



The Sign of Christ

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Eyes Sharp!

Some things can change:

November 27th you will see some of the prayers at Mass signed a bit differently! Why? To bring unity throughout the world. Now all the countries which use English will use the same words. These words will be closer to the original text and Scripture.

When the priest says, "The Lord be with you.", instead of signing "And also with you." it will be "And with your spirit." (Did you know that Spanish and German people have been using that for years?!)
The Penitential Act, the Gloria, the Creed, and the response before Communion will be a little different.

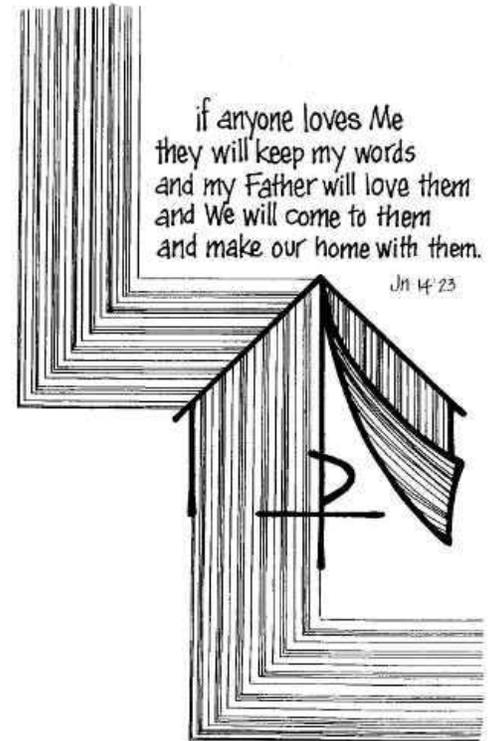
For Hearing people, the words will sound very different.

Begotten, consubstantial, incarnate, oblation...these are words not used very often in English, but they were chosen carefully because of what they mean. They are highly technical and their meaning is important. They will help your understanding of the Mass to deepen.

For Deaf people, the meaning will be seen in different signing.

Don't be afraid.

Pay attention. Heaven and earth meet...at Mass.



Some things don't change:

God has a plan for marriage. [See the box below.]

This summer New York State declared that homosexuals can marry. Did God's plan did not change in 2011? No! Does that mean that God hates homosexuals? No! He made them and loves them. He died for them. They are special, and meant for special things...but marriage is not one of them. They are the same as everyone and called to practice the virtue of chastity. [See box below.]

If they are not to engage in sexual activity, the same as other single people are not, what is God's plan for them? What special and important things does God want them to do for our world and our Church?!

God's Plan for Marriage: Marriage unites a man and a woman to have children and care for them. Marriage helps to overcome self-absorption, egoism, pursuit of one's own pleasure, and to open oneself to the other, to mutual aid and to self-giving.

Virtue is moral excellence. **Chastity** is the virtue that directs our sexuality toward authentic love and away from using persons as objects for sexual pleasure.

This & That by MV

Summer Heat...did it slow you down? Thank God!
Cooler temperatures...do you feel more energy? Thank God!

Every five years, I must be recertified as a Faith Formation Associate. June 6th Bishop Cunningham presented my certificate.

June 14th, ICDA Chapter 102 Rome-Utica held a raffle and raised \$333 to be used to help Deaf and Koda youth to attend Catholic activities. Thank you to all those who donated items and to those who purchased tickets! It is always fun.

This summer I traveled and visited people at their homes and enjoyed meeting more of you at picnics and other activities. I also stretched my mind and skills by learning about.... blogs! Would you like classes that way?

Thank you to **Jane Long** who went to St Patrick's in Chittenago, and told them about the Catholic Deaf Community. That was Jane's parish when she was growing up. Thank you to the members of St Patrick's who gave so generously.

The newest Deaf priest, **Fr Christopher Klusman** in Wisconsin, and the newest Syracuse diocese priest, **Fr Jamie Schultz**, both send their thanks for remembering them. Please keep them in your prayers.

Interpreted Masses Notices

- * Whitesboro Masses are suspended till requested.
- * Remember: St Joseph in Liverpool, 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 4 PM
- * Are you close to Carthage, NY? There will be interpreted Mass at St James Catholic Church. Every Saturday at 4 PM.

The Syracuse Diocese is celebrating its 125th Anniversary!

November 6th there will be a special Mass at the Cathedral.

There will be an interpreter, and should be broadcast to all.

