

WELCOME! *We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope that you will find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts within the community. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome. Please introduce yourself after Mass. May God Bless us all!*

Fr. Brian Coelho

PARISH NEWS

Sacrificial Giving

Parish Income Week of February 17, 2019

Envelopes:	\$ 4734.00
Votive Offering:	\$ 136.00
Hall Rental:	\$ 186.00
Loose:	\$ 166.38
Pantry:	\$ 1311.00
Cemetery:	\$ 1271.00
Improvement Fund:	\$ 130.00

Thank you for your Generosity and Support!

THANK YOU! ON BEHALF OF FORESTVILLE PREGNANCY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS Thank you and your congregation for their 2019 Baby Bottle donation sponsored by The Knights of Columbus, that totaled \$2267.87 in combination with St. Mary Piscataway Church. Our mission is to protect two lives when a woman comes to our Center for assistance. We often see a frightened, confused, and at times, a rejected individual. Her pain becomes ours to heal and we can do this only through the continued and faithful support of churches such as yours. Even before Roe vs. Wade, the Catholic Church has been in the forefront of protecting the life of the unborn and for that we are very appreciative. It's a support we can count on, especially today with the new Abortion Rights Laws being passed in a number of states (and Maryland might be the next in line if we don't get the word out to everyone that this would be a grave mistake against the sanctity of life.) You have truly been one of our Friends of Life and we encourage and applaud you in your efforts to assist the Forestville Pregnancy Center in the ways you have in the past. We ask for your prayers that the Lord may guide and protect our staff and volunteers so that together with our supporters, we may continue our mission of "saving lives...two at a time."

Sincerely Jeanette Zak

LEGISLATION ON ASSISTED SUICIDE AND ABORTION BILLS IN MD - Dear Parishioners, In the gospel Jesus Christ gives to us the "Golden Rule," which is "Do to others as you would have them do to you." This rule is supported to guide our moral decisions. It is so simple that everyone, including young children, understand it immediately. It tells us how we are to act in order to respect the fundamental dignity of each human person. It has been the foundation of our system of justice. Unfortunately, people in our time are forgetting the golden rule. Sadly, we have arrived at a point when people actually want to claim the "right" to kill other people who, because of their age or disability, challenge our generosity of spirit. So we seek to legalize having doctors kill their patients and to permit the killing of children in the womb for virtually any reason at any time. It is hard to imagine how a civilization which was built on the Golden Rule could sink to such levels of murderous selfishness. But that is where we are. As Christians we must do all that we can to resist these attacks on the God given right To life.

Please read the notices below and contact our state delegate, Debra Davis and our state senator, Arthur Ellis, and tell them that you are opposed to the spread of physician assisted suicide and unrestricted abortion in Maryland. With my prayers, Father Conley

SAY NO to Physician Assisted-Suicide in Maryland.

An out-of-state interest group is once again pushing to legalize physician assisted suicide in our state. In addition of putting our medical doctors in the position of killing us - their patients, the bill lacks safeguards against people being coerced to choose suicide. It also creates opportunities for insurance to cut off benefits to their customers and "offer" physician assisted suicide instead. This has happened in states that have legalized physician assisted suicide.

So please contact your state legislators and ask them to vote no on HB399 and SB311. It is more important than ever that Charles County residents make our voices heard to our representatives in District 28, Delegate Debra Davis and Sen. Arthur Ellis are on the committees advancing these bills.

Senator ARTHUR ELLIS, Democrat, District 28, Charles County, (410)841-3616, (301)858-3616, (toll free) 1-800-492-7122 ext. 3616 email: Arthur.ellis@senate.state.md.us
 Delegate DEBRA DAVIS, Democrat, District 28, Charles County, (410)841-3337, (301)858-3337 email: Debra.davis@house.state.md.us

MORE AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

LEGISLATION ON ASSISTED SUICIDE AND ABORTION BILLS IN MD - SAY "NO" To More Abortions in Maryland. The United States has some of the most liberal abortion laws in the entire world. Maryland has some of the most liberal abortion laws in our country. Not surprisingly, these responses to the challenge of unplanned pregnancies promote abortion - which always involve the taking of human life.

