

Interfaith prayer partners pray for peace

Several parishes in the archdiocese have joined an interfaith prayer service project that will be held on the 22nd of each month at Maryland churches, synagogues, and mosques in Maryland.

The program began June 22 at St. Ignatius in Baltimore.

Dennis McGlone, who chairs the St. Ignatius justice and peace committee, described the commitment as “a low-key thing.”

“Generally a lector reads from Scriptures, then there are joint prayers, and a few minutes after for fellowship. It’s all less than an hour,” Mr. McGlone said. “It’s very upbeat and pleasant, non-political and hopeful.”

Episcopal priest Father Charles Cloughen Jr., who recently retired from St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Towson, is the driving force behind the partnership, initially intended to pray for peace through the EAPPI – Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel.

If your parish would like to host a simple 30-minute prayer service to support this effort, email Father Cloughen at frcharles@verizon.net.

Upcoming prayer services, each scheduled for 7:30 p.m., include:

July 22, Roland Park Place, 830 W. 40th St., Baltimore; Aug. 22, Sherwood Episcopal Church, 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville; Sept. 22, Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Mount Washington; and Oct. 22, St. Benedict, 2612 Wilkins Ave., Baltimore.