

****New Announcements****

"SHREK THE MUSICAL"

Shrek the Musical will be presented by The John Carroll School Theatre Department **March 17-19, 2017**. Based on the award-winning DreamWorks animation film, SHREK THE MUSICAL is a must-see show for all the family. Join our unlikely hero and his loyal steed Donkey as they embark on a quest to rescue the beautiful Princess Fiona from a fire breathing, love-sick dragon. Add the diminutive Lord Farquaad, a gang of fairytale misfits, and a biscuit with attitude, and you've got the biggest, brightest musical comedy around! Featuring all new songs, SHREK THE MUSICAL brings all the much-loved DreamWorks characters to life, in an all-singing, all-dancing extravaganza. A must see for all ages! For further information and tickets: www.johncarroll.org. Or contact Director of Theatre & Dance Programs, Kim Brueggemann (kbrueggemann@johncarroll.org) or 418-838-8333, ext. 2014.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT-MARCH 17-19

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." -Pope Francis. A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held **March 17-19, 2017**. The retreat is a confidential and emotionally-safe environment for those struggling after abortion. To find out more information or register, please visit www.project-rachel.net or contact projectrachel@archbalt.org, (410) 625-8491.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS

Natural Family Planning involves no drugs or devices, there are zero health worries and it is immediately reversible when you want to try to conceive a baby. No doctor visits needed, no prescriptions to fill, no unwanted side effects. A class series begins **Sunday April 9**, at 1:00 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. For more information or to register go to www.ccli.org Questions? Contact Mark & Kathy Schmidt, 410-747-5611 or mak.schmidt@gmail.com.

****Previous Announcements****

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOSTS DISCUSSION ON PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE

The Baltimore Guild Catholic Medical Association will host, "Medical and Legal Challenges Related to Physician Assisted Suicide," featuring Michael May, Esq. on Saturday, **March 18th** at Immaculate Conception Church, Towson at 9:30 a.m. The presentation will be preceded by Mass at 8:30 in the church. The event is open to the public, including physicians, nurses, all healthcare fields, patients, families and caregivers. RSVP requested, particularly for those interested in CME credit. Email name and contact information to serdoc@aol.com.

SYKESVILLE PARISH ANNOUNCES FAMILY MISSION

From Sunday, **March 19 – Wednesday, March 22**, Fr. Leo Patalinghug will visit St. Joseph Catholic Community to lead the "Feed My Faith" Parish Mission. The four-day event will begin on Sunday following the 5:00 pm evening Mass. For the Feed My Faith Parish Mission, Fr. Leo will lead three intriguing evening presentations to be held on Sunday (March 19), Monday (March 20), and Tuesday (March 21). In his presentations, Fr. Leo will explore the saints, the Blessed Mother, and the role of the Church in today's world. On Wednesday, March 22, he will provide a cooking demonstration and special dinner event for the community where they can learn about his work with Grace before Meals and The Table Foundation, as well as his experiences that have led him to be featured on Food Network and around the world – serving people "body, mind, and soul." Fr. Leo's books and merchandise will be

available for purchase throughout the mission. For more information on this event, please visit GraceBeforeMeals.com or contact parishoffice@saintjoseph.cc.The

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 or call 410-625-3525 for tickets. The performance is dedicated to the memory of Monsignor Arthur Valenzano, former Rector of the Basilica.

CONFERENCE FOR SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED AND REMARRIED

The annual conference for separated, divorced, widowed, and remarried will be held on Saturday, **April 29th** at Our Lady of the Fields Church, 1070 S. Cecil Ave. in Millersville. The conference is a vital outreach to those who are single again, as well as a valuable resource to Archdiocesan ministry, counselors and others interested in the needs of the single again community. For more information, contact ministry4singleagain@gmail.com or gcuevas@olfparish.com.

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.

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 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. For more information contact Pat Frascati at 410-663-5542 or 410-917-2214 or 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.

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 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. Father Ray Harris is the Spiritual Director. He is available for confidential inquiries or conversations at 410-922-3800. Voice mail messages should include a first name and a private number to return the call.

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