NEW PARISHIONERS...St. Aloysius extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for prayer, worship, or instruction. If you are new to the area or returning home to the Church, we invite you to register and make St. Aloysius your parish. Registration forms can be obtained at the church, on our website, or by calling the rectory.

FIND A SMALL GROUP... Find Small Group Faith Formation opportunities in our area for both adults and high school teens by visiting www.ConnectStMarys.com.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)...RCIA is the process of welcoming new members to the Catholic Church. It is intended for adults who have never been baptized or for adults who have been baptized Christian and now wish to practice the faith in the Catholic tradition. It is an ongoing process of formation, catechesis and liturgical rites. Anyone interested is asked to call the rectory to discuss the process.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM...Parents are asked to call the parish office to register for the Baptismal Preparation Meeting and for the baptism of their child. Parents are expected to be participating members of the parish.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE...Couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with the pastor six months to one year in advance of their intended wedding date, in order to allow time for marriage preparation. At least one of the engaged should be a registered and practicing member of the parish.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK...The Sacrament of the Sick is for the spiritual comfort, strength and healing of the ill. If there is a need for the sacrament in your family or household, please contact the rectory as soon as possible.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL... Pre-K-8th Grade. If interested, please contact Mrs. Helen Bowles in the school office Monday through Friday 8:00am - 3:00pm, 301-475-9795 for space availability.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...Pre-K-8th Grade, 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM, during the school year. To register please contact Leonard Wathen at the Rectory or visit the parish website.

January 7, 2018
The Epiphany of the Lord

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am
Daily: 12:15 pm Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 am Wednesday & Friday
7:30 am Saturday

HOLY DAY MASSES:
As Announced inside the Bulletin.

FIRST FRIDAYS: Masses at 9:00 am (September through June) and 7:00 pm. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 am till 6:45 pm followed by Benediction.
Confessions from 6:00 - 6:30 pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Thursday: 11:30-12 Noon
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

STAFF
Pastor.................................................Rev. David W. Beaubien, ext. 14
Deacon......................................................Deacon Joe Vavrus
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper......................Denise Becher, ext. 10
Receptionist/Bulletin Editor .........................Lauren Carney, ext. 11
Religious Education/Youth Ministry.........Leonard Wathen, ext. 16
Maintenance............................................................................................................Wally Bowles
Principal, Father Andrew White School ..........Heather Francisco
Secretary, FAW School.................................................................Helen Bowles

RECTORY HOURS:  Monday-Thursday 8 am-4 pm
                                Friday 9 am-3 pm

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**THE GLORY OF THE LORD**

“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” (Isaiah 60: 1) These words of Isaiah from today’s first reading (Isaiah 60: 1 – 6) are a wonderful introduction to the Epiphany, the manifestation of the Christ Child to the Gentile world. Matthew is writing to a community that is largely made up of Jewish Christians. He wants to be very clear about the mission of the savior to all peoples. The magi are from the Gentile world. Matthew will end his Gospel reminding his readers of Jesus’ mission to all. Jesus commissions the eleven: “Make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28: 19)

Today’s second reading (Ephesians 3: 2 – 3a, 5 – 6), also gives witness to the ministry of the Savior for the Gentiles. Saint Paul insists that “the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.” (vs. 6)

The word “epiphany” has a significant history. In the Old Testament period it was used for the sudden appearance of a god coming to help or to save. In the Greek translation of the Old Testament “epiphany” was used for appearances of Yahweh, especially when he intervened on behalf of his people. The word “epiphany,” therefore, is a perfect word to describe the coming of the Christ as he is “manifested” to the magi. He truly is God coming to save his people, all his people!

The magi are clearly from the East, possibly from Persia. They were students of the stars. God uses the star to reveal his Son to the magi. The magi ask King Herod, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We have seen his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” (Mathew 2: 2) Later, the Gospel notes that the magi “were overjoyed at seeing the star,” (vs. 10) the star that they had seen in the East and now see again as they leave Jerusalem for Bethlehem.

Herod asked the scribes where the Messiah would be born. They quoted a combination of two Old Testament texts – the prophet Micah who identifies Bethlehem and 2 Samuel mentioning the shepherd role: “And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.” (Micah 5: 1 -2; 2 Samuel 5: 2)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner, Archdiocese of Washington

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

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**THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY** is recited on Wednesdays after the 8:30 am Mass. Come and pray with Mother Mary, Patron Saint of the Americas; our country needs our prayers. Please join us. Questions call Gerda at 301-475-009 or 860-558-6476.

**FRIDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS:** The next topic: “What Happens after Death?” Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, January 12, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.
**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

*The Kalnasy Concert Series presents*

**YOUTH MUSICIANS IN CONCERT**

Sunday, January 7 at 3:00 PM at St. Aloysius Church. All are invited to an afternoon of beautiful piano and instrumental music of the season performed by our very talented high school accompanists and instrumentalists! For more information contact keyofgmn@gmail.com.

**THIS LENT, HOW ABOUT GETTING A GIFT RATHER THAN GIVING SOMETHING UP?**

Lent starts this Valentine’s Day, February 14th. We are inviting you to mark your calendars now to receive The GIFT: A Life in the Spirit Seminar. This is an inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith. The 6 sessions will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm and will include dinner. The GIFT series begins on Wednesday, February 21st. A $10 donation for the book is recommended. Register at www.saintaloyiuschurch.org under the News feed, The GIFT sign up. For more information, contact Deb Vavrus at 240-317-5332 or davavrus@msn.com.

