

****New Announcements****

SOCIAL MINISTRY CONVOCATION—MARCH 3

39th Annual Social Ministry Convocation Saturday, **March 3**, 2018 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. MERCY HIGH SCHOOL, Northern Pkwy at Loch Raven Blvd. MERCY AND JUSTICE NOW. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Curtis Turner, St. Frances Academy Principal. Workshops, Exhibits, Lunch, Awards. Register now. \$15 Contact Dana Davenport at ddaenport@cc-md.org.

LENTEN MEDITATION RETREAT

St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church will hold a Lenten Meditation Retreat on Saturday, **March 3rd**, 2018 from 8:30AM-2PM. The retreat master, Fr. Jack Lombardi, will focus on meditation based upon his book, "Thirty-Three Breaths: A Little Book on Meditation." The retreat will begin with Holy Mass at St. Bartholomew's, 3071 Park Ave, Manchester, MD 21102. A registration fee of \$15.00 will cover the cost of breakfast, lunch, and Fr. Jack's book. To register, or for more information, please call the parish office at 410-239-8881.

COME AND SEE WEEKENDS TO BE HELD

The Sisters of Bon Secours are holding "Come and See Weekend" **March 16-18; July 13-15; October 5-7**, for those considering consecrated life as a Sister of Bon Secours. To register or for more information, <http://lifeasasisister.org/event-details/come-and-see-vocation-weekend>.

DR. ROBERT WICKS TALK AND BOOK SIGNING

Dr. Robert Wicks, Professor Emeritus at Loyola University Maryland, will offer a talk and book signing on his new book, "Night Call," which deals with embracing compassion and hope in a troubled world. This event will be held at St. Ignatius, Hickory, on Wednesday, **April 4** at 7pm. His previously published works from Oxford include "Perspective: The Calm within the Storm" and "Bounce: Living the Resilient Life." Dr. Wicks has served on the faculty of Bryn Mawr College's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. There is no charge for this event but registration is requested by calling 410-879-0959.

SINGLE AGAIN CONFERENCE

The Single Again Conference will take place Saturday, **April 28** at Our Lady of the Fields Church, Millersville. The Conference is a day of prayer, workshops and fellowship for separated, divorced, bereaved and remarried. More information at [facebook.com/singleagainministry](https://www.facebook.com/singleagainministry).

****Previous Announcements****

FEBRUARY 10—GIVEN: UNVEILING THE MEANING OF MARRIAGE

Engaging Speakers. Energizing Music. Real Conversations. For dating, married, and engaged couples. Featuring [Sarah Kroger](#) and Dom Quaglia, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM, St. Joseph Cockeysville. www.archbalt.org/marriage. Connect on [Facebook](#) at www.facebook.com/givenmarriage

AUTHOR OF CATHOLIC WEDDING PLANNING BOOK TO SPEAK

Stephanie Calis, author of "Invited: The Ultimate Catholic Wedding Planner" will speak about her book and participate in an informal conversation about topics ranging from marriage prep, Mass and reception planning, and thoughts on beauty, newlywed life, and Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body. She will sign

books after the talk, to be given on **February 11** from 3-4 p.m. at 339 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD. Visit www.setonshrine.org/events for more details.

SETON CENTER FREE WORKSHOPS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Seton Center's DePaul Dental Health Club offers FREE workshops to help all in our community maintain a healthy mouth and prevent future issues. Whether you have natural teeth or dentures, oral health is important. The workshops are held at their location of 16840 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg MD. Registration is REQUIRED calling Sister Roberta Treppa at 301.447.6102 x 20 or completing the registration form on their web site at <http://www.setoncenter.org/our-programs/depaul-dental/>; **February 13** from 1:30-3:00 PM – Eating Well Despite Dental Issues Deborah Rhodes from the University of Maryland Extension Office will share tips on nutrition and eating healthy no matter how many teeth you may be missing. ; **February 13** from 5:30-7 PM – Spending Less, Eating Better Are your grocery costs a bit scary? Does it seem like you're getting less for your money? Debbie Rhoads from the University of Maryland Extension Office of Frederick County will offer ways to spend less while still eating well. Seton Center, Inc.'s Build Your Resources program offers FREE, relevant, monthly resource workshops available to the entire community, regardless of income level. The workshops are held at their location of 16840 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg MD 21727. Registration is REQUIRED by calling Kelly Mays at 301.447.6102 x 17 or completing the registration form on their web site at <http://www.setoncenter.org/our-programs/build-your-resources/>.

