

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

***PAIN MEDICINE AND PALLIATIVE CARE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE IN END OF LIFE CANCER CARE***

**March 24, 2018**, 10AM, Saints Philip and James Church Hall, 2801 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21218. Pain Medicine and Palliative Care as an Alternative to Physician-Assisted Suicide in End-of-Life Cancer Care  
Speaker: Dr. Michael Erdek, MD. Associate Professor, JHUSOM, Dept. of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, Division of Pain Medicine, and Department of Oncology. Sponsored by the Baltimore Guild--Catholic Medical Association (BG-CMA). Presentation preceded by Mass (8AM), light refreshments and fellowship/meeting. This activity is open to healthcare professionals, patients/families/caregivers, and the interested public. RSVP: Christine at [info@bg-cma.org](mailto:info@bg-cma.org). For details, see website: [www.bg-cma.org](http://www.bg-cma.org).

***SISTER HELEN PREJEAN LECTURE AT LOYOLA U: DEAD MAN WALKING; THE JOURNEY CONTINUES***

Loyola University Maryland welcomes Sister Helen Prejean on Monday, **March 26**, at 7 p.m. in McGuire Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Sister Helen Prejean is known around the world for her tireless work against the death penalty. She has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on capital punishment and in shaping the Catholic Church's newly vigorous opposition to all executions. She is the author of *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States*, which has ignited a national debate on capital punishment and it inspired an Academy Award winning movie, a play, and an opera.

***DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY HOST "COME AND SEE" WEEKEND***

The Daughters of Charity are offering a "Come and See" vocation retreat weekend **April 6-8, 2018**. Single Catholic women ages 18-40 interested in a vocation as a Sister are invited to attend. The retreat will be held at the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD. If interested please contact: Sr. Regina Hlavac, D.C., Vocation Director, 410-646-2074, [dvcvoc@doc.org](mailto:dvcvoc@doc.org), or register at <http://called2.be/CASEApr18>

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

***COME AND SEE WEEKEND***

Come and See Vocation Weekend for single Catholic women to learn more about religious life and experience the life of the Sisters of Bon Secours. Included are discussions, reflection, liturgy, relaxation, sharing and a one-on-one conversation. DATES: **March 16-18, 2018 July 13-15 2018 and October 5-7, 2018**. ARRIVAL: Friday, 5:00 pm [6 PM supper] DEPARTURE: Sunday, 1:00 pm (after mass). PLACE: Sisters of Bon Secours, 1525 Marriottsville Road, Marriottsville, Maryland 21104. (Near Baltimore). REGISTER: <http://lifeasasister.org/event-registration/> or call 410-442-3171. CHARGE: NONE. REGISTRATION: Deadline: March 9, July 6, Sept. 28. CONTACT: Sr. Pat Dowling, CBS, Vocation Director 410-442-3171 [CBSVocations@bshsi.org](mailto:CBSVocations@bshsi.org).

***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](http://www.archbalt.org/marriage). Connect on [Facebook](#) at [www.facebook.com/givenmarriage](http://www.facebook.com/givenmarriage).

***PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND***

Immaculate Heart of Mary and Fr. Michael Carrion are sponsoring a trip to Ireland, October 9 to 17, 2018. Included is Airfare, lodging, touring, all breakfasts and most dinners. There will be an Informational Travel

Presentation at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Towson on Sunday, **March 18<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30pm. For more information, please contact Fr. Michael Carrion, at 410-668-7935, ext. 203 or Judy Warsaw at 410-494-1414.

**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 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://www.archbalt.org) for a list of parishes and confession times.

**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.

**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 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.

**TEACHING THE COMPATIBILITY OF SCIENCE AND RELIGION**

Catholic high school teachers and parish catechists are invited to a professional development day titled "Science and Religion: The Myth of Conflict" on Thursday, **April 19**. The Science & Religion Initiative at the University of Notre Dame's McGrath Institute for Church Life will conduct this "Institute Day" of talks and discussions, offering a Notre Dame certificate to qualified participants from the diocese. Keynote speaker is Dr. Stephen Barr, president of the Society of Catholic Scientists; other experts in science and religion education will offer insights for exploring the religion-science relationship with others. Location: Saint John's Catholic Prep, 3989 Buckeystown Pike, Buckeystown, MD. Registration is free before April 9. Visit [the website](#), contact [scire-ini@nd.edu](mailto:scire-ini@nd.edu) or phone 574-631-1379.

**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).

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

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

### ***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://facebook.com/singleagainministry).

### ***HAITI MISSION TRIP FOR VOLUNTEERS AGES 16-20***

The Missions Office of the Archdiocese is once again sponsoring a trip to Haiti to serve the poor in our partner diocese of Gonaives. We are looking for volunteers between the ages of 16-20 to participate in this trip. The trip will take place **July 1-7, 2018** and those who are interested can download an application and more information at [www.archbalt.org/missions](http://www.archbalt.org/missions). The application must be completed and received by April 12, 2018. Email [missions@archbalt.org](mailto:missions@archbalt.org) or call 410-547-5498 with questions!

### ***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.

### ***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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](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?**

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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), call [\(443\) 400-7017](tel:4434007017), 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.md cathcon.org/comfort](http://www.md cathcon.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. To learn more about Courage in Baltimore, visit <https://www.archbalt.org/courage/> or email [courage@archbalt.org](mailto:courage@archbalt.org).

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