

# Mass Intentions

**April 2 - April 8**

<b>Monday:</b> 4/2	9:00 a.m. Marie Galvin
<b>Tuesday,</b> 4/3	9:00 a.m. Bill English
<b>Wednesday,</b> 4/4	9:00 a.m. Guy Bevan 7:30 p.m. Maryann Rohrbach
<b>Thursday,</b> 4/5	9:00 a.m. Joseph Gerard O'Sullivan
<b>Friday,</b> 4/6	9:00 a.m. Barbara Lynn Beall 7:30 p.m. Angel Andrada
<b>Saturday,</b> 4/7	9:00 a.m. Joan O'Connor 5:00 p.m. Msgr. Ralph Kuehner
<b>Sunday,</b> 4/8	8:00 a.m. Juan & Bievenida Villaflores 9:30 a.m. Antonio Nabor 11:15 a.m. Dick Jubert 5:00 p.m. <i>Pro populo</i>

**+ In Memoriam Aeternam +**

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Morris, husband of Maryellen Morris.

**Please pray for the sick...** Carol Toney, Eusebia Lo, Serge Triau, Jack Price, Dennis Parnell, Bernard Kohan, Rocco Prologo, Geri Trickett, Michael J. White, Cheryl Rickerds, Ed Dudenhoefter, Bob Coyne, Evelyn Haddad, Mark Trickett, Katrina Schmidt, Bienvenido Delrosario, Jackie Roebuck King, Jeni Stepanek.. *(Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.)*

**Readings for the Week of April 1, 2018**

<b>Sunday:</b>	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9
<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
<b>Thursday:</b>	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
<b>Friday:</b>	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
<b>Saturday:</b>	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

**THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR**

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! A very happy Easter to everyone who is here for Mass this Easter Sunday. All are welcome as we celebrate Easter and the feast of Christ rising from the dead. Often people have questions about what Catholics do at this time of year. I thought that I would take three questions that people have been asking and try to give a good answer to these questions. I am basing these on material provided by the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions.

**Normally we have a 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings. We didn't have one yesterday. What is the reason for that?**

Last evening we celebrated the Easter Vigil. Our Archdiocesan guidelines state that the Easter Vigil should take place at night after sundown (approximately 7:30 p.m. EDT) and before sunrise (approximately 6:30 a.m. EDT). According to *Paschale Solemnitatis*, a *Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts*, no. 77, issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship, January 16, 1988, we read the following:

*According to a most ancient tradition, this night is one of vigil for the Lord, and the Vigil celebrated during it, to commemorate that holy night when the Lord rose from the dead, is regarded as the mother of all vigils. For in that night, the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the resurrection of the Lord, and celebrates the sacraments of Christian initiation.*

In addition *Paschale Solemnitatis*, no. 78, makes it quite clear that the Mass schedule needs to change on Holy Saturday:

*The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil takes place at night. It should not begin before nightfall; it should end before daybreak on Sunday. This rule is to be taken according to its strictest sense. Reprehensible are those abuses and practices that have crept into many places in violation of this ruling, whereby the Easter Vigil is celebrated at the same time of day that is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses.*

That is why we did not have a 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass yesterday.

**Where does the word "Paschal" come from? Where does the word "Easter" come from?**

"Pascha" is a Greek word that translates the Hebrew word for "Passover." Many Eastern Christians use this term to refer to Easter. It may have two meanings. First, it may refer to "passage"—the passage of the Hebrews fleeing Egypt and the passage of Christ from death to life. Secondly, it has been interpreted as "passion" in the sense of Christ suffering. Both meanings are alluded to in the liturgical texts (Smolarski, Dennis, *Liturgical Literacy*, 162).

The word "Easter" may have originally been derived from a mythological goddess of fertility. Early Christians often Christianized pagan observances. In the third edition of the Roman Missal, you will see titles that reflect the European custom of calling the day "Resurrection Sunday," though Easter is still used.

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## Easter Sunday 2018

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I bear witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in the world today? Can I take the risen Christ I receive in the Eucharist and make him present in my daily life?

### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Have you never had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Fr. John is teaching a class for parishioners over the age of eighteen who have been baptized, have made their First Holy Communion, but for one reason or another have not been confirmed. Interested? Please contact Fr. John at the rectory. E-mail: [jdillon@sfadw.org](mailto:jdillon@sfadw.org). Phone: 301-840-1407 by Monday, April 2, 2018.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All are welcome! Join the Ministry of Eucharistic Adoration and assist with adoration in the following manner:

- *Become a regular attendee at adoration in the Parish.*
- *Pray that Eucharistic Adoration will increase.*
- *Foster Eucharistic Adoration in our parish by evangelizing His Eucharistic Presence.*
- *Deepen your personal relationship with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.*

**First Friday Mass will be at 7:30 p.m., April 6, followed by adoration until 9:00 p.m. in the Church.**

**ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?** On Sunday, June 17, at 2:00 p.m. Cardinal Donald Wuerl will preside at the annual Mass honoring married couples celebrating **25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50** and **50+** years of marriage. The Jubilarian Mass will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Personalized scrolls signed by Cardinal Wuerl will be distributed to the couples following the ceremony, or mailed should they be unable to attend. If you are interested in attending or receiving a scroll, please call the Parish Office before **Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**.

### THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

**Why is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord not celebrated on March 25 this year?**

March 25 is associated with the angel Gabriel's announcement to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church assigned that date since it falls nine months before the assigned date for the Nativity of the Lord.

This year, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord fell on Sunday, March 25. It has a rank of "2" on the "Table of Liturgical Days According to Their Order of Precedence." The solemnity of the Annunciation has a rank of "3." When this happens, the Annunciation is moved to the next available liturgical day which does not "outrank" it. We find this after Holy Week, the Sacred Paschal Triduum, and the Octave of Easter. Therefore, the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord will be celebrated on Monday, April 9.

Until next week,  
**Fr. John Dillon**

### RCIA

After an extended journey, the RCIA and RCIC Elect and Candidates were received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. Our Elect, **Joshua Gardner, David O'Steen, Mateo Choza, Ayana Choza, Sydnie Brown** and our Candidates, **Annalee Antalan and Jeremy Byamugisha** celebrated the initiation sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. As we celebrate the Easter season, we are called to continue to pray for and to welcome these individuals, now called "Neophytes," more fully into our St. Francis of Assisi community.

### INDICATORS OF VITALITY SURVEY TO LAUNCH APRIL 8

On April 8, the Pastoral Council will launch the Indicators of Vitality Survey, an archdiocesan tool to assess the parish's capacity to plan and form parishioners into disciples. The survey will ask survey takers to measure the parish in the five following areas:

- Liturgy and worship
- Education formation
- Community
- Service
- Administration and Stewardship

The desired outcomes or touchstones for the Indicators of Vitality process include the following:

- Increasing the evangelization capacity of our parish
- Examining where parish life and ministries are strongest or need improvement
- Finding the opportunity for new growth and a stronger evangelization effort
- Flexibility to meet the needs of individual parishioners
- Providing an opportunity for parishioners' voices to be heard in a non-threatening fashion

The survey will be administered from April 8-28 through online survey links disseminated on [www.sfadw.org](http://www.sfadw.org), Flocknote and Facebook. Paper surveys will also be available in the Gathering Space after Sunday Masses and some daily Masses. People who complete the survey will also have the chance to win an Amazon gift card. For more information about the Indicators of Vitality survey, contact the Pastoral Council at [asktheppc@gmail.com](mailto:asktheppc@gmail.com).

### LENTEN FOOD DRIVE YIELDS NEARLY 150 BAGS OF FOOD FOR THE ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to everyone who so generously gave to the Archdiocesan Lenten Food Drive the weekend of March 17/18. The parish collected approximately 147 bags totaling 1,049 pounds of non-perishable food and some non-food items (diapers). Members of the St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry sorted, packed and delivered these items to St. Martin's Food Pantry on Sunday, March 18. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

### HAPPY EASTER

from

**Fr. John & Fr. Jack and the Parish Office Staff**

**PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED**

**April 2 - Easter Monday**

**April 1, 2018**

**LAMB OF GOD PRAYER MEETING** Join the Lamb of God Prayer Group for worship and the study of Scripture on Tuesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m., St. Clare's Chapel in the Rectory. For details, please call Louise, (301) 977-5217.

**POOR BOX DONATION** – The donations for next weekend will go to the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. *Thank you for your generosity.*

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYER CHAIN** If you have a prayer request, please contact Marianne Bullen, (301) 963-3420 or [mariannebu@comcast.net](mailto:mariannebu@comcast.net) with your requests.

