

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

***JOURNEY OF HOPE FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED***

Let this New Year bring New Hope...The Divorce Recovery Ministry is hosting The Journey of Hope program for the Separated and Divorced beginning on Monday, **January 8th** at 7pm in room A115 at St. Michael Catholic Church, Mount Airy, Maryland. This program is set up as a Small Group Support Group, utilizing the *Voices of Hope* DVD and the *Divorced. Catholic. Now What?* Book by Lisa Duffy and Vince Frese, along with their Workbook. Each week, we will Journey together through the tough topics that are pertinent to Divorced Men and Women, especially if you are Catholic, but ALL ARE WELCOME. This is an indispensable tool for Healing, no matter how long you've been divorced. Through this program we hope to answer difficult questions that Catholics face because of divorce, practical tools to help move past the pain and loneliness and **HOPE for the future!** For more Information and to sign-up in advance, please contact Irene Cochran at [StMHealingHearts@gmail.com](mailto:StMHealingHearts@gmail.com).

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

***IHM 2017-18 CONCERT SERIES***

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will hold the following concerts in 2018: **January 7**, Quorus—Male Vocal Ensemble; **March 11**, A Service of Evening Prayer for Lent; **April 22**, Emmet Cahill, Irish Tenor— from “Celtic Thunder”; **May 6**, The Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra and Tamara Volskaya’s Russian Trio. All concerts are free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received. The April 22 concert will be a ticketed event, open to the public. For more information, visit [www.immaculateheartofmary.com](http://www.immaculateheartofmary.com).

***JANUARY 7, 2018—4:00 P.M.: QUORUS-MALE VOCAL ENSEMBLE***

Quorus is a men’s chamber ensemble based in the Baltimore metropolitan area. Founded in 2014, Quorus strives to present choral music written for men’s voices at a high level of proficiency and musicality. It is a collaborative ensemble that relies on the input of all its members to present classical music to audiences in a new and innovative way in addition to providing encouragement for young men who love music. Immaculate Heart of Mary Church 8501 Loch Raven Boulevard, Towson, MD 21286 – 410-668-7935. Free and open to the public. (free-will offering will be taken).

***WANT TO GO TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.?***

When: Friday, **January 19, 2017**, Where: The National Mall, Washington D.C., Cost: \$10 donation; Children under 13 are free. \*\*\*Charter buses leaving from St. Philip Neri (SPN)\*\*\* Contact the Parish Office to reserve a seat at 410-859-0571, ext. 220. SPN’s Itinerary: 08:30am – Mass at St. Philip Neri 10:00am – buses depart SPN, Visit to Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 1:00pm - March begins; 5:00pm – Arrive back at SPN. Pray for an end to abortion!

***REBOOT! LIVE! FEATURING CHRIS STEFANICK***

Our Lady of the Fields, St. John the Evangelist, St. Andrew by the Bay, and St. Philip Neri Parishes will host “Reboot! Live!” featuring internationally acclaimed speaker, author, and TV host, Chris Stefanick, on Wednesday, **March 7** from 7-9:30 p.m. at Archbishop Spalding High School, 8080 New Cut Road, Severn. Tickets are \$22. For tickets, more information, call 410-451-6778 or [www.reallifecatholic.com/reboot](http://www.reallifecatholic.com/reboot).

***VALLIMAR JANSEN TO LEAD THE ST. JOHN, LONG GREEN VALLEY PARISH MISSION THIS SPRING***

Please join us as we welcome Vallimar Jansen, musician, story teller, catechist and inspirational speaker to St. John the Evangelist on **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** 2018 at 7 p.m. each night. Cost of the mission is \$10 pp per night or \$25 for all three nights. We also are offering a family deal for \$30 per family per night or \$75 for all three nights. Please contact Colleen Sisolak for more information and to reserve tickets: [youthministry@sjehydes.org](mailto:youthministry@sjehydes.org) or 410-592-6206 x 108.

**TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE APRIL 22, 2018 CONCERT FEATURING EMMET CAHILL FROM CELTIC THUNDER**

Concert time is 4:00pm (meet and greet VIP reception is 2:30pm) General admission is \$30. There are also special tickets that include a special in person meet and greet VIP reception with Emmet for an hour prior to the concert as well as preferred up front seating, these tickets are \$50 and include light refreshments. If you would like to purchase tickets you can go to:

<https://emmetcahilltours.ticketleap.com/emmet-cahill-live-in-towson-md/> or if you prefer you can purchase tickets directly from the parish and are available at the rectory (410-668-7935).

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, BALTIMORE, 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TOUR OF IRELAND**

Join St. Francis of Assisi Pastor, Msgr. William F. Burke, on a tour of Ireland from **October 8-19, 2018**. Log on to [www.patrickscustomtours.com](http://www.patrickscustomtours.com) and click "SFA 90th Year Celebration Tour" for more information and to sign up. You may also call 443-742-9021.

**SURVIVING DIVORCE**

The Divorce Recovery Ministry at St. Michael Catholic Church in Poplar Springs is offering an 11-week course, "Surviving Divorce," on Mondays at 7 p.m., facilitated by Irene Cochran. It is a DVD and discussion support group for the separated and divorced designed by Rose Sweet, author. It is not too late to sign up. Find peace, power, and passion; true healing in the fullness of faith. More information is available by emailing [stmhealinghearts@gmail.com](mailto:stmhealinghearts@gmail.com) or through facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicDivorceRecovery/posts/2043851159168001>.

**IS YOUR MARRIAGE GOING DOWN THE RIGHT ROAD...OR IS IT A LITTLE OFF TRACK?**

Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal. For confidential information about or to register for an upcoming program, please visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), call (443) 400-7017, or email: [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org)

**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 & LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM**

Listen to the Radio Mass of Baltimore on Sundays live at 9:03am and 6:03pm WCBM 680 AM. Following each airing of the Radio Mass is a locally-produced Catholic radio program, *Catholic Baltimore*, which features 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.

### **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://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs/clinic/initiatives/justadvice/index.html> 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. Father Raymond Harris is the EnCourage Spiritual Director. 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). Monsignor James Farmer is the Spiritual Director. He is available for confidential inquiries or conversations at 410-661-0732. E-mail: [Courage@archbalt.org](mailto:Courage@archbalt.org). Voice mail messages should include a first name and a private number to return the call.

**\*\*Archdiocesan Classifieds\*\***

**EMMITSBURG CATHOLIC SCHOOL SEEKS ENGLISH TEACHER**

Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, MD, has an immediate opening for a full-time middle school English teacher. Interested candidates may send resumes to: [principal@mothersetonschool.org](mailto:principal@mothersetonschool.org).

**CATHEDRAL NEEDS ASSOC. DIR. OF MUSIC**

The Associate Director of Music at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen will assist the Director of Music in enabling people of the Cathedral parish and school to express and recognize their faith through music. The Associate Director will have primary responsibility for the Contemporary Ensemble and will work with the Director to build a music program for children and youth. To apply or to learn more, see here: <http://www.cathedralofmary.org/staff/>