

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 8, 2018

**Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

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

WITNESSES OF THE RESURRECTION

Today's first reading (Acts 4: 32 – 35) teaches us much about the early Church. The apostles are identified as "witnesses of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." (vs. 33) This remains the principal title of the apostles throughout the writings of the early Church. As Easter Sunday makes clear, the resurrection is the key teaching of the Catholic Church. It was essential that the early preaching should emphasize that Christ rose from the dead and that he appeared to many witnesses, including the apostles.

Acts of the Apostles also stresses that the Church was a community: "They had everything in common." (vs. 32) Today's Gospel (John 20: 19 -31) points out the many gifts that Jesus gave to his followers. "Peace be with you" represents the gift of all the blessings that Christ earned for his followers. Our Lord then adds, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (vs. 21) The mission of the Church until the end of time is to continue the work of Jesus.

The apostle Thomas has a key role in today's Gospel. He is absent when Jesus appeared "on the evening of the first day of the week." (vs. 19) Saint Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles, notes that Jesus appeared even though the doors were locked, an indication that Christ's body had special powers. Our Lord tells the apostles, "whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20: 23)

The theological climax of today's Gospel occurs at Christ's second appearance a week later. Thomas refused to believe in the resurrected Jesus until he would have visible proof. He wanted to "see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side." (vs. 25)

When Christ does appear to the apostles a week later, he invited Thomas to check his hands and side: "Do not be unbelieving, but believe," (vs. 27) Thomas responds with a wonderful statement of his faith in Jesus, "my LORD and my God." (vs. 28) In the Old Testament these two titles had been given to Yahweh; they are clearly indications of the divinity of our Lord. Psalm 35: 23 says, "Awake, be vigilant in my defense, my GOD and my LORD."

At the end of today's Gospel, John indicates that his purpose in writing was that persons would "continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God." (vs. 31) The readers are assured that such faith would lead to life in the name of Jesus. Christ also tells his followers, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (vs. 29)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, April 10:

12:15 pm Fabian & Margaret Gough

Wednesday, April 11: St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 am Margaret "Grace" Joy

Thursday, April 12:

12:15 pm Matthew Lowe

Friday, April 13: St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

8:30 am Jamie Villanueva

Saturday, April 14:

7:30 am Scott Mattingly

5:00 pm Ruth Tworuschka

Sunday, April 15: Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am *Pro populo*

11:00 am James Falkowski

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, Paula Kidwell, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Mary Agnes Stewart, Ed Stokel, Richard & Sally Tomkinson, Nena Underwood, Stephanie Vallandingham.

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: "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, April 13, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary's Ryken.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: "While many Catholics want to help women and men heal from past abortions, most don't know how to begin." Learn how you can become an instrument of mercy at www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy.



EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE



Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for this Sunday, April 8 after the 11:00 Mass.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is seeking new candidates for membership. This is just the first announcement - with the objective of "planting a seed" for service in the heart of potential candidates. We will provide more background over the next few weeks. The PPC serves as an advisory body to the pastor, assisting the pastor in developing and supporting St. Aloysius ministries, to further strengthen the parish as a living, loving, Christian community.

If you would like further information, or to be considered for the PPC please contact one of the current PPC members - or Father Dave. Application forms are available in the vestibule, from a current PPC member or from the Rectory. If you know someone who might be a good candidate, please discuss with them and encourage them to consider PPC membership as a way to serve our Parish.

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions
March 24/25, 2018

Table with 2 columns: Collection, 2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Assessment. Rows include Offertory Basket, Direct Debit, and Total.

March 31/April 1, 2018

Table with 2 columns: Easter Collection, 2nd Collection: Holy Land Good Friday. Rows include Offertory Basket, Easter Debit, Total, and Offertory Debit.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Will be for the Building Fund.

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

VOCATIONS CROSS and message from the Serra Club

In talking with your children, have you neglected to raise the call to Church ministry? The process of answering God's call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence and adulthood, the attitudes assumed in childhood begin to influence the course of one's life. A vocation or a talent will not grow to fruition unless it is nurtured in childhood and adolescence by a parent.

Often children talk about what they want to be "when they grow up": doctors, lawyers, athletes, nurses, movie stars, teachers, carpenters. They may talk about these roles, but do they ever talk about being a priest, sister or brother? You are the hand of God - encourage your children to consider Church ministry.

