

Fellowship Post

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WHY DO WE NEED FAITH? WE CAN'T EVEN SEE IT!

From Fr. Shawn Carey's homily on 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C

"Faith is more than having just empirical or historical facts; it is an ability to grasp the mystery of Christ's person in all its depth." Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminded the youth at the Closing Mass of World Youth Day 2011 Madrid. Nowadays we often get engaged into conversations about faith not being tangible and that there has to be a proof that faith is real and tangible. We often forget that when we recite the Creed that we believe God is the Creator of... "all things seen and things unseen". That is why we recite the Creed every Sunday in order to remind ourselves who God is and what He does for us. If we claim

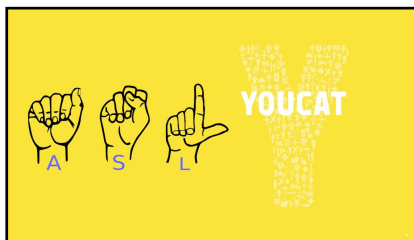
that God does not make untangible things, then who makes courage, knowledge, love, and other "unseen things"? Hence, faith is an unseen and untangible thing. Faith requires us to open our hearts and minds to be involved in our personal relationship with Christ, through whom God reveals to us. We may wonder why God reveals to us through Christ? Because "faith starts with God, who opens His heart to us and invites us to share in His own divine life (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, World Youth Day 2011 Madrid)" Abraham, as mentioned in the Letter to the Hebrews is an outstanding example of how we

can have faith in our daily lives as Abraham had to face leaving all that was known and secure to go on a journey of the unknown. Like Abraham, faith can help us to have courage to navigate what is to come in our daily lives. Even in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus reminds His disciples to "be prepared for an hour [they] do not expect [when] the Son of Man will come (12:39-40)." His disciples had to have courage from their faith to face what is to come. It can be scary not knowing what to come, but faith can always strengthen our courage to be able to navigate what is to come, which is indeed a mystery for us. However, we thank God for the gift of faith!

Now Showing! ASL YOUCAT Fr. Shawn Carey

Speaking of faith, I am excited to announce that the ASL YOUCAT team has begun to upload a series of weekly videos on Friday, January 24th, which was the Feast of St. Francis De Sales! It is no coincidence that this was released on St. Francis De Sales because we have known him as the patron Saint for the Deaf and his story catechizing a Deaf young man, Martin in sign language. St. Francis De Sales made a point that any Deaf Catholic deserves to know more about the Catholic faith. However, not only that the ASL YOUCAT weekly videos will enlighten the young Deaf, all of us no matter the age can have our faith refreshed! We have four Boston Deaf Catholics involved in the ASL YOUCAT team: Mel Chua, Hannah Goldblatt, Colin Lualdi and myself! We work with Deaf and hearing Catholics from other dioceses in the United States. This video project is coordinated by our dear friends in Christ, Katie Locus, Deaf Ministry Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Katherine Rathgeber, former visiting missionary for the Archdiocese of Kansas City and currently ASL interpreter for the Archdiocese of Washington D.C., Rev. Scott Wallisch, Chaplain for the Deaf of Kansas City, Rev.

Christopher Klusman, Deaf priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Pat Richey and Joan Macy, interpreters for the Archdiocese of Kansas City. It is truly exciting to be working with them and I am grateful that Deaf Ministry offices from other dioceses all come to work together!



LEAVEN PHOTO BY TODD HABIGER, The Leaven Catholic Newspaper for the Archdiocese of Kansas City

When you see the videos, please be sure to share them with your family and friends as we are still called to evangelize! The videos will be shown on the bostondeafcatholic.org website and FaceBook. Please check those sites! May God fill you with His grace while viewing the ASL YOUCAT videos!

CHURCH DUTIES At Sacred Heart, Newton

February 2

Set-up: Susan Almeida
Lector: Rick Johnston
Eucharistic Ministers:
Cheryl Johnston
Fran Noll

February 9

Set-up: Marcelle Gomez
Lector: Rod Mac Innes
Eucharistic Ministers:
Anna Murphy
Kyle Murphy

February 16

Set-up: Dale Noll
Lector: Hannah Goldblatt
Eucharistic Ministers:
Rick Johnston
Cheryl Johnston

February 23

Set-up: Kyle Murphy
Lector: Rachael Weber
Eucharistic Ministers:
Fran Noll
Dale Noll

March 1

Set-up: Marcelle Gomez
Lector: Betsy Ireland
Eucharistic Ministers:
Anna Murphy
Kyle Murphy

Contact Fran Noll at
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regarding Church Duties.

