

INTERPRETED MASSES

Every Sunday
10 :00 AM

14 Holy Helpers Church

Please Check
our Facebook page
for when
we will begin having
a Social after Mass
on the 2nd Sunday
of the Month.

Mass is also interpreted
on WGRZ - Channel 2
every Sunday
at 11:00 AM
taped at
Our Lady of Victory
Basilica
Lackawanna, NY



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



Patron of Deaf Persons
Pray for us!



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BUFFALO CATHOLIC DEAF MINISTRY

Has Moved To:

**14 Holy Helpers
1349 Indian Church Rd.
West Seneca, NY 14224**



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more about us?**

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BRIEF HISTORY

The Diocese of Buffalo has reached out to Catholic Deaf Persons since 1880 when Bishop Ryan ordained Rev. Patrick S. Dunne who would become the first resident Chaplain at St. Mary's School for the Deaf. Since then a number of priests have served as Chaplains for Catholic Deaf Persons here in Western New York. Throughout most of its history the Catholic Deaf Apostolate had been based at St. Mary's School for the Deaf. However, in 1989 it was determined that the ministry should assume more of a parish identity. It was then that Our Lady Help of Christians Parish In Cheektowaga, NY became the home base with Rev. Conrad Stachowiak as its Director. In 1997 it moved to St. Augustine Parish in Depew, NY. In 2009 it again relocated to Resurrection Parish in Cheektowaga, NY. After Fr. Conrad retired in 2019 it remained there for a brief time. In March of 2021, the Catholic Deaf Apostolate's new home became 14 Holy Helpers Parish in West Seneca, NY. thanks to its generous welcoming Pastor, Rev. David Bellittiere.

INTERPRETING FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES

An interpreter can be requested for special occasions (weddings, funerals, parish programs) by contacting Sister Conchetta at 716-601-8887 voice/text. Please consider calling if any of your family members will be attending who need sign language to fully participate in the celebration. Staff is limited so requests will be honored on a "first come, first serve" basis.

Contact can also be made through e-mail at

BuffaloCatholicDeaf@gmail.com



SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Sign Language classes are offered to anyone who may be interested in communicating with Deaf Persons.

The course is offered for ten weeks in the Fall and continued for ten weeks in the Spring.

There is a fee for these classes.

However, if you are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing or have someone in your family who is Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing there is no charge.

A second level is offered for those who are interested in returning a second year.

Also, any person who already has sign skills and who wants to interpret in religious settings can contact Sister Conchetta for tutoring.