

****New Announcements****

END OF LIFE PLANNING SEMINARS

St. Francis-St. Mary & Holy Family Parishes are hosting a series of seminars on end of life planning. Each presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. Light refreshments will be served. To register for one or more of the seminars, please call 301-473-4800. Seminars will take place **Jan. 31, Feb. 28 and March 28** between 5-6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Community, 7321 Burkittsville Rd., Middletown, MD.

ARMY FIELD BAND SOLDIERS CHORUS CONCERT

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Concert Series presents The U.S. Army Field Band Soldiers Chorus in concert on Sunday, **February 10**, 2019 at 4:00pm This program features a variety of music, both a cappella and accompanied, showcasing the versatility of the group" Vocal jazz, stirring Latin tunes, beloved Americana selections, and patriotic favorites including performances by some of the small ensembles in the Soldiers' Chorus. The concert is free and open to the public. The church is located at 8501 Loch Raven Boulevard, Towson, MD 21286 for more information 410-668-7935 or www.immaculateheartofmary.com.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

You are cordially invited to attend the annual "World Day of the Sick" Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday **February 10**, 2019 at 10:45am. Those who are ill, their caretakers, physicians, and anyone involved in the healthcare professions is especially invited to attend. This Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Lori. Members of the Order of Malta will participate in this service and will distribute water from the grotto at Lourdes to those in attendance. Immediately following the Mass a blessing will be imparted on anyone who is ill. The sacrament of the *Anointing of the Sick* will also be available to those who are in danger of death due to illness or old age. A luncheon and presentation by Dr. Jacek Mostwin (A Knight of the Order of Malta) will follow in Archbishop Borders Hall across the street at the Catholic center (320 Cathedral Street). There is limited seating available for the luncheon and presentation and will be available on a first come first serve basis. Those interested in attending the luncheon and presentation is asked to send a RSVP to mariealberte1115@gmail.com no later than February 1, 2019.

RETREAT

Interested in a retreat in the midst of winter? Sign up for The Road to Emmaus: Encountering Christ in Day-to Day Life! Sunday, **February 10** from 9am to 5pm, followed by Mass and a social, at Our Lady of Good Counsel (Catholic Community of South Baltimore). Open to all! Join a fun, action packed day with young adults (20s & 30s) who are looking to develop and deepen Christian friendships and explore ways to find and live the mission of the Catholic Church. There will be talks centered on encountering Christ in day-to-day life, a service project, and lots of great fellowship. Don't miss out! Learn more or sign up here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUbaF4IYP6bPBvb2P3XW1mMeNrDZWrfCNUbBHCJMDLHzAUkg/viewform>. Questions? Contact Beth Mayr at elizabethkmayr@gmail.com. See you at the retreat!

SEEK JUSTICE...WIN PEACE!

Plan now to attend the 40th annual Social Ministry Convocation, Saturday, **March 2**, 2019, 8am-3pm, Mercy High School, Northern Parkway at Loch Raven Blvd, Baltimore. Keynote speaker: Ana Grande, Organizing Director, Msgr. Oscar Romero Center, Los Angeles. 12 workshops. Come to the Fair, Exhibits.

\$15 registration includes lunch. For more information and registration: Ryan Sattler, [443-275-1180](tel:443-275-1180)/ryan_sattler@comcast.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY

The Carmelite Monastery, located at 1318 Dulaney Valley Road in Towson, is hosting the following events: Discernment Weekend Retreat for single women ages 18-40 on **February 22-25**; Contemplative Stations of the Cross on Saturday, **March 30** at 2pm; and Contemplative Prayer for Young Adults ages 18-40 at 7pm on **February 5, March 4, April 2 and May 7**. For more information, visit baltimorecarmel.org.

HEALING MASS

Healing Mass at Catholic Community of St Francis Xavier, 13717 Cuba Road, Hunt Valley, MD on Sunday, **March 10** at 2 PM. During Mass the Sacrament of Healing of the Sick is administered to those who request. Individual prayer afterward available with prayer teams from the City of God Prayer Group. A witness speaker will tell of God's healing goodness. Information: **Phone:** 443-668-4626, sleventis@verizon.net.

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL GALA

Mother Seton School Home and School Association invites you to our Gala in the Garden, a night of fine dining, games, and auction to support Catholic education at MSS! **March 23, 2019**, 5:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. at The Links at Gettysburg. Early Bird pricing available through Jan 19th! \$45/person or \$350/table of 8. Sponsorships and auction donations also available. Contact Donna at jefsoa@msn.com for more information and to reserve your tickets.

FR. LEO PATALINGHUG PRESENTS "A FEAST FOR YOUR SOUL: FEEDING OUR SOULS SO THAT WE CAN FEED OTHERS"

Friday, March 8 – Sunday, March 10

The Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center is excited to host Fr. Leo Patalinghug, of Plating Grace, for a Lenten retreat weekend. During this retreat, guests will learn how to celebrate their faith in this modern world. Fr. Leo will explain theology so that it's understandable, in a bite-sizeable way. This information will satisfy the inner cravings of the heart! The retreat includes presentations, cooking demonstrations, evening prayer, Mass on Saturday & Sunday, personal reflection time, group dialogue, book signing opportunities and more. Please click here for the retreat option with lodging: <https://rccbbonsecours.com/event/fr-leo-patalinghug-retreat/> and click here for the commuter option: <https://rccbbonsecours.com/event/fr-leo-patalinghug-lenten-retreat-commuter-option/> To learn more about Fr. Leo, please click here: <https://fatherleofeeds.com/> Register soon! This retreat will fill up quickly!

