

Fellowship Post

May 2020

a monthly Boston Deaf Catholic Community bulletin

A Message from Fr. Shawn Carey, Director of the Boston Deaf Apostolate

As you are receiving the Servers' schedule for May, I am fully aware that we are still under stay-at-home advisory here in Massachusetts. Since the Arch-diocese of Boston announced that all public Masses and parish/ community events are to be cancelled as one of the attempts to slow down the spread of corona-virus, The Boston Deaf Apostolate has been doing live-streaming ASL Mass on Sundays at 9:15am and Mondays at 10:30am on YouTube Live. These live-streaming Masses are posted on the bostondeaf_catholic.org website after the live-stream completes for those who can watch it at their convenience.

The following Servers' schedule is created in order to keep our planning in solid whenever we hear from both the State Government and the Archdiocese of Boston that we can return to public Masses and events at the parishes (Sacred Heart included).

BUT, since we started the live-streaming Masses, I have asked some lectors to come to St. Francis of Assisi Rectory Chapel here in Braintree, which was successful. So, please check the schedule on this page and when you see you are scheduled to be a

lector, please come to St. Francis of Assisi Rectory, 856 Washington Street, Braintree, MA by 9:00am on Sunday so we can live-stream the ASL Mass at 9:15am. However, if you don't feel comfortable coming to the live-streaming Mass, please email me at frshawn@boston_deafcatholic.org or text me at 650-210-6543 and let me know, so I can find another lector for you. (You do not need to ask around. I will take care of it.)

Please keep in mind that, as per Archdiocese's directives, I can only allow a very small number of people to come to the rectory chapel (we have had a voice interpreter, a lector and myself. However, if a lector has a spouse he/she wants to bring, it is fine). I need to RE-EMPHASIZE, though, if you do not feel well (cold or whatever), please stay at home and let me know through email or text.

Lectors, thank you for considering to come to the live-streaming Mass for the time being until we all return to Sacred Heart together! At that time we will rejoice! I certainly miss you all so much! Hang in there! Be faithful and stay strong - we can get through this!

In Christ, Fr. Shawn †

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary

for Her Powerful Intercession to be freed from the evil of the virus

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

CHURCH DUTIES

At Sacred Heart, Newton

May 3

Set-up: Susan Almeida

Lector: Ken Osborne

Eucharistic Ministers:

Fran Noll

Corinne Brennan

May 10

Set-up: Marcelle Gomez

Lector: Rachael Weber

Eucharistic Ministers:

Anna Murphy

Kyle Murphy

May 17

Set-up: Dale Noll

Lector: Corinne Brennan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Cheryl Johnston

Rick Johnston

May 24

Set-up: Kyle Murphy

Lector: Rod MacInnes

Eucharistic Ministers:

Fran Noll

Rick Johnston

May 31

Set-up: Susan Almeida

Lector: Fran Noll

Eucharistic Ministers:

Anna Murphy

Kyle Murphy

Contact Fran Noll at
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regarding Church Duties.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Boston
ICDA-US Conference
2021**

June 27, 2021-July 2, 2021

ASL Mass Schedule

Officiated by Fr. Shawn Carey
in ASL with VOICE INTERPRETED on
[YouTube.com/user/DeafApostolateBoston](https://www.youtube.com/user/DeafApostolateBoston)

May 3, 9:15am
May 4, 10:30am
May 10, 9:15am
May 11, 10:30am
May 17, 9:15am
May 18, 10:30am
May 24, 9:15am
May 25, 10:30am
May 31, 9:15am

Please check into
[bostondeafcatholic.org](https://www.bostondeafcatholic.org)
for any possible calendar changes.

ONLINE RESOURCES: Mass, Rosary Prayer, Reflection, etc.

Websites you could look into:

- www.frmd.org (Fr. MD's Kitchen Table)
- www.ncod.org (National Catholic Office of the Deaf)
- www.icda-us.org (International Catholic Deaf Assoc)
- www.bostondeafcatholic.org (Boston Deaf Apostolate)
- www.ncod.org/asl-youcat/
- <https://vimeo.com/cancanpro/saint-stories>

FaceBook pages you could join:

- Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Boston
- Deaf Apostolate of the Catholic Diocese of Rockford
- Deaf Catholic Philly
- Deaf Catholic Community / St. John Deaf Center
- International Catholic Deaf Association-US Section
- Matthew-Anthony Hysell
- Deaf Catholic World

YouTube videos you could watch:

- Daily Hope Vlog (Deaf Catholic Philly)
- Boston Deaf Apostolate



Spiritual Communion Prayer

By Fr. Shawn Carey †

Since Governor Charlie Baker advised all of the Massachusetts residents to stay at home as one of the mitigating efforts against COVID-19, this has prompted us not to be able to attend Mass on Sundays and during the week. Many have contacted me and expressed how much they miss receiving Jesus. It is amazing to see that desire coming from our Deaf Catholic Community! This shows grace! However, grace does not stop there as it still abounds! When the stay-at-home advisory began, I thought of setting up a live-streaming Mass for our Community immediately! Many of you have noticed that I signed the Spiritual Communion with you during the live-streaming Mass. I bet you are

wondering where it came from.

Over the years, many saints incorporated the act of Spiritual Communion into their daily lives because they were not even satisfied when they missed receiving Jesus in the Eucharist once a week or even once a day. So, they made an act of spiritual communion as an essential part of their daily lives. This act helped them to be closer to God every day. One of the saints, St. Josemaria Escriva commented "What a source of grace there is in spiritual communion! Practice it frequently and you'll have greater presence of God and closer union with him in all your actions."

Now, see beside a traditional prayer of spiritual communion that you have seen during the live-

streaming Mass after the priest consumes the Body and Blood of Christ. It can be prayed when you find yourself not being able to attend Mass to receive Jesus especially this stay-at-home advisory, and in the middle of your daily work so you can lift up your thoughts to God!

My Jesus

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen †

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