

**\*\*New Announcements\*\***

***MOTHER MARY LANGE AWARDS BANQUET***

On Friday, **February 10, 2017** at 7pm, the Office of Black Catholic Ministries will host the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Mother Mary Lange, OSP Awards Banquet. The purpose of the banquet is to affirm and celebrate the service and ministry rendered by Black Catholics (during Black History Month) in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Tickets are \$60. For ticket reservations contact 410-625-8472.

***ARCHDIOCESAN SCOUT MASS***

The Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will host the annual Scout Mass on Saturday, **February 25, 2017** at 11 am at St. John the Evangelist Church in Severna Park. For more information, visit the Youth and Young Adult page on [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org).

***RACISM AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE***

Everyone is invited to the 38th annual SOCIAL MINISTRY CONVOCATION on Saturday, **March 4, 2017** at Seton-Keough High School. Keynote Address: Rev. Andrew Foster Connors, Co-Chair of BUILD, Pastor of Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, Baltimore. 12 Workshops. Come to the fair displays. \$10 registration fee includes lunch for all pre-registrants. Call Nancy Cupp at Catholic Charities 410-261-6781 for more information and registration opportunities.

***BASILICA HOSTS ST. MATTHEW PASSION***

The Concert Artists of Baltimore will perform "The St. Matthew Passion," Bach's powerful and stirring oratorio performed in the divine setting of the Baltimore Basilica on Saturday, **April 1, 2017** at 3pm. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students with ID. Visit [www.cabmusic.org](http://www.cabmusic.org) or call 410-6256-3525 for tickets. The performance is dedicated to the memory of Monsignor Arthur Valenzano, former Rector of the Basilica.

**\*\*Previous Announcements\*\***

***LOVE & RESPECT VIDEO MARRIAGE CONFERENCE***

To be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ellicott City on **February 10 & 11, 2017** (6:30-10:00 Friday; 9:00-2:00 Saturday). Married and engaged couples and singles enjoyed this conference when it was offered in the past. Dr. Emerson & Sarah Eggerichs present a funny, high energy, practical seminar designed to help couples everywhere achieve the relationship they've always dreamed of. \$15 per person if registered by January 30; \$20 per person after that date. To register go to [www.LOVEandRESPECT.com](http://www.LOVEandRESPECT.com) or call Kathy Schmidt 410-747-5611 if you have questions. Childcare is available.

***WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION!***

St. Joseph Church in Fullerton hosts "Work out your Salvation!," a Lenten mission with EWTN's Fr. Wade Menezes, **February 14-18, 2016**. Free, no registration required. Mission talks are from 7-8pm each night. For more information, contact Jim Hamilton at (410) 218-3162 or [jimahamilton@lycos.com](mailto:jimahamilton@lycos.com).

***ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK***

Visit the Archdiocesan Prayer Ministry's new Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/prayersarchbalt](http://www.facebook.com/prayersarchbalt). This page provides encouragement, comfort, and resources to help you in your time of need. Check us out and "Like" us on Facebook. You can still request prayer or sign up to be part of the prayer team at <http://www.archbalt.org/ministries/prayer-ministry/index.cfm>.

### **RADIO MASS & NEW LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM**

Listen to the Radio Mass of Baltimore on its new stations and times: Sundays at 9am on Q1370 AM and WCBM 680 AM and WCBM 690 AM and 6pm on WCBM 680 AM. Following each airing of the Radio Mass will be a new locally-produced Catholic radio program, *Catholic Baltimore*, which will air interviews and information relevant for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. For more information, visit [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org).

### **TALK WITH YOUR LOVED ONES ON END-OF-LIFE ISSUES**

Illness and death – whether our own or that of a loved one – are issues many of us avoid thinking and talking about until they are immediately confronting us. Too often we are unprepared for the questions that arise, and find ourselves making difficult decisions in the midst of a crisis, without the benefit of time and reflection. Maryland's bishops have released a pastoral letter, *Comfort and Consolation*, on care for the sick and dying to encourage Catholics to take that time now, before facing a crisis, so that when illness and death inevitably come, we can face them with the comfort and peace of understanding our faith, and knowing our Lord is there to embrace us in our hour of need. Visit the Maryland Catholic Conference at [www.mdccathcon.org/comfort](http://www.mdccathcon.org/comfort) for downloading copies or to order.

### **THE RESOURCE EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH**

The Resource Exchange is a program of the Social Action Committee at St. Vincent de Paul Church. We place homeless persons in apartments in cooperation with Health Care for the Homeless. We are always looking for gently used small furniture pieces and household items. The complete list is on our website at [stvchurch.org](http://stvchurch.org). For more information contact Pat Frascati at 410-663-5542 or 410-917-2214 or [frascati00@comcast.net](mailto:frascati00@comcast.net).