SENIOR DEAF WELLNESS PROGRAM
WEAR RED! We will celebrate Valentine’s Day on February 5th at Sacred Heart in Newton. Coffee hour begins at 9:30am. We will be doing crafts. Soup and sandwiches will be provided for lunch. Cost is \$10.00. You may email her your RSVP.

ASL Mass* Schedule
 Please check into bostondeafcatholic.org for any possible calendar changes.

SACRED HEART PARISH
1321 Centre Street, NEWTON
 February 2, Sunday, 11am
 February 9, Sunday, 11am
 February 16, Sunday, 11am
 February 23, Sunday, 11am
 March 1, Sunday, 11am

SAINT CLARE
1244 Liberty Street, BRAINTREE
 February 2, Sunday, 6pm
 February 3, Monday, 9am
 February 8, Saturday, 4pm
 February 9, Sunday, 6pm
 February 10, Monday, 9am
 February 16, Sunday, 7:45am
 February 17, Monday, 9am
 February 23, Sunday, 6pm
 February 24, Monday, 9am
 March 1, Sunday, 7:45am

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI
856 Washington St, BRAINTREE
 February 1, Saturday, 5:30pm
 February 4, Tuesday, 7am
 February 9, Sunday, 9am
 February 11, Tuesday, 7am
 February 18, Tuesday, 7am
 February 23, Sunday, 9am
 February 25, Tuesday, 7am

NEW ENGLAND HOMES FOR THE DEAF
154 Water Street, DANVERS
 February 5, Wednesday, 2:30pm
 February 12, Wednesday, 2:30pm
 February 19, Wednesday, 2:30pm
 February 26, Wednesday, 2:30pm
 *MASS is officiated by Fr. Shawn Carey in ASL with VOICE INTERPRETED unless specified otherwise.

ICDA BOSTON 2021 CONFERENCE
 Cheryl & Rick Johnston


Since August 2019, three of the Boston’s ICDA Chapter 5 board members visited over ten competitive hotels in and out of Boston. Finally, the hotel and dates for the ICDA-US Boston 2021 Conference will be announced very soon!

ICDA Chapter 5 is in need of volunteers to join the ICDA-US Boston 2021 committee. Are you interested?! Please contact rick.johnston@bostondeafcatholic.org to find out when the next meeting is. Then at the meetings, you will find which committee you may want to help.

Once the committees are filled, there will be an all day retreat for the committees. They will be brainstorming ideas for the conference. Finally, duties will be assigned to committees.

Boston Chapter 5 hosted their last ICDA-US Conference in 1952. **Let’s roll up our sleeves and get started on planning the best ICDA Boston 2021 Conference ever!**

FEBRUARY 9, 2020



Rosary Prayer
 Please show up at downstairs chapel no later than **10:15 a.m.**

Confessions
 After 11am ASL Mass

DRIVERS NEEDED
 Rachel Weber

I am looking for rides to and from church on Sundays. Pick ups/drop offs are at 10am in Norton (home) and 2pm in Newton (church). I am DeafBlind but can see a little bit. Please contact me through text at 774-225-9002. Address will be provided privately. Thank you.

WHAT PROMPTS ME TO PRAY?
 Corinne Brennan

I admit that I do not have a habit of regularly setting aside time to pray but there are some instances that prompt me to pray.

To use an example, when I lived in western Massachusetts, I would drive on the turnpike to visit family and friends in the eastern part of the state. On the southern side of the ‘pike in the town of Warren, there is a roadside shrine with a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It’s easy to see – you cannot miss it!

It’s been there since 1964 when a local farmer erected the statue to give thanks for his wife’s recovery from cancer!

When I’m driving that stretch between the Palmer and Sturbridge exits, I tend to pray the rosary – both ways – eastbound and westbound. Praying the rosary as I drive helps me deal with any traffic and reminds me that God is always with me.

Even though I don’t travel that route as much (I now live in Boston), I often think how happy I’d be when I’d see the statue of Mary and that would prompt me to pray the rosary.

What prompts you to pray?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Super Bowl Potluck ‘Salsa’ Competition
 Sunday February 2, 2020

ICDA General Meeting
 February 9, 2020

Lent Book Club
 Saturdays
 February 29
 March 14, 21, 28
 and April 4

Vermont Winter Retreat
 March 6, 7 & 8, 2020

St. Patrick’s Brunch
 Sunday March 15, 2020

PLEASE REGISTER FOR MEMBER OF BOSTON DEAF CATHOLIC!

Fr. Shawn Carey

We encourage you to fill out a membership form at our website, bostondeafcatholic.org. Our membership list is now outdated as many have changed their email addresses or relocated. We would like to have our membership list more to the current. Also please fill out every question asked, especially with the Sacraments that you received. This should not take long! You can go to the “Home” tab on the top and a drop-down menu will list “Member Registration”. Thank you for taking your time to do this!

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