

****New Announcements****

7-WEEK LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

From **Friday, April 1-Friday, May 13**, 6:30pm-8:30pm at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 4502 Park Heights Ave. in Baltimore (21215), the Holy Spirit Praise Prayer Group/Women's Ministry will sponsor a 7-week Life in the Spirit Seminar, an opportunity to experience the fire of the Spirit, a personal encounter that will change your life. Spend these 7 weeks with Jesus and you will see him give you a new life, to live more deeply in and with the Spirit. For more information, contact Elizabeth Vincent at 443-622-4723 or beach5party@yahoo.com.

THEOLOGY ON TAP FOR YOUNG ADULTS IN APRIL

ALL young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to Theology on Tap talks, organized by the Baltimore Frassati Fellowship, at The Greene Turtle in Fell's Point (at 722 South Broadway) on the Tuesdays of April (**4/5, 4/12, 4/19, and 4/26**)! Each week, a "happy half hour" will begin at 7 p.m., and the evening's guest speaker will present a talk and lead a Q&A session at 7:30 p.m. Our first talk will be "Moses and the Big Bang: An Astrophysicist's View of Genesis" on Tuesday, **April 5**. Following weeks' topics will be posted at www.baltimorefrassati.org. Email tot@baltimorefrassati.org if you have questions.

AN EVENING OFUSIC, DANCE AND CULTURE WITH THE SOZO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Immaculate Conception is thrilled to host the Sozo Children's Choir on Wednesday, **April 13** at 7pm in the ICS Auditorium. Our very own Father Francis, who was born and raised in Uganda, will host the evening which features a Ugandan cultural experience of songs and dances, testimonies from the children, and a powerful worship experience. The mission of these children is to bring glory to God through their talents and experiences, so please join us for this celebration. Ugandan merchandise will be sold following the event, and you will have the chance to meet some really awesome kids! This event is free with free will offerings accepted. This is an experience your family won't want to miss! <http://www.sozochildren.org/choir/>.

POSITIVE PARENTING WITH DR. ELIZABETH BODNAR

Effective parenting techniques, behavior management, and positive discipline; these are among the topics of discussion with Dr. Elizabeth Bodnar for parents of early childhood to 5th grade students on Tuesday, **April 19th** at 8:30 am in the Monsignor Tinder Parish Hall. Dr. Bodnar is a licensed psychologist currently working in private practice in Towson. Her background includes training through Johns Hopkins/Kennedy Krieger, as well as positions at the Kennedy Krieger Institute Department of Neuropsychology and Outpatient Behavior Management Clinic. All are welcome to attend so please share this with your friends beyond the ICS community! The doors open at 8:15 am and morning refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to pcollins@theimmaculate.org, and thank you. Positive parenting can only mean one thing for you and your child...positive results! See you on the 19th!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL SPRING OPEN HOUSE—APRIL 21

Please share with family and friends that Immaculate Conception School is hosting a Spring Elementary School Open House on Thursday, **April 21st** from 9:30 to 11:30, and we hope to see you there! We have space available in our expanding Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st Grade classes, and we want to fill up those spaces! This open house is for families interested in Pre-K 3 thru 5th grade, and it's a great way to visit the classrooms, meet students and teachers and consider the benefits of a Catholic education for the 2016-2017 school year! For more information, call Mrs. Miriam Johnson at 410-427 4801.

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK OF BALTIMORE—APRIL MEETING

Friday, **April 22**, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 2004 Greenspring Drive, Timonium 21093
CBNB's April speaker will be Bill McCarthy, executive director of Catholic Charities. Meetings are open to all who want to share faith, friendship and business. The first meeting is FREE. For more information, please contact Diane Beliveau at diane.beliveau@dalecarnegie.com (410-560-2188 x114). Find us online at www.cbnbaltimore.org and on Facebook.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER—THURSDAY, MAY 5

Catholic Community of St Francis Chapel, 13717 Cuba Road, Hunt Valley. An opportunity for beseeching our God to have MERCY on our country. Private adoration from after 12:10 Mass till 2 pm Patriotic Rosary, 3 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Private adoration till Benediction at 6 pm. Sponsored by the city of God Prayer Group. Information: 410-252-0734.

