

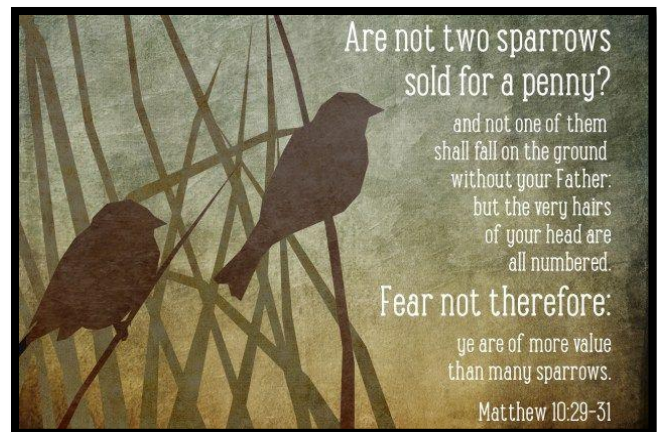
St. Charles Borromeo Church

Celebrating 174 Years as the Catholic Community in the Heart of Pikesville

Mission Statement

Saint Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church is a Christian Community bonded by faith and empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action through prayer, education, evangelization and service.

JUNE 25TH, 2023
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00PM (Traditional Choir)
Sunday: 8:30AM, 11:00AM (Contemporary Choir)
Mon.-Fri.: 7:30AM (In Rectory Basement Meeting Room)
Wednesday (*en español*): 7:00PM (@ St. Gabriel, Woodlawn)
Holy Day: 7:30AM, 12:10PM, 7:30PM
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays, 8:00AM-9:00AM

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15PM-3:45PM; Wednesday 6:00PM-6:55PM @ St. Gabriel, Woodlawn; or by appointment

Infant Baptism

Congratulations to all parents and parents to be. Baptism Preparation sessions for parents and new godparents are led by Deacon Steve Roscher. Contact Deacon Steve at steve.roscher@archbalt.org to register for a session and to arrange for the celebration of your child's baptism.

Faith Formation

Religious Education classes for children (K-8th Grade) take place on Sunday mornings from 9:45am-10:55am in the Rectory (September-May). For more information, contact Allison Mooney at SCBReligiousEd@archbalt.org. For our High School youth program, please contact Fr. Canisius.

Sacramental Preparation

Families wishing to prepare their children for Reconciliation or First Holy Communion, please contact Allison Mooney at SCBReligiousEd@archbalt.org. High School youth interested in Confirmation, contact Dan Bremehr at djbreme@hotmail.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA is for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ as they journey toward full initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) into the life of the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Steve Roscher.

Care for the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office when a parishioner is homebound, in the hospital, or in a healthcare facility and wishes to receive a visit, or any of the Sacraments. Whenever possible, please make arrangements for Anointing of the Sick before surgery or hospital admission.

Marriage

We rejoice with engaged couples and ask them to contact Deacon Steve Roscher at least 6 months prior to the date of marriage, in order to schedule an appointment to begin marriage preparation.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN: TUESDAY AT NOON

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

PRAAYER AND WORSHIP . . .

❧ A REFLECTION FROM FR. CANISIUS ❧

Dear Parish Family,

We spend so much time and effort being afraid. Some fear a past they cannot change or a future they cannot predict. Others fear what people are thinking or saying about them. There is fear of heights, the dark, spiders, loneliness, etc. But one of the constant messages of Scripture is, “fear not!” And paying attention to why we are not to be afraid is an exercise in spiritual maturity.

Jeremiah exemplifies that today. He had good reason to fear – if not death, at least great harm to himself. As a prophet who lived some six centuries before Jesus, Jeremiah's prophecy was that the Israelite's careless faithlessness was to blame for their exile to Babylon. This idea was roundly rejected by his audience, and because the people despised the message, they wanted to *take their vengeance on him*.

In the face of such evil, however, the prophet showed no fear, choosing instead to *sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked*. If only we could be so brave when *our* enemies gather at the gate!

We can be, if we open our hearts to the words of Jesus. He tells us to *fear no one* and nothing. If we truly believe that God has created all things, even the birds of the sky and the fish in the sea, then surely, he has not lost sight of us in our struggles. *You are worth more than many sparrows*, Jesus says. For some, knowing that God has counted all the hairs on our head might be disconcerting, but for others still it offers great comfort, to know that God is so intimately involved with every detail of even the smallest and seemingly insignificant parts of his creation.