There will be many smaller celebrations throughout the year.

We hope to celebrate with Bishop Cunningham for Palm Sunday.

Please pray for the many people who are sick or suffering with various problems. They may not want their names printed, but you know them and they appreciate your prayers.

Rest in Peace:

Joan Stone, sister of **Jane Long**

Help!! What year is the picture on page 6?

Any questions or comments for me? Contact me!

Coming Up

High School Students

March for Life in DC

Jan 21-23, 2012

Stand for Life!

Sign up NOW!

Adults

Building Bridges

A Time of Learning

Oct 14 &/or 15, 2011

Email Mary Margaret:

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August 21st 2011, at World Youth Day in Spain,
Pope Benedict XVI said:

"Following Jesus in faith is to walk with him in the communion of the Church.

You cannot follow Jesus alone."

"Having faith means leaning on the faith of your brothers, and that your own faith in the same way serves as a support for that of the others."

He called on the young people to "love the Church," concretely inserting themselves in "parishes, communities and movements," and "to participate in the Eucharist every Sunday, to approach the sacrament of Reconciliation frequently and to cultivate prayer and meditate on the Word of God."

Let us lean on each other. See you at Mass!

***"Faith is to believe what you do not see;
the reward of this faith is
to see what you believe."***

St. Augustine

Ordinary Time: Autumn

A Sense of the Season

All of our days are numbered. Now that Christ has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we count down the days until he returns in glory to judge the living and the dead. Ordinary Time is “ordinal” time: numbered days, days in which we lay out the scriptures and the prayers to bide our time until Christ returns.

Although the church makes no official distinction between the days of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, in our lives we experience the subtle shift from the relaxed days of summer to the increasingly active days of autumn. For some of us, the shift comes with the end-of-summer holiday or the beginning of school. Others see work activities shift, from tending to harvesting, from stocking shelves to increasing sales, from cashing out an old fiscal year to digging into a new one.

The church’s calendar contains some subtle shifts, too. On September 14 we celebrate the Holy Cross, and the waning of the natural world around us points us to the mystery of suffering and redemption. At the end of September we invoke the holy archangels to guard us in the encroaching twilight. And if we listen closely to the scriptures in October, we begin to hear talk of the last days and the final things. These thoughts reach their culmination with the great festival of saints and souls, November 1 and 2. And we spend November remembering the dead, preparing for the end and celebrating Christ, the firstfruits harvested of the new creation, the firstborn from the dead.

This is the extraordinary opportunity that autumn’s Ordinary Time opens up for us.

Text by David Philippart.



Recognize these teachers and students?

What year? 1972!

Have you signed up **your** children for their faith formation classes?

Here is Albert DAVID Perry Jr to say Hello!





Lillian Marie Dadey was baptized

June 25th 2011

Parents Matt & Rebecca Dadey,
Father Stephenson and
Lily's Godparents Tom and Joan Dadey, Jr.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>September 2011</h1>						
Whitesboro Masses suspended till requested. Mass in Rome every Sunday				1 Catechetical Leaders' Meeting	2	3 Picnic in Chenango Falls
4 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Rome 10 Syr AS 5	5 Labor Day	6	7	8 Liverpool Group 10 AM - 2 PM	9	10 Interpreter Workshop on the New Roman Missal Rochester St Joseph Liverpool 4 PM Mass
11 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Rome at Picnic	12	13 Barber Shop 10 AM - 1 PM New Hartford	14	15	16	17
18 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Rome 10 Syr AS 5	19	20 NY State Pastoral Workers' Meeting Esopus NY	21 NY State Pastoral Workers' Meeting Esopus NY	22 Liverpool Group 10 AM - 2 PM	23	24 St Joseph Liverpool 4 PM Mass
25 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Rome 10	26	27	28	29	30	

September Birthdays

5 Deb Shaffer
6 Keith Grant Jr
17 Paul Szymanski
22 Rebecca Dadey
23 Jim Van Damme
27 Joanne Jackowski
28 Dick Byrnes
29 Jane Long

September Anniversaries

6 Czeslawa & Bogdan Lachut
7 Jeanette & Tony Romanowski
12 Beth & Bob Heinlein
16 Amy & Richard Coppola
18 Virginia & Keith Grant
21 Julie & James Pasternak
22 Donna & Ray Carroll

How To: Ready the House of Your Soul

Paint it with the colors of modesty and humility.

