

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 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

Already in the Old Testament there is the reference to the vine and the branches to make a religious point. The prophet Isaiah wrote, "The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel." (5: 7) Wisdom is presented as saying, "I bud forth delights like a vine; my blossoms are glorious and rich fruit." (Sirach 24: 17)

In today's Gospel (John 15: 1- 8) Jesus says, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower." (vs. 1) Jesus presents himself as the New Israel, symbolized by the vine. God the Father, the vine grower, prunes the vine. He removes the fruitless branches and strengthens the fruitful ones (the faithful disciples). The basic message for all Christians in today's Gospel is "Remain in me, as I remain in you." (vs. 4) This remaining in Christ involves an ongoing, intimate relationship: "I am the vine, you are the branches." (vs. 5) In other words, our Lord will always be the source of our spiritual life if we abide in him.

The Gospel also teaches that the fruitful, faithful branches "will bear much fruit." (vs. 5) To be truly fruitful one must live a life in harmony with the commandments of God. There is special need for love of neighbor. This love must manifest itself by acts of charity and the pursuit of justice. At the Last Supper Christ had said, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13: 35) Abiding in Christ together with fidelity to his teaching will make our prayers effective and will give glory to the Father. (John 15: 7 - 8)

There is also Eucharistic symbolism in today's words of Jesus. In the context of the Last Supper the words about the vine suggest the vine of the Eucharist. At the institution of the Eucharist Jesus speaks of "the fruit of the vine." (Mark 14: 25) Here our Lord says, "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." (John 15: 5) In his Eucharistic Discourse in John 6, Christ uses a similar expression. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (vs. 56)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner



PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

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| Tuesday, May 1: 12:15 pm | St. Joseph the Worker Ernest Johnson, Jr. |
| Wednesday, May 2: | NO MASS |
| Thursday, May 3: 12:15 pm | St. Philip & James, Apostles Mary Dixon Ellen Colton |
| First Friday, May 4: 9:00 am 7:00 pm | Rev. John S. Mattingly Ella Neal |
| First Saturday, May 5: 7:30 am 5:00 pm | Mrs. Julie Ksiazewski Emilio Balmaceda |
| Sunday, May 6: 8:00 am 11:00 am | Sixth Sunday of Easter <i>Pro populo</i> Cristeta Caday |

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no daily Mass on Wednesday, May 2.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER the Sick and Homebound in our Community: John Barnett, Walter M. Bowman, Frank Brown, Judy Brown, Teresa Cusic, Charles Davis Sr., Irene Dixon, Frances Duke, Jan Esler, George Guy, Warren Guy, Jr., Howard Hensley, John Holly, 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: "Who am I to judge? The problem of relativism." Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, May 4th, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary's Ryken.

FIRST FRIDAY, May 4: 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, May 5: 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

FELLOWSHIP IN FAITH

Our parish is starting Small Group Studies again in a few weeks! We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays every month, starting on May 7th and going through July. Our program is called Fellowship in Faith. We will meet as a large group at Father Andrew White School on Monday nights for light refreshments, fellowship, prayer, a short film, and small group break-outs. EVERYONE IS WELCOME...including Teenagers! Come join your parish family as we grow together in Faith. There will be representatives from the program at the doors of the church for sign ups as well as on the parish website at www.saintaloysiuschurch.org.

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents.....

Chorus Reginae Angelorum

under the direction of Mr. Jonathan Hellerman

Date: Sunday, May 20, 2018
Time: 3:00 PM
Place: St. Aloysius Church



Beautiful sacred and secular music of Josquin De Prez, William Byrd, Anton Bruckner, David Beaubien, Jonathan Hellerman...and more!

Chorus Reginae Angelorum is a volunteer choir based in St. Mary's County that specializes in the performance of polyphonic music from the Renaissance period.

Concert is free.

For more information, contact keyofgmh@gmail.com.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is seeking new candidates for membership. 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.