### **LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary of the Archdiocese of Baltimore is presently working in 20 parishes throughout the Archdiocese. This organization is a wonderful means of channeling the vital apostolic work of the laity in your parish. Their work includes visits to nursing homes, hospitals and hospices, visiting new parishioners and the newly baptized. They evangelize by reaching out to people at festivals and events in the Baltimore area as well as at the train station and on the streets of Baltimore. They serve in their parishes in Faith Formation and evangelization efforts. If you are interested in starting a Legion of Mary group in your parish, please contact Dianne Van Pelt at [Vanpelt5@comcast.net](mailto:Vanpelt5@comcast.net).

### **MINISTRY FOR SEPARATED/DIVORCED**

It takes a long time and a lot of work to heal the pain that comes with the breakup of a relationship. Now there is a safe place where you can be around people who truly understand how you are feeling. **REBUILDING** is a Christian-based support group for separated and divorced people sponsored by St. Bernadette Parish. Our completed five sessions have been a resounding success and participant reviews have been very positive. Our current session is on-going running **every Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** in the Parish Conference Room at 801 Stevenson Rd, Severn, MD 21144. If you or someone you know is dealing with the pain of separation or divorce join us to experience how the Holy Spirit uses this group to lift you up and equip you to move into a new beginning. **REBUILDING** is a 13-week program and participants can join at any time since each session is standalone. There is a one-time fee of \$15 for materials. For additional information call Andrea Montrose at [410-969-2782](tel:410-969-2782) or email us at [rebuildingsevern@gmail.com](mailto:rebuildingsevern@gmail.com).

### **ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE MOBILE APP**

The Archdiocese of Baltimore has developed a mobile version of its website and an App for Apple and Android mobile device users, to make it easier for Catholics to stay connected to their local Church, including parishes and schools, while on the go. For more information, visit [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org) or download the app from the app store.

### ***ARE YOU A CATHOLIC PHYSICIAN, HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL, OR MEDICAL STUDENT?***

The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) helps doctors and health care professionals grow in faith, maintain ethical integrity, and provide excellent health care in accordance with the teachings of the Church. The CMA offers professional, spiritual, and moral support through local chapters and annual national conferences featuring world-class speakers and CME credits. Be part of the New Evangelization and join the CMA to help build a culture of life in health care and to provide a voice for Catholic medical and ethical principles in society. Visit [www.cathmed.org](http://www.cathmed.org) to learn more about the CMA and the benefits of membership.

### ***LEGAL ADVICE PROGRAM***

The University of Maryland, Francis King Carey School of Law will be staffing its “Just Advice” program over the next few months. This program allows anyone, for the cash fee of \$10, to discuss an issue of concern with a lawyer. Possible issues can involve family law, insurance issues, possible expungement, employment issues or consumer concerns. Appointments are encouraged and a variety of dates are available. Please visit <http://justadvice.wordpress.com> for a list of dates and locations.

***PREGNANT, NEED HELP?*** Call Gabriel Network at 1-800-ANGEL OK or visit [www.gabrielnetwork.org](http://www.gabrielnetwork.org)?

***SUFFERING POST-ABORTION STRESS?*** Call Rachel’s Vineyard Baltimore at 410-625-8491

### ***ENCOURAGE SUPPORT GROUP—Baltimore Area***

In offering support to parents dealing with concerns that present themselves when a son or daughter informs them of a homosexual orientation, our Catholic Bishops state: “You need not face this painful time alone, without human assistance or God’s grace. The Church can be an instrument of both help and healing.” Those confronting these issues for the first time as well as those who may be journeying through them are welcome. Confidentiality is respected. The group meets on the fourth Monday of each month. For contact information and directions call Pat at 410-302-4641.

### ***ENCOURAGE SUPPORT GROUP—Western Maryland Area***

In offering support to parents dealing with concerns that present themselves when a son or daughter informs them of a homosexual orientation, our Catholic Bishops state: “You need not face this painful time alone, without human assistance or God’s grace. The Church can be an instrument of both help and healing.” Those confronting these issues for the first time as well as those who may be journeying through them are welcome. Confidentiality is respected. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 67 Liberty St., Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 (corner of Liberty and Washington Streets).

### ***COURAGE MINISTRY CONTACT INFORMATION***

*Courage* is a ministry to people with same-sex attractions who are looking for support to live chaste lives according to the teachings of the Church. For complete information, go to their website--[www.couragerc.net](http://www.couragerc.net). Dominican Father Carleton Jones is the local Courage chaplain. He is available for confidential inquiries or conversations at 443-845-4567. Voice mail messages should include a first name and a private number to return the call.

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