2ND ANNUAL "HOLY FAMILY CELEBRATION" AT THE SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE

Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Holy Family Celebration on Saturday, **February 17** from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day celebration will feature an inspiring talk for couples by nationally recognized writer and speaker Msgr. Charles Pope, Mass and Consecration to the Holy Family, and fun catechesis for children and teens. The day will conclude with a family style meal and entertainment. The cost of attendance is \$15 per couple and \$30 for a family of three or more, which includes a meal after Mass. To register please visit: www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the DC State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and the Saint John Paul II National Shrine.

BALTIMORE BLAST ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE NIGHT

On **Saturday, February 24, 2018** the Baltimore Blast will be hosting an Archdiocese Family Night for all schools and parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. There will be a meet and greet with Blast players before the game, along with a parade of parishes and schools in attendance. Archbishop Lori will also be present to do the "first kick" of the game. This is a great opportunity for Catholic parishes and schools from around the Archdiocese to come together for a night of family fun. Contact the parish office for information about tickets.

POLICE OFFICERS APPRECIATION MASS

An Appreciation Mass in honor of Baltimore City Police Officers will be held at St. Casimir's Church on Sunday, **March 4, 2018** at 10:00 a.m. All police officers, family and friends are invited to the Mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Lori. For more information, contact bmore21222@aol.com or cjHUDSON11@verizon.net.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY, ELDERSBURG, HOSTS PARISH RETREAT

Father Joe Lacey, S.J. will lead a parish retreat at Saint Joseph Catholic Community in Eldersburg, MD. His "Introduction to Ignatian Exercises" will be offered, **March 5 – 8, 2018**. Father Joe will present the Principle and Foundation of Saint Ignatius and reflections on Grace and Sin during the weekend homilies at all Masses on March 3 and 4. For the remainder of the Retreat, Father Joe will lead four evening presentations on

Monday (March 5), Tuesday (March 6), Wednesday (March 7), and Thursday (March 8). He will invite the community to pray on the Life of Christ; The suffering of Jesus; The Resurrection and The contemplation to obtain Divine Love. Admission is free, but free will offerings are welcomed. For more information, please visit: saintjoseph.cc, Phone: 443-920-9191, Email: parishoffice@saintjoseph.cc.

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.

EX-GANGSTER TURNED EVANGELIST TO SPEAK AT THE BASILICA

John Pridmore, a former paid enforcer in London, presents “From Gangland to the Promised Land,” at the Baltimore Basilica on **March 8th** at 7pm. Pridmore, ex-gangster turned evangelist, has inspired millions with his life-changing story. His talk is part of the Basilica Speaker Series. For more information visit www.americasfirstcathedral.org.

ATTENTION ALL MEN OF THE PARISH

Registration Now Open, *THE 21st ANNUAL CONFERENCE CATHOLIC MEN’S FELLOWSHIP OF MARYLAND*. Theme: *Hail, Holy Queen – Knighted by Mary*. Date: Saturday, **March 10, 2018**. Time: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Main Location: St. Philip Neri Parish, Linthicum Heights (Anne Arundel County); Satellite Event: Live Video Streaming to the Mission of St. Mary Magdalen of St. Margaret Parish, Bel Air (Harford County). Featured Presenters:

- *Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC*
- *Mark Teixeira – former MLB All-Star*
- *Attorney Hugo Alfaro – Hispanic Breakout Session*

Closing Mass with Archbishop William Lori, Celebrant. *Online registration through Eventbrite*. For more details and to register, go to www.catholicmenofmaryland.eventbrite.com. Space is limited; register today!

IHM 2017-18 CONCERT SERIES

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish will hold the following concerts in 2018: **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.

MARCH 17—GIVEN: UNVEILING THE MEANING OF MARRIAGE

Engaging Speakers. Energizing Music. Real Conversations. Breakouts Include: Couple Spirituality, Finance, and Communication. For dating, married, and engaged couples. Featuring [Bob Rice](#) with music by [Rev. Frankie Revell](#). 9:00 AM-2:30 PM, Bishop Walsh HS—Cumberland, MD. www.archbalt.org/marriage. Connect on [Facebook](#) at www.facebook.com/givenmarriage.