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

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 this Sunday, 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.

YOU. A Small Group Series for High School Teens - Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, beginning May 16, at the home of the Roell family - Identity. Gender. Love. Chastity. The world is a difficult place for teens, and it has become increasingly hard for teens to discover the truth about their bodies, their sexuality, and their unique call to love. "YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body" introduces teens to the truth that life is about going out of ourselves to be a sincere gift for others. To sign up, text YOU to 84576 or contact Leonard Wathen.

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.saintaloychurch.org.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The SVdP Society is being featured on a **10-episode TV series on EWTN** this spring! Tune in Sundays at 6:30 a.m. and Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. to watch **“Our Faith in Action: Today’s Society of St. Vincent de Paul.”**

In this series, Vincentians volunteer across the country to bring effective, personalized help to those in poverty and share their stories of Christ’s love along the way. From the Society’s traditional home visits, food pantries and assistance with rent and utilities, to innovative health care, financial and mentoring programs, the Society’s Vincentians see the face of Christ in the people they encounter.

For more information on the TV series, see <http://www.svdpusa.org/members/ourfaithinaction>.

COMMUNITY

Camp Maria Retreat Center – Job Opening

Camp Maria Retreat Center seeks a Facilities Manager who is able to commit to the mission and values of Camp Maria Retreat Center. The Facilities Manager is responsible to preserve, protect, maintain, operate and repair the physical property and facilities of Camp Maria Retreat Center. The facilities manager must have skills and experience in general maintenance.

For more information or to apply, contact: Director, Camp Maria Retreat Center, 41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown MD 20650. Full job description is available at www.campmaria.org. Please submit a cover letter and resume by April 30, 2018.

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.

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.

2nd Annual “Walk in the Park”

5K Fun Run/Walk

Join us on Saturday, April 28th for this fun event to benefit our parish’s Newtowne Manor House Preservation/Restoration Fund which is open to all ages and abilities. Course starts at St. Francis Xavier Church and follows the road into picturesque Newtowne Neck State Park. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and run/walk starts at 9 a.m. The registration fee of \$20 which includes a t shirt will help preserve this religious and historical landmark. Kids 12 and under are free. Information on registration is available in the vestibule and on our website:

www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org.

If you are interested in helping as a volunteer or sponsor, please contact Sarah Matisick at [301-247-7416](tel:301-247-7416).

PILGRIMAGE TO MOTHER SETON SHRINE IN EMMITSBURG, SATURDAY, APRIL 28. Led by Fr. Conley, pastor of St. Mary’s in Bryantown. We will leave at 8 am and be back by 7 pm.

Pilgrimage will go to the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton where we will offer Mass, have a tour, and eat lunch. While in Emmitsburg we will also visit the Lourdes Grotto. On the way back we will stop at the Springfield Manor Winery in Thurmont for a wine and cheese tasting. Thanks to the generosity of a benefactor and the Keller Bus Company, the cost of the trip is just \$35 per person and includes lunch and the winery visit. For more information and to register, contact Lauren Balderson at [301-870-2220](tel:301-870-2220), ext 11 or smbassist@comcast.net. Payment is due at registration. Checks should be made out to St. Mary’s Church.

SAVE THE DATE

Footprints for Faith, Inc (501c3) Fundraiser – Kickin’ It Up for CuddleCots

Friday, May 4, 6:00 – 10:30 PM:

Saddle up and put on your boots! Footprints for Faith presents **Kickin’ It Up for Cuddle Cots** featuring John Luskey and Robbie Boothe! Great food, fabulous entertainment, cash bar, and an amazing silent auction ALL from local vendors. Kick up your boots, raise a glass, empty your pockets, and keep it local! All Proceeds to benefit Footprints for Faith, Inc and the purchase of a Cuddle Cot for MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital. *A Cuddle Cot is an in-room cooling unit that is the size of a small humidifier disguised inside of a Moses basket. Research has proven having a unit available to parents while they are in the hospital encourages families to spend time with their baby. This gift of time allows precious hours for bonding, pictures, plaster molds to be taken and other family members to come and meet the baby before the natural changes that occur in death become more apparent.*

Website: <http://footprintsforfaith.weebly.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FootprintsForFaith/>
Event tickets:

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