TV MASSES

**Heart of the Nation Catholic Mass Sundays 7:00 a.m. on Channel 19 with captions.
Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Mass signed ASL Sunday mornings
6:30 AM Channel 12 or 50

Questions?
Contact Dolores Gonzales at rdsombrio@msn.com
Mission Statement:
To establish a strong unified community among Deaf Catholics within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe by evangelizing and including all Deaf and Hard of Hearing People through social and educational events helping to improve communication access in all our parish churches.