

Catholic Masses in Sign Language

1st 3rd & 5th Sundays

Our Lady of Ransom, Philadelphia, 12:15 pm

2nd Sun.

St. Charles, Drexel Hill, 10:30 am

4th Sun.

St. Stanislaus, Lansdale, 11:00 am

5th Sun.

Ss. Peter & Paul, West Chester, 10:30 am

Interpreted Masses

Every Sunday

St. Pius X, Broomall, 9:30 am

2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday

Our Lady of Ransom, Philadelphia, 11 am

2nd & 4th Sunday

St. Francis Assisi, Norristown, 9:30 am

1st & 3rd Sunday

St. Joseph, Warrington, 10:00 am

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday

St. Stanislaus, Lansdale, 8:30 am

3rd Sunday

St. Norbert, Paoli, PA 11:30 am

2nd & 4th Saturday

Ss. Peter & Paul, West Chester, 5:30 pm

2nd & 4th Sunday

Epiphany of Our Lord, Philadelphia, 11:00 am

2nd & 4th Sunday

St. Thomas of Villanova, Rosemont, 9:00 am

2nd Sunday

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Doylestown 10:30am

4th Sunday

St Denis, Havertown 11:30am

Deaf Apostolate Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Dedicated to
Pastoral Care and
Service with
Deaf and
Hard-of-Hearing
Catholics and their
Families

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The Deaf Apostolate is part of the
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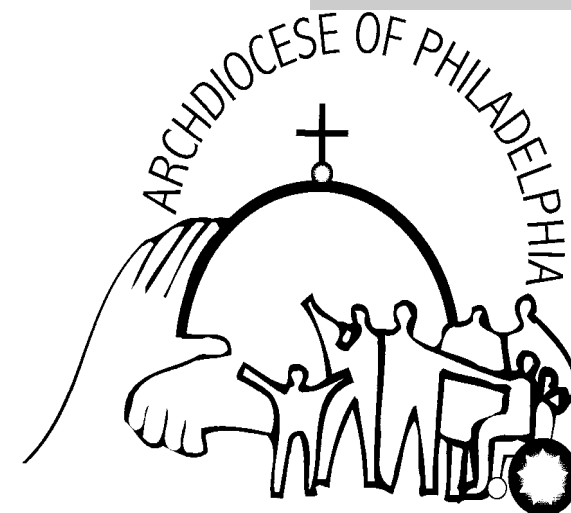
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“Welcome one another, then, as Christ
has welcomed you, for the glory of
God.” Rom. 15, 7

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Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Apostolate

The Deaf Apostolate provides pastoral care and religious education to the Catholic community who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Fostering faith and providing full access into the life of the church are the principal goals of this Apostolate. This ministry offers:

Pastoral Care

The spiritual and sacramental needs of people who are deaf and hard-of-hearing are met through full time staff and volunteers.

Masses in American Sign Language

A regular schedule of Masses in American sign language is provided. Socials usually follow the Deaf Apostolate Masses.

Interpreted Masses

The Deaf Apostolate coordinates the interpreted Masses throughout the Archdiocese and can assist parishes in providing interpreters for Sacraments and other parish events.

Weekly Religious Education

In each county and PA School for the Deaf, weekly religious education is provided in American Sign Language for children. Adult religious education, faith sharing and bible study also occurs regularly.

Baptism & Marriage Preparation

Priests who sign and trained sponsor couples assist in classes to prepare for these sacraments.

Summer Religious Education Camp

A two week Religious Education camp is offered in July. Swimming, art, field activities and daily religion classes offered in American Sign Language at the beautiful campus of St. Charles Seminary in Wynnewood, PA.



Interpreters for Archdiocesan and Parish Events

The department will assist parishes in providing interpreting services for Sacraments, funerals, parent meetings and other religious events. Religious interpreter training and support is offered.

Faith in Action

The Deaf Apostolate in collaboration with the Faith in Action coalition can provide volunteers to Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, Deaf Blind and late deafened people in need of support. This includes hospital visitors, hospice, prison, big brothers and sisters trained volunteers.

Teen Leadership Program

Opportunities for teens to learn about their faith and give service to the community.

Closed Caption Sunday TV Mass

Broadcast on WPVI-TV– Channel 6 at 5:30 am and Channel 56 at 10:30 am.

Deaf Catholic Lay Organizations

Organizations of the Deaf Catholics support the mission of the Deaf Apostolate and plan spiritual and social events throughout the year:

International Catholic Deaf Association

Our Lady of Ransom Church
Philadelphia

The De Sales Society of Lansdale

St. Stanislaus Church

St. Francis Association of Norristown

St. Francis Assisi Church

St. Charles Deaf Catholic Community

St. Charles Church
Delaware County

Chester County Deaf Catholic Community

St. Peter and Paul Church

Hispanic Catholic Deaf Group

Visitation BVM Church
Philadelphia

Deaf Catholic Newsletter

Quarterly newsletter reporting the news of the Archdiocese, Deaf Apostolate and each of the Catholic Deaf Organizations

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Deaf Adults interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith or who want to join the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation can contact the Deaf Apostolate.