In his Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul echoes Christ's message of determination and confidence. For it is through Christ, who conquers sin and death, that we can share in his victory over not just mortal death, but the death of our own fears, faults, and failings; his grace *overflowing for the many*.

We live in a world that can be hostile to the Gospel, and we all have our daily burdens and struggles. But Christ's presence among us, God's grace overflowing, is there to give us strength, courage, and fortitude. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we have the ability to pray for these gifts, that we might stand up not only to defend our faith, but to be strong in the face of any obstacles and suffering in our life of faith.

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Canisius

DAILY MASS INTENTION/PRESIDER

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Time</i> | <i>Presider</i> | <i>Mass Intention</i> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Mon Jun 26 | 7:30am | Fr. Canisius | Father's Day Novena |
| Tue Jun 27 | 7:30am | Fr. Canisius | Father's Day Novena |
| Wed Jun 28 | 7:30am | Fr. Canisius | Christopher Tah |
| Wed Jun 28 St. Gabriel | 7:00pm <i>en español</i> | Fr. Canisius | All Newly Ordained Clergy |
| Thu Jun 29 | 7:30am | Fr. Canisius | Clementa Aligno & Alejandro Aligno, Sr. |
| Fri Jun 30 | 7:30am | Fr. Canisius | Richard David Miller, Jr. |
| Sat Jul 1 | 4:00pm | Fr. Emmanuel Sem. Bienvenu | People of the Parish |
| Sun Jul 2 | 8:30am | Fr. Tom/ Deacon Steve | Margaret R. Benner |
| Sun Jul 2 | 11:00am | Fr. Tom/ Deacon Steve | Geraldine Wise |

MORNING MASS LOCATION REMINDER

During our church renovation project, **Daily Morning Mass** will be celebrated in the **Rectory Basement Meeting Room**. Parking is available in the Rectory parking lot. Please enter through the basement door in the rear of the building. (*Note: **Weekend Masses** will continue to be held in the church throughout the renovations.*)

ONLINE PARISH MASSES

DAILY MASS: Monday-Friday at 7:30am

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00pm

www.facebook.com/SCBPikesville/live/

OR on our St. Charles YouTube channel:

St Charles Borromeo Church Pikesville, MD

Archbishop Lori celebrates Mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen at 11:00am each Sunday. *It is broadcast live on Ch.45.2 (MyTV Baltimore); Comcast Xfinity (803); and Verizon (509).* A livestream of the Mass is available online at: archbalt.org/online-mass/.

SIMPLIFIED SUNDAY READINGS AND *CLOSED CAPTIONS*

Weekly videos are posted on our Facebook page proclaiming the Sunday readings from a simplified lectionary translation created for children. These videos also contain “closed captions,” so they are wonderful for those who suffer from hearing loss or are deaf. They are about 9-10 minutes long. Check it out this weekend!

https://www.facebook.com/pg/SCBPikesville/videos/?ref=page_internal

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, June 25th

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13 / Rom 5:12-15 / Mt 10:26-33

Monday, June 26th

Gn 12:1-9 / Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 27th

St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Gn 13:2, 5-18 / Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 28th

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 / Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 29th

Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19

Friday, June 30th

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 / Mt 8:1-4

Saturday, July 1st

St. Junipero Serra, Priest; Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 18:1-15 / Mt 8:5-17

Sunday, July 2nd

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a / Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 / Mt 10:37-42

*The full text of Daily Mass readings can be found at
www.bible.usccb.org or on MyParish app.*

LET US PRAY WITH OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

*"There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens."*

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

...a time to heal

Johnnie Fogg; Xavier Burrell; Katherine Ann Kings; Timothy Weglicki; Kaitlyn Hitt; Felix Buchanan, Sr.; Anthony Withstanley Bernard; Wendy Simpkins; Sierra Thomas; Ken McDermott; Bert Wallace; Les Gilmor; Tom Little; Polly Boiser; Rowena Mejia; Charles Williams; Joshua Sanchez; Diana Hicks; Kenny Bena; Sandra Brooks; Catherine Potillo; Rodney Barrett; Bobby West; Gloria Brennan; Paul McKeown; Susan Bateman; Harry Dill; Andrew Moan; Deacon Vito Piazza; Catherine Shipley; Paul Gambrill; Bob Moan; Ernest Hunter; Robin Buttles; Christine Isaac; Ray Watson; Chinyere Chikeka; Gary Frank; Robert Anthony; Mary Anthony; Patricia "Rusty" Lands; Norberta Winborne; Jeff Lohinski; Charlotte Hurley; Terry Neuman; Dennis Bowersox; Peggy Moan; Jeanette Cherigos; Helen Arena; Ann Marie Goddard; Kathy Justice

