

Dear Friends,

September 25, 2009

As Summer ends and Fall begins, a number of celebrations from the Feast of the Assumption of Mary (8/15), to a memorial of her Queenship (8/22), to her Birthday (9/8) and her Holy Name (9/12), all help us to focus on Mary in her various roles in the life of Christ and also in our lives as Christians. Mary stands at a pivotal point in salvation history as the promise of the Old Testament comes to fulfillment with the birth of her Son, marking the beginning of the New Testament. The month of October is traditionally dedicated to Mary and especially to the devotion of the Rosary.

The Rosary with the traditional five Joyful, five Sorrowful and five Glorious Mysteries is a meditation on the events in the life of Jesus and His Mother. As God's relationship develops with Mary so progresses the relationship of God to mankind, once again restored through Jesus. Throughout the centuries, Catholics have appealed to Mary in prayer, particularly through the rosary and ask her intercession with her Son. History indicates that the mysteries of the rosary, based on long-standing custom, became standardized by Pope Pius V in the 16th century. By 2002, Pope John Paul II offered five additional mysteries focusing on the public ministry of Christ, the Luminous mysteries. The rosary has long been recommended during various apparitions of Mary, notably at Lourdes, and Fatima and celestial promises were made to emphasize the importance of the rosary and its power to make reparation for sin, for penance and to bring peace. The rosary is a great instrument to enhance the relationship between Christians and Mary and through Mary to be led on the way to her Son. The Church has always urged us to pray the Rosary reverently and often and experience for ourselves the influence and growth that it can bring to our lives now and for the future. Please remember the intention of all members of the Deaf community in your prayers, including the sick, the dying and those awaiting their eternal reward. Thank you for your faithful prayer support.

As announced at interpreted Masses, the 6th annual Disability Awareness Mass will be offered at Good Shepherd Church in Alexandria on Sunday, October 4th at 12 noon to celebrate our unique gifts. The Mass will be interpreted and a reception follows; all are invited to attend. Please mark your calendar for the Schedule of Interpreted Masses that follows and plan to attend those that best suit your schedule. Please send your current e-mail address to the e-mail address below so that we might update our office files. Your privacy is ensured because your address will **not** be shared. Those who would prefer to continue receiving conventional paper mail, please briefly indicate your preference in your note. Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

M. Provie Rydstrom mprdioarl@aol.com Diocesan Coordinator for the Deaf 703.978.7997 V/TTY

Fr. Paul Richardson's phone number at St. Bernadette's Parish, Springfield, is: 703.451.8576 V

Schedule of Interpreted Masses for the Deaf

Date	Place	Time
Sat., Sept 26 – Vigil	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Lake Ridge	6:00 pm.
Sun., Sept 27	Good Shepherd Parish, Alexandria	9:00 am.
	Holy Spirit Parish, Annandale	10:30 am.
	Christ the Redeemer Parish, Sterling	5:30 pm.
Sat., Oct. 3 – Vigil	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Lake Ridge	6:00 pm.
Sun., Oct. 4	Holy Spirit Parish, Annandale	10:30 am.
	Good Shepherd Parish, Alexandria	12 noon
Sat., Oct. 10 By request	Diocesan Pilgrimage to Immaculate Conception Shrine, Washington, DC. Arrange 5 days before.	1 pm. Mass
Vigil	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Lake Ridge	6:00 pm.
Sun., Oct. 11	Good Shepherd Parish, Alexandria	9:00 am.
	Holy Spirit Parish, Annandale	10:30 am.
	Christ the Redeemer Parish, Sterling	5:30 pm.
Sat., Oct. 17 - Vigil	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Lake Ridge	6:00 pm.
Sun., Oct 18	Good Shepherd Parish, Alexandria	9:00 am.
	Holy Spirit Parish, Annandale	10:30 am.
Sat., Oct. 24 – Vigil	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Lake Ridge	6:00 pm.
Sun., Oct. 25	Good Shepherd Parish, Alexandria	9:00 am.
	Holy Spirit Parish, Annandale	10:30 am.
	Christ the Redeemer Parish, Sterling	5:30 pm.

Directions to Christ the Redeemer Church, 46833 Harry Byrd Hwy., Sterling:

From Beltway 495, take the Rt. 7 Exit west. Continue to the Sterling area. The Church is located across from a shopping center, next to the Ford dealer on the left. E-mail: ctrcc@verizon.net.

Directions to Good Shepherd Church, 8710 Mt Vernon Hwy., Alexandria:

From Rt. 495, take Rt. 1 S toward Fr. Belvoir. Continue approximately 6.5 mi. At the 3rd traffic light past Walmart, turn left onto Old Mt. Vernon Hwy. Bear left at the fork in the road and follow Rt. 235 S. The Church is 1.5 mi. on the right side of the road. Website for E-mail: www.gs-cc/org.

Directions to Holy Spirit Church, 8800 Braddock Rd., Annandale:

Holy Spirit Church is located 1.5 mi. from Beltway Exit 54 A, Rt. 620 W, on the right, across from King's Park Center. E-mail: holyspiritparish@cox.net.

Directions to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 12807 Valleywood Rd., Lake Ridge:

From Rt. 123, turn onto Old Bridge Rd. Stay on Old Bridge until Cavalier Dr. Turn left onto Cavalier Dr. At the stop sign, turn onto Valleywood Dr. and go through the neighborhood. The Church is on the right. E-mail: mariepelletier@SEAS1.org.