

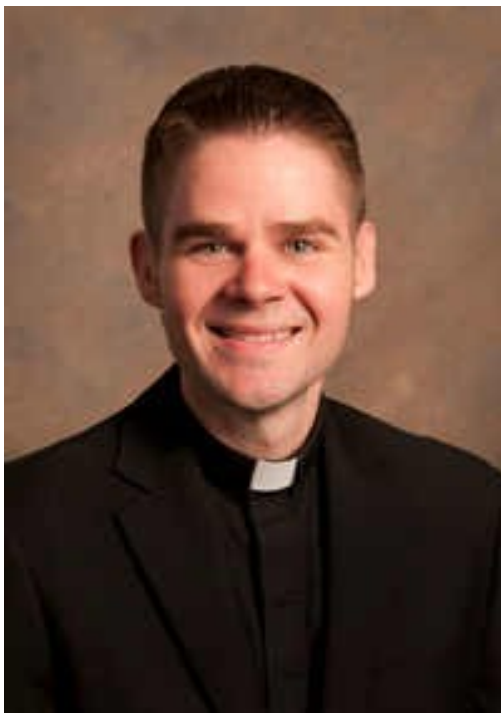
The Sign of Christ

*News from the Catholic Deaf
Community
Diocese of Syracuse*



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Thank you, Bishop Robert Cunningham, for celebrating Palm Sunday with us!



Milwaukee and the Deaf Community are Blessed

Father Christopher Klusman

Newest Deaf Priest

Fr Christopher Klusman was born Deaf. He grew up in a hearing family. After finishing his schooling, he worked for the Department of Public Instruction in Madison as an education specialist in American Sign Language and other ways Deaf people communicate. He also started attending Bible Studies with Msgr. Glenn Nelson (remember his visit with us?). Msgr. Nelson asked him if he thought of becoming a priest. After much prayer and discernment, he applied to the seminary and was accepted. After years of study and preparation he was ordained May 21st.

Thank you, Fr Christopher Klusman, for your promise to serve the Lord through serving us.

From our Palm Sunday Mass with Bishop Cunningham:







This & That by MV

Warmer temperatures are finally here! It is a busy time of year with holy days, holidays and celebrations.

Ascension Thursday, June 2nd, is an holy day of obligation. Catholics are reminded that we need to celebrate together Jesus' return to His Father and His promise to send the Holy Spirit.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Rebecca and Matt Dadey** on the birth of **Lillian Marie** on Easter Monday, April 25th.

CONGRATULATIONS to **James Schultz** who will be ordained a priest in Syracuse on June 4th.

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL the GRADUATES, especially **Ryan Lee**, Mohawk Valley Community College, **Elena Ciccarelli**, Whitesboro HS, and **Thomas Debraggio**, Clinton HS.

Please pray for those dealing with illnesses, some very serious.

Please pray for those who have died, and their families:

Josephine Doucette

Marguerite Fitzgerald, mother of James Fitzgerald

Mary Agnes Williams, mother of Peter Williams

Alexander Locke, father of Michael Locke

On March 27th the North American Volunteers brought their *Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage* to Rome, NY. The Deaf were able to share in this wonderful experience: see the candles and pictures, touch the rock and water from Lourdes, pray the rosary, and receive the special Eucharistic Blessing. As the *Pilgrimage* tours, hopefully everyone will be able to go to one of them.

World Youth Day, where Pope Benedict XVI will meet young people in Spain, will be in August. Our young people have been invited by the Boston Deaf to join them in a Pre-WYD gathering. That will be August 10 -12th. Please pray for us and the success of WYD. Interested in going with the group? Let MV know. You can reach her with the information in the box below.

Did you meet **Diane and Tom Stadtmiller** at the Palm Sunday celebration? She wrote the article on the next page!

Did you know that 50 years ago, July 5th 1961, International Catholic Deaf Association #67, Binghamton, was set up?

Would you like to become a Catholic?

There is a process called "RCIA", Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a time of learning about the Catholic faith. Every one is invited!

Have you received Confirmation?

