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 28, 2018
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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  8 am-3 pm
                  Friday

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**Scripture Corner**

**TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY**

The Jewish teachers at the time of Jesus would pride themselves on repeating exactly what their teachers had shared with them. It is not surprising, then, to read in today’s Gospel (Mark 1: 21 – 28) that Jesus taught as one having authority. He did not imitate the example of the scribes who simply repeated the past teachings. Jesus said that if you do not believe his words, then pay attention to his deeds, his many miracles.

In Matthew’s Gospel, for example, Christ clearly teaches with authority as he did here in the synagogue: “You have heard that it was said, ‘an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other one to him as well.”  (5: 38 – 39)

The Jewish people believed that the Law had come from God, not to be changed by human beings. Jesus is, of course, the Son of God, but also a prophet, called by God, as are all true prophets, to express the divine message to their contemporaries. God through Moses promised a special prophet in the Messianic period: “A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen.” (Deuteronomy 18: 15) The early Church saw this prophecy fulfilled in the ministry of Christ. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah promised in the Old Testament, quoting Deuteronomy 18: 15 to make his point. (Acts 3: 20 – 23)

The people in the synagogue were also amazed by Jesus’ power over the unclean spirit. The very words of the demon indicate an important reality about Jesus and his mission: “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God.” (Mark 1: 24) This exorcism prepares for the continuing struggles between the Son of God (the Holy One of God) and Satan. The struggle will end on Good Friday. On the cross, Jesus Christ will be victorious over Satan, winning salvation for all!

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

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**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** the Sick and Homebound in our Community:  

**BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:** The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of Elizabeth Norris, who passed away recently. May the angels lead her into paradise; may the martyrs come and welcome her to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem; and may the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding give her families comfort and peace.

**FRIDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS:** The next topic: “Why can’t priests get married?” Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, February 2, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

**FIRST FRIDAY, February 2:** Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed at 10:00 am, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6:00-6:30 pm, concluding with Benediction. Please consider spending time with our Lord. Volunteers may sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.
**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

THE GIFT: A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE

Lent starts this Valentine’s Day, February 14th. How about getting a gift rather than giving something up?

We are inviting you to mark your calendars now to receive The GIFT: A Life in the Spirit Course. 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.saintalloysiuschurch.org under the News feed, The GIFT sign up. For more information, contact Deb Vavrus at 240-317-5332 or davavrus@msn.com.

COAT MIX-UP AT VOLUNTEER DINNER

For those that attended the Volunteer Thank You Dinner, can you please check your black coat to see if you may have mistakenly taken the wrong one home with you. We have two ladies that could not find their black coats at the end of the evening. If you find that this happened, please call the rectory at 301-475-8064. Thank you!

**STEWARDSHIP**

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions

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2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the School Support.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Sarah J. Woodward, Licensed Certified Social Worker. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

LOOKING FOR A CONVENIENT WAY TO HELP WITH OUR PARISH OFFERTORY? Please consider Direct Debit. The parish has an established program with our bank for electronic funds transfers. All transactions are done electronically, debiting your bank account automatically for the amount which you have agreed to in writing. This program is voluntary and includes electronic transfers for both the first collection offertory as well as the special second collections.

**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

Family of Faith Update – Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl materials were distributed at our Community Gathering on January 21. Be sure to pick up a rice bowl if you’d like to support those in need here and abroad this Lent. Our next Catechetical Gathering is February 4 from 9:15 to 10:30 AM. Our themes for February are the Paschal Mystery and the Last Judgment.

High School & Middle School teens are invited to “Improv Your Faith,” an evening of faith-filled fun with Fr. Rob Maro, this Sunday, January 28, 5 to 7 PM at Father Andrew White School. Before entering the seminary, Fr. Rob, pastor of St. Francis Xavier, taught “Improv,” improvisational acting. Join us to learn a few lessons in improv and in faith! Dinner will be provided.

High School and Middle School teens are invited to First Friday Movie Night on Friday, Feb 2nd. We’ll start at the Church at 5:15 PM for 30 minutes of Adoration, then walk to the Knights of Columbus Hall for a movie at 6 PM. Pick up is at 7:45 PM at Knights of Columbus Hall.

**FORMED**

FREE STREAMING CATHOLIC CONTENT

Visit saintalloysiuschurch.formed.org for hours of FREE Catholic content, including Bible Studies, family movies, documentaries, audio books, talks, and ebooks. A downloadable FORMED app is available for both Android and iPhone.
2018 CARDINAL’S APPEAL

Many of our parishioners will be receiving a mailing from Cardinal Wuerl in asking them to consider making a pledge to the 2018 Cardinal’s Appeal.

The Cardinal’s Appeal not only funds the ministries of the Archdiocese that touch the life of all of our parishes. For example, Catholic Charities assists us in reaching out to the needy in our immediate area. The four seminarians from our parish are funded by the Appeal in their preparations for the priesthood.

As in the past years, the theme of the Appeal is, “Seek First the Kingdom of God.” —Matthew 6:33. As we seek first the Kingdom of God, we have the capability of helping it to be present in our lives and in the lives of those around us through our works of charity, our works of love, our works of love and compassion. Contributions to the Cardinal’s Appeal offer each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives.

Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2018 Cardinal’s Appeal!

PRAYER BREAKFAST & BOOKSIGNING: Saturday, February 3, 8:30 am to 11:30 am, at Leonardtown Grille. Our guest speaker, Leonard Wathen is the Director of Religious Education at St. Aloysius Church. He holds a master’s degree in theology from Christendom College. Leonard and his wife Nicole are both lifelong residents of St. Mary’s County and have four children. Don’t miss this great testimony from local author of Follow Me and Remain in Me, which will be available for purchase after the breakfast for signing! Please register by Thursday, February 1st, by calling (301) 475-7139 or register online at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. The cost of the Breakfast is $15 in advance and $17 at the door. Note: Mass is offered at St. Aloysius Church at 7:30 am on Saturday mornings.

Men’s Discernment Retreat – Cardinal Wuerl invites men in their 20s, 30s, or 40s who are open to a call to the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. The retreat will be held on the weekend of February 2 – 4, at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. The weekend will offer time away from your daily routine and will provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God’s call. There is no cost to attend. Registration is now open at www.dcpriest.org. Email vocations@adw.org with any questions.

WE’RE KICKING OFF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK on January 28th at our 11 o’clock Mass. Father Andrew White School students are serving as lectors and altar servers and bringing up the gifts. We have many special events this week to celebrate the uniqueness of our Catholic school. The children are participating in service projects, learning about other cultures at our International Night, and celebrating all that Catholic schools have to offer as we highlight how Father Andrew White is a community where we learn, serve, lead, and succeed.

Father Andrew White School Open Houses: Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? You are cordially invited to visit our award winning parish school! Father Andrew White is having Open Houses on Friday, February 2nd from 10:00 - 11:30 am and Sunday, February 25th from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Come meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how our students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."

Our Blue Ribbon School Open Houses: Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? You are cordially invited to visit our award winning parish school! Father Andrew White is having Open Houses on Friday, February 2nd from 10:00 - 11:30 am and Sunday, February 25th from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Come meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how our students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn what to do and say in “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion.”:
