

****New Announcements****

STOP PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE NOW

Last week, the Maryland House of Delegates voted to advance physician-assisted suicide in a narrow 74-66 vote. While we are disappointed to see so many delegates in our state vote in favor of this dangerous, predatory practice that puts many people at risk, their vote also demonstrates the power of each of you taking time to speak up against this bill. Despite this setback, the fight to keep this dangerous agenda out of our state is far from over. Together, we can still defeat this! As early as tomorrow, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee is expected to meet to consider this bill and whether or not it will advance its version of the bill, SB 311, to the Senate floor for a vote. The time to stop assisted suicide is NOW. [CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR](http://www.mdathcon.org) TODAY at www.mdathcon.org.

TEA AND A ROSARY FOR MOTHERS FEATURING THE VISIT OF SAINT JOSEPH

On Saturday, **March 16**, 2019 from 9:45 am to 12:00 pm, The Saint John Paul II National Shrine is excited to invite all women ages 18 and up to *Tea and a Rosary for Mothers*. Come enjoy a light breakfast, presentation, fellowship, Confession, and the Rosary with meditations. This event will also feature the *Visit of Saint Joseph* for children and fathers. A part of our *Visit of the Saints* series, Saint Joseph will come teach the children about his life. Please make sure your children are accompanied by an adult. RSVP on jp2shrine.org/teaandsaints.

MARY: OUR GUIDE TO LENT AND LIFE

The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy invite you to join them for a Lenten Day of Recollection titled *Mary: Our Guide to Lent and Life* on **March 17** from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. The day will include Mass, two talks, time for common and personal prayer, confession, spiritual conversations, and snacks. Lunch is available for purchase during registration. RSVP at jp2shrine.org/lentenjourney.

JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL HOSTS "PIPPIN"

On **March 22-24, 2019**, The John Carroll School's award-winning theatre department will present "Pippin!" Heir to the throne, the young prince Pippin is in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment. He seeks it in the glories of the battlefield and the intrigues of political power. In the end, Pippin finds that happiness lies not in extraordinary endeavors, but rather in the un-extraordinary moments that happen every day. Pippin's message is universal and will connect with audiences across the age spectrum! Show times are Friday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 23 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of The John Carroll School, located at 703 E. Churchville Road, Bel Air. For tickets and more information, including on a special alumni reception, visit johncarroll.org/pippin.

STRONGER MEN'S RETREAT

All men are welcome and encouraged to come to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for a retreat on Saturday, **March 23**. Explore how God calls you to lead as a man of faith, husband, son, and father. Lunch is included with registration. RSVP at strongerretreat.eventbrite.com.

RETREAT: FRIENDS OF THE CROSS

Date & Time: **March 29**, 9am-3:30pm; Cost: \$35/person, includes lunch; Venue: The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: 339 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Description: Led by the Shrine Chaplains, Father Daniel Mentasana, IVE, and Father Ted Trinko, IVE. The retreat will have meditations

based on the teachings of St. Louis de Monfort, as well as time for private prayer, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and Mass. Register at setonshrine.org/retreats.

ART OF PRAYER LENTEN SERIES: FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

This Lent, the *Art of Prayer* program at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine will feature a special series of talks by Friars from the Dominican House of Studies, titled *Friendship with God*. Join us **every Sunday** at 6:00 p.m. for a presentation, time for silent meditation, and a Sunday Vespers service. This event is followed by 7:00 p.m. Mass.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT THE SAINT JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE

This year during Lent, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine will pray the Stations of the Cross **every Friday** at 3:00 p.m. The prayers will be led by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and will include reflections by John Paul II.

PARISH MISSION PRESENTED BY FR. DAVE PIVONKA FROM "THE WILD GOOSE IS LOOSE" AND "SIGN OF CONTRADICTION—A FILM ON ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI"

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish, located at 8499 Virginia Ave in Pasadena, MD, will host a parish mission presented by Fr. Dave Pivonka at 7:00pm **on April 1**. Following Fr. Dave's Presentations: Monday – Confession; Tuesday – Adoration; Wednesday – Mass; Fr. Pivonka will be selling and signing books. Mission is no charge, free will offerings accepted. (Need babysitting? Register at stjane.org by April 1 for a spot).

FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING—BEL AIR

First Friday Prayer Meeting. Testimony by Mrs. Chris Painton. Friday, **April 5**, 2019, 7:15 pm - 9 pm, Location: New Life Community Center, 210 Lee Way, Bel Air, MD 21014. Chris Painton is a member of St Ignatius parish in Hickory. Come hear her testimony of how a life-long Christian has grown in faith through triumph and tragedy.

FLUTE CONCERT

Date & Time: **April 7**, 3:30pm; Cost: Free; Venue: The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: 339 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Description: Free flute concert in the Basilica at the Shrine, with performances by the Frederick Flute Choir and Mount Saint Mary's University Flute Ensemble.

ORCHESTRA FROM ABP. CARROLL'S SAINT-OMER, FRANCE, PERFORMS CONCERT IN BALTIMORE

The Orchestre d'Harmonie de Saint-Omer will perform a concert at the Basilica in Baltimore on **April 12**, 2019 at 7pm in celebration of 300 years of French-American history. Archbishop John Carroll, the Nation's first Catholic bishop, studied at Saint-Omer in the mid-18th century before his priestly ordination. In 2018, Archbishop Lori was a member of a delegation from Maryland that visited Saint-Omer for the re-opening of the Chapel of the Jesuits, following a four-year renovation. The concert is free and open to the public. A good will offering will be taken.

DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR OF SETON BOOK

Date & Time: **April 14**, 3:30pm; Cost: Free; Venue: The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: 339 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Description: The Chat features Catherine O'Donnell, who has written the book, "Elizabeth Seton: American Saint." Catherine will talk about her book with Sister Betty Ann O'Neill, DC, who has also extensively researched Elizabeth Ann Seton's life. Catherine will sign books afterward. No admission fee. Light refreshments provided.

GOOD FRIDAY SCREENING OF "PASSION OF THE CHRIST"

Date & Time: **April 19**, 11am; Cost: Free; Venue: The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: 339 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727. On Good Friday, visit the Shrine to see this movie of the last days of Jesus's life. It takes place in the Shrine's Visitor Center theater. This moving film is rated R for the graphic portrayal of Jesus's last days. Extend your visit on Good Friday at the Shrine with the Stations of the Cross at 1:30pm and Liturgy of The Lord's Passion at 3pm.

****Previous Announcements****

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

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.

ATTENTION: ALL MEN OF THE PARISH

Registration Now Open for *THE 22nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF MARYLAND*. Theme: *ST. JOSEPH: FATHER|PROTECTOR|PROVIDER. BECOMING A GREAT MAN OF GOD*. Date: Saturday, **March 23, 2019**. Time: 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Location: Saint Joseph Church|Fullerton, Maryland 21236. Featured Presenters: *Stephen K. Ray; Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P.; r. Charles (Chuck) Canterna*. Closing Mass with Archbishop William Lori, Celebrant. *Online Registration Available*. For more details and to register, go to www.CATHOLICMENSFELLOWSHIP.com. Space is limited; register today!

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. The next seminars will take place **March 28** between 5-6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Community, 7321 Burkittsville Rd., Middletown, MD.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY

The Carmelite Monastery, located at 1318 Dulaney Valley Road in Towson, is hosting the following events: Contemplative Prayer for Young Adults ages 18-40 at 7pm on **April 2 and May 7** and

Contemplative Stations of the Cross on Saturday, **March 30** at 2pm; and. For more information, visit baltimorecarmel.org.

CREATION OF THE NEW ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

In order to strengthen the role of lay leaders in the Church and communication between the laity and Archbishop Lori, the Archdiocese of Baltimore is creating a new Archdiocesan Lay Pastoral Council. The Council will be comprised of 13 members representing the geographical, racial and ethnic diversity of the Archdiocese. Members should be regular participants in the sacramental and community life of their parish, accepting of the teachings of the Church, and possess experience in prayerful discernment and excellent interpersonal skills. For more information and an online application go to www.archbalt.org/the-archbishop/archdiocesan-lay-pastoral-council-application-process/. Application deadline is Monday, **April 1**, 2019.

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.

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.

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.

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.