PENTECOST MASS AND CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Saturday (Vigil), **May 14**, 4 - 6:00 pm, St Gabriel Church, 6950 Dogwood Rd, Windsor Mill, MD 21244. The annual Charismatic Prayer meeting for the Archdiocese will be in conjunction with the Vigil Mass for Pentecost. Sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Information: 410-308-8962 OR <http://archbalt.org/charismatic>.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR AT ST. GABRIEL

Saturday, **May 14**, 8:30 am till 3 pm, St Gabriel Church, 6950 Dogwood Rd, Windsor Mill, MD 21244. Come discover God's amazing love as the Holy Spirit brings NEW LIFE. Sponsored by the Living Word Prayer Group. Information: 410-499-2964.

MYSTICAL MEDITATION: HOW CATHOLICS CAN FIND GOD AND PEACE WITHIN

Join Father Jack Lombardi and Mr. Thomas Ward as they lead a Meditation retreat from Presence UnLtd. The retreat will be held at St. Ursula's Church, Parkville, in the St. Francis Room. 8900 Harford Road, Baltimore. Saturday, **May 28th**, 10:00AM-3:00PM Please RSVP to Amanda at officestpeter@verizon.net or 301-678-6339. Free will donations accepted to cover the cost of lunch and materials. www.presenceunltd.com.

****Previous Announcements****

LECTURE: EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON? REALLY?

Everything Happens for a Reason? Really? You've heard it, you've been told it, you may have even said it on occasion. "Everything happens for a reason." At first glance, this bit of pop theology may sound like the celebrated Ignatian ideal of "Finding God in all Things." But how similar are these ideas, really? What do they suggest about God, about our relationship with God, and about how we make sense of our own story? St. Ignatius Catholic Community in Baltimore will hold a lecture on these very issues on **Monday, April 4** at 7:30 PM with Fr. Timothy O'Brien, S.J. O'Brien is a Jesuit scholastic of the Maryland Province. After completing a master's degree in theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School, he began teaching at Loyola University Maryland in 2014. Tim is a writer and editor at The Jesuit Post. Join us in this season of Easter as we consider the mysteries of suffering and resurrection -- and making meaning of both -- in our own lives. There is no cost for this event. Location: St. Ignatius Catholic Community 740 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR BALTIMORE COMMUNITY IN MEMORY OF FREDDIE GRAY

Notre Dame of Maryland University will hold a candlelight vigil for the Baltimore community in memory of Freddie Gray on **April 7, 2016** at 9 p.m. at the Archway between UAB and Knott Hall on the university's campus. For more information, contact Sr. Sharon Kanis, SSND, at skanis@ndm.edu and Eleftherios Michael at emichael@ndm.edu.

UMBC CATHOLIC ALUMNI INAUGURAL MASS AND DINNER

Please join the UMBC Catholic Retrievers for an Alumni Mass and Dinner on Sunday, **April 10th**. Mass will be at 5:00 PM at Arbutus United Methodist Church (1201 Maple Ave, Halethorpe, MD 21227), and will be concelebrated by Fr. John Rapisarda, the current chaplain of the Catholic Retrievers, and Fr. Richard Gray, his predecessor. Families welcome! Visit www.catholicretrievers.com/alumni.php to RSVP, or email Hannah Jones at umbccatholicalumni@gmail.com for more information.

ST. JOHN, WESTMINSTER, HOSTS NATIONAL SPEAKER, TRENT HORN

St. John Church, Westminster, is hosting two talks by Trent Horn of *Catholic Answers Live* on **April 11 and April 12**, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Talks to be given are: "Jesus: Lord or Legend" and "How to Talk about the Tough Moral Issues." No cost for the talks. Trent is a regular guest on *Catholic Answers Live*, a lecturer who speaks across the country on issues related to the Catholic faith, and the author of two books. St. John is located at 43 Monroe St. in Westminster. To reserve a seat, call 410-848-4744 or send an email to jtippett@sjwest.org.