*May our Lord and Redeemer give health to their
bodies and holiness to their souls.*

...and a time to die

Christopher Miller Maureen Seneschal

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

...a time to be born & Baptized

Perela Somunachi Kobe Aboro

Child of Ebikiri and Nauramy

Baptized into Christ's body on June 25th

...a time to love and be married

Dayton & Mary Kay Alford

Celebrating their 40th anniversary on June 25th

*May they continue to grow more deeply in their love
of God and one another each day!*

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION



Our sanctuary lamp is lit this week:

*For the Intention of
Msgr. Thomas L. Phillips
as he begins his retirement*

Our sanctuary lamp can be lit for the intention of a family or loved one, living or deceased. The suggested donation is \$20 per week.

BE A PART OF THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!



Imagine you were going to attend a State Dinner at the White House at the invitation of the President of the United States. Would you make sure that you arrived in plenty of time? How would you dress? What preparations would you make mentally and physically to ensure that you did nothing that would detract from presenting yourself in the best possible light to your host? Each Sunday we are invited in the Commandment "to keep holy the Sabbath" to join the King of kings at the Eucharistic table. Do we prepare ourselves in a fashion that emphasizes the importance of what we are about to experience? I have heard it said that God doesn't care what we are wearing when we come into his presence at Holy Mass. That is a true statement. However, when we make the effort to dress up and make sure that we do the best with our outside appearance, it helps each of us to concentrate inwardly on the importance of the event we are about to attend. So, if you make the effort to have Sunday Mass to be that truly special occasion of your week by how you prepare yourself on the outside, you might be pleasantly surprised at how it transforms you on the inside at the celebration of the Eucharist. Why not give it a try for a few weeks and see if it works! See: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

The Hospitality Ministry here at St. Charles needs a **Ministry Lead** person starting July 1. Nancy Marks is retiring from the position and will train her replacement.

The **Ministry Lead** will handle the scheduling of the Ushers and Greeters for all masses, will train any new Ushers and Greeters, and send out any notifications as needed. If you have any questions or are interested in being the Ministry Lead, please contact Sandy Feulner at sandyfolk@aol.com or at 410-977-8015.

The Hospitality Ministry is also in need of **Ushers and Greeters for all masses**. If you would like to be a welcoming face and greet those who come to mass or help take up the collection during mass, please contact Sandy Feulner at sandyfolk@aol.com or 410-977-8015. Training will be provided.

Fr. Ray's Prayer-Poem for 6/25/23

Part I...in the words of the Gospel of Matthew 10:26

"Therefore do not be afraid of them."

Part II...in another's words, a prayer-poem –

he affirms
a foundational truth
won at personal cost
in wrestling with fear
unwilling to fear it
discovering its tragedy
to close
to fail
to undo
while his engaging spirit
overjoyed in what fear's absence
opens
accomplishes
creates...endlessly

[my fearless "amen!"] — fr. Ray



WE LOVE HAVING YOU AS PART OF OUR FLOCK!

Let us know who you are by
officially registering in the parish:
<https://ourstcharles.org/register>
or update us if your contact info has changed:
<https://ourstcharles.org/staff#contactus>

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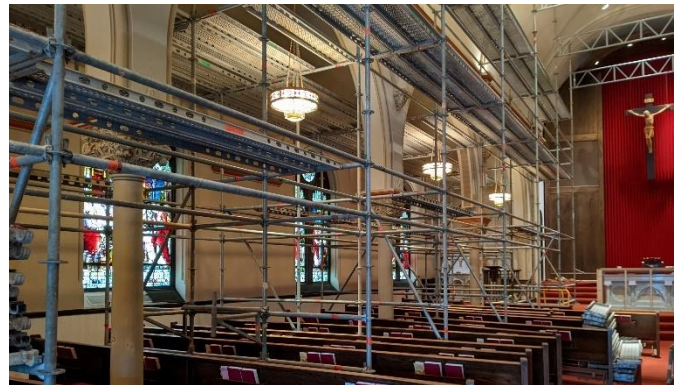
CHURCH RENOVATIONS . . .

