



**\*American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreted Masses**  
**Remembering Jesus's love for all people, our parish is working toward facilitating full and meaningful participation** of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing people

in our diocese. **The Office of the Apostolate for People with Disabilities and St. Patrick Church in Providence** has announced that ASL interpreted Masses will be regularly scheduled here for the 9 AM Sunday Mass. There have been many requests from Deaf Catholics to be able to assist at Mass in a more meaningful way. Currently, there is an ASL Mass every Sunday at St. Mary of the Bay, Warren, at 8 AM, and in a few other parishes through the diocese once a month.

The staff of the Diocesan Office of this Apostolate has been searching for ways to facilitate the full participation of the Deaf parishioners in our diocese... *"When Father James Ruggieri of Saint Patrick in Providence heard of the need, he immediately opened the doors of his parish to welcome this wonderful addition to his Parish Eucharist Celebration."* ...



**ASL interpreted Masses will begin here at St. Patrick in Providence on August 19, 2018, at the 9am English Mass.** The goal is to have an ASL interpreter every Sunday at 9 am. Currently we have confirmed **ASL interpreters for August 19 and 26; and September 2 thru Sep 23.** Updated schedules will be posted on the Diocesan website and in St. Patrick Church's bulletin **and website** when available.

We know that there are some critical social indicators to which we need to pay close attention. **Less than 4% of the Deaf community attend Church in the US due to lack of ASL interpreted Masses and events.** The Diocesan Apostolate for people with disabilities has purchased materials to help with Sacramental preparation in ASL.

In collaboration with Fr. Shawn Carey, Director of Deaf Apostolate in Archdiocese of Boston and President of NCOD (National Catholic Office for the Deaf) there will be website links on the Diocesan site to many resources for parishes, families and interpreters in ASL in the near future.

**It is really important to ponder the fact that one family in three has a member with a disability in the US.**

We care called as a family in Christ to accompany all parishioners and in **a special way the most vulnerable--** those with disabilities, of any kind and age, and their families who support and fulfill their needs.

The creation of a fully accessible parish reaches beyond mere physical accommodation, elevators and ramps, it

depends greatly in the attitudes of all parishioners toward persons with disabilities. All of us as a faith community have a role to play in the invitation, welcome, and inclusion of people with disabilities. We all belong.

For more information please contact Irma I. Rodríguez at [irodriguez@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:irodriguez@dioceseofprovidence.org) or call the Office of the Apostolate for Disabilities at 401-278-4578. The schedule will be posted as it becomes available on St. Patrick Church's website <http://saintpatrickchurch.net> and at <http://www.dioceseofprovidence.org/apostolate-for-people-with-disabilities/ministry-for-the-deaf/>

## **VII CONFERENCIA DE MÚSICOS PASTORALES Y MINISTROS HISPANOS:**

En colaboración con La Asociación de Músicos Pastorales Hispanos (AMPHE), El Instituto Hispano de Liturgia, OCP, WLP, Ministerio multicultural y la parroquia de San Patricio de la Diócesis de Providence; estamos contentos de invitarle a participar de la 7ma Conferencia de Músicos Pastorales y Ministros Hispanos ofrecida los días 26 y 27 de octubre del 2018 en Saint Patrick Church de Providence, Rhode Island.

El tema de la Conferencia es "Que Brille tu Rostro sobre Nosotros" Discípulos Misioneros Testigos de tu amor.

Esta conferencia de carácter regional es para todos los que participan en la liturgia dominical: Músicos pastorales, miembros de coros, lectores, ujieres, ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía, ayudantes en la sacristía, etc. Habrán talleres también para los que participan de coros que animan grupos de oración, ministerios juveniles y retiros.

Adjunto encontrará el flyer con todos los detalles de la conferencia y el Día Profesional en Inglés y bilingüe, que se llevará a cabo el día viernes por medio día. El Día profesional está dirigido a los párrocos, sacerdotes, Diáconos Directores de música anglos o de ambas culturas y equipos de la parroquia.

Toda la información relacionada a esta conferencia y los documentos de registración están en el siguiente enlace:

<https://www.amphe.org/evento082018>

Comparte esta información con tus compañeros de ministerio y aprovecha los especiales: Regístrate antes del 30 de septiembre para el precio de \$35 (\$50 desde el 1ro de Octubre). Si se registran 7 o más de la misma parroquia reciben una registración Gratis.