

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

### ***SINGLE AGAIN MINISTRY EVENTS***

The Single Again Ministry –for singles, separated, divorced, widowed and remarried—is hosting two upcoming events: Friday, **December 14**, Night of Games & Fellowship, 7-10 pm, St. John the Evangelist Parish in Severna Park; Saturday, **January 12**, Meet and Greet, 3-5pm before 5:30 pm Mass, St. John Neumann Parish in Annapolis. For more information, [ministry4single@gmail.com](mailto:ministry4single@gmail.com) or 410-206-1156.

### ***FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS CONCERT***

Saint Joseph Catholic Community invites the south Carroll Community to their 4th Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols Concert to be held on Friday, **December 14**, 2018 at 7 pm. The Festival is an Advent/Christmas concert based on the service of the same name first performed at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England in 1918. Members of Saint Joseph Music Ministry, including the Adult Choir, the Children's Choir, the Hand Bell Choir, the Schola Cantorum, the Contemporary Ensemble, vocal and instrumental soloists, under the direction of Mr. Lyle Peters, the Pastoral Associate of Liturgy and Music, will offer an opportunity to enter into the spirit of the Christmas season. The evening will include Congregational Caroling, Advent and Christmas Scripture readings and reflections. Special guests will include members of the Baltimore String Quartet. Mr. Peters encourages all to "Invite your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy this wonderful way to focus your hearts and minds on the real reason for the season". Admission is free. However, a free will offering will be taken with the proceeds to support the SJCC Music Ministries. Saint Joseph's is located at 915 Liberty Road in Eldersburg, Md. For more information: 443-920-9191.

### ***ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION***

Christ Our Light! Christ Our Hope! Christ Our Healer! Advent Day of Reflection, **December 15**, 2018, 1:30— 5 p.m. Vigil Mass @ St. Michael Church, Fellowship Hall, Poplar Springs. **\*\*\*FREE\*\*\*** Praise and Worship Music, Inspirational Talks, Guided Prayer, Adoration, and Reflection. Give yourself the gift of connecting with the reason for the season. The peace you gain is a gift to everyone you meet! Kindly R.S.V.P. by Dec 7 via <http://evite.me/4RC2nFrBDE>.

### ***LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL MASS***

The Most Reverend William E. Lori cordially invites you to the Life is Beautiful Mass and Reception, the Archdiocese of Baltimore's Annual Respect Life Mass and Reception on Sunday, **January 13, 2019** at 10:45 am at the Basilica of the Assumption (409 Cathedral St. Baltimore, MD 21201). At the Mass, celebrated by the Most Rev. William E. Lori, two awardees are recognized for their outstanding pro-life work and witness with the Life is Beautiful and Culture of Life awards. Pilgrims to the March for Life receive an episcopal blessing at the end of the Mass. A reception follows, where our guest speakers will give a dynamic talk while our guests enjoy a meal with family and friends. This year's guest speakers will be the The Sisters of Life ([www.sistersoflife.org](http://www.sistersoflife.org)). Please RSVP by January 10th at [www.archbalt.org/respect-life/life-is-beautiful](http://www.archbalt.org/respect-life/life-is-beautiful).

### ***UNIQUE FROM DAY ONE—PRO LIFE IS PRO SCIENCE***

Join hundreds of pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Baltimore at the National March for Life in DC. The March for Life is the largest human rights demonstration in the world. This year's theme is 'Unique from Day One: Pro-life is Pro-Science'. If you are interested in being part of the March for Life, please check out our website: [www.archbalt.org/respect-life/march-for-life](http://www.archbalt.org/respect-life/march-for-life) or contact the Office of Respect Life for more details: 410-547-5537 or [life@archbalt.org](mailto:life@archbalt.org). "America...the ultimate test of your greatness is the way that you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless..." – St. John Paul II.

### **FREDERICK AREA SINGLE CATHOLICS 21+ MEETUP**

Catholic? Single? Let's get together for fun and games. Meet other singles near you! Come to a Singles Night and meet other singles for fun, friendship...and maybe more! Must be 21 or over. Enjoy some great food, & drinks while you hang out, watch TV or head to the game room for some cards or board games with other singles. Bring a deck of cards or board game to share if you like, or just show up and we have games there too. Every 3rd Monday Night at Orioles Nest at 1037 W Patrick Street, Frederick MD 21702 - Located on the back side of the mall. Visit: <https://www.meetup.com/Frederick-Singles-Game-Night/events/254537550/>.

### **HELP OUR MARRIAGE**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 1-3, 2019, please visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), call (443) 400-7017, or email: [3015@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@retrouvaille.org)

### **IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE DIACONATE?**

As the Church strives to hear God's call to "feed his sheep", the deacon's identity reminds and encourages the entire Church to engage in the works of mercy, both spiritual and corporal. The Archdiocese of Baltimore is currently hosting information sessions for gentlemen interested in learning more about the role of the deacon and process of applying. Even if you doubt that you have a vocation to the diaconate, but have a family member, another parishioner, or a deacon or priest who has encouraged you to think about the diaconate, come learn more. Please help the formation team by registering with Kristine Arata, [Kristine.Arata@archbalt.org](mailto:Kristine.Arata@archbalt.org). Applications are only available to those who attend an information session, or after special consideration with a member of the formation team: Fr. Mike Triplett ([mtriplett@archbalt.org](mailto:mtriplett@archbalt.org)), Deacon Larry Matheny ([lmatheny@e-stignatius.org](mailto:lmatheny@e-stignatius.org)), Deacon Marty Wolf ([mwolf@stmargaret.org](mailto:mwolf@stmargaret.org)) and Deacon Scott Lancaster ([slancaster1@stlouis.org](mailto:slancaster1@stlouis.org)).  
Wednesday, **December 12**, 6:30pm, St. Ursula: 8801 Harford Road, Parkville, Maryland 21234;  
Wednesday, **January 9**, 6:30pm, St. Ambrose (St. Augustine Hall): 4502 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215; Tuesday, **January 29**, 6:30pm, Christ the King (Holy Trinity Hall): 7436 B & A Blvd, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061; Saturday, **March 2**, 10am, St. Mary's Seminary & University: 5400 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