### **ROSARY FOR PRIESTS**

Every Wednesday evening at 6:45 p.m. we pray the rosary for our priests before the 7:30 p.m. Mass.

### **HOLY HOUR FOR THE DYING**

On Thursday evenings in the St. Clare's Chapel in the Rectory, a prayer group meets at 7:00 p.m. to pray for the dying. This is a Holy Hour Devotion for the Dying. As a central work of our Catholic faith, we are called to pray for the dying, especially for those who may die suddenly, unprepared to face God. For additional information, please call the Parish Office, (301) 840-1407.

**ROSARY CENACLE OF OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE** Cenacle of Our Lady, Queen of Peace to pray for priests and vocations, 2:00 p.m. in the St. Clare's Chapel (Rectory) every Sunday. Please join us.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323**

The Knights of Columbus are actively pursuing new members. Our council incorporates members from St. Francis, St. Mary's and St. Martin's. Though best known for our many charitable projects, we also have a lot of fun with dinners, fund raisers, family nights, and many other fraternal social occasions. If interested in learning more, please contact Gary Palmer, (301) 948-6494 or e-mail [gtbpalmer@verizon.net](mailto:gtbpalmer@verizon.net).



**APRIL 2018 LUNCH** – The St. Francis Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, April 4 at 12:00 Noon at Minerva Restaurant (Indian Cuisine), 16240 Frederick Road, Gaithersburg 20877. "At the corner of Shady Grove Road & Rt. 355". If you are planning to attend, please contact Mary Lou Habib and she will save a seat for you, (301) 417-0243.

**ATTEND INFORMATIONAL MEETING APRIL 4 ON PALESTINIAN, ISRAELI DIALOGUE** Please join St. Francis of Assisi's Pax Christi Ministry, Temple Beth Ami and other faith groups on Wednesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. for a presentation on New Story Leadership, a group that brings Palestinians and Israelis to the DC area each summer to meet each other and share their experiences. The presentation at Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Road, Rockville, will feature two young women from Israel and Palestine. For more information, contact Pax Christi member Bob Cooke at [cookerh1251@gmail.com](mailto:cookerh1251@gmail.com).

### **REBUILDING TOGETHER CONVENES SKILLED TRADESPEOPLE, NOVICE HAND PEOPLE TO MAKE HOME REPAIRS**

Whether you are a tradesperson or are simply comfortable swinging a hammer or taping baseboard, your skills are needed at the St. Francis of Assisi Rebuilding Together project on Saturday, April 28. Since 2003, St. Francis of Assisi Parish has participated in making critical repairs and upgrades in local homes owned by seniors, people with disabilities and other vulnerable people. This year, parishioners will be working on a home in Silver Spring, which needs landscaping, trim replacement and spackling work.

All parishioners 14 years and older are invited to participate by registering on the Rebuilding Together Volunteer Center at the following URL: <http://bit.ly/2oKgRdl>. Participants ages 14 to 18 are welcome to volunteer, but must download a Volunteer Waiver Form at <https://rebuildingtogethermc.org/volunteer-center/volunteer-waiver-form/>, have an adult sign it and bring it to the Rebuilding Together site where they are assigned.

In the case that the house has a sufficient number of volunteers, participants may also be assigned to do light landscaping work, repairs and general cleaning at the St. Francis of Assisi Rectory on Saturday, April 28.

For more information, contact Rebuilding Together coordinators Mike Rogewitz at [rogewitm@gmail.com](mailto:rogewitm@gmail.com), John Vilgos at [john.vilgos@gmail.com](mailto:john.vilgos@gmail.com) or Pat O'Connor at [leafs20879@aol.com](mailto:leafs20879@aol.com).

### **HOOPS FOR HAITI TO TIP OFF ON APRIL 14 AT GOOD COUNSEL HIGH SCHOOL**

St. Francis of Assisi's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Hoops for Haiti basketball fundraiser kicks off Saturday, April 14, at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney. You can participate in one of many ways:

- **As a ministry**, sign up to play in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament at 4:30 p.m. Take on one of the other St. Francis ministries in this inaugural tournament to be played just for fun! The registration fee for the 3-on-3 teams is \$30 per team, and that fee also provides admission to the main game for all players.
- **As an individual**, sign up to bake goods for the concession stand or share another talent, such as face painting or refereeing.
- **As a family**, come buy tickets to take part in the fun. Besides the 3-on-3 tournament and the main game between the Ol' Saints and Swole Saints at 7 pm, there will be Bible trivia, music, halftime contests and games. Come join us for this fun and wholesome event!

