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 Forma0g519on 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.

July 1, 2018

Thirteenth 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

STAFF
Pastor……………………………….……….
Deacon…………………………………………………….... Deacon Joe Vavrus
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper……………….….....Denise Becher, ext.10
Receptionist/Bulletin Editor .........................Lauren Carney, ext.11
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Maintenance..................................................Wally Bowles
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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CHALLENGING DEATH AND SICKNESS

The first reading today (Wisdom 1:13–15; 2:23-24) teaches us that God did not intend sickness and death to be the lot of his creatures: “For God formed us to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made us.” (vs. 23) The devil and sin changed all those plans of God: “But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world.” (vs. 24)

In today’s Gospel (Mark 5:21–43) Jesus challenges and defeats both sickness and death. The woman, afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years, touches the clothes of Jesus and is healed. The daughter of the official seeks our Lord’s help for his daughter who is dying. In a dramatic scene Christ takes the hand of the little one who now has died and says, “Talitha koum.” As Mark tells his readers, these words of Jesus mean, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” (vs. 41)

The key point in both incidents is the faith of the persons seeking the help of Jesus. The woman is convinced that if “I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured.” (vs. 28) She touched Christ’s cloak and is cured. After some discussion involving the disciples and the crowd, our Lord says clearly, “Daughter, your faith has saved you.” (vs. 34) The synagogue official, Jairus, fell at the feet of our Lord, saying, “My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live.” (vs. 23) Jesus responds to that great act of faith by raising the young girl from death to life. As the young girl arose and walked around, “they were utterly astounded.” (vs. 42)

As Jesus reached out to persons in need in today’s Gospel, Paul in the second reading (2 Corinthians 8:7–9, 13–15) says, “You know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that for your sake he became poor although he was rich, so that by his poverty you might become rich.” (vs. 9) By this act of Christ’s poverty all his followers truly become rich. They are able to share in the very life of God through the sacraments!

Paul asks his readers to recall that wonderful act of Christ and to imitate it by reaching out to others. He is encouraging the Corinthians to donate to the poor in the church at Jerusalem. Christ will continue to ask all of his followers to reach out in kindness to help those in need. He expects both acts of charity for the needy and deeds of justice to ensure that each person is treated fairly!

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

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, Mary Catherine Kohut, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Jermaine Perry, Cindy Sally, Kim Simmons, Mary Agnes Stewart, 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.

The rectory will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

**Intercessory Prayer Group**
Come and share the gifts of the Holy spirit with our prayer group. We meet every Thursday, after Mass at 1:00 pm in the church’s St. Lawrence room. Flyers available in the vestibule of the church. For more information call 301-475-5704.

**BABY SHOWER!!!**

God’s newborn babies need our help! Parishioner and college student Micaela Bessette is coordinating a Care Net Baby Shower to assist local moms and babies in need through the Leonardtown non-profit Care Net. The Baby Shower will be held on Sunday, July 15th, with collections of items on after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, July 14th and after the 8:00 & 11:00 am Masses on Sunday, July 15th. A Target Baby Shower Registry (under the name Micaela Bessette) is ready to be utilized for your convenience to help this worthy Corporal Work of Mercy! Below is a list of other items that are needed! Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

- Size 4 and 5 diapers
- Brand new baby items
- $20 gift cards
- Shampoo, baby wash, liquids, wipes
- Similac Advanced (blue lid formula)
- Toddler food squeeze pouches
- Car seats (infant, toddler)
- Bassinets
- Sippy cups
- Umbrella strollers

**VOCATIONS CROSS**

*and message from the Serra Club of Southern Maryland*

In the Old Testament, Samuel was awakened from sleep by the voice of God calling his name. In the New Testament, Paul was knocked off his horse. Does God call in this way today? Usually not. One seminarian describes his experience of call:

> “I was very involved in my parish doing youth ministry and teaching C.C.D. and I was happy with that. But for some reason it wasn’t enough. I had a nagging feeling that I wanted to do more for people.”

Do you feel you may be called to priesthood, sisterhood, or brotherhood? Contact the diocesan vocation office.

> Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junípero Serra for priestly and religious vocations.

**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

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

**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](http://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. You may donate today at [www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/dragonboat](http://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/dragonboat).

**STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

*Weekly Offertory Contributions June 23/24, 2018*

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

**PATRON OF THE WEEK:** Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.
A Letter from Miraya Wendy Silva Quispe, Presidenta de la Conferencia Santa Catalina Labouré:

“Our Conference is very grateful for the support St. Aloysius Conference gives us to reach the most needy. In our activities, the most recent is a visit to the VIFO (Villa Infantil Federico Ozanam) which houses 21 children. This shelter was affected by the El Niño phenomenon a few months ago. Thanks to the support of several conferences including this one we are very well. For security reasons even though they are close to the beach, they do not visit it. We take them to the beach every year, we take them groceries and we spend a day full of joy. A year ago, we came to work with a group of children from the upper parts of our district who are the ones who need it the most. We are approximately 50 children. We visited at least once. This group of children is called the Club Vicentino ACU. We prayed with them, we sing, we read parables, we give them drawings to paint, we make them dynamic and we teach them the word of God. For Christmas, we organize our chocolate. In the colder months, we organize our winter campaign to donate bedspreads, sweaters, shawls and blankets. Currently the children are beginning the school stage so we have our school campaign. We also work with home visits. We are currently working with five families that have a variety of needs. Some families are dysfunctional and others have financial problems. We are supporting them with school supplies for children, we take them to the floor and we share with them. We work in our parish hall actively participate once a month and cook for 100 guests for free. We do it with much will and joy. We are living Holy Week so in our Parish many activities are organized and as lay Vincentians we are actively participating since our group is made up of young people. The ideal is to involve them and participate permanently and persevere. It is a small summary of what we are currently living. I will be writing soon and sending more photos to have stronger bonds. Greetings and hugs for the entire St. Aloysius Conference that God will fill them with Blessings.”

Please see photos sent from Senora Miraya on the board on the foyer. On Community Sundays, the SVdP collects donations to support, Villa Infantil Federico Ozanam (an orphanage) and the conference of St. Catherine Laboure in Lima, Peru. Thank you for your generosity! Muchas gracias!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

COMMUNITY

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

**Brown Bag Auction** on Saturday, July 21st, at the Leonardtown Rescue Squad Building. Doors open by 9am with bidding closing at 11am. Please join us for a chance to win some great items. If you would like to donate an item for auction please call 301-481-7421.

**Everything Sale** on Saturday, August 11th, in the Leonardtown Rescue Squad Building from 8am-12pm. Please join us and pick up some great items at yard sale prices. If you would like to purchase a table for $10 to sell your own items, please call 240-298-5444 or 301-247-0394. Thank you for your support!

**Dinner and a film at St. Joseph Church, Pomfret** on Friday, July 27th. Food starts at 6:30pm and film begins at 7:30pm. Celebrating the beauty of the Church’s teaching on married love, join us for a viewing of “Sexual Revolution: 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae,” a brand-new film that examines the effects of the free-love experiment of the Hippie Generation and the prophetic encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. Food, film and childcare all FREE (donations gratefully accepted). RSVP: https://tinyurl.com/StJoesMovie.

**Southern Maryland MOM Dental Clinic**
Southern Maryland Mission of Mercy (SMMOM) will be providing dental services for adult patients (ages 19 and above), on July 27-28, at North Point High School, 2500 Davis Road, Waldorf, Maryland. Doors open at 6:00 am. Volunteers are needed to assist in every aspect of this event. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age by July 27th to participate. For more information, contact Kit Wright at smmom2018@comcast.net.

**Mass celebrating persons with Special Needs and the Deaf Community** – on Sunday, August 19th, at 10:45 am, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Solomons, Maryland. This is the same weekend as the Solomons Dragon Boat Festival. All are welcome! Families who have persons with special needs are invited to serve as liturgical ministers for this Mass. If your family would welcome doing this, contact the parish office at 410-326-3535, no later than Friday, August 3rd.