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 25, 2018
Second 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

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Friday 9 am-3 pm

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The transfiguration of Jesus was an important event in his life. To appreciate its significance one must study the events that led to the transfiguration. It began with Jesus asking his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8: 29) Peter responded for his companions and confessed his faith in Jesus as the Messiah. The Messiah had been promised to the Jewish people since the time of David. The Messiah will be a Son of David.

Unfortunately many expected the Messiah to be a powerful political, military person, freeing the Jews from the power of Rome. So in the next event our Lord makes it clear that he will be a suffering Messiah, fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah about the Suffering Servant. (See especially Isaiah 53) Christ says, “The Son of Man must suffer greatly.” (Mark 8: 31) Peter then in the next episode rebuked Jesus, who responded, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” (Mark 8: 33)

In the next words of Jesus, he challenges his followers, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” (Mark 8: 34) This is the great challenge to all Christians. We must be ready to follow our suffering Messiah. Basically this involves love of God and love of neighbor, as Jesus often points out. Love of neighbor means everyone, for each human being is a child of God. Love of neighbor also demands that one pursue justice as well as charity. A Christian must do no harm to others, should not be guilty of sins such as discrimination, racism, any injustice!

Christ understood the great challenge to his disciples – they must accept that he is a suffering Messiah. They too must be willing to suffer when necessary. Our Lord then is transfigured, giving his disciples, his followers down through the ages, a glimpse of the happiness to follow the suffering: “His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.” (Mark 9: 3)

Elijah and Moses appeared with Christ, representing the prophets and Law of the Old Testament. They would now yield to the life and ministry of Jesus. But most importantly a cloud appeared, representing the presence of God himself: “From the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”” (Mark 9: 7) These words of Yahweh represent the fulfillment of an Old Testament prophecy: “A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kindred; that is the one to whom you shall listen.” (Deuteronomy 18: 15) The transfiguration prepares for the glory of Easter Sunday!

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

**Scripture Corner**

**Jesus Is Transfigured**

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

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**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

**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent.

1:00 pm - with the FAW Middle school students
1:30 pm - with the FAW Primary grade students
and 7:00 pm

All are invited to participate in this ancient ritual of the Church.
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FRIDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS: The next topic: “Luther from the Catholic Perspective.” Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, March 2, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken. On Sunday, March 4, (en Español) Orígenes del Protestantismo desde la Perspectiva Católica.

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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.)

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EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

VOCATIONS TREE: 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.

VOCATIONS CROSS and message from the Serra Club of Southern Maryland
St. Junipero Serra, the Franciscan priest who founded nine of California’s missions, was a model of perseverance and strong faith. Despite a chronic foot infection, Serra walked more miles in his career than the expeditions of Lewis and Clark and Marco Polo combined, all to spread the Good News.

It was perhaps providential that the founders of Serra International, the organization of lay Catholics who promote vocations, chose Fr. Junipero Serra as their patron in 1935. Now, even more than then, the work of promoting vocations requires perseverance and strong faith.

If you would like to join the Serra Club of Southern Maryland, please see Fr. David, Chaplain.

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

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
Feb. 17/18

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PATRON OF THE WEEK: A. Shane Mattingly, Attorney at Law. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents.....

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In Concert
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Date: Sunday, March 11
Place: St. Aloysius Church
Time: 3:00 PM

Beautiful songs of Mendelssohn, Dvorak, Wagner, Copland, Vaughan Williams, and more.

For more information, contact keyofgmh@gmail.com.

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. Flyers available in the vestibule of the church.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith Update – Thanks to all who joined us for singing at St. Mary’s Nursing Home! Our next Family of Faith Teaching Sunday is on March 4, 9:15 to 10:30 am, and our next Community Gathering is on March 18, 9:15 to 10:30 am. Our topics for March are the Holy Spirit and the Church.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

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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.adweatholicschools.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."

HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE

Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place the weekend of March 17 & 18. Bags for your donations will be provided on March 10 & 11. When you come to Mass on March 17 & 18, please leave your donation in the Vestibule. Our collection will be donated to Helping Hands. Please be generous with your contribution. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person’s heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.”

COMMUNITY

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!

DEACON “COME & SEE” EVENT

The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation of the Archdiocese of Washington will be hosting a “Come & See” event for potential applicants to attend and learn more about the permanent diaconate and the formation program. The “Come & See” event will be held at Father Andrew White School in the library on Wednesday, March 7, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Please RSVP to Ms. Diane Biggs at 301-853-5345 or biggsd@adw.org. Wives are encouraged to accompany their husbands.

LEN TEN 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.

Holy Angels Church Seafood Dinner

On Sunday, March 11 from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Holy Angels Church, Avenue. The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Crab Balls, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Pickled Beets, and all the trimmings! Served buffet style -- all you can eat! Adults - $28.00; Children (12 to 6) - $8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carryout’s are available at $26.00 each. There will be delicious homemade desserts and a craft table! The Raffle Prize this year is for a total of $1,500 in cash! The First prize is $1,000 and the second prize is $500. You do not need to be present to win. Holy Angels Church’s address is 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, Maryland 20609. For more information to purchase advanced tickets, please call the rectory on or before March 1st. at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com.

2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 17, at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of the church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Monday, April 16.
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