Tickets to Hoops for Haiti are \$5 per student, \$10 for adults and a maximum of \$30 for a family and can be bought in advance or at the door. Contact Haiti Ministry Coordinator Dan Cardile at [dancardile@yahoo.com](mailto:dancardile@yahoo.com) for tickets or more information about Hoops

### **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

Members of the Health Ministry Team will be on hand for blood pressure screening next weekend in the St. Clare Room after the Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday morning Masses.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS/EVENTS



### SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

St. Francis of Assisi Church invites children from age 4 to those who will complete the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in June 2018 to join us at Vacation Bible Camp, June 25-29 from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm. Look for camper registration information, as well as information about volunteer opportunities for adults and teens, after Easter!

### NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER HOLIDAYS

Religious Education classes will not meet during Holy Week and Easter week. Please make note of the schedule for the remaining Religious Education classes for this school year:

April 1, 2 & 3	No RE Classes (Easter week)
April 8, 9 & 10	RE Classes
April 15, 16 & 17	RE Classes
April 22, 23 & 24	RE Classes
April 29, 30 & May 1	RE Classes
May 6, 7 & 8	Last RE Classes (except for Confirmation classes)

### CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE & PARENT MEETING

A reminder to Confirmation Candidates and Parents: There will be a meeting for students and parents on Wednesday, April 4, 6:45-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

### CATECHESIS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Our parish offers monthly catechetical sessions specifically designed for children and youth with special needs and their families. Our next session is Sunday, April 8, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the St. Clare Room. If you would like to learn more about these sessions, or if you are interested in serving as a catechist or aide for children with special needs, please call Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.



### ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST!

We prayed, fasted and gave alms - and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives.

*If you haven't already done so, please turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the Church Gathering Space this week.*

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/EVENTS

### ST. FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Upcoming Events

#### FRED

#### APRIL

- 1 No FRED - **Happy Easter!**
- 8 Praise & Worship Holy Hour in the Church
- 14 Archdiocesan Dodgeball Tournament  
Hoops for Haiti  
Be Pure of Heart - 1 Cor 6:19-20
- 15 Be Pure of Heart - 1 Cor 6:19-20
- 20-22 FRED Retreat: "What Do YOU Stand For?"
- 22 No FRED
- 28-29 Krispy Kreme/Jewelry Sale
- 29 Be Real - Romans 12:9

#### **GET SOCIAL**

**Follow us on Instagram & Twitter @ SFAFRED.**

#### Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

*Catch our Spirit*

[www.StJudeRockville.org](http://www.StJudeRockville.org)

<http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd>

**SJRCS National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)** The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service. Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the SJRCS National Junior Honor Society on March 14<sup>th</sup>:

*Christina Argyros  
Coralie Arias  
Naomi Barish  
Isabella Grijalba*

*Michael Nicholas  
Timothy Sanders  
Rachel Shrestha*

#### **THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEART**

Thank you to everyone that attended, volunteered, and supported the Luau! We are completing the reconciliation process and should know the total profit from the Luau soon. While we don't have specific numbers, we can tell you that the Luau grossed over \$100,000 - an astounding response from this community! Thank you for all of the support!! Our children will benefit greatly from your generosity.

**BROWN BAG CONVERSATIONS  
TO BRING US TOGETHER IN SHORT TARGETED  
INFORMAL LEARNING**

*"Our Christian communities must become genuine "schools" of prayer, where the meeting of Christ is expressed not just in imploring help but also in thanksgiving, praise, adoration, contemplation, listening, and ardent devotion, until the heart truly "falls in love".....It is therefore essential that education in prayer should become in some way a key point of all pastoral planning."*  
– St. John Paul II

Are you interested in delving into our Catholic faith, learning how to grow in Christian maturity and living as true disciples of Jesus? This new informal learning may be more accessible to you after the 11:15 Mass. Come join our new *Brown Bag Conversations* that will take place on occasional Sundays from 1-2:30 pm in the Assisi Room of the Rectory. Depending on the topic, the sessions could last between one hour and 90 minutes.

