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.

July 15, 2018
Fifteenth 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: (September through June) Masses at 9:00 am 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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The second reading for today’s Mass (Ephesians 1: 3 – 14) is truly a wonderful blessing by Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the Greek text it is a single sentence, the longest sentence in the New Testament. There are Trinitarian elements in these verses. The author stresses the love of God the Father for all the children chosen “before the foundation of the world.” (vs. 4) They are “destined for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ.” (vs. 5)

Ephesians begins with a blessing that is similar to the blessings found in the Old Testament and in Jewish practice: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens.” (vs. 3) The author then outlines the spiritual blessings given by God to all. A special gift of the Father is divine adoption achieved through Jesus, the Son. The shedding of Christ’s blood redeemed the human race, a redemption that also included forgiveness of sins. Having been chosen by God, we are to be “holy and without blemish.” (vs. 4)

The Father has also revealed the mystery of salvation, a secret plan until the coming of our Lord. The mystery in this context is the fact that now all things, heavenly and earthly, are summed up in Jesus. He is the head of all creation! Both the Jews, who had kept faith in one God and in the Messiah, and the Gentiles are now recipients of the Father’s love through Jesus. As followers of our Lord, we “were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s possession, to the praise of his glory.” (vss. 13 – 14)

In God’s eternal plan we all are redeemed by the Father through the death of Jesus and sealed by the Holy Spirit as we become part of Christ’s Church. The phrase “in Christ” or its equivalent occurs nine times in today’s second reading. This highlights the role of the Son in achieving our redemption, We all become one “in Christ.”

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner
**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

**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 this Sunday, July 15th, with collections of items 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. Thank you to all who help with this worthy Corporal Work of Mercy!

**HANDBELL CAMP**

Have you ever seen a handbell choir at Mass? Are you curious about how to play an instrument like handbells? Are you looking for a way to participate more fully at the Mass? If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, come learn more about the handbells at our summer camp! Available to ages 10 and up! Monday, July 30th thru Friday, August 3rd, 1:30-3:30 pm in the St. Aloysius Church worship space. $20 for the week (for purchasing snacks and gloves). Registration deadline is Friday, July 20th. To register or for more information, please contact Kristen Moore at mooretwink@earthlink.net or (717) 446-9697.

**Volunteer & Change a Life at the St. Mary’s County Fair**, September 20th-23rd. Each year the Catholic parishes of St. Mary’s County have a unique opportunity to spread the Good News of Christ and our Catholic Faith at the County Fair. You have been called. Would you prayerfully consider volunteering for a 2-hour shift at the **Catholic Evangelization booth**? You do not need to be a television evangelist or a Catholic theologian to inspire others to know Christ. You can make a difference. If interested, please see the following link on St. Aloysius' home page to sign up or contact us at http://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/countyfair/.

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

**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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**Dear Friends,**

I deeply appreciate the expressions of congratulations and your prayers and gifts on the occasion of my 25th anniversary of priestly ordination. Many of you pitched in toward the purchase of the beautiful silver commemorative chalice, and I thank you most sincerely. With the new chalice, I look forward to continuing to raise up to our great and merciful God your prayers and intentions in the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist.

May God give us all many more years of loving and serving him within his holy Church!

~Fr. David

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**VOCA TIONS CROSS**

and message from

the **Serra Club of Southern Maryland**

Did you know that there are special seminaries for men entering the priesthood later in life, seminaries where students range from ages 35 to 60? Many of these men have thought about being a priest at one time or another but, for whatever reason, pushed the idea to the back of their minds. They are men who have made a career change to a second vocation, the priesthood. They’re ordinary people, men who have been electricians, teachers, barbers, policemen, social workers, businessmen, farmers, dentists. Some are widowers, even grandfathers. Diverse though their backgrounds may be, they now share one aim in life: to become a priest and serve God’s people. Could you be one of them?

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

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
June 30/July 1, 2018

1st Collection 2nd Collection: School Support
Offertory Basket: $ 5,538.00 Offertory Basket: $ 1,430.00
Direct Debit: $ 4,763.00 Direct Debit: $ 562.00
Total: $ 10,301.00 Total: $ 1,992.00

July 7/8, 2018

1st Collection 2nd Collection: Building Fund
Offertory Basket: $ 5,606.00 Offertory Basket: $ 7,768.00
Direct Debit: $ 1,468.00 Direct Debit: $ 554.50
Total: $ 7,074.00 Total: $ 8,322.50

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Will be for the Archdiocesan Assessment.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Patrick Haley Insurance & Financial. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

LOOKING FOR A CONVENIENT WAY TO HELP WITH OUR PARISH OFFERTORY? Please consider Direct Debit. The parish has an established program with our bank for electronic funds transfers. All transactions are done electronically, debiting your bank account automatically for the amount which you have agreed to in writing. This program is voluntary and includes electronic transfers for both the first collection offertory as well as the special second collections.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin’-by-World is a program for 6-12 people living in or near poverty to meet weekly for 18-20 weeks, for 3 hours to investigate the impact of poverty on individuals, families and the community.

Be part of the journey:
Investigate! You’re ready for change. Investigate and invest in your future by creating your plan to build your resources. Commit to meeting 3 hours for 16-18 weeks to problem solve with peers. Build social capital. Use your energy and talents to help improve your community.
Mentor! You’re not a counselor or an expert, but a neighbor willing to walk with an investigator. To listen, validate, question and affirm their actions.
Support! Prepare a meal for 10-13 investigators, facilitators and guest mentors to share prior to their meeting. Help fuel the “kitchen table” discussions!
The program begins in August at the Lexington Park Library. To apply or learn more about Getting Ahead, call Teresa, SVdP St. Aloysius 301-481-2942 or Phyllis and Mike, SVdP Immaculate Conception 240-249-3737.

COMMUNITY

Dinner and a film at St. Joseph Church, Pomfret on Friday, July 27th. Food starts at 6:30 pm and film begins at 7:30 pm. 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. 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 athewell@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 orfapastor@ihmrcc.org.
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