Make it radiant with the light of justice.

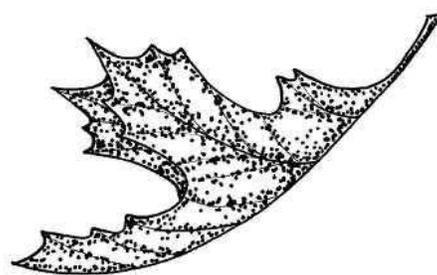
Decorate it with the finest gold of good deeds.

Adorn the walls with faith and generosity.

Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer.

In this way you make it a perfect dwelling place for the Lord.

St John Chrysostom



*The souls
of the just
are in
the hands of the
Lord.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>October 2011</h1>						1
2 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Rome 10 Syr AS 5	3	4	5 NYSSD Religious Ed	6 Liverpool Group 10 AM - 2 PM	7 Catechetical Leaders' Meeting	8 St Joseph Liverpool 4 PM Mass
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October Birthdays

- 1 **Joey Romani**
- 2 **Patty Primo**
- 5 **Angeline Fitzgerald**
- 11 **Donald Holmes**
- 14 **Vincent Vicik**
- 16 **Beth Thurlow**
- 17 **Glynn Gregory**
- 17 **Mercedes Windecker**
- 19 **Joan Keffe**
- 19 **Margie Lundy**
- 19 **John L Thornton**
- 20 **Melissa (Lansing) Merdanovic**
- 20 **Robin Brennan**
- 22 **Melinda Roscoe**

October Anniversaries

- 7 **Edith & Glynn Gregory**
- 19 **Jen & Matt Roberts**
- 22 **Suzanne & Leo Falcone**
- 24 **Frances & Bob Harmon**
- 25 **Pat & Dan Maher**

October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Do you have a rosary? It is made of beads strung together in a certain order. A particular prayer is said on each bead. There are 5 sets of 10 beads or 5 decades in the rosary (a "decade" is 10 of something). A single bead separates each decade. That single bead, is for the Our Father. Each of the 10 beads is the Hail Mary. At the beginning of each decade we remember a special time in the life of Jesus or Mary.

Do Deaf people say the rosary?

Yes! If you would like one, with a book to explain more, ask MV:
syrdeaf@juno.com



Jeanette D. and Tony Romanowski (right) built a beautiful shrine to Our Lady and Fr. Lester Smith came to bless it on July 31st. Jim and Mary Margaret Van Damme (left) were also there. It is truly beautiful!

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<h1>November 2011</h1>						
		1 ALL SAINTS DAY Holy Day Masses!	2 All Souls Day NYSSD Religious Ed	3 Liverpool Group 10 AM - 2 PM	4 Catechetical Leaders' Meeting	5
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27 Fulton Call Syr SL 9 Johnson City 10 Rome 10	28	29	30 NYSSD Religious Ed			

November Birthdays

- 2 Christopher Sarracino
- 4 Thomas Debraggio
- 4 Grace Evans
- 12 Shirley Cleveland
- 12 Anthony Rakowski
- 13 Dennis Debowey
- 14 Caitlyn Martin
- 19 Michael Brennan
- 20 Nelson Sharpsteen
- 20 Gari Van Voorhis
- 23 Dawn Brothers
- 23 Tim Pardi
- 23 Emily Read
- 24 Jennifer Evans
- 24 Mary Menotti
- 25 Denise Hnelosub
- 25 Mark Sharpsteen
- 26 Lillian E Barner
- 26 Becky Clark
- 28 Mary Margaret Van Damme
- 29 Donna Carroll

November Anniversaries

- 6 Cherie & Richard Byrnes
- 14 Mary & Robert Menotti

Thomas Johns Memorial Appreciation Award

- 2003 Sr Margaret Duffy
- 2003 Fr Peter Williams
- 2005 Mary & Robert Menotti
- 2007 Marion Baratta
- 2010 Anne Parish
- 2012 ???

Who do YOU know who

- *has shown great love for the Catholic Deaf
- *has always been ready to help
- *shows strong faith
and encourages others to do the same
- *is prayerful and encourages others to pray
- *believes in service for the Lord

**To nominate someone, Deaf or Hearing:
send the name & why you nominate him/her to**
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YES! Here is my \$5 to keep my *Sign of Christ* coming!

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Other Information:

My Phone Number: _____

My Email: _____

My Birthdate: _____

My Anniversary: _____

Other: _____