PARISHES THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE OFFER SACRAMENT OF PENANCE ON MARCH 19

The Archdiocese of Baltimore will once again host a day of reconciliation on **March 19th**. Parishes throughout the Archdiocese will hear confessions on the same day in an effort to call attention to the gift of God’s mercy, as offered to us through the Sacrament of Penance. Experience His love and mercy this Lent. Contact your parish for available times or visit www.archbalt.org for a list of parishes and confession times.

MARK D. PACIONE FOUNDATION 5K RUN AND WALK

The Mark D. Pacione Foundation will sponsor a 5K Run and Walk on **April 14, 2018** at DeJon Vineyard in Hydes, Maryland. The event starts at 9:30 and the wine tasting begins at 12 noon. Come for a day of racing, walking, a kid's event, and a complimentary wine tasting to wrap up the day. Proceeds will fund grants provided by the Foundation to support youth ministry in Baltimore and around the country. Just minutes from the Towson area, DeJon Vineyard is a beautiful hidden gem with gorgeous grounds for running or walking. Not so much a runner or walker? Register as a silent hero to get access for the day, an "On Your Mark" t-shirt and the wine-tasting. Every run needs a group to cheer. The inaugural "On Your Mark" is open to those of all ages. Wine tasting is limited to those 21 and over. For more information or to register, visit <https://pacionefoundation.com/run/>.

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.

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, 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.

BE AN AMERICA'S 1ST CATHEDRAL TOUR GUIDE: AN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Basilica/Cathedral of the Assumption has a rich 200+ year history in the Catholic Church in the United States. Thousands of visitors have experienced the subdued yet powerful sacredness of this Benjamin Latrobe designed cathedral, America's First Cathedral. Since the restoration and reopening in 2006, America's First Cathedral tour guides have selflessly contributed to sharing that amazing story with thousands of visitors. Today, our tour guides continue to be that welcoming and knowledgeable presence representing America's First Cathedral, greeting the thousands of visitors, pilgrims and school tours. So that this important service may continue, the Basilica/Cathedral is in need of additional volunteer tour guides interested in learning and sharing this message of Catholic and American history, Catholic faith and timeless architecture. Training, shadowing and copies of valuable historical documentation, will be offered to all qualified volunteers. If you are interested or require additional information, please contact the parish office at: 410-727-3564x220, or email bob.reier@archbalt.org.

BABY, MATERNITY CLOTHES NEEDED

Mary's Home in Maryland, which assists women in crisis pregnancies who wish to carry their babies to term, has a client family with an urgent need for clothing and toddler boy diapers. The following are needed: boys and girls size 5 clothes, girls size 6 pants and tops size 6/small for kids, size large maternity clothing and size 8-8.5 women's shoes. Those wishing to help may contact the center at www.maryshomemaryland.org.

HEALTH INSURANCE OR MEDICAID QUESTIONS

Seton Center, Inc. continues to offer healthcare enrollments at their site, 16840 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg MD each Wednesday from 9:30 AM to 4 PM through their partnership with HEALTHCARE ACCESS MARYLAND. Have you experienced a change in your household, recently moved, or just want to know about possible coverage options? If so, a certified staff member is available to assist you in applying for health coverage, and you may be eligible for free or reduced coverage options. Medicaid enrollments and renewals are available year-round. They can also help to understand coverages and provide information on accessing care. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 410-500-4710 or visit www.hcamaryland.org.

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?

The holidays can be a very stressful time for many couples. 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, 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 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.

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.mdcon.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****

COORDINATOR OF FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT SOUGHT

The Catholic High School of Baltimore, a Franciscan sponsored secondary school, is seeking a dynamic candidate for Coordinator of Fundraising and Development. This high-impact, high-visibility, multi-faceted and hands-on role manages special events and annual giving efforts. Major responsibilities include event planning, volunteer management, campaign management, and marketing efforts. Requirements include a BA degree, excellent interpersonal communication skills, organizational skills, multi-tasking skills, and computer knowledge including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher. The successful candidate will be capable of working well in a fast-paced job field and must be willing to work flexible hours (some nights and weekends). Event planning experience is preferred.

To apply, please send letter of interest, resume, salary requirements and three references to Mrs. Beth Frevel, Assistant to the President, The Catholic High School of Baltimore, 2800 Edison Highway, Baltimore, MD 21213, or email bfrevel@thecatholichighschool.org. No phone messages please.