**ST STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

Weekly Offertory Contributions

Dec. 23/24

1st Collection
Offertory Basket: $7,390.00
Direct Debit: $1,378.00
Total: $8,768.00

Dec. 30/31

1st Collection
2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Assessment & Mustard Seed Mission
Offertory Basket: $6,134.00
Offertory Basket: $2,049.00
Direct Debit: $1,378.00
Mustard Seed Mission $950.00
Total: $7,512.00
Direct Debit: $409.50
Total: $3,408.50

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for Church Missions - United States.

**PATRON OF THE WEEK: Prep & Play Child Care.** If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

*Getting Ahead in a “Just Gettin’-by-World”*

is a program for 6-12 people living in or near poverty to meet weekly for 18-20 weeks, for 3 hours to investigate the impact of poverty on individuals, families and the community. Be part of the journey in the following ways:

**Investigate!** You’re ready for change. Investigate and invest in your future by creating your plan to build your resources. Commit to meeting 3 hours for 20 weeks to problem solve with peers. Build social capital. Use your energy and talents to help improve your community.

**Mentor!** You’re not a counselor or an expert, but a neighbor willing to walk with an investigator. To listen, validate, question and affirm their actions. To facilitate community connections. To empower graduates of Getting Ahead to build their resources.

**Support!** Prepare a meal for 10-13 investigators, facilitators and guest mentors to share prior to their meeting. Help fuel the “kitchen table” discussions! The program begins Monday, January 22 at Fr. Andrew White, S.J. School in Leonardtown. To apply or learn more about Getting Ahead, please call Cindy, Catholic Charities Parish Partners, 410-963-7839 or Teresa, SVdP, St. Aloysius 301-481-2942 or Phyllis and Mike, SVdP Immaculate Conception 240-249-3737.

**VOCATIONS CROSS**

and message from the *Serra Club*

The loving environment of a family draws forth an individual’s greatest talents and gifts. We’ve come to realize that creating an atmosphere in which children can hear the Lord’s call is one of the most significant responsibilities resting on our shoulders as parents. Our own lives must reflect the presence of God, His Word, and the love He offers His people.

Parents, do you encourage your children to develop their talents and gifts? Do you encourage your children to think of Church ministry as a possible life choice?

*Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with the Davio Family who have the Vocations Cross!*

**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

*Family of Faith* meets again on Sunday, January 7 and January 21. January’s theme is Jesus and his Salvation.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & GENEROSITY!

Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to many needy families through our Angel Tree. We provided for 34 local families, with a total of 71 children receiving two gifts, and each family receiving $100 in food cards. Thank you for your generous support with the Angel Tree collection, which enabled many families to share in the blessings of Christmas. We would also like to thank the volunteers who assisted with the distribution of gifts and the Knights of Columbus Council #1470 for use of their building.

The Community Christmas Dinner had an overwhelming response from our parish family as well as other community members. We had 98 volunteers who donated their time by decorating the hall, preparing the food, delivering meals, serving our dine-in guests, cleaning up the hall, and/or donating desserts. Our volunteers delivered 222 meals to those unable to attend the dinner; 93 diners ate Christmas dinner at the hall; and 163 carryout meals were provided.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society recognizes that this event could not be successful without the selfless commitment of so many volunteers.

Finally, the Society thanks all of our parishioners who provided gifts to residents of the St. Mary’s Nursing Center. Each gift was wrapped by the Center’s Activities Department and presented on Christmas day.

The Society is forever grateful to be affiliated with a church family that is so committed to help the most vulnerable in our community. We are blessed to have such a wonderful opportunity to go and to serve the Lord and to make such a difference in the lives of the families, and we thank each and every one from the parish and community for making this possible. Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the coming year so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters in need.

BEDS NEEDED

St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) has had a request for either two full size beds or one full size bed and one single bed. If you have a bed that you want to donate, please call the SVDP phone number and leave a message. 301.481.2942

THANK YOU!

WORD OF LIFE:

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.”

MARCH FOR LIFE
WASHINGTON, DC

March for Life 2018 (http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2018/) will be held on Friday, January 19. Knights of Columbus Council #1470 will be sponsoring a 55-passenger coach bus, up and back that day, leaving from and returning to the St. Aloysius parking lot. Council #1470 Knights and their families are free. A recommended donation of $10/adult, children free, for non-Council #1470 Marchers. For more information or to reserve seats, contact Ed Donohoe at Ed.Donohoe@gmail.com or 402-850-8664. Also, Knights can sign up by selecting ‘March for Life’ in the January 19th date on the website calendar: https://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/events.asp?CNO=1470&DATE=1/27/2018.

PLENARY INDULGENCE
for participating in the March for Life

Our Holy Father Pope Francis is granting a plenary Indulgence to those who take part in the Masses and the March for Life in Washington. The usual conditions involve 1) sacramental Confession, 2) Eucharistic Communion, and 3) prayer for the intentions of the pope. Being truly penitential and motivated by charity, those seeking the Indulgence may apply it to the souls of the faithful in Purgatory. Those unable to leave home due to illness or infirmity may still obtain the plenary Indulgence when they have the disposition of detachment from any kind of sin with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three conditions indicated above if they spiritually join themselves to the March for Life, while also offering their prayers and sufferings to our merciful God.

May the efforts of all across this great nation to lift up the value and dignity of each human life continue to bear fruit, and may we all experience God’s blessings as we participate in this necessary witness!

COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATE

The Archdiocese of Washington Department of Special Needs Ministries and IHM is hosting a Day of Reflection:

Supporting Families with Special Needs in Faith Formation and Beyond on Saturday, January 27, from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Fellowship Hall in Lexington Park.

This is a FREE event but registration is required. We are inviting catechetical leaders, catechists, ministry leaders and interested staff members as well as parishioners at large, to join us in learning more about supporting our families with special needs. More specifics to follow!