

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

**FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING—BEL AIR**

St. Ignatius, Hickory, parishioner, Mr. Lew Shipley will speak at the First Friday Prayer Meeting on Friday, **May 3**, 2019. 7:30 pm - 9 pm. Location: New Life Community Center, 210 Lee Way, Bel Air MD 21014. 443-417-6481.

**HEALING SERVICE**

St John the Evangelist, Severna Park will host a healing service on SUNDAY, **MAY 5**, 2019, 1-4 pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation available from 2 pm. No charge, no collection. Service with Dr. Bob Sawyer and ministry team praying for miracles. Renew your faith -- bring your friends and all who need Jesus to heal them. Information: 410-308-8962 or [thesawyers@archbalt.org](mailto:thesawyers@archbalt.org).

**SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME MARYLAND CELEBRATION**

The School Sisters of Notre Dame, Atlantic-Midwest Province, will announce the recipient of its inaugural *SSND Philanthropy Recognition Award for Outstanding Volunteer* on **May 7th** at the *Maryland Celebration - SSND Education Calling Us Back Together*. The event will take place from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Columbus Gardens. Visit <https://atlanticmidwest.org/mdcelebration> to purchase tickets.

**HOWARD COUNTY YOUNG ADULT RETREAT**

**Retreat on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, 8:30 am to 4:30pm, Church of the Resurrection. There is no cross, big or small, in our life which the Lord does not share with us When storms rage, boats will rock. When you suffer, what or who is your anchor? This theme explores the power of being anchored in the hope of the resurrection in the midst of suffering. Cost of Retreat **FREE**, donations to offset food costs would be appreciated but not mandatory to join us! **Kindly Register by May 6<sup>th</sup>!** Registration Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/KjGBpBtHQsjwOlg2>

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

**APRIL 29 LISTENING SESSION ON RACISM**

As an initial response to Archbishop William E. Lori's recent pastoral statement on racism, *The Journey to Racial Justice* ([www.archbalt.org/racismpastoral19](http://www.archbalt.org/racismpastoral19)), the Archdiocese of Baltimore welcomes all to attend a Listening Session on Racism on Monday, **April 29** from 7-9 pm at LeClerc Auditorium at Notre Dame of Maryland University (NDMU). The event will be co-sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and NDMU, and will include a series of invited speakers who will share their experiences of racism in the Catholic Church. Participants will also be invited to share written input on how the Church should move forward in addressing racism. Most Rev. Shelton Fabre, chair of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism; Archbishop Lori and all three auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Baltimore; and Most Rev. John Ricard, Bishop Emeritus of Pensacola-Tallahassee will compose the panel of listeners. For more information, go to [www.archbalt.org/racism](http://www.archbalt.org/racism).

**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](mailto: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](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***

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 1,000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on **August 30th - September 1st, 2019**, 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).

### **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).

### **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

**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).