

****New Announcements****

IN JOYFUL HOPE: HELP FOR ESSENTIAL PLANNING

All are welcome to join us at a panel discussion of the medical, spiritual, financial, practical, and legal issues surrounding end of life care at 7pm on Tuesday, **October 15th** at Ss Philip & James in the church hall. Speakers include a priest/theologian to address spiritual issues and Church teaching, a medical professional and/or geriatric care manager to address hospice & palliative care and other considerations, elder attorney to address advanced directives, funeral home director, and a financial planner. 2801 North Charles St. Baltimore. (410)235-2294.

MVA FINE FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

The Archdiocese of Baltimore is working in partnership with the Uninsured Division of Maryland Auto to promote the FineFix Program. The recently launched debt forgiveness program is a rare opportunity offered by the State of Maryland to enable Maryland residents to clear outstanding uninsured auto fines in order to register and insure their cars. Eligibility is limited to Maryland residents whose uninsured auto insurance fines were delinquent on or before December 31, 2016. Participants can pay 20% of eligible uninsured auto fines and have the remaining 80% forgiven. Letters will be mailed to eligible participants in September directing them to the website FineFix.Maryland.gov, where they can check eligibility, enroll in the FineFix program, and make full or partial payments.

Ss. PHILIP AND JAMES EVENTS

Ss. Philip and James Parish in Charles Village, Baltimore, will host the following events: October 15, 7pm, church hall, panel discussion on the care for those nearing the end of life; October 18, Rosary Walk, 5:10pm, Interfaith Center, corner of Charles and University; October 20, 6:15 pm, "Meeting Christ in the Sacraments" meal and presentation; October 31st, All Saints Vigil, 7pm.

ST. JOSEPH-ON-CARROLLTON MANOR HOSTS COUNTRY FAIR

St. Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor Parish will host a country fair on Saturday, **October 19**, 9a-4p at 5843 Manor Woods Rd in Frederick. The event will include food, music, craft vendors, basket raffles, silent auction, games and more. For more information, sjcmmd.org or 301-663-0907.

FAMILY DELIVERANCE RETREAT

Understanding and identifying destructive family patterns - in order to walk into freedom. Saturday, **October 26**, 8:30 am till 3 pm. Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Towson. Series of talks by Fr Joseph Barr and Dr Robert Sawyer. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration and closing Mass. More information, to register: family-deliverance-retreat.eventbrite.com. Fee includes lunch.

MEN'S HEALTH FAIR

LifeBridge Health's Office of Community Health Improvement is hosting "The Man Cave: Faith. Fitness. Fellowship." - a health fair for men on Monday, November 11, 2019 (Veterans Day) 10 am - 2 pm. The event will be held inside The Forum Caterers, 4210 Primrose Ave, Baltimore, MD, 21215. For more information, visit lifebridgehealth.org/main/populationhealth.aspx.

****Previous Announcements****

JEFF CAVINS IN D.C. FOR ASCENSION 15TH ANNIVERSARY

In celebration of the 15th anniversary of the Great Adventure Bible Timeline study, Ascension announced today that it will be hosting a landmark event featuring the creator of the TGA Bible Timeline study in Washington, D.C. Last fall, Ascension launched the Great Adventure Bible, the #1 best-selling Catholic Bible on Amazon. Now, they look forward to hosting this event to bring the Bible to life -- at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. on **October 19**. This event is suitable for individuals, parish groups, or diocesan staff. This 1-day session, under the instruction of Jeff Cavins, will equip registrants to confidently read and share the Bible -- while also providing a system for understanding it that can be used for the rest of their lives. Lunch is included, and attendees may choose to register with an option to purchase The Great Adventure Bible at a value rate. *For more information or to register today, please visit: <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/tga-events>*

CONCERT SERIES AT IHM

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will host a concert series: **October 27**, Apex Brass Quintet; **December 8** (Ticketed event), Emmet Cahill, Irish Tenor from "Celtic Thunder" presents: "Christmas in Ireland"; **Jan. 5**, "Greccio" Christmas Nativity Service; **Feb. 23**, The Choirs of Calvert Hall College HS; **March 15**, The Charm City Winds; April 19, The U.S. Army Field Band Soldiers Chorus, and **May 3**, The Baltimore Mandolin Orchestra. Concerts are free and open to the public. www.immaculateheartofmary.com.

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.

VEPERS SERVICE FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN TO MISCARRIAGE

On Monday, **November 4**, 2019 at 7pm, Reverend Greg Rapisarda will preside at a Vespers (Evening prayer) service sponsored by Holy Innocents Ministry at St. Mary's Seminary (5400 Roland Ave Baltimore, MD 21210). Anyone who has experienced a miscarriage is welcomed to come and pray in remembrance of her or his child. For more information about these events, contact Holy Innocents at 410-547-3142 or holyinnocents@archbalt.org. Holy Innocents is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, by the Offices of Cemetery Management and Respect Life. For more information, visit: www.holyinnocentsbaltimore.org.

THE BROTHERS FOUR IN CONCERT AT THE JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL

Don't miss your chance to see this beloved folk quartet perform on Tuesday, **November 12**, 2019 in Bel Air, MD! The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will feature special performances by The John Carroll School chorus as well as a chorus of local elementary school students. From the band website: The Brothers Four were pioneers in the "folk revival", and of the few groups from those times still performing today, they remain one of the best known and most popular. Their all-acoustic performances consist of guitars, banjo, mandolin, upright bass, and of course the trademark rich blend of their four voices. An evening with this quartet is an unforgettable time of pure, acoustic music and entertainment. Purchase tickets at johncarroll.org/brothersfour

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

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, 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 stand-alone. 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.