Many people make their First Communion, but have never been confirmed. Confirmation is a **very important** Sacrament. We can prepare you for Confirmation.

Would you like to host a Bible Study?

Let's plan for Fall!

Would you like information on annulments?

Do you have any questions on Catholicism?

Contact [Mary Margaret](#)

St Patrick's Day with the Liverpool Senior Citizens



More Prayer in Your Life

“Oh, no another red light!” Even as a teenager learning to drive, I remember how frustrating red lights were. Almost always, it seemed that the red lights came at the least inopportune time – when I needed to get somewhere in a hurry. No matter where I lived, a traffic light knew exactly when I was coming, just waiting to turn red as I approached. I almost thought I could see it grin in triumph because it had succeeded in delaying me yet again.

In a stress reduction class I attended some time ago, our teacher asked us to list things that frustrate us. As I did this, I realized there was a common stressor – the dislike of wasting time – like waiting at the dreaded red traffic light. Our instructor encouraged us to meditate, and we were told that if we meditated regularly, over time the little things, which we had no control over, would not seem so stressful. During this same time period, I also wanted to develop a much closer relationship to God. I wanted to draw nearer to Christ, seek the Holy Spirit, and invite them into my daily life much more frequently. So I decided to pray as my form of meditation and ask God to help me with my frustrations and stresses. Slowly, I began looking at my every day times of stress in a new light -- prayer had made all the difference in the world!

What are the daily frustrations that happen in your life? Why not take some time and invite Christ and our Heavenly Father into your life.

Five Great Opportunities to Put More Prayer in Your Life

1. Waiting at a red traffic light
2. Standing on the checkout line in a grocery or department store
3. At your health care provider or dentist's office before you are called for your appointment
4. During TV commercials
5. As you wait for food to heat up in a microwave oven

Since incorporating increased time for prayer in my life, I have become more relaxed, less stressed and best of all -- much closer to God. Now when the traffic light turns red, it's not the light that seems to grin, it's me who is all smiles for the wonderful opportunity to pray.

By Diane Stadtmiller, RPA-C.

Adults (age 21 and over)

National Deaf Cursillo #63
Sept 29 – Oct 2, 2011
Cape May Point, NJ

Young Adult Ministry (ages 21-35)

Many activities such as Theology on Tap and First Friday Masses...all summer too
Just ask early for an interpreter!
On Facebook: Diocese of Syracuse Young Adult Ministry
Email: yam@syrдио.org

Youth (Grades 9-12)

Sign ups NOW for
August 10 – 12, 2011 Pre-WYD in Boston
&
NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference)
Nov 16 – 20, 2011 in Indianapolis

**I thank God for my handicaps,
for,through them,
I have found
myself, my work and my God.**

Helen Keller

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>JUNE 2011</h1>						
			1	2 Liverpool Group 10 AM - 2 PM ASCENSION THURSDAY ask for Masses	3	4
5 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Whitesboro 11 Syr AS 5	6 Pathways Dinner Syracuse	7 Regional Workshop on the New Missal Rome	8	9	10	11 St Joseph Liverpool 4 PM Mass
12 PENTECOST Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Rome 10	13	14 Barber Shop PICNIC & ICDA 102 RAFFLE 10 AM - 2 PM New Hartford	15	16 Liverpool Group 10 AM - 2 PM	17	18 Baccalaureate Mass St Mary's Clinton 5:15 PM
19 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Whitesboro 11 Syr AS 5	20	21 NY State Pastoral Workers Meeting Esopus NY	22 NY State Pastoral Workers Meeting Esopus NY	23	24 NYSSD Graduation	25 St Joseph Liverpool 4 PM Mass
26 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Rome 10	27	28	29	30		



June Birthdays

- 1 Paul Ryfun
- 5 Ashley Trelease
- 11 Valerie Allen
- 14 Bella Marie Hnelosub
- 14 John Stevens
- 16 Susan Windecker
- 17 Frances Harmon
- 18 Sr Blanche Marie Messier
- 20 Michaela Debowey
- 22 Geovany Lainez
- 23 Albert D Perry, Jr
- 27 Anna Kofman

June Anniversaries

- 7 Helene & Alfred Anderson
- 16 Maria & Ralph Mingoelli
- 21 Jennie & Bob Joseph
- 28 Janet & Ed O'Toole



Little Catholic Lesson

The Precepts of the Church

(A *precept* is a commandment, instruction, or order given as a rule of action or conduct.)

