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.

February 4, 2018
5th 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  

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Principal, FAW 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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Scripture Corner

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Preaching the Gospel has always been an essential part of Christ’s religion. It began with Jesus himself as we see in today’s Gospel (Mark 1: 29 – 39): “Let us go to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” (vs. 38) In the second reading (1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23), Saint Paul also emphasizes the importance of preaching the gospel: “If I preach the gospel, there is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it.” (vs. 16) Our Lord insisted on the importance of teaching the gospel in his final commission to his followers: “He said to them, ‘Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.’” (Mark 16: 15)

Another important aspect of the ministry of Jesus also appears in today’s Gospel, the Messianic Secret: “He drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.” (Mark 1: 34) Mark especially highlights the Messianic Secret. Christ had at least two reasons for insisting on the Messianic Secret. First of all, there was a conflict between our Lord’s understanding of being the Messiah and the understanding of his contemporaries. The people of that time were expecting a Messiah who would be a national hero, a military person who would free the Jewish people from the Roman Empire, winning political freedom for them.

A second reason for the Messianic Secret was Jesus’ not wanting people to follow him because of his miracles as though he were a wonder-worker. The miracles and exorcisms were intended to lead the Jewish people to an acceptance of Jesus and his preaching! Part of his preaching was his insistence that he had come to serve: “For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many [all].” (Mark 10: 45)

Pope Francis reflects on the importance of proclaiming the gospel, of evangelizing: “Evangelization is the task of the Church. The Church, as the agent of evangelization is more than an organic and hierarchical institution; she is first and foremost a people advancing on its pilgrim way toward God.” (The Joy of the Gospel, paragraph 111)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Feb. 6 - Friday, Feb. 9 - NO DAILY MASSES

Saturday, Feb. 10:  St. Scholastica, Virgin
7:30 am  Benjamin “Alfred” Knott  
5:00 pm  Henry & Dorothy Crane

Sunday, Feb. 11:  6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am  Pro populo
11:00 am  Rev. Thaddeus Burch, S.J. (L)


BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:  The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of Rosalie Helbig, mother of Theresa Dent, 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 family comfort and peace.

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: “Is Papal Infallibility reasonable?” Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, February 9, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents Marathon Recital Day sponsored by the Music Teachers Association of Southern Maryland (MTASM).
Saturday, February 17, at St. Aloysius.
Recitals begin at 9:00 AM, and each 45 minute recital starts on the hour.
Last recital starts at 2:00 PM.
Talented youth and teen vocalists, instrumentalists and pianists will perform.

“VOCATIONS TREE” COMING SOON!
What’s a “Vocations Tree”? Next weekend, you’ll find a “tree” in the St. Aloysius niche from which cards are suspended, featuring a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Washington. We invite you to choose a card (or more than one!) and commit to praying a short prayer for that seminarian each day during Lent as part of your Lenten activities. Who knows? You could be praying for a future pastor of our parish!

STEWARDSHIP

VOCATIONS CROSS
and message from the Serra Club of Southern Maryland

Jesus commanded us to pray for vocations with his words, “Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Mary Pfeiff who has the Vocations Cross!

BUILDING UPDATE

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY
Join us next Sunday, February 11, after the 11:00 am Mass for our Ground Breaking Ceremony of our new parish hall!

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.

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
Jan. 27/28

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2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the Building Fund.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: St. Mary’s Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. 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.
FEBRUARY 4, 2018

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith Update – Our next Catechetical Gathering is this Sunday, February 4 from 9:15 to 10:30 AM. Our themes for February are the Paschal Mystery and the Last Judgment.

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.

This month, in lieu of our regularly scheduled Community Gathering, families are asked to choose a family service activity for Lent. Although your family may choose any service activity, consider joining us on Sunday, February 18 at 1:30 PM at St. Mary’s Nursing Center as we sing patriotic songs for residents in honor of President’s Day. Space is limited, so RSVP to Leonard Wathen.

OUR BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

THE RIGHT CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR YOU
The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic schools launched a new campaign—The Right Catholic School for You: A Faith-Based Education that Lasts a Lifetime. The campaign includes a new website, www.adwcatholicschools.org, and is designed to raise awareness of the value of a Catholic school education. One of the most important gifts in the life of a child is an excellent education, one that is grounded in the knowledge of the Church’s authentic faith, allowing one to live a full, happy life in communion with Christ. The foundation students gain in Catholic schools promotes lifelong learning—transforming their possibilities for the future.

Father Andrew White, SJ School is a community of faith where families, faculty and staff, and clergy join together to help every child succeed, where learning takes place within a close-knit community, and where rigorous academic programs are grounded in Catholic values. To discover how Father Andrew White, SJ School could be the “Right Catholic School For You” visit the school website, www.fatherandrewwhite.org, and plan to attend the Open House scheduled for Sunday, February 25th from 12:00-1:00pm. Come meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how our students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."

COMMUNITY

2018 CARDINAL’S APPEAL

Today is our follow-up to last Sunday’s beginning of the Appeal in case some were absent. Special appreciation to all who are pledging or contributing this year. Thank you for your generosity to this most worthy effort guided by our archbishop Cardinal Wuerl.

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!

Camp Maria Retreat Center is hosting a Women’s Lenten Retreat Program on Friday, March 2 through Sunday, March 4. Journey with Sarah, “Mother of Faith, wife of Abraham and mother of Isaac”. Sarah has much to teach us. Sunday Mass is included. This is a 2 night/3 day retreat with overnight accommodations. Sister Marian Stenken, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth from Louisville, Ky., will lead the retreat. She worked in parish ministry for 30 years. Facilitating retreats is her passion. Cost $165. Registration and retreat fees are due by Thursday February 22, 2018. Mail to: Camp Maria Retreat Center 41290 Camp Maria Rd, Leonardtown, MD 20650. If you have further questions, contact Ann Kovalcik, Director at director@campmaria.org or 301-475-8330.

SAVE THE DATE

Southern Maryland Community Resources (SMCR) Fundraiser - Countdown to Spring Fashion Show
Sunday, March 11, 1 - 4 pm, Hosted by elements. eatery & mixology. 46580 Expedition Dr., Lexington Park, MD. Sparkling wine tasting, fresh fruit, chicken salad, assorted vegetables, fresh bread and cheeses, chocolate covered strawberries. Spring/Summer Fashion Preview presented by Explore Couture. To benefit SMCR, Inc. Donations are tax deductible, www.somdcr.org.
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