

ANCIENT FAITH
Modern Message



St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church

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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.

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 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 EditorLauren Carney, ext.11
Religious Education/Youth Ministry.....Leonard Wathen, ext.16
Maintenance.....Wally Bowles
Principal, Father Andrew White SchoolHeather 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

HE IS RISEN!

The first reading today (Acts 10: 34, 37 – 43) has Saint Peter proclaiming the Good News about Jesus, climaxing with his resurrection. The early Church developed an outline for presenting the Good News. That outline is followed here by Peter and it is also used by the synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke. After the ministry of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus, there is our Lord's ministry in Galilee. Then Jesus journeys to Jerusalem leading to the events of Holy week, especially the crucifixion and resurrection.

From the beginning of Christianity the Church based its faith in the resurrection on two realities: the empty tomb and the appearances of Jesus. In the Gospel today the beloved disciple saw the empty tomb and believed. (John 20: 8) In his First Letter to the Corinthians Paul lists the appearances of Jesus: "he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once...after that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me." (15: 3 – 8)

Psalm 16: 10 is an interesting text from the Old Testament, quoted by Saint Peter in his Pentecost sermon, "You will not abandon my soul to the nether world, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption." (Acts 2: 27)

In one of the choices for the second reading today Saint Paul reminds his readers of their baptism and its effects: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3: 1)

The readings today together with so many other Scripture texts indicate the importance of the resurrection of our Lord. The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks strongly of the great importance of the resurrection. "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross." (Paragraph 638)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner



PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, April 3:

12:15 pm Kannarkat P. Verghese

Wednesday, April 4:

8:30 am Elizabeth Regina Swales
Ella Neal

Thursday, April 5:

12:15 pm Merrill "Chico" Rivers

First Friday, April 6:

9:00 am Mary L. Saunders
7:00 pm Eugene & Lucille Carozza

First Saturday, April 7:

7:30 am Mary Brown
5:00 pm *Pro populo*

Sunday, April 8:

8:00 am **Divine Mercy Sunday**
Rev. John S. Mattingly
11:00 am Catherine Thompson
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER the Sick and Homebound in our Community: John Barnett, Walter M. Bowman, Frank Brown, Judy Brown, Teresa Cusic, Charles Davis, Irene Dixon, Sr., Frances Duke, Jan Esler, Bishop David Foley, George Guy, Warren Guy, Jr., Howard Hensley, St. Clair Hill, John Holly, Kimberly Johnson, Paula Kidwell, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Mary Agnes Stewart, Ed Stokel, Richard & Sally Tomkinson, Nena Underwood, Stephanie Vallandingham.

FRIDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS: The next topic: "Did the Resurrection really happen?" Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, April 6, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary's Ryken.

FIRST FRIDAY, April 6: 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.

FIRST SATURDAY, April 7: The Five First Saturdays devotion is one of the principal points of the Fatima message. It centers on the urgent need for mankind to offer reparation and expiate for the many injuries that the Immaculate Heart of Mary suffers from the hands of both impious and indifferent persons.

On the First Saturday during 5 Consecutive Months, the Devotion consists of:

1. Going to Confession
2. Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion
3. Saying five decades of the Rosary
4. Meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE



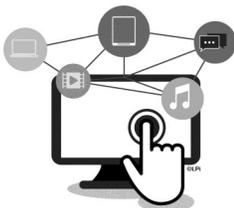
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: In commemoration of the Lord's Resurrection, the parish offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, April 3rd.



Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 8 after the 11:00 Mass. Please sign up in the vestibule or online at www.saintaloyiuschurch.org if you plan to participate.

**ST. ALOYSIUS
REDESIGNED WEBSITE**

Check out our redesigned website! (<http://www.saintaloyiuschurch.org>) Special thanks to parishioners Emily Carney, Jamie Thomas, and Leonard Wathen, the Archdiocese of Washington Digital Media team, and the staff at [eCatholic](http://eCatholic.org) for making this a reality! Please share!



**VOCATIONS CROSS
and message from the Serra Club**

Prayer is a moving force in vocation development. Prayer is effective, powerful, and essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

"Lord, your Church is in need. Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you. Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders. Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment. May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world. Amen."

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations!

The Servants of the Lord (SSVM) Food Drive



Please return the bags with items for the SSVM Sisters next weekend, **April 7 & 8th**. We will deliver items to the 3 convents in the DC area on Sunday, April 15th. If you would like to participate in the delivery effort please contact the Madden family at [207-837-5845](tel:207-837-5845) for details. It is always a joyous and rewarding day visiting with the sisters.

A big thank-you in advance for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions

DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS, contributions for the weekend of March 24/25 will be noted in the bulletin for April 8th.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Will be for School Support.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Brinsfield Funeral Home. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY



All Graduating High School Seniors are invited to our 2018 Graduation Dinner on Saturday, April 14 at 6:00 PM in the rectory.