The PPC meets in the Rectory on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September to June. Members of the Council serve for a term of 3 years. Our parish constantly changes, with the welcoming of many new families and sadly the departure of others. It is only fitting that the PPC should evolve to stay in touch with the parish needs. Every year up to 1/3 of the 12-member PPC transitions.

If you would like further information, or to be considered for the PPC, please contact one of the current PPC members - or Father David. 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.

Cardinal's Appeal Progress Report

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the 2018 Cardinal's Annual Appeal. St. Aloysius is 82% towards our parish goal of \$69,430. If you have not yet made your commitment to the Appeal, it is not too late to help our parish meet our goal by visiting appeal.adw.org to learn more and donate! In supporting the Appeal you join with others in nurturing the faith throughout the Church of Washington. ~ Fr. David

VOCATIONS CROSS

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

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith meets on Sunday, May 6 for our final Teaching Sunday of the year (9:15 to 10:30) and will conclude the year with a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on May 20. See details and sign up at www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/pilgrimage. 2018-2019 Registration for Family of Faith is now open online on our parish website.

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.saintaloysiuschurch.org/vbs.

Solomons Dragon Boat Festival

Our high school Youth Ministry is participating in the Solomons Dragon Boat festival once again this year on Saturday, August 18! We were the "Fastest Religious Team" in 2017 and look forward to another great competition this year. In order to participate, we need to raise \$2000, all of which supports Southern Maryland Community Resources, a local special needs advocacy organization. Please donate today at www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/dragonboat!

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions
April 21/22, 2018

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| 1st Collection | 2nd Collection: Ladies of Charity |
| Offertory Basket: \$ 5,056.00 | Offertory Basket: \$ 1,876.00 |
| Direct Debit: \$ 1,443.00 | Direct Debit: \$ 414.50 |
| Total: \$ 6,499.00 | Total: \$ 2,290.50 |

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

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Verghese & Ling Dermatology. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Walk for the Poor



The 11th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk will be held on Saturday, September 29th. Volunteers are needed to help plan the Walk activities, and the first planning meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10th at 6 pm at St. Mary's Nursing & Rehab Center.

Please consider joining us. If you would like to volunteer but can't attend the May 10th meeting, contact Patty Belanger at (301) 904-7990.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: "If we are filled with the love of God, a culture of encounter and solidarity will begin to bloom."

COMMUNITY

HEAVENLY PRESENTS CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE

Heavenly Presents provides many affordable gift ideas to meet your First Communion and Confirmation needs, so be sure to visit us at: 22697 Washington Street, (on the Square) in Leonardtown. Operated by volunteers our store hours are: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am until 5pm; Wednesday and Friday, 10am until 6pm and Saturday 10am to 3pm. For more information call us at: (301) 475-9770.

Also, Heavenly Presents is looking for additional volunteers. Our Volunteer hours are flexible in that you can volunteer once a week to once a month! Please call or stop by if you are interested!

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.

**St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery
Memorial Installation**

All are welcome to attend the installation of a blessed Plaque honoring the sacred memory of the Enslaved Men and Women buried throughout the Archdiocese of Washington. Fr. David Beaubien will preside over the plaque installation ceremony at St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, 38888 Dr. Johnson Road, Mechanicsville, on Saturday, May 5th at 10:00AM.

Although there are no burials of enslaved persons at Queen of Peace, the plaque invites cemetery visitors to remember and pray for those who await their resurrection in Christ in unknown graves anywhere within the boundaries of the Archdiocese.

When he blessed the plaques at a special Mass in February, Cardinal Wuerl said, "*our brothers and sisters in the faith who were enslaved, who lived in human bondage, were treated with the same inequity at their burial. Many received no public marker... what we have come here to do today is to see that here and now all are properly remembered.... Grant that these stones, placed in memory of those who suffered in terrible bondage, may, by the power of your blessing, mark a place of rest and hope.*"

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. For more information visit our us at our website: <http://footprintsforfaith.weebly.com/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FootprintsForFaith/> Event tickets:

<https://kickin-it-up-for-cuddle-cots.eventbrite.com>