

****New Announcements****

DOMESTIC CHURCH DAY: PARENTING IN THE MODERN WORLD

Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day on Saturday, **May 5**, from 1:00 ??? 6:00 PM at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day family retreat will feature a talk by Catholic psychologist Dr. Lisa Klewicki, on "Parenting in the Modern World: Balancing Bonding and Boundaries." The retreat will also include fun catechesis for children and teens, a Sunday Vigil Mass, and Cinco-de-Mayo themed family games and food (a substantial snack, but not a full meal). The cost of attendance is \$20 per family and \$10 per couple. Parking is free. To register please visit www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com

SPIRIT INFUSED EVANGELIZATION

On Saturday, May **12th**, seminarian Jim Bors and Dr Bob Sawyer will give presentations and opportunities to practice approaching people with Jesus in mind. Jim will speak on "The Art of Leading People to Convert Themselves to Jesus Christ", and Bob on "Non-traditional Approaches to Evangelization". Christ the King Church, 1102 Hart Road, Towson, 21286, from 9:30 am till 2ish. Brown bag lunch, drinks provided. No charge, free will offering for Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Archdiocese. Information: The Sawyers 410-308-8962.

SUMMER CAMPS AT CATHOLIC HIGH

Register now for Summer Camps at Catholic High – Camps offered in science, arts, and athletics for middle school girls. Visit www.thecatholichighschool.org for more details!

****Previous Announcements****

INTRODUCTION TO THE PRACTICE OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PROGRAM

Have you ever considered serving as a spiritual director? The Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center is proud to offer the 2nd group of the "Introduction to the Practice of Spiritual Direction" program, beginning with the first week on **May 20-25**. This program offers three one-week sessions over the course of a year and provides an introduction and overview of this special ministry in the Christian tradition. It is led by Kathleen Hope Brown, D.Min, and Sr. Bernadette Claps, CBS with guest lecturers. For more information, please visit <https://rccbonsecours.com/event/introduction-practice-spiritual-direction/> or call 410-442-3120. There is also a commuter option available. Please visit <https://rccbonsecours.com/event/introduction-practice-spiritual-direction-commuter-option-2/> for this day option.

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES 24TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th Street & Michigan Avenue, NE Washington, D.C. 20017-1566. **Sunday, 20 May 2018**, 4:30 pm honoring the men and women of the Armed Forces. Principal Celebrant and Homilist. The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop. Parking is limited. Carpooling advised. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform Dress: Civilian-Business Attire Military-Service Dress. To request seating or to obtain additional information, please visit: <https://www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/laity-registration/>

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. The application must be completed and received by April 12, 2018. Email missions@archbalt.org or call 410-547-5498 with questions!

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.

REFLECTIONS OF ITALY TOUR, OCTOBER 10-19, 2018

Join us as we revel in the magic of Italy on this tour that explores the cities of Rome, Florence, Siena, Venice, Assisi, Perugia and Milan. A special trip is planned to Vatican City where we will tour the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica. Contact Donna Binney @ 240-437-3661 or dbinney@smpschurch for more information.

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.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

DONATION RESOURCE CENTER—Audrey Rogers, Donation Coordinator (processing donations and pick-ups) The Resource Exchange, A ministry project of St. Vincent de Paul Church, 410-657-5874, resource-exchange@stvchurch.org.

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.

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