### **READY TO BEGIN GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL STUDIES?**

St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute is enrolling new students now! You can visit our website to read the full spring course listing, or preview a few spring courses: Taize: Community, Spirituality, Theology (January Intensive); Law in the Jewish and Christian Traditions; CONNECT: Faith, Health & Medicine\*

*For more information on how to apply to the EI, contact Patty Rath (410.864.4202).*

\*The CONNECT program is a 12-credit graduate theological certificate program for doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals; chaplains, pastors, and other ministers; and everyone concerned with the challenges of integrating faith and health.

\*\*Previous Announcements\*\*

### **NATIONAL VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR HISPANIC WOMEN**

Hispanic women (ages 21-40) who are discerning the call to religious life are invited to a national vocation discernment retreat. It will be offered in English and Spanish and will take place at the Hilton Airport Hotel in San Antonio, TX, **March 7-9, 2019**. The cost is \$30 and includes the retreat, lodging, and meals. Online registration at [www.nationalcatholicsistersproject.org](http://www.nationalcatholicsistersproject.org).

***HOLY INNOCENTS: MINISTRY TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED MISCARRIAGE, A CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY OF BURYING THE DEAD***

If you or someone you know is miscarrying or has miscarried and is in need of advice, spiritual support, a home visit, and/or burial and memorial, then please contact us at our helpline 410-547-3142 or [holyinnocents@archbalt.org](mailto:holyinnocents@archbalt.org). Holy Innocents is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, run by the Offices of Cemetery Management and Respect Life. For more information, visit: [www.holyinnocentsbaltimore.org](http://www.holyinnocentsbaltimore.org).

***FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE***

Seton Center, Inc.'s DePaul Dental Health Club and Build Your Resource workshop programs offer FREE learning opportunities open to the entire community. Stay tuned, check out their web site ([www.setoncenterinc.org](http://www.setoncenterinc.org)) or "Like" and follow their Outreach Office Facebook page for updates.

***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).

***VISITORS CENTER ASSOCIATE SOUGHT BY CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SITE***

St. Mary's at Paca Street, the site of the nation's first Roman Catholic seminary (1791) and home of the Historic Seminary Chapel (1808) and Mother Seton House (1808) is looking for a weekday Visitor Center Associate. Position is Monday – Friday, 12:00 – 3:30 pm. Associate will offer tours to walk-in visitors, assist with groups who book the site for day retreats or meetings, add historical facts and develop our internet presence, manage the gift shop, and oversee weekday tour operations. Ideal candidate has a passion for Catholic/post-Colonial American history, is personable, and likes to speak in front of crowds. Resumes and cover letters should be directed to: St. Mary's Spiritual Center & Historic Site, Inc., 600 N. Paca Street, Baltimore, MD 21211 or [info@stmaryspacast.org](mailto:info@stmaryspacast.org). Inquires: (410) 728-6464.

***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>.

### **HELP OUR MARRIAGE**

Many marriages experience four stages: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced "retro-vie" with a long "i"). For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 14-16, 2018, 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 41-625-8491

**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](mailto: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](mailto:courage@archbalt.org).

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

**PARISH SEEKS MUSIC/CHOIR DIRECTOR**

The Catholic Community of St. Francis Xavier, Hunt Valley, Ms. is seeking a Music/Choir director to serve our vibrant parish. It is a very welcoming community that centers the life of the parish around the Eucharist. The Mass schedule is Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. The choir sings at either the 9 or 11 a.m. Mass from the weekend after Labor Day to Corpus Christi. The position is part-time with a salary commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the candidate. The director is responsible for planning the weekend music and other liturgical celebrations, as well as weekly choir/cantor rehearsal. The starting date is mid October. A full job description is available upon request. Please send a cover letter and resume to Rev. Frank J. Brauer, 13717 Cuba Rd., Hunt Valley, Md. 21030.

**ARCHDIOCESAN PART-TIME COORDINATOR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY SOUGHT**

The Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is hiring a part-time, non-benefits position of 19hr/week to Coordinate Ministry for Middle School age young people and their families. This position will work closely with Catholic Schools to build the faith and discipleship of early adolescents. As a member of the team of the Division of Youth and Young Adults this person will also work collaboratively with the other members of the team. Responsibilities will include building relationships with Catholic school leadership, overseeing the annual "Rise Up" Middle School day, and encouraging family based ministry. To apply or with further questions contact Craig Gould, Director of the Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at [craig.gould@archbalt.org](mailto:craig.gould@archbalt.org) and include a cover letter and resume.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY INNOCENTS: MINISTRY TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED MISCARRIAGE, A CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY OF BURYING THE DEAD**

The Offices of Cemetery Management and Respect Life are growing a ministry called Holy Innocents ([www.holyinnocentsbaltimore.org](http://www.holyinnocentsbaltimore.org)). Holy Innocents is a ministry for families who have experienced a miscarriage. We offer home visits to the family, burial and memorial services, advice on what to do in the case of a miscarriage, and spiritual and emotional support. If you are interested in being a volunteer with this ministry, please feel free to contact us at [holyinnocents@archbalt.org](mailto:holyinnocents@archbalt.org) or at 410-547-3142. No special skills required. Volunteers will receive training for their role.