MEDICING, MERCY & THE DOMESTIC CHURCH, 6TH SYMPOSIUM FOR CATHOLIC MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Sensitive to the legal, cultural, and moral pressures facing Catholic health care professionals, Archbishop Lori invites all to join him on Saturday, **April 16, 2016** at the University of MD St. Joseph Medical Center for the 6th Symposium for Medical Professionals. We will begin with Mass at 9am. This event will feature Dr. Pat Fosarelli, MD, DMin. Panelists include Kathy Moore, RN; Fred Schneider, LCSW-C, MDiv., and Jenny Mohler, LCSW. Continuing education credits pending for physicians, nurses, and social workers. Kindly RSVP by April 2nd at <http://bit.ly/ArchBaltSymposium>; (410) 547-5231 or johanna.coughlin@archbalt.org. Free and open to all!

BLUE MASS **DATE CHANGE**

On Sunday, **April 17**, at the 11:15am Mass, St. Isaac Jogues will honor our First Responders, the men and women who protect and serve our community. During all Masses that weekend, we will have a special second collection to support our fallen heroes – Police Officers, State Troopers, Fire Fighters and Emergency Medical Technicians. There will be a reception to follow on the front lawn. (In the event of rain, the reception will be moved to the church hall.)

LECTURE BY FR. WILLIAM T. MILLER, SJ, "BIBLICAL MERCY—THE BASIC BIBLICAL IMAGE OF MERCY IN THE SECOND COVENANT"

St. Ignatius Catholic Community in Baltimore will present a lecture by Fr. William T. Miller, SJ entitled *Biblical Mercy: The Basic Biblical Image of Mercy in the Second Covenant*. This lecture will be held on Monday, **April 18th** at 7:30 PM. Miller is the Adjunct Professor of Theology and Scripture at Loyola University Maryland. He holds a doctorate in Old Testament from Union Theological Seminary and teaches courses about the Old Testament at St. Mary's Seminary and the University of Baltimore. In this lecture Miller will discuss how the references to mercy in the Old Testament and how they are often picked from the prophets or the psalms, but will explain why mercy should also be studied in larger contexts such as the book of Exodus. This lecture will look at the working relationship of God and Moses in the drama of Exodus 1-15. Location: St. Ignatius Catholic Community 740 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. There is no cost for this event.

CHRISTLIFE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

ChristLife is preparing to host its annual National Training Conference **April 20-22, 2016** in Linthicum Heights, MD. Archbishop Lori will open the conference on Wednesday morning. ChristLife provides the practical means of answering the Church's call for a New Evangelization and partners with parishes, priests, religious and lay leaders who are seeking to answer the Church's call for the New Evangelization through a proven method of parish evangelization and outreach. The National Conference is an opportunity to be inspired, equipped, and connected so people can bring ChristLife to their home parish. It's an opportunity to meet a vibrant community of priests, deacons, and lay-people from around the country who are eager to transform their parishes with the power of the Gospel. More information is available at <http://christlifeconference.org>.

MERCY WORKS

Join members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, MD, for a unique opportunity to gather, to learn, live and act on the works of mercy on **April 24** from 2-5 p.m. Bring you family, friends, neighbors and encounter the works of mercy with others through education, visuals and hands-on opportunities. Visit instrumentofpeace.org for more information.

INTERFAITH/ECUMENIAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE IN BALTIMORE

Along with leaders of Jewish, Muslim, and other Christian churches, the Archdiocese of Baltimore will co-host an evening of interfaith prayer for peace in Baltimore on Monday, **April 25** at 7 p.m. at the Basilica. All are welcome. For more information, visit www.archbalt.org. Parking in the Franklin St. parking garage.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE AT SAINT JOHN'S CATHOLIC PREP

You are invited to attend a Spring Open House at Saint John's Catholic Prep on Thursday, **April 28th** from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM. Saint John's is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school now located at its new campus at 3989 Buckeystown Pike in Buckeystown, MD. Prospective parents and students can also visit Saint John's online at www.saintjohnsprep.org. For more information about admissions or the open house, please call the school at 301-662-4210 or e-mail admissions@saintjohnsprep.org.

ALASKA ADVENTURE: SPIRIT AND SERVICE

July 14-26, Pilgrimage to Anchorage, Denali Park, Fairbanks and a one day cruise, for sightseeing, hiking and service to the needy and local populations. \$800 Roundtrip ticket plus food and hotel expenses. Contact Fr Jack Lombardi, 301-678-6339, jlombardi@archbalt.org.