These are the five general precepts of the Church that one must follow to be considered a practicing Catholic.

- 1) You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor
- 2) You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
- 3) You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
- 4) You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church
- 5) You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church

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<h1>JULY 2011</h1>					1	2
3 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Syr AS 5	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9 St Joseph Liverpool 4 PM Mass
10 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Rome 10	11	12 Barber Shop 10 AM - 1 PM New Hartford	13	14	15	16
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July Birthdays

13 Karolina Lachut
 13 Matt Windecker
 16 Ciera Allyson Roberts
 19 Rob Thurlow Jr
 19 Mathew Heinlein
 20 Holly Kavanaugh
 20 Ed O'Toole
 26 Robert Menotti '25
 30 Ryan Lee

July Anniversaries

6 Jim & Mary Margaret
 Van Damme
 8 Matt & Rebecca Dadey

August 15th

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

This year it is NOT an Holy Day of Obligation.

Confusing? YES!

If an Holy Day of Obligation is on a Saturday or a Monday, Catholics are not obligated to go to Mass,

except for

the Immaculate Conception (Dec 8th) and Christmas (Dec 25th). If they are on a Saturday or Monday, you need to go to Mass.

Of course, you are always encouraged to go to Mass...even everyday if you can!

Important Dates

September 11 Deaf Awareness Fair 2011
 11am-5pm Great Northern Mall
 October 14 "Building Bridges: The Journey Continues"
 Hoping to have a Deaf Presenter!
 October 23 Disabilities Awareness Mass in Utica
 November 6 Diocesan Mass for 125th Anniversary
 of the Diocese of Syracuse
 November 16-20 National Catholic Youth Conference
 in Indianapolis, IN
 January 13-18 National Catholic Office of the Deaf
 Conference in Boston, MA
 January 21-23 March for Life, Washington, DC
 Something to think about: Eucharistic Conference
 in June 2012 in Dublin, Ireland

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<h1>AUGUST 2011</h1>						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Whitesboro 11 Syr AS 5	8	9 Barber Shop 10 AM - 1 PM New Hartford	10 Pre-WYD Deaf Group Boston	11 Pre-WYD Deaf Group Boston	12 Pre-WYD Deaf Group Boston	13 Lions Club Picnic Lee Center St Joseph Liverpool 4 PM Mass
14 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Rome 10	15 ASSUMPTION of MARY	16	17	18	19	20
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August Birthdays

- 1 Justin Frechette
- 5 Matt Cutler
- 5 Jonah Frechette
- 7 Bentley Bryant
- 8 Heather Macri
- 9 Charles O'Bryan
- 19 Helene Anderson
- 19 Margaret Rocco
- 20 Sr Margaret Duffy
- 20 Rachael & Rebecca Chmiel
- 25 Suzanne Falcone
- 25 Luciano Mingolelli
- 30 Marion Baratta
- 31 Elena Ciccarrelli

June 12th: Pentecost is the Fullness of Easter

by David Philippart

Easter reaches its fullness today, the 50th day, the Spirit's day, birthday of the church, great Pentecost!

What began in cold ashes, what was washed with water and oiled with gladness and nourished with bread and wine now is filled with breath and stirred aflame. Breathe deeply today; let every breath be a prayer.

Play the flute or the kazoo. Hang wind chimes to catch God's breath. Fly a kite.

Be on fire today; live passionately. Read a love poem.

Challenge someone to act on behalf of the common good. Take a stand against a grave injustice.

Light seven candles on the dinner table. Wear red. Eat strawberries (if you're not allergic).

Sing "Come, Holy Ghost." (And if you don't know it, find someone to teach it to you.)

Fifty days of Easter have been given for our delight and for our salvation.

Rejoice and be glad!



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