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 18, 2018
First Sunday of Lent

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
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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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**Scripture Corner**

**THE HUMAN NATURE OF JESUS**

A teaching of primary importance concerning Jesus is that he is both God and Man, that he has both a divine and a human nature. Today’s Gospel (Mark 1: 12-15) attests to the humanity of Christ as he is tempted by Satan. Throughout our Lord’s public life the Gospels record elements that are divine and elements that are human. At the height of his ministry he dies on the cross, a sign of his human nature, but also rises from the dead, a sign of his divine nature.

Mark makes the significant point that the Spirit guides the life of Jesus: “The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert.” (vs. 12) In this Gospel there is no mention of the specific temptations, as we find in Matthew and Luke. The Old Testament often sees the desert as the place where evil spirits dwell. The very fact that Christ is tempted by Satan makes clear that our Lord has a true human nature. It is also a preview of the ultimate encounter between Jesus and Satan on Good Friday, where our Lord is clearly triumphant. By his death he wins salvation for all who approach him with love and sorrow.

There are other temptations of Jesus, even from his own followers. After Christ had taught his disciples of the necessity of his suffering and death, Peter rebukes him, tempting him to give up the plan of suffering set by God. Then Christ says to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking as God does, but as human beings do.” (Mark 8: 13) Even when Jesus was hanging on the cross, some of the bystanders said, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross that we may see and believe.” (15: 31 – 32) Jesus resists all these temptations by his human free choice. Thus, he “was handed over for our transgressions and was raised up for our justification.” (Romans 4: 25)

John the Baptist began his ministry “proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” (Mark 1: 4) Jesus begins his proclamation of the gospel, with similar words, “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” (1: 15) “Repent” is asking people to change their minds, change their hearts and put God at the center of their lives.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

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**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

- **Tuesday, Feb. 20:**
  - 12:15 pm: James Falkowski
- **Wednesday, Feb. 21:**
  - 8:30 am: St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Dr. of the church, Sandy Roback (L)
- **Thursday, Feb. 22:**
  - 12:15 pm: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, Catherine S. Thompson
- **Friday, Feb. 23:**
  - 8:30 am: St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr, William & Mary Ida Young
- **Saturday, Feb. 24:**
  - 7:30 am: Eloise Harris
  - 5:00 pm: Pro populo
- **Sunday, Feb. 25:**
  - 8:00 am: Second Sunday of Lent, James P. Goldsborough
  - 11:00 am: Bernard & Barbara Wattiker

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:** The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of Ella Neal, 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.

**LITTLE BLACK BOOKS:** As a companion for prayer during the season of Lent the parish is once again offering The Little Black Book. These pocket size books help us spend six minutes each day in meditation on the Passion according to St. Mark. The Little Black Book is available in the vestibule with voluntary $1 donation to offset the cost.

**The Light is On for You!**
God created us for a life-giving relationship with him and one another. I invite you to renew your relationship with the Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. In addition to the regular times, confessions will be available immediately after all Vigil and Sunday Masses during Lent. Please remember, too, that it is a Precept of the Church that all of us should make a confession at the minimum of once a year, especially during the Lenten or Easter seasons. But more often is greatly beneficial to our spiritual life!

~ Fr. David
**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

**THE GIFT: A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE**

This Wednesday, February 21st is the start of our Lenten Seminar on the Holy Spirit. We are excited by the tremendous response from the parish. For planning purposes, if you plan to attend this series, you must register at www.saintalloysiuschurch.org, under the News feed, The GIFT sign up.

Doors open at Father Andrew White at 6:00pm. We ask that all participants arrive no later than 6:15pm in order to receive their materials and be seated in time for grace.

A simple supper will be served NLT 6:30pm followed by praise and worship, a video, small groups break out, and ending in more praise and worship. It will be an exciting evening of prayer and fellowship for all!

All participants should have received an email response to your registration. If you have not received this email, please contact Deb Vavrus at davavrus@msn.com or 240-317-5332.

**FASTING & ABSTINENCE for LENT**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat for those age 18—59. Seafood is permitted. In addition, Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence for those age 14 and up. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. (If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully in and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.)

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS
It’s not too late to choose an archdiocesan seminarian and commit to praying for him each day during the remainder of Lent. Stop by the “Vocations Tree” today, located in the St. Aloysius niche, and support the men called to serve our Church with your prayers. Don’t let any of them go without our prayers! You might be praying for someone who will someday serve you as a priest in our parish.

**PRESIDENTS’ DAY HOLIDAY**: The parish offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th, in observance of the federal holiday.

**Intercessory Prayer Group**

Make time for prayer this Lent. Our prayer group will meet every Thursday, after Mass at 1:00 pm in the church’s St. Lawrence room. Fliers available in the vestibule of the church.

**VOCATIONS CROSS and message from the Serra Club of Southern Maryland**

A vocation must be nurtured for a lifetime, not just until ordination or the taking of vows. You can help nurture the vocations of priests, sisters and brothers by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. A life of service needs support from those served.

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

**BUILDING UPDATE**

We held the Ground-breaking ceremony last Sunday and introduced our architect and contractor to everyone in attendance. They’ll need about a month to settle some site work details before beginning the actual construction. We’ll be asking for everybody’s patience and indulgence as we enter into this exciting new phase. Please keep our project in your prayers! ~Fr. David

**STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

Weekly Offertory Contributions
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**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be for the Church in the Developing World.

**PATRON OF THE WEEK**: Town Cleaners. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.
**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Family of Faith Update** – 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 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 at staloviuschurch.eventbrite.com.

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.

**RESPECT LIFE**

**WORD OF LIFE:** “Many parents want perfect children. Our culture is obsessed with perfection—a superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media sites depict seemingly perfect lives. God calls us to seek perfection, too. He does not call us, however, to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love.”

**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.adw catholic schools.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 12:00-1:00 pm. Come meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how our students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."

**COMMUNITY**

**FRIDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS:** The next topic: “Marriage: Until death do us part?” Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, February 23, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

**LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER** Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park will have its annual Seafood Dinner on Fridays from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall from February 16th until March 23rd. Come eat fish dinners, fried oysters, boiled shrimp, Po’Boy subs, and various sides, all while they last! Kid’s meals are available, and home baked goods will be sold to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul of IHM.

**MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS**

The next Mass with Healing Prayers will be Monday, February 26, starting at 7 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park. Confessions will begin at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Missions**

**WHOLE-PARISH MISSION** Come experience renewal, from Monday February 19th through Thursday February 22nd at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park. Catholic Evangelist Richard Lane will give a series of talks entitled, “Stir into Flame the Gift of God.” You can come to the morning session at 10:00 am or the evening session at 7:00 pm. Come and be empowered by the light of the living Spirit of God!

**CHRISTLIFE:**

The next ChristLife Series to start at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park will be in February with ‘Discovering Christ’. This seven-week experience consists of a great meal, worship, dynamic teaching and small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. “Discovering Christ” is for anyone, from the daily Mass goer to the unbaptized person who has never entered a church, and all in between. The meetings will be held on Sundays from 5 pm until 8 pm (including dinner) in the IHM Fellowship Hall. The dates are February 25th until April 22nd. There is no cost, but pre-registration is required. Childcare available upon request. For more information or to register, see http://christlife.ihmrcc.org or call 301-863-8144.

**Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) Fundraiser:**

Urban Bar-B-Que: During the month of February if you buy their special cup when you purchase your drink the Squad gets a donation.