WORLD YOUTH DAY FOR YOUNG ADULTS—2016

Join 40 other Catholic Young Adults on Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day. From **July 22-August 1, 2016**, journey together as we encounter Christ and His Church through experiences such as- Pope Francis, Saints John Paul II, Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Black Madonna, traveling to Auschwitz, and much more! Cost of the trip is \$3,895, which includes airfare, hotel stay, most meals, everything above, and more! To register call your local parish/organization contact or call the DYYAM office directly, 410-547-5372.

TOUR OF ISRAEL

New All Saints Travel Club is hosting a deluxe 10 day - CATHOLIC TOUR OF ISRAEL, **October 24 - November 2, 2016**. Tour includes round-trip air from Baltimore to Tel Aviv; hotel accommodations; guides and tours; daily Israeli buffet breakfasts and dinners, St. Peter's lunch in Tiberias; transfers; region

highlights and more. Cost: \$3100 per person double occupancy/single room supplement \$590. Interested? For further information call: 410-542-0445; email: Office@naschurch.org. Reserve your spot now. Father Donald A. Sterling is pastor.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FOR PERSONAL GROWTH OR LAY MINISTRY

Applications are now being accepted for the 2015 spring semester at the Ecumenical Institute of Theology. Men and women from throughout the Archdiocese enjoy Ecumenical Institute classes, whether for personal growth or for professional development. Some simply take a class or two. Others enroll in one of the two master's degree programs. Come and join us on the journey of "Faith seeking understanding... understanding making a difference." Schedule your campus visit now. The Ecumenical Institute of Theology is a division of St. Mary's Seminary & University, the first Roman Catholic seminary in the United States. Classes are offered weekday evenings and Saturdays at St. Mary's north Baltimore campus. More information: www.stmarys.edu/ei, 410/864-4203, or ei@stmarys.edu.

THE LITURGY EXPLAINED

Every Sunday we attend Mass, we say the same prayers, and we say them without thinking about them. This series of presentations will open up the Liturgy by explaining what is actually happening, telling you the prayers that are happening on the altar that aren't said aloud, explaining why something happens at Mass, and digging into the history and traditions in the Mass. We will be using our Bibles to see where the signs and symbols come from, and reveal their much deeper meaning. The Mass Explained will help you experience the Mass in a whole new way. The sessions will be **every Wednesday in December and January** (except December 23) from 7-8 p.m. at St. Isaac Jogues Church. The first seven sessions will be presented by Jon Gerstmyer, our Director of Liturgy, and the final session will be a teaching Mass with Fr. Steven Roth.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter is an international program committed to preparing couples for the sacrament of marriage. Engaged couples attend a weekend retreat that fosters openness and communication through a series of presentations, private reflection and dialog time. Catholic Engaged Encounter is an approved marriage preparation program within the Baltimore Archdiocese. Below is a list of upcoming retreat dates.

2015 Weekends	2016 Weekends	
Nov. 6-8	Jan. 15-17	Jul. 15-17
	Feb. 13-14	Sept. 9-11
	Apr. 8-10	Nov. 4-6
	May 13-15	

Weekends fill quickly. Register early! For more information or to register for a weekend, please visit our website at www.mdcee.org or call 410-439-4217

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.

LOYOLA CLINICAL CENTERS OFFERING SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAMS

Does your child need help reading? Want your child to enjoy reading? The Loyola Clinical Centers (LCC) is offering two summer programs—Reading & Succeeding and Ready, Set, Read!—to help children's literacy and language skills. Individual and group sessions available. For pricing, registration or more

information, call 410-617-1200 or visit <http://www.loyola.edu/department/clinical-centers/services/summer-programs>.

ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK

Visit the Archdiocesan Prayer Ministry's new Facebook page at 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.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PRAYER THROUGH THE CARMELITES

As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa of Avila, The Carmelite Sisters of Baltimore invite you to a deeper encounter with God through prayer in the Carmelite tradition. Learn about contemplative prayer through the Carmelites' podcast series. For more information, visit www.totheholymountain.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.md cathcon.org/comfort for downloading copies or to order.

