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.
Scripture Corner

APOSTLES AND SHEPHERDS

It is interesting that Mark usually refers to his closest followers as the “Twelve.” The word “apostle” is used in this Sunday’s Gospel. (Mark 6: 30 – 34) “Apostle” means “one sent” and applies to the Twelve and to others sent by our Lord. In the Acts of the Apostles the Twelve and the disciples are frequently called “witnesses to the resurrection.” In today’s Gospel Jesus is welcoming back the Twelve. They report on their work of preaching, expelling demons and healing. These represent the same activities that Christ has been carrying out.

The word “apostle” applies to the Twelve, but also to others who were sent out personally by Christ. Saint Paul is a perfect example. He is clearly not one of the Twelve but he insists strongly that he is an apostle. He had been converted by Jesus himself and sent to bring the good news of the Kingdom especially to the Gentiles. Christ tells Ananias, “This man [Paul] is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles, kings and Israelites.” (Acts 9: 15) Paul starts his first letter to the Corinthians with these words, “Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God.” (1: 1)

After the return of the Twelve Jesus hopes to find a deserted place for all to rest. But the people have such a great love for Christ that they continue to pursue him: “They hastened there on foot from all the towns.” (Mark 6: 33)

Our Lord says of the large crowd, “They were like sheep without a shepherd.” (Mark 6: 34) The theme of shepherd and apostle can work well together. The shepherds were part of Hebrew history. Apparently they did such a special job of protecting the sheep that the psalmist says, “The Lord is my shepherd.” (Psalm 23: 1) The leaders of the people were often referred to as “shepherds.” These shepherds were not always faithful. The prophet Jeremiah calls out, “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the flock of my pasture.” (Jeremiah 23: 1)

The themes of apostle and shepherd still go together. A person is picked by the Church and sent to care for Christ’s flock in a specific area. The Church is the Bride of Jesus and so it is our Lord sending that apostle. But he is also a shepherd, the meaning of the Latin word “pastor.” The pastor should note the words of our Lord, “I am the good shepherd.” (John 10: 14) He would do well then to turn to Christ in prayer for the grace to be also a good shepherd.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

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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.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “Through [the] loving care [of my family and friends], they affirm what I also know—that my life is, always has been, and always will be, worth living.”
EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

AMBRY
Please check out our newly installed ambry! Often located within the sanctuary of a church, an ambry is a cabinet that contains and displays the three sacred oils used in the sacraments. Each year at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week, the bishop blesses and consecrates the new oils for use in all the parishes of the diocese. The Sacred Chrism (labeled SC on the cruet) is used in baptisms, confirmations, ordinations, and the consecration of new altars. With the Oil of the Sick (Ol, for Oleum Infirmorum,) the sick, elderly or infirm are anointed, and especially, those who are in danger of death due to illness. In baptisms of infants and in the preparatory rites of adult initiation, the Oil of Catechumens (OC) is applied to the candidates to signify strength and purification needed to undertake the Christian life.
We are very grateful to the following individuals for their donated labor and materials. I am grateful to the Pastoral Council for the majority of the funding and, especially, to Ron Oblen for the original inspiration and for spearheading the project. A fuller description of the materials and design will follow, as will the blessing of the ambry once the LED lighting is connected. ~ Fr. David

VOCATIONS CROSS
and message from the Serra Club of Southern Maryland

Holiness is a challenge for us all, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners—and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.

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

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.saintaloyusiuschurch.org/countyfair/.

BUILDING UPDATE

OVERFLOW PARKING
Over the course of the next few weeks, there will be substantial directional changes with the parking lot. Please note that there is additional parking on the lawn to the right of the rectory. Consider using this area during the construction phase of our new building. Please observe caution around the construction equipment and when walking across any graveled areas.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

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.saintaloyusiuschurch.org/dragonboat!
STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
July 14/15, 2018

1st Collection
Offertory Basket: $ 5,602.66
Direct Debit: $ 1,468.00
Total: $ 7,070.66

2nd Collection: Summer Appeal
Offertory Basket: $ 9,876.00

Total: $ 9,876.00

There will be no 2nd collection next week.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Personalized Therapy, LLC. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

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

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) will be holding the following fundraising event.
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 6:30 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. 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. 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 20 from 7:30-9 pm at IHM. There is a suggested donation of $25 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 or pastor@ihmrcc.org.