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.
SUFFERING AND THE PROPHETS

The prophets in the Old Testament and Jesus in the New Testament suffered at the hands of their people. In today’s first reading (Ezekiel 2:2-5) God warns Ezekiel concerning the Israelites to whom he is being sent as a prophet: “And whether they hear or resist - for they are a rebellious house - they shall know that a prophet has been among them.” (vs. 5) The prophets are the real heroes of the Old Testament. Despite great sufferings they remained faithful to the mission God gave them!

In today’s Gospel (Mark 6:1-6) Jesus comes to Nazareth, his native place. They wonder how Jesus acquired so much wisdom - he was their neighbor! They knew his mother, his brothers and sisters. They also saw our Lord as a carpenter. They took offense at him, because they knew him. Christ said, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” (vs. 4) Interestingly Jesus is amazed at their lack of faith. Mostly people are amazed at his miracles. When he raised the daughter of Jairus, for example, the people “were utterly astounded.” (Mark 5:42)

There is a difficult verse in today’s Gospel which could be misunderstood: “So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.” (Mark 6:5) One characteristic of Mark is that he is bluntly honest. He does not intend the verse to be a limitation of the part of the power of Jesus. Rather it is a limitation on the part of the people because they do not have the necessary faith, either explicit or implicit, that our Lord always seeks before performing a miracle.

An important theme for Mark throughout his Gospel is the role of the Suffering Servant, as found in the Book of Isaiah. The Servant is pictured as “one from whom men turn their faces, spurned and we held him in no esteem.” (Isaiah 53:3) The climax of this theme in Mark is found in our Lord’s words: “For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many [all].” (Mark 10:45)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

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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 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.

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE: The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the families of James A. Connelly, and Walter R. Speith, who passed away recently. May the angels lead them into paradise; may the martyrs come and welcome them to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem; and may the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding give their families comfort and peace.

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.
**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**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.

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**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

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**VOCATIONS CROSS**

and message from the Serra Club of Southern Maryland

What is a Sister? A Sister lives in a religious community that follows a constantly renewed tradition, patterned on the life and teaching of the founder of the community. The work she generally does will depend upon the ministries of that community as influenced by the needs of the Church and its people—for example: teaching, social work, administration, nursing, peace and justice ministry, etc.

Does the lifestyle of a Sister sound attractive to you? Contact the diocesan vocation office for more information.

*Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Chris and Carl Guy, who have the Vocations Cross!*  

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**REckful ED & YOUTh MINISTRY**

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

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**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.

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**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!

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**STEWARSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
Weekly Offertory Contributions

**DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS,** contributions for the weekend of June 30/July 1 will be noted in the bulletin for July 15th.

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** Will be for the Summer Appeal.

**PATRON OF THE WEEK:** Medical Alert System. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.
RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “Gracious Father, I thank you for the mercy you have shown in forgiving my sins and for the peace that comes from being reconciled with you and with your Church.”

COMMUNITY

Theology on Tap - Wednesday, July 11th
Come join us at the Olde Town Pub for July’s Theology on Tap! This month the topic will be “50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae: Fr. Carter Griffin, Vice-Rector of St. John Paul II Seminary, will discuss the implications of this papal document 50 years later.” Social hour starts at 6:00 pm and the talk at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

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.

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED? Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park is pleased to announce At the Well, a ministry that brings hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. At the Well uses a program called Surviving Divorce, which features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This ministry is directed towards the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope and begin authentic healing. Attend the Come and See session on August 19, from 3 to 4 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary (22375 Three Notch Rd., Lexington Park) to learn more about the ministry and program. All are welcome to come and learn more about the At the Well Ministry. The actual Surviving Divorce twelve-week program will start September 14 (Feast of the Triumph of the Cross) from 7:30-9 pm at IHM. There is a suggested donation of $25.00 to cover the cost of the book and materials. To register, email atthewell@ihmrcc.org with your name, phone number and email address, or contact Amy Miller at 912-663-7588.
We are also looking for a few co-facilitators to help with At the Well. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Marco at 301-863-8144 or pastor@ihmrcc.org.

The OLSS Travel Club in Solomons, Md, is offering a summer, 2019 train trip in the Canadian Rockies and is currently accepting deposits for this incredible 7 day journey through the best of Canada. A $100 (refundable) check deposit is all that is required to hold your space. They are also accepting deposits for the 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play, which includes a 5-day trip to the Holy Land first before heading to Germany to witness the play. For more information on either trip please contact Mary Beth Brown: 443-623-6368 or marybeth@bytheseatravel.com.