OUR DAILY BREAD

Our Daily Bread Hot Meal program, operated by Catholic Charities, is in need of people to prepare and deliver casseroles each month. Our Daily Bread provides meals to between 700 and 800 people in Baltimore every day, 365 days a year, and has not missed a day of service in 32 years. For information please contact either your parish program coordinator or Kim Kahl at 443-986-9031 or kkahl@cc-md.org.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC ALUMNI OF UMBC

The Catholic Retrievers (formally the Newman Club) is starting a UMBC Catholic Alumni group for graduates to network, connect with current students, and assist in the development of Catholic campus ministry. If interested, please email Fr. John Rapisarda, Chaplain, at frjohn@umbc.edu, or join the Facebook group "UMBC Catholic Alumni." Right now, we are gathering names, and will have an inaugural event in the Spring semester. Please spread the word!

IN NEED OF PRAYER?

Anyone in need of prayer may submit their prayer requests through the website of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. A Prayer Ministry has been created, including men and women, lay and clergy from throughout the Archdiocese, who have volunteered to stand in prayer with their brothers and sisters interceding for their requests. Other prayer resources are also available on the site. Visit the site at <http://www.archbalt.org/ministries/prayer-ministry/index.cfm>.

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. For more information contact Pat Frascati at 410-663-5542 or 410-917-2214 or frascati00@comcast.net.

ST. MARY'S SPIRITUAL CENTER & HISTORIC SITE

St. Mary's Spiritual Center & Historic Site, located at 600 N. Paca Street, Baltimore, MD 21201, home to the Mother Seton House, is proud to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Canonization of Elizabeth Ann Seton with a special tribute in both our Visitor Center and her historic Federal-Style home on display until January 2016. Included within the display are treasures from her canonization from the United States and Rome as well as photographic representations of her original letters (1808-1809) from Paca Street. If you're not familiar with our Site, come experience for yourself the rich history of Catholicism in the United States, tour our historic buildings, and absorb the serenity of our lush grounds and gardens. If you haven't visited since before 2009, when our Visitor Center was built, come see how we've preserved our sacred history while transforming the Site into a modern day tourist, pilgrim, and conference destination. Visit us on the web at www.stmaryspacast.org or call (410) 728-6464 for more information.

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.

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.

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 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 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?

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, 410-433-1610, or the Chancery Office, 410-547-5446.

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. 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.

****Classifieds****

PART-TIME SECRETARY

St. Cecilia Parish, Baltimore, is looking to hire a part-time secretary to provide administrative support to the Pastor and Parish programs and ministries. The secretary maintains the parish office and acts as the

first point of contact to parishioners and visitors. The position requires excellent customer service and communication skills. Must have the ability to multitask and handle a variety of duties and continuously changing tasks in order to best meet the needs of the Pastor, staff and parishioners. Must have a High School Diploma or GED. Minimum one year administrative experience. Experience within a parish or school setting preferred. Must be knowledgeable regarding Catholic teaching, along with sacramental preparation and recordkeeping. Proficiency with Microsoft Office is required. Experience with QuickBooks and Connect Now is preferred. Applicants please email Resume to office@churchofstcecilia.org, no later than April 15, 2016.

NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY SCHOOL SEEKS ASST. DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

Notre Dame Preparatory School in Towson seeks an Assistant Director of Technology. This position reports to the Director of Technology and is responsible for all technologies and communications (hardware and software) servicing NDP's internal infrastructure, academic technologies and administrative programs. The Assistant Director of Technology's primary function is to support the technologies used in NDP's Strategic Plan for teaching, learning, leading, and working in the 21st century. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and references to David Hennel, Director of Technology, at henneld@notredameprep.com.

HOLY FAMILY, RANDALLSTOWN, SEEKS COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Holy Family Church, located in Randallstown, Maryland has an opening for a Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE). The CRE is responsible for the Religious Education program for Kindergarten to Eighth grade as well as the development and implementation of Adult Faith Formation initiatives. Candidates must be active practicing Catholics with a degree in Religious Education or related field. For more information on this position please contact Molly Fern, mfern@archbalt.org. To apply online please visit: www.archbalt.org/careers.

ST. PIUS X-DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY POSITION

The Director of Youth and Children's Ministry provides vision and coordination for the parish's efforts in ministry to children and youth grades pre-K through 12 for a parish of 1200 families. The Director of Youth and Children's Ministry is responsible for the planning, coordinating and implementation of faith formation programs, social and service activities, prayer and worship, and opportunities for personal development and growth. The Director also is responsible for the coordination of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation and Reconciliation. This is a full-time position. Salary commensurate with experience/education. Archdiocesan Benefit Package, vacation, and professional development are offered for this position. Please send inquiries/resumes to cpacione@stpius10.org.

MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY IS HIRING

Mount de Sales Academy, a private Catholic college-preparatory school for young women in grades 9-12 in Catonsville, MD, seeks to hire a VICE PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT AFFAIRS and BUSINESS MANAGER for the 2016-2017 academic year. For full job descriptions, please visit our website at www.mountdesalesacademy.org/about/employment/. Please email a cover letter and updated resume to the attention of Marie Kromeke at mkromeke@mountdesales.org or send a hard copy to Ms. Kromeke at Mount de Sales Academy, 700 Academy Road, Catonsville, MD 21228. Deadline to apply: Friday, February 26.

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH, HAGERSTOWN, SEEKS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT DIRECTOR

The Catholic Community of St. Ann, Hagerstown, Maryland, is a vibrant, emerging cultural, Vatican II parish of 1,200 households. We are seeking an innovative, experienced candidate for our Faith

Formation Team serving our youth and young adults from sixth grade through young adult. This Youth and Young Adult Director is responsible for facilitating, planning, and administering programs to motivate, lead and inspire followers to Christ in the new Evangelization Model; for developing a leadership team of young adults and youth; and for collaborating with regional staff and volunteers to offer a complete and comprehensive ministry to the youth and young adults in our Western Maryland community. S/He will be responsible for sacramental preparation for Confirmation. H/She must be able to work independently with little supervision, be comfortable working collaboratively with a team, have a heart for ministry and be committed to ongoing personal spiritual growth formation. Strong communication, organizational and social media skills are a must. A BA degree in theology, youth or young adult ministry, or related field or equivalent work experience is required. Flexible work schedule to include days, evenings and weekends. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and résumé to Donna Louzon at dlouzon@stannchurch.com.

COORDINATOR FOR NEW EVANGELIZATION & COMMUNICATIONS—CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

The Community of Corpus Christi -- a vibrant and diverse Roman Catholic Parish in Baltimore's historic Bolton Hill neighborhood seeks a Coordinator for New Evangelization and Communications. In this newly formed part-time leadership position the Coordinator will be charged with assisting the parish to grow its membership and establish itself as a Parish for the Arts. The ideal candidate will have a degree in Theology or a related field with marketing and social media experience. For more information please visit the archdiocesan website (www.archbalt.org/careers) or email letter of introduction and resume to Fr. Marty Demek at mdemek@archbalt.org.

COCKEYSVILLE PARISH SEEKS YOUTH MINISTER

Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Cockeysville, Maryland (<http://www.sjpmd.org>), is seeking an full time, experienced, energetic, charismatic and faith-filled Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult ministry to build upon and strengthen a comprehensive Youth Ministry program in an established, multicultural, suburban parish of 2800 families north of Baltimore. Successful candidate will develop and grow middle school, high school and young adult religious education and programming, prepare candidates for Confirmation, cultivate and train volunteers and work collaboratively with other professional staff. Spanish is not required, but would be an asset. Bachelor's or Master's degree in Theology, Religious Ed, or related field and 3-5 years' experience preferred. Salary is very competitive with full benefits. Résumé and cover letter should be sent to John Mojzisek, DMin, Associate for Mission and Planning, Saint Joseph Church: jmojzisek@sjpray.org before **February 1, 2015**.

IND SEEKS SUBSTITUTE RELIGIOUS STUDIES TEACHER

The Institute of Notre Dame is seeking a Religious Studies Teacher for a temporary assignment of six to 12 weeks beginning January 25, 2016. Please see details at www.INDofMD.org/about/careeropportunities.

PARISH SEEKS DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Mark, Fallston, has an immediate opening for a full time Director of Youth Ministry. Ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree in theology, Religious Education, or related field, a passion for reaching out and engaging young people, an understanding of Catholic theology and ministry, social, organizational, verbal, computer and social media skills, and an understanding of the needs and experiences of youth. Certification in Youth Ministry and experience in a Catholic parish is preferred. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic, with a strong personal faith, who can model Gospel values. Ability to work well with volunteers and a professional work ethic are essential. Some travel, evening and weekend work is

required. Please provide cover letter and resume to Search Committee/Director of Youth Ministry at ranecain@comcast.net. Complete job description is available upon request.