The St. Francis Adult Faith Formation Team is launching *Brown Bag Conversations* on Sunday, April 15, at 1 pm, featuring a three-week series on prayer. The topics will include:

- April 15: *Daily Examen* led by Fr. Jack Berard
- April 22: *Discernment of Spirits* led by Fr. John Dillon
- April 29: *Lectio Divina* led by Adult Faith Formation Team Member Medy DeAusen

Help make our parish a *genuine school of prayer!* Participants are invited to bring their lunch and join in the conversation. Walk-ins are encouraged, as there is no pre-registration.

If you like what you hear, then please consider leading your own topic of our faith. The Adult Faith Formation Team is seeking lay parishioners to lead conversations on various topics for the Brown Bag Conversations. Interested persons should submit their proposed topics to Medy DeAusen at [medydeausen@comcast.net](mailto:medydeausen@comcast.net)

**CATHOLIC SINGLES WELCOME**

Catholic Singles of Greater Washington is an organization for single Catholics, ages 21 to 65-plus, enjoying each other's company in a wide variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. Please find out more about us by visiting <http://CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org> or call Tricia at 301-460-9195.

**MONTHLY ROSARY CALL**

Mary, Our Blessed Mother, asks us to pray very much, especially the Rosary. Please join the Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) to pray the Rosary on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of each month at 8:00 p.m. (Eastern time). We welcome all to phone into our ACCW Rosary by calling 605-468-8016 and insert access code: 357090# to pray the Rosary as a community. Our next call is scheduled for April 4, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. We look forward to your joining us! Thank you

**A REMINDER FROM FR. JOHN ...** If anyone is living in a marriage that has not been recognized by the Catholic Church, it would be wise to consult with a priest to see whether that situation might be rectified. It could be as simple as repeating your marriage vows quietly in front of a priest and receiving the Church's blessing. In that way, one would become eligible to receive the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**

*Therapy for the soul whereby the pain of the past, transformed by love, becomes hope.* During Lent we are called to deeply reflect on ourselves and on our spiritual life. This reflection may be difficult for someone who feels separated from God due to guilt and shame after an abortion. The Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend offers hope and healing for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend is a very specific trauma sensitive process designed to help the participant experience the mercy and compassion of God in a safe environment. For more information: visit [www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org) or call 1-877-HOPE-4-ME (1-877-467-3463). All calls are confidential.

**Where:** Wilmington, Delaware

**When:** Friday, April 6, - Sunday, April 8, 2018

For additional information please contact Nan Freeman (302) 333-1904 or [lucyminn929@gmail.com](mailto:lucyminn929@gmail.com).

**COME TO THE WATERS  
ONE-DAY RETREAT APRIL 28, 2018**

*"Come away...and rest for a while."* – Jesus

Project Rachel Baltimore's Come to the Waters (CTTW) retreat offer a beautiful opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat is a chance to get away from the daily pressures of work and family, to focus on a painful time in life, and to begin healing through a supportive and non-judgmental process. Spiritual exercises focusing on God's forgiveness, compassion, and mercy are shared through psychological exercises, which help participants work through repressed grief and anger that may exist. Many preconceived fear of condemnation are transformed into blessings; memories of abandonment, pain, and confusion are replaced by peace and reconciliation.

**DATE:** Saturday, April 28

**Location:** Baltimore area

If you are interested in attending a retreat or would like to speak with a peer minister, a priest or counselor, please contact us at [projectrachel@archbalt.org](mailto:projectrachel@archbalt.org) or (410) 625-8491 (call or text).

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

"Have you lost a parent, child, spouse, or close friend and think you might benefit from group support as you grieve? St. Patrick's will offer a Spring grief support group. The group will be small in size and will provide a safe, compassionate, and prayerful environment for you to discuss your loss with others who share your experiences. The group will meet for 7 weekly sessions starting Thursday, April 12, 2018, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the St. Patrick's Parish Center, Norbeck Road, Rockville. There is no fee, but registration is required. For more information and to register, please call Diane Salem at 301-924-4958."

**ARE YOU AFFECTED  
BY SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDICTION?**

NAR-ANON offers hope. Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a twelve step program, we offer help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. A meeting is held on Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m., 15886B, Gaither Drive, Gaithersburg. For additional information contact Alison, (301) 963-6640 or visit the website [nar-anon.org](http://nar-anon.org).