Dear Parishioners,

Last week the prep work was completed and the old confessional (recently used for storage) was taken down. The Stations of the Cross were removed from the walls and the statue of the Blessed Mary was removed. The wainscoting was also prepared for future painting. This week the scaffolding is going up throughout the church.

The daily morning Mass has been very smooth in the rectory basement. In fact, we feel more like family down there in the more intimate space.

Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout this period.



Fr. Canisius
Bob Sears (Building Committee Chair)

Design plans are posted in the display case in the church vestibule, or you can visit:
<https://ourstcharles.org/news/churchrenovations>

FAITH FORMATION . . .

BAPTISM PREPARATION



Parents wishing to schedule a baptism for their child(ren) should email Deacon Steve Roscher at steve.roscher@archbalt.org to learn more about the preparation process.

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-8



Our Sunday morning Children's Religious Education classes are on hiatus for the summer. Watch this spot for more information about next year's program which will begin in September. You may also email SCBReligiousEd@archbalt.org or leave a message for Allison Mooney at 410-486-5400, ext. 209 with any questions <https://ourstcharles.org/children>

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Families interested in preparing their children to celebrate the sacraments of *Reconciliation* or *Eucharist* should contact Allison Mooney at 410-486-5400, ext. 209 or SCBReligiousEd@archbalt.org. For questions about *Confirmation* preparation, contact Dan Bremehr at djbreme@hotmail.com



ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process by which candidates proceed through an intellectual, personal, and spiritual journey concluding with their formal acceptance into the Catholic Church. Interested? Contact Deacon Steve Roscher at steve.roscher@archbalt.org for more details.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL OF GLYNDON

Our Inter-Parochial Catholic Elementary School
Our mission is encapsulated in our school motto: **Loving, Learning, Serving.** We strive to develop the unique, God-given gifts of each student in a safe, nurturing, and diverse environment through innovative academics, service to others, and spiritual preparation for a fulfilling life that follows in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. We invite you to join us for a [Welcome Wednesday](#) event, the first Wednesday of every month at 9:30am for an Information Session and tour. If you have any questions, or would like to join us for a Welcome Wednesday, please contact our Admissions Director: saisquith@shgschool.org.

STEWARDSHIP . . .

– What I Do With What I Have Been Given When I Believe in God –

| JUNE 12 TO JUNE 18, 2023 | IN-PEW | ONLINE |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Offertory – Envelopes | \$2628 | \$1690 |
| Offertory – Loose | \$520 | \$0 |
| Maintenance / Utilities | \$106 | \$325 |
| TOTAL PARISH OFFERTORY | \$3254 | \$2015 |
| Father's Day Novena | \$471 | \$70 |
| Special Care--Priest Retire. | \$0 | \$50 |
| Poor Box | \$77 | \$81 |
| ATTENDANCE 6/17-6/18 | 237 | |

SECOND COLLECTIONS

We have the following special collections upcoming:

| | |
|---------|---------------------------|
| June 25 | Catholic School Support |
| July 2 | Holy Father-Peter's Pence |
| July 9 | Maintenance Fund |
| July 16 | Missionary Co-Operative |
| July 30 | Air Conditioning |

Thank you for your generosity!

You may also give online at www.ourstcharles.org by selecting the fund name listed above on the giving page.

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- No need to write checks or remember envelopes
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- No missed contributions to make up
- Use a credit card, debit card, or bank account

For more information contact the parish office or go to www.ourstcharles.org and click on [GIVING](#) at the top of the homepage



GIANT Gift Cards: \$100 + \$50 + \$25

Use them for your regular shopping; or to buy your prescriptions; or give them as gifts. St. Charles makes 5% on every card sold! Purchase your cards with cash or check in the parish office, 9am–3pm, Monday-Friday.



The **2023 Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries** continues! We thank all those who have already made their pledge/donation. St. Charles parishioners have once again demonstrated great generosity. We have surpassed both our Standard and our Stretch goals! Any additional contributions will provide us with a 75% parish-share rebate.

