

****New Announcements****

ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Saturday, **December 9**, Bilingual Mass, 7:00pm, St. John Parish, 43 Monroe St, Westminster, MD 21157. Main celebrant: Archbishop Lori, Additional Info: 410-547-5363 hispanicministry@archbalt.org.

HEALING MASS

Catholic Community of Saint Francis Xavier, 12717 Cuba Road, Hunt Valley, will offer a Healing Mass on Sunday, **December 10** at 2pm. More information: www.sfxcityofgod.org or (410) 560-7192.

JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

On Tuesday, **December 12**, The BB&T Center for the Study of the Moral Foundations of Capitalism at Mount St. Mary's will host a workshop on organizational culture and performance for business leaders in the Frederick region. The workshop will be led by the nationally known Spitzer Center for Visionary Leadership. You can register on the website at BBT@msmary.edu or contact the Bolte School Directly at 301-447-5396. Please also feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding the event.

CHRISTMAS TRAINS, TOYS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Christmas Trains, Toys & Collectibles show at the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company in Brunswick, MD on **December 16** from 9am to 3pm. Unique Gifts for Purchase, Operating Model Train Layouts, Door Prizes, Raffles, Santa & Mrs. Claus arrive at 1:00pm. Adults & Children over 10 - \$3.00, Children under 10 free. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in uniform free.

CAPSTONE CHOIR PERFORMS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TOWSON

PLEASE JOIN US ~ Saturday, **December 16th** 6:30 pm, The Church of the Immaculate Conception, featuring ...The Capstone Choir, comprised of 21 talented local youth, directed by Ryan Ritzes, CHC '18. ALSO featuring The Calvert Hall Jazz Combo, Jillian Bauersfeld & Michael Clark and the The Hallmen Choir. Free will offering to benefit the Capstone Choir ~ ~ Complimentary refreshments provided after concert by Immaculate Conception's Hospitality Committee.

****Previous Announcements****

IHM 2017-18 CONCERT SERIES

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will hold the following concerts in 2017-18: **December 10**, The Christmas Quartet "Pops" Concert; **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.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is difficult for those dealing with the pain of separation and divorce. The Rebuilding ministry at St. Bernadette Parish will host "Surviving the Holidays" sessions, with the final scheduled for Sunday, **Dec 17**, 1:30-1:30pm (<https://www.divorcecare.org/holidays/events/25917>) in the parish Conference Room. These sessions will help separated and divorced individuals learn strategies to deal with the difficult holiday period. There is no need to be part of the Rebuilding group to participate. The

cost of the session is \$10 to cover your workbook. Contact us at Rebuildingsevern@gmail.com or [\(410\) 969-2793](tel:4109692793).

BEL AIR PARISH HOSTS ADVENT REFLECTION

St. Margaret Parish in Bel Air is hosting an Advent Evening of Reflection with Steve Angrisano, noted ministry leader and musician, on Monday, **December 18th** from 7-8:30 p.m.

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.

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 15th, 16th and 17th** 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 or 410-592-6206 x 108.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, BALTIMORE, 90TH 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 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 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, call [\(443\) 400-7017](tel:4434007017), or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

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 & LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

Listen to the Radio Mass of Baltimore on 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 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.

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.

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://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?

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. Monsignor James Farmer is the Spiritual Director. He is available for confidential inquiries or conversations at 410-661-0732. E-mail: 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.

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/>