IND SEEKS PART-TIME BUS DRIVER

The Institute of Notre Dame (IND) seeks a qualified part-time bus driver ASAP. Please see our job posting at www.INDofMD.org/about/career opportunities for more information.

ELDERSBURG PARISH SEEKS DIGITAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

St. Joseph Parish in Sykesville has a part-time (12 hrs/wk) position responsible for the church's digital presence. The candidate will use digital media to enhance ministries by enculturating the Gospel into technology. Must have a solid understanding of all forms of digital and social media technology, be a practicing Catholic with journalism or communications or marketing background, or a background in theology or religious studies. Send resumes and cover letter by November 30th to the attention of the Business Manager, St. Joseph Catholic Community, 915 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD 21784 or email to business@saintjoseph.cc.

IND SEEKS ASSISTANT VARSITY SWIM COACH

The Institute of Notre Dame seeks an energetic self-starter to serve as Assistant Varsity Swim Coach to assist the Head Coach in facilitating practices, organizing and managing games, and maintaining equipment. Learn more at <http://www.indofmd.org/about/careers>.

ST. MARY'S ANNAPOLIS SEEKS DRE

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Annapolis, Maryland, a large and vibrant parish of over 5,000 families, is seeking a Director of Religious Education (DRE). The successful applicant will have extensive experience directing religious education programs with oversight of grades Pre-K to 8, Special Education, RCIA for children, VBS, sacramental prep for Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation, as well as Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Applicants must meet the Archdiocese of Baltimore requirements including a Master's Degree in Theology, Religious Education, or Pastoral Studies. Please send resume, references, and salary history by November 15, 2015 to: DRE Search Committee, c/o Dcn. Leroy S. Moore, St. Mary's Parish, 109 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

SEAFARERS' MINISTRY NEEDS RELIGIOUS MAGAZINES

The Apostleship of the Sea needs Religious Magazines both current and past issues for distribution to Merchant Seafarers that visit the Port of Baltimore. Please call Msgr. FitzGerald @443-690-2447 if you can help.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/ORGANIST SOUGHT BY PATTERSON PARK PARISH

St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish in East Baltimore, staffed by the Franciscan Friars, Conventual is seeking a Director of Music. The successful candidate coordinates all music for the liturgy and any other church sponsored events and sits on the parish's Liturgical Committee. The position requires competence in and experience with the Liturgy of the Catholic Church, proven ability to work with volunteers and to direct a successful program of pastoral music that includes skill in organ and piano, directing an adult choir, and training and directing of cantors and other instrumentalists. The Director of Music ministers at the two weekend Masses, one Saturday evening and the other on Sunday morning. Further duties include recruitment, training, scheduling and support for all music ministers in their liturgical role, choosing music for all liturgies; music support for all sacramental celebrations; and other duties as needed. Salary is commensurate with archdiocesan guidelines. Weddings and funerals provide an additional source of

income. Resumes and any inquiries may be sent to the Search Committee c/o stliz1@comcast.net, or by calling 410-675-8260.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY SOUGHT

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Frederick seeks a full-time Director of Youth Ministry to direct all aspects of the parish's youth ministry program for pre-teens and teens, grades 6 – 12, according to Church documents ("Renewing the Vision") and Archdiocesan guidelines. Applicants must be practicing Catholics fully able to participate in the Sacramental life of the Church. Qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in religious education or religious studies, theology, Scripture, or liturgical studies (Master's degree preferred); three years' experience in youth ministry in a parish setting; and excellent planning, organizational, and communication skills. Resumes can be sent to Regina McCurdy, Employee Relations Manager, at rmccurdy@archbalt.org or 410-234-2953 (fax).

PIANO/ORGAN ACCOMPANIST SOUGHT BY HUNT VALLEY PARISH

The Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier in Hunt Valley is looking for a permanent, part-time piano and organ accompanist. For four weekend Masses each weekend, as well as Masses on holy days and other special liturgies. The position also assists the choir director with the adult choir and contemporary music group. Send resume with references to Rev. Frank Brauer at fbrauer@archbalt.org.