Each attendee will receive a small graduation gift and will discuss practical tips on how to continue to live out your Catholic faith in college. Please RSVP to Leonard Wathen.

Family of Faith meets next on April 8 (Teaching Sunday) and April 15 (Community Sunday). Our topics for April are 1) the Communion of Saints and 2) the Second Coming of Christ. Please notice that we are meeting on the second and third Sunday of April, because of Easter Sunday.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 is scheduled for July 9 to 13. Online registration is open on our parish website. Teen and VIRTUS-trained adult volunteers are needed to help make the week a success. VBS is open for children age 4 to Grade 6. Additional information can be found on the parish website at www.saintaloyiuschurch.org.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”

Care Net Volunteer Training

Care Net is offering Client Advocate Training this April. Training will take place over the course of 7 sessions (3½ hours each). Morning and evening sessions will be offered on the following dates: 4/3, 4/5, 4/10, 4/12, 4/17, 4/19 and 4/24. Meet other volunteers and make new friends or bring a friend with you and train and work together. Put your faith into action, be a part of your community and see God change lives! Call today to sign up: 301.737.4604 or 410.326.6866. Visit us on the web at www.friendsofcarenetsomd.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHTS CORNER

The Knights of Columbus Council 1470, of which St. Aloysius Parish is a member, has been supporting Knight Fr. Boniface Wamukoko and his Seminarians (17) and Acolytes (10) with a special project in Kenya. You may remember Fr. Boniface from his ministry at St. Aloysius assisting Fr. David at Holy Mass. The project Fr. Boniface is working on now involves raising pigs to support his seminarians, not only for food but also towards a goal of income leading to self-sufficiency. To this end, the Knights have donated funds to pay for improvements to the piggery and to purchase food and medicine for livestock maintenance and well-being.

To this end, the Knights from Council #1470 have also reached out to our District and State Chapters of the Knights of Columbus requesting donations. We have nearly reached our goal to purchase the items requested by Fr. Boniface in support of his efforts! We consider this outreach as a way we can help our missionary brother in Africa spread the Catholic faith. If you would like to donate to this project, **please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council #1470** and place in the collection at Mass. Thank you for your consideration and prayerful support. For more information, please contact Gordy Stellway at gstellway@yahoo.com or 240-298-1674.

COMMUNITY

Mother’s Rosary Group - St. Joseph’s Church

Join us for a weekly Mother’s Rosary group at St. Joseph’s Church in Morganza. We will pray the Rosary with meditations focused on mothers. Babies in arms & toddlers are welcome to join in honoring Our Lady. We will meet each Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Hall behind St. Joseph’s church. For further information please contact Megan Monahan at mega_mo@yahoo.com.

Spirit-Filled Mission led by internationally known Catholic evangelists, Peter & Michelle Moran, (as seen in The Gift: Life in the Spirit Series).

St. Mary’s, Bryantown will be hosting a Spirit-filled Mission.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8 - Prayer Service for Healing

2:00-2:30 pm - Confessions

3:00 pm - Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Healing Prayers

Monday, April 9 through Wednesday, April 11

11:00 am - Daily Prayer Service & Teaching

6:00-6:30 pm - Confessions

7:00-9:00 pm - Evening talks

For more information email frconley@comcast.net.

23rd Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice

Attention runners! Hospice of St. Mary’s is holding its 23rd Annual Run & Fun Walk for Hospice on Saturday, April 14 at 8:30 am.

The race will begin and finish at the St. Mary’s County Governmental Center in Leonardtown and will be held rain or shine. Runners can sign up for either a 5K or 10K run, and walkers can sign up for a 5K fun walk. If you would like to participate, please register online at www.runforhospice.org. Race day registration is also available at the Governmental Center from 7:00 -8:00 am. Thank you for your support of Hospice of St. Mary’s.

Quo Vadis Hiking Trip

On Sunday, April 15, all high school aged men who are interested in learning more about the priesthood are invited to go on a Quo Vadis hiking trip on Sugarloaf Mountain in Montgomery County. The day will include Mass, lunch, Eucharistic adoration, dinner, and the opportunity to spend time with priests, seminarians, and other high school aged men who are open to the priesthood. The day will run from 10:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m., and the meeting location is St. Mary’s Parish in Barnesville, Maryland. Bus transportation is available from throughout the archdiocese. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org! Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) will be holding the following fundraising events.

Leonardtown Grille LVRSA Fundraiser all day on Wednesday, April 11th, dine-in or take-out. Please let your server or cashier know you are there to support the LVRSA fundraiser so the Leonardtown Rescue Squad can credit for your visit. Hope to see you there and thank you all for your support!