

Fellowship Post

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a monthly Boston Deaf Catholic Community bulletin

What's Up: ICDA Chapter 5 Boston

by Rick Johnston, Chapter 5 President

International Catholic Deaf Association (ICDA) Chapter 5, for past several months, have had few virtual meetings via Zoom to start planning on pastoral and social activities. A list of highlights below ICDA Chapter 5 have done so far:

- The ICDA Chapter 5 Executive Board started research on bylaws and non-profit tax status. Hopefully, these will be accomplished for the General Meeting this coming November.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chapter 5 members voted to postpone the national ICDA-US Conference to 2023. Originally, the Conference was to be held in Boston in late June 2021.
- Also, the national ICDA-US office made recent announcements about two regional conferences – the Midwest Region (Chicago April 2020) and the Northeast Region (Poughkeepsie, NY September 2020). Both regional conferences were postponed to 2022.
- Event planning (August 2020 – July 2021) currently is in process:
 - Zoom Social (in place of Coffee Hour during pandemic)
 - Virtual Rosary (2nd Sunday monthly starting in August 2020)
 - Persevere with Christ vlogs (3x weekly)
 - Faith Formation webinars
 - Potlucks (after the pandemic is over)
 - Christmas Party with Signing Santa
 - Membership Drive

My Bible Study Experience By Patricia Ward Costello

In the past, I studied in a college major, Art History and Museum Studies. There were a lot of old, famous paintings about Madonna, Virgin Mary, Archangels and Jesus. They got my full attention and impacted me a lot.

So, a few years ago, I decided to read Bible, and I decided to take a Bible Study. I learned a lot about scriptures and verses. I enjoyed learning two different “old” and “new” testaments, included time lines. Also, I learned about gospels: Luke, Matt, Mark and John. They are attached to the first four books of the New Testament. And most important of all, their writings are almost all we have describing the mortal life of Jesus Christ and the things He said.

For a good example, John wrote verses: “John the Baptist Testifies

about Jesus” (John 1: 29-34) my summary was: John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward to him, and John didn't recognize Jesus at first. John himself did not know him, but the one who sent him to baptize with water told him, “The man on whom you see the Spirit (dove) come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.” John testified that this is God's Chosen One, “Jesus”. It inspired me to know how John the Baptist met the Messiah.

Now I understood what old, famous paintings were about. I believed that Artists read Bible and drew precious stories in paintings, to remind us the importance of God's revelation to humanity. I encourage you to read The Bible. God, Jesus and Holy Spirit are with you all.

May grace and blessings be in your path. †

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:

Isla Ireland

Born June 20, 2020 at 10:08am
5lbs 4oz, 18 inches

Proud parents:

Betsy & Wes Ireland

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:

Liam Michael Murphy

Born July 10, 2020 at 8:12am
9lbs 12oz, 21 ½ inches

Proud parents:

Anna & Kyle Murphy

CHURCH DUTIES At Sacred Heart, Newton

July 5

Set-up: Marcelle Gomez

Lector: Rod MacInnes

Eucharistic Ministers:

Corinne Brennan

Fran Noll

July 12

Set-up: Dale Noll

Lector: Bruce Buccì

Eucharistic Ministers:

Anna Murphy

Kyle Murphy

July 19

Set-up: Susan Almeida

Lector: Fran Noll

Eucharistic Ministers:

Rick Johnston

Cheryl Johnston

July 26

Set-up: Kyle Murphy

Lector: Rick Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers:

Cheryl Johnston

Fran Noll

August 2

Set-up: Dale Noll

Lector: Rachael Weber

Eucharistic Ministers:

Rick Johnston

Cheryl Johnston

August 9

Set-up: Susan Almeida

Lector: Ken Osborne

Eucharistic Ministers:

Fran Noll

Corinne Brennan

August 16

Set-up: Marcelle Gomez

Lector: Cheryl Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers:

Rick Johnston

Fran Noll

August 23

Set-up: Dale Noll

Lector: Corinne Brennan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Fran Noll

Rick Johnston

August 30

Set-up: Susan Almeida

Lector: Rod MacInnes

Eucharistic Ministers:

Cheryl Johnston

Rick Johnston

Contact Fran Noll at fnoll28@aol.com regarding Church Duties.

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. †



2023

World Youth Day

Lisbon, Portugal will host the World Youth Day in August 2023. For more information, please contact Fr. Shawn Carey at:

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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/canopro/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:

- Weekly Hope Vlog by Deaf Catholic Philly
- Boston Deaf Apostolate
- Persevere With Christ Vlog †



ASL Mass Schedule

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

Sacred Heart Parish
1327 Centre Street, Newton

- July 5, 11am
- July 12, 11am
- July 19, 11am
- July 26, 11am
- August 2, 11am
- August 9, 11am
- August 16, 11am
- August 23, 11am
- August 30, 11am

St. Francis of Assisi
Live-streaming only

- July 6, 10:30am
- July 13, 10:30am
- July 20, 10:30am
- July 27, 10:30am
- August 3, 10:30am
- August 10, 10:30am
- August 17, 10:30am
- August 24, 10:30am

Please check into bostondeafcatholic.org for any possible calendar changes.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

By Fr. Shawn Carey

The following traditional prayer of spiritual communion can be prayed when you find yourself not being able to attend Mass to receive Jesus especially during the COVID-10 phases, 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

God's Grace is Good! By Fr. Shawn Carey

"But he [the Lord] said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me." (2 Corinthians 12:10) St. Paul reminded the Corinthian community not to forget the grace of God when they suffered with divisions and quarrels. Indeed, we should continue to keep our eyes open in this trying time! **One of the graces** that God has given us is that we have been able to worship together from our homes through live-streaming ASL Masses while we were under the stay-at-home advisory during the pandemic. **Another grace** came upon us when we re-open the Church on Sunday, May 31st with guidelines provided by the State Department of Public Health. So far, we have been doing well following the

guidelines - wearing facemask, respecting social-distancing, and keeping the Church to a 40% capacity as our efforts to continue in curbing the spread of the COVID-19.

Another grace we received is the enormous success of our reflection vlog program, "Persevere with Christ" that has strengthened our spiritual encouragement to endure the challenges we face in our society today. We have received e-mails and FaceBook messages from viewers on how much they really enjoy watching "Persevere with Christ" episodes and they really like the "interview-style" with me, your priest! We plan to continue in doing this vlog program going forward and see what that will evolve in the future. We will find out what God's will for that to happen!

Don't forget faith over fear!
With God's Blessings to all during this trying time! †

Deaf Catholic Young Adults Webinar Series 2020

Five Wednesdays starting July 22, 2020

Dates	Topics
July 22	IceBreaker: COVID-19 & Racism
July 29	Faith & Fitness
August 5	Theology of the Body
August 12	Faith & Social Media
August 19	Faith Over Fear

Please register at bostondeafcatholic.org so we can send you the meeting link.

For ages 18 to 40.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

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