- ♦ Amount Pledged (as of 6/8/23): **\$36,407**
- ♦ **134%** of our Standard Goal (\$27,232)
- ♦ **100.3%** of our Stretch Goal (\$36,310)
- ♦ **101 Gifts (20% of families)**
- ♦ Anticipated Rebate to Parish: **\$6,427**

To participate, visit:

www.archbalt.org/ministries

or scan the QR code to make your pledge today! **(And be sure to select St. Charles Borromeo as your parish.)**



For more information about this year's Appeal visit:
<https://www.archbalt.org/annual-appeal-for-catholic-ministries/>

OUTREACH & MINISTRIES . . .



Thank you to all those who participate in our outreach to the guests at **Our Daily Bread**.

NEXT DELIVERY DATE:

Wednesday, July 19th

Frozen casseroles can be dropped off at the parish office during normal business hours. Pans w/ recipe are available at the parish office or in the rear of the church. Store-bought party-sized (90+ oz.) Lasagna and Mac & Cheese casseroles are also gratefully accepted.

Our Daily Bread also has a regular "wish list" of items which include: Sugar, Coffee, Creamer, Gallon-Size Tea Bags, Salt & Pepper, 25lb. Bags of Rice, Ketchup/Mustard/Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing, and Cooking Spray. They are also currently requesting Chips, Juice, Water, Granola Bars, Fruit Cups, Fruit Snacks, Desserts, and Applesauce. These items may also be dropped off at the parish office marked "ODB."



St. Charles Borromeo Council 3960 of the Knights of Columbus

Dear St. Charles Borromeo Parishioners,

Do you have men's business attire in your closets that no longer fit or are no longer being used? Here is a solution to that problem and one that will help someone in need. Make room in your closet and help a man coming out of addiction, incarceration or unemployment with business attire that will help him in recovering to a productive life. Our council is collecting business suits and dress shirts to be donated to a local agency, **Sharp Dressed Man**, that will give these items to men who can use them as they put their lives back together.

We will be collecting these items from 6:30pm–7pm on Tuesday, July 11, at the front of Holy Family's parish hall (9531 Liberty Rd., Randallstown, 21133) just prior to our July Knights of Columbus business meeting.

PLEASE NOTE WELL: Suits should be in good repair. Suits **MUST** be dry cleaned and still in the plastic wrapping from the cleaners. Shirts **MUST** be laundered and on a hanger. We also will accept used or new dress shoes that are in good shape, polished and ready to wear. We cannot accept any items not in compliance with the above conditions. Please help us by ensuring that the donated items would be appropriate for current **business wear**. Your donation can play a big role in changing the lives of men who are working hard to make things better for themselves and their families. So clean out that closet and recycle that suit to a new life! God bless you for your support. Questions? Contact Deacon Steve Roscher, sroscher@verizon.net.



SHARPDRESSED MAN



This week our pantry is in need of: **Vienna Sausage; Chili; Tuna; Spam; Canned Chicken; Canned Pasta (Chef Boyardee-type); Creamy Soups;**

Applesauce; Jelly; Crackers; Canned Corn; Canned Carrots; Hot Cereal; and Canned Fruit.

While we appreciate all donations for the food pantry, **we are unable to accept perishable items**, and all donations must be unopened and in date. Items may be dropped off at the parish office (M-F, 9am-3pm) or placed in the shopping baskets in the church vestibule.

If you have any questions about our pantry, or would like to volunteer, please contact Lori Mooney at lorimooney@verizon.net or 410-241-6441.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS . . .

| DATE | TIME | PLACE | EVENT |
|---------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mon-Fri | All Day | Church | Closed for Renovations |
| Tue Jun 27 | 8:00am-9:00am | Rectory Basement | Eucharistic Adoration |
| Tue Jun 27 | 7:00pm | Rectory Board Room | PPC Meeting |
| Tue Jun 27 | 7:00pm-9:00pm | Rectory Basement | GSCCB Choir Practice |
| Thu Jun 29 | 6:00pm-7:30pm | Rectory Basement | Legion of Mary |
| Thu Jun 29 | 7:30pm | Sandy's House | Contemporary Choir Practice |
| Fri Jun 30 | 6:00pm-8:00pm | Panera Bread | JCDA Social |
| Sat Jul 1 | 3:00pm | Church | Traditional Choir Practice |
| Sat Jul 1 | 3:15pm-3:45pm | Church | Confessions |

RESEARCH ASSISTANT NEEDED

FOR ST. CHARLES 175TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET

We are planning a commemorative booklet to document the 25 years since Mary Jane Klein's book on the history of St. Charles. Pamela Wright has offered to write it, but she needs a research assistant to help with tracking down information, pictures, and documents. This person will keep all the information organized, make electronic copies of documents (scans), and help with decisions on what we need in the booklet and what we do not. Co-authorship is a possibility. The following skills are needed: can use and has a copy of Word and organizational skills to set up and maintain a system to keep track of everything collected. Writing skills would be nice, but not necessary. This should entail 3-4 hrs. per month until the book is in final form, when more time will be needed. Great experience for a college student! If interested, please call the parish office.