A bill has been introduced in our legislature (HB1031) that would add to the November 2020 ballot, a referendum for all Maryland voters to vote on the following statement: "That the people have the right to bodily integrity and privacy to make personal decisions about childbearing and procreation without unwarranted government intrusion." This statement is intended to forever carve into our state constitution our radical abortion laws. If passed, this law would block common sense pro-life legislations such as banning the practice dismembering babies while aborting them and protections for babies who are born alive during the commission of an abortion.

We cannot allow this bill to make it out of committee. Delegate Davis is a co-sponsor of this legislation. Contact her today and ask her to withdraw her support for such dangerous legislation in our state.

Delegate DEBRA DAVIS, Democrat, District 28, Charles County, (410)841-3337, (301)858-3337 email: Debra.davis@house.state.md.us

INDOOR FLEA MARKET (RAIN OR SHINE) - Saturday, March 9, from 8am to 1pm. Hosted by The Social Concerns Committee of St. Mary's Church in Bryantown. Tables available for rent (\$20). Lunch and Baked Goods. Proceeds go to Church Emergency Fund for the less fortunate. Donations Accepted. Call Mary Branick at 301-274-4507 for more information.

ANGEL'S WATCH SHELTER IN WALDORF - is in need of assistance of food donations for meals. We are in need of meats, produce, and non perishable items (such as rice, beans, canned goods etc.) to assist with meals. We are also looking for someone with experience and who might be interested in cooking for a large group on a continued basis. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Clark at 301-274-0680 or email her at Katy.Clark@CatholicCharitiesDC.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS - Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage on October 25-27, 2019 in Gaithersburg, MD. Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up!

ARCHBISHOP NEALE SCHOOL THEATER CLUB - Proudly presents their spring production of "*The Princess Capers*." It will be held Saturday, March 30 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm in the ANS gym located at 104 Port Tobacco Road, La Plata. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door or through the school office. Concessions will be available for purchase. If you are interested in advertising in the playbill, please call the school office to request a flyer or email anstheaterclub@gmail.com

MARRIAGE RENEWAL WORKSHOP "HEALING YOUR LOVE" - March 9-10 and November 16-17, 2019. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center 7007 Bradley Blvd. Bethesda, MD. Gain (Tools for overcoming obstacles in your marriage) - A Christ-centered weekend designed to offer practical tools to help married couples foster emotional closeness and overcome distance, hurts, and unhealthy patterns in their marriage. Register at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612.

LADIES! JOIN THE ENCOUNTER GRACE TEAM on Saturday, March 23, 2019 for the 2nd women's series, *Encounter Grace: Reclaim* at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church and Family Center, 105 Vianney Way, Prince Frederick, MD. The day begins with Mass at 8 am, Breakfast and check-in at 8:30 am followed by 3 powerful talks on the topic of reclaiming who you are - and whose you are - following God's plan for your life in whatever season of life you find yourself. There will be time for reflection and sharing throughout the day and an opportunity for confession. This event is appropriate for women ages 16+. For more information email: encountergraceco@gmail.com or call 301-848-2980. Tickets are on sale now at www.encountergrace.co

65TH U.S. NATIONAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE LOURDES FRANCE - June 30 - July 09, 2019. Accompanied by clergy and medical staff. Contact Lourdes Pilgrimage Office of Catholic Travel at 301-740-9332 or email: lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net. Visit website for more information www.Lourdes-pilgrimage.com.

HOLY ANGELS CHURCH SPRING SEAFOOD DINNER - On Sunday, March 24, 2019, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Join Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD, for a buffet style all you can eat Seafood Dinner. The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Crab Balls, Fried Chicken, and all the trimmings! The address is 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD 20609. Advance ticket purchase until (Mar. 15) \$26 Adults, \$8 Children, Under 5 free. Tickets after Mar 15 \$28 Adult. Call 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com for more info.