LENTEN MISSION & CONCERT WITH THE VIGIL PROJECT

Wednesday, March 20 & Thursday **March 21, 2019** – 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Featuring Greg Boudreaux and Andrea Thomas. Sharing faith through music, Friday, **March 22** - 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Concert featuring the entire group of the Vigil Project. The Vigil Project is a community of artists that collaborates to share faith through prayer and music leading us to encounter God. "We firmly believe that the Mystery of God's love is inexhaustible. The experiences we touch upon in our creative expressions of music is meant to draw us beyond to call us deeper into relationship with God. Our live events, or "Vigil Nights," are simply an opportunity to gather the Church at SJCC to pray, to worship, and to journey more deeply into the heart of God." www.thevigilproject.com The event, including the concert will be FREE though a Free Will Offering will be taken during the event. Reception to follow each evening. Saint Joseph

Catholic Community , 915 Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD. For more information:
www.saintjoseph.cc/church/vigilproject2019. Parish Office: 443-920-9191

INTRODUCTION TO THE PRACTICE OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Group 3 begins **November 3, 2019**

Presented by Sr. Bernadette Claps, CBS and Kathy Brown, D.Min.

The Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center will begin the third group of this spiritual direction intensive next November. The program consists of three week-long sessions over the course of a year. It will provide a deeper foundation for understanding and engaging in the practice of spiritual direction in the Christian tradition. It is intended to enhance the students' understanding of the spiritual life, with attention given to developing the basic skills required for this ministry. If you have ever considered the ministry of spiritual direction, we invite you to explore by contacting Jennifer Murphy, Manager of Retreat Services, at 410-442-3146 or Jennifer_Murphy@RCCBonSecours.com to request a brochure.

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY JOB OPENING

Payroll and Benefits Administrator, St. Mary's Seminary & University, Fulltime (40 hours/week, Exempt Position). St. Mary's Seminary & University, seeks a professional with experience in payroll and benefits. Reporting to the Vice President for Finance the Payroll and Benefits Administrator manages payroll/benefits for 50-100 employees, is responsible for cash receipts, general ledger and all university cashier functions. <http://www.stmarys.edu/seminary/welcome-to-st-marys/job-opportunities/>. About St. Mary's Seminary & University: St. Mary's Seminary & University, America's first Catholic seminary is located in the Roland Park neighborhood of Baltimore. The position includes generous benefit and compensation package commensurate with experience. Successful candidates will be subject to a pre-employment background check. St. Mary's Seminary & University is an equal opportunity employer. Application Procedures: Review of applications will begin immediately and the position will remain open until filled. Please submit electronically a 1) cover letter including salary requirements, 2) resume, and 3) list of three (3) work-related references, including their contact information (title, email and/or phone number); submit to jobs@stmarys.edu with position title in subject line.

****Previous Announcements****

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. 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), Deacon Larry Matheny (lmatheny@e-stignatius.org), Deacon Marty Wolf (mwolf@stmargaret.org) and Deacon Scott Lancaster (slancaster1@stlouis.org). Saturday, **March 2**, 10am, St. Mary's Seminary & University: 5400 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

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.

ST. PATRICK PARADE MASS—MARCH 10 AT THE BALTIMORE BASILICA

Archbishop Lori will celebrate the official Mass of the Baltimore St. Patrick Parade on Sunday, **March 10th** at 10:45 a.m. at the Basilica of the Assumption. Parade Marshals, 5k Shamrock runners, parade participants—including hundreds of Archdiocese of Baltimore Catholic schoolchildren, and others attend this annual Mass to celebrate Baltimore's Irish heritage. All are welcome.

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/>.

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.

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. 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.

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) 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.

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. 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.

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>.

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, 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.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.

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.

****Archdiocesan Classifieds****

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED FOR EMMITSBURG SCHOOL

Mother Seton School is looking for qualified substitute school bus drivers. Please contact Sister Joan at sisterjoan@mothersetonschool.org or 301-447-3161 if you are interested in applying.

SENIOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT RECTOR AND RECTOR'S COORDINATOR OF ADMISSIONS AND ADVANCEMENT

St. Mary's Seminary & University, seeks an innovative, enthusiastic, engaging professional to fill a newly created position of Senior Executive Assistant to the President Rector and Rector's Coordinator of Admissions and Advancement. Reporting to the President Rector the Senior Executive Assistant manages all activities, functions and communications of the President Rector's office and coordinates and supervises the workload of other Vice Rector and Dean of School of Theology departmental staff members. In addition the Senior Executive Assistant will have significant responsibilities for the Board of Trustees for a multi-year capital campaign. Because of the special nature of this position, the incumbent must be a practicing Roman Catholic with a good understanding of Church organizations. Start date ideally mid-February but position remains open until filled. The detailed job description can be found at <http://www.stmarys.edu/seminary/welcome-to-st-marys/job-opportunities/>.