NOTICE: OUR PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE CHANGING!

Beginning in **July**, all parish and staff email addresses will now end in **@ourstcharles.org**. So, once the new email accounts are activated, the new parish office email will be: **parish@ourstcharles.org**. Each staff member will also receive a new personal email address. The new emails will appear on the front of the bulletin (and on the "meet our staff" section of the website) once they are activated. Keep a look out for them and be sure to update your contact lists!

Getting Involved and Volunteering



The Archdiocese of Baltimore and St. Charles Borromeo Parish are committed to maintaining the trust of the faithful by providing our children and youth with safe environments characterized by healthy relationships. With our longstanding commitment in mind, **all volunteers**, employees, and clergy **must register as a volunteer in VIRTUS**, our compliance management system, which allows us to facilitate compliance with archdiocesan child protection requirements. To register as a volunteer, or for more information, visit www.ourstcharles.org/virtus.

IN THE COMMUNITY . . .

CELEBRATING A YEAR OF LISTENING - Please join us for the **June 27th Seek the City Call to Prayer** at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen (5200 N. Charles St., 21210) from **6:30pm-8:30pm**. This is an OPEN invite to all Catholics! Everyone will gather in unity to celebrate a year of LISTENING and reflect on Faith, Fellowship and Feedback from the many voices of our parish communities in and around Baltimore. There will be live music, joyful performances and ice cream...yes ICE CREAM! Use the QR code to RSVP or send an email to Geri Royale Byrd at geri.byrd@archbalt.org.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER -- "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops." Proclaim the good news of a Christian marriage. Bring God into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Jul 14-16 in Rockville, MD and Oct 13-15 in College Park, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit: <https://moments4marriage.org> or contact us at applications@moments4marriage.org or 301-541-7007.

GETTING GUNS OFF THE STREET - The Archdiocese and St. Joseph's Monastery Parish in partnership with the Baltimore City Police and Catholic Charities is hosting a gun buyback event and resource fair **on Saturday, Aug. 5th** in Edmondson Village Shopping Center in West Baltimore. The goal is to reduce the number of guns in the community, provide a safe and legal way to dispose of firearms and, importantly, bring hope to our neighbors that together we can end violence. Parishioners across the Archdiocese are being invited to make a contribution in support of the buyback. Excess funds will go to support the families of homicide victims in Baltimore. To make a donation, scan the QR code, or mail your check to St. Joseph's Monastery Parish Office (251 S. Morley St., 21229) and indicate "gun buyback" on the memo line. Questions: contact Fr. Mike Murphy at 410-566-0877 or mmmmurphy@sjmp.org; or Yvonne Wenger, the Archdiocese's director of community affairs, at 443-955-8399 or yvonne.wenger@archbalt.org.



FAITH, HEALTH, & MEDICINE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM - [St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute](#) is currently accepting applications for their [CONNECT: Faith, Health & Medicine graduate certificate program](#), designed for health professionals, chaplains, ministry students, and anyone interested in the intersection of faith and health, of caring and curing. The program connects faith and medicine through the study of Scripture, science, theology, ethics, and world religions. CONNECT can be taken for 12 graduate-level credits or 100 hours of Continuing Education for Chaplains and Spiritual Care providers. Scholarship assistance is available for certificate students, and the fees are reduced by \$120 for those registering by July 1st.

COMMISSION ON SLAVERY – In March, Archbishop William Lori established the *Commission on Slavery* to study the sin of racism in the local Church, document economic benefits tied to enslaved labor and promote healing. Please read more here: [Archdiocese of Baltimore's Commission on Slavery seeks to study the sin of racism in the local Church, document economic benefits tied to enslaved labor and promote healing - Archdiocese of Baltimore \(archbalt.org\)](#)

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