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.

June 17, 2018
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Pastor........................................Rev. David W. Beaubien, ext. 14
Deacon..........................................................Deacon Joe Vavrus
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper........................Denise Becher, ext.10
Receptionist/Bulletin Editor ........................Lauren Carney, ext.11
Religious Education/Youth Ministry........Leonard Wathen, ext.16
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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

TEACHING BY PARABLES

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach. Parables can have different meanings. So the listener is challenged to seek the meaning in the light of Christ’s ministry and teaching. Parables tend to use very normal situations in nature or between persons. The first parable in today’s Gospel (Mark 4: 26–34) presents the sowing of the seed which eventually produces the full grain. Our Lord is teaching the amazing spread of the Kingdom.

The kingdom of God did in fact spread wonderfully. At the end of the first century the disciples of Jesus preached the Kingdom throughout the Mediterranean area and as far as India. The parable of the mustard seed (vss. 30–34) notes a second important point about the kingdom of God. The stress here is on the small beginnings, represented by the mustard seed, which is “the smallest of the seeds on the earth.” (vs. 31) The kingdom did have a small beginning with the apostles. But “they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.” (Mark 16: 20)

A different type of parable is found in Luke, the Parable of the Good Samaritan.” (Luke 10: 29–37) This is based on the encounter between persons and not on the workings of nature. A Jewish man is robbed and beaten and left on the road. A priest and Levite pass by, but do nothing to help. But a Samaritan, the natural enemy of the Jewish people at that time, helps the man in trouble. The point of this parable is that followers of Christ must love everyone and be willing to rise above national prejudices: “I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes the sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.” (Matthew 5: 44–45)

Since parables, especially parables based on nature, can have different meanings, Jesus challenged his hearers to find the deeper meaning of his parables. But our Lord wanted to be sure that his followers understood his teachings clearly: “But to his own disciples he explained everything in private.” (Mark 4: 34) This prepares them to follow Jesus’ commission at the end of the Gospel. “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16: 15)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK
Tuesday, June 19: St. Romuald, Abbot
12:15 pm Bobby Norris

Wednesday, June 20:
8:30 am Tom Connelly

Thursday, June 21: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
12:15 pm Pro populo

Friday, June 22:
St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;
Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, & Thomas More, Martyrs
8:30 am Joseph “J.F.” Long

Saturday, June 23:
7:30 am Bill & Susanne Gardiner
5:00 pm Pro populo

Sunday, June 24:
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
8:00 am Eliza Catherine Mason
11:00 am Catherine Thompson


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: “Does this dress make me look fat? (applying the 8th commandment).” Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, June 22nd, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “If a friend told you she was pregnant and considering abortion, would you know what to do? Learn concrete tips for loving her in a way that is life-affirming for both her and her child.”
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

Fr. David invites you to participate in a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood Saturday, June 30th at 5:00 pm

Dinner reception to follow at Father Andrew White, SJ School

Due to limited seating, RSVP’s are required
RSVP by Monday, June 18th
to the rectory at 301-475-8064

LEGO YOUR BRICKS FOR KIDS
Do you have any used LEGO sets just lying around? Too old to play with LEGOs? Are LEGOs taking over your basement? Donate them to children in need! Many children don’t have their own toys to play with. My Eagle Scout project aims to collect, refurbish, and repackage your used LEGO bricks into new sets for children in foster care. By donating your old LEGOs, you can help provide a new, durable toy for a child to enjoy for years to come in our community. Donations can be placed in the collection box located in the vestibule from now until June 30th. For additional information please email me, Joe Selk, at: legoyourbricksforkids@gmail.com.

COUNTY FAIR EVANGELIZATION BOOTH
The Evangelization ministry is excited to begin our planning efforts for the County Fair. Dates of the fair this year are: September 20th—23rd. In order for the fair to be a success, we will need assistance from all parishes within the county from the onset of the planning all through the fair weekend. Because this is a county-wide effort, we're looking for volunteers to participate on the fair committee as well as your prayerful consideration to participate during fair weekend. If you are interested in joining the fair planning committee, we can use your help! Please notify Leonard Wathen. In addition, for those of you who are early planners, we have established a preliminary signup for the fair at the link: saintalloysiuschurch.org/countyfair.
Thank you for your prayerful consideration to join us in this effort in spreading God's Word to the people of St. Mary's County.

VOCATIONS CROSS and message from the Serra Club of Southern Maryland

St. Junípero 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. Junípero 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. Junípero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with the Carney Family, who has the Vocations Cross!
RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith 2018-19 registration for children is now open online on our parish website.

BIBLE SCHOOL

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.

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
June 9/10, 2018

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2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Will be for the Holy Father - Peter’s Pence.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Jessie’s Kitchen. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Cedar Lane resident in need - An elderly Cedar Lane resident is in need of household furnishings, including dresser, sofa, end tables, dining table & chairs, and lamps. Call SVdPaul at 301-475-8421.

COMMUNITY

Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher
His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl cordially invites the faithful of the Archdiocese of Washington to attend the Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Michael W. Fisher, as Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, on Friday, June 29, 2018 at 2 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. A reception will follow immediately after at the Basilica.

SACRED HEART CHURCH – ANNUAL DINNER
Sacred Heart Church in Bushwood is hosting their annual June Dinner on Sunday, June 24th, from 12 Noon until food is gone. Menu includes: fried chicken, crab cakes, country ham, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, beets, rolls, tea or coffee. All you can eat, served buffet style. Adults $26, Children 7-12 $6, and children under 6 are free. Drive-thru carry-outs $26. Country store, cake stand, and raffle.

PRAYER BREAKFAST
We are excited to announce our next Prayer Breakfast meeting will be held on Saturday, June 30th, beginning at 8:30 am at Camp Maria Retreat Center (41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown) overlooking the beautiful Breton Bay! The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, testimony and closing prayer. Register now by stopping by Heavenly Presents or by calling Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7139. You can also register online at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. The cost is still only $15 if you register in advance by Thursday, June 28. Registration at the door will be $17. All are welcome, men and women!

Note: Two Mass opportunities closest to Camp Maria -- St. Aloysius Church at 7:30 am or Our Lady’s Church, 41410 Medley’s Neck Road at 8:00 am.

Attention All Life in the Spirit Groups!
We will be having another Praise and Worship Night on Friday, June 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Hall. The evening will begin with Praise and Worship, followed by a teaching “Living Baptized in the Holy Spirit: Prayer, Holiness, Mission” given by Walter Matthews. Walter has been Executive Director for the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the United States since January 1993! He has been involved in the Renewal (Baptism in the Holy Spirit) since January 1972 and has served in various leadership positions for over 40 years. The evening will end with individual prayer, fellowship and refreshment.

This evening is open to anyone who would like to come, so it would be helpful (but not mandatory) to get a head count. Please visit: www.connectstmarys.com to submit your registration. Call (301) 475-7139 for more information.