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**St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church**

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**August 19, 2018**

**Twentieth 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:** 11:30am - 12 Noon
- **Saturday:** 3:30pm - 4:30 pm

**STAFF**
- **Pastor:** Rev. David W. Beaubien, ext. 14
- **Deacon:** Deacon Joe Vavrus
- **Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper:** Denise Becher, ext.10
- **Religious Ed/Youth Ministry:** Leonard Wathen, ext.16
- **Maintenance:** Wally Bowles
- **Principal, FAW 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**

**THE LIVING BREAD**

Today’s Gospel (John 6: 51–58) is an immense contribution to our knowledge of the Eucharist. Although the Fourth Gospel does not have the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, this section of John is truly a Eucharistic statement. Earlier in the chapter (John 6: 35–50) Jesus refers to the “bread of life” as a reference to his sharing his wisdom with his followers. But in today’s verses (John 6: 51-58) something entirely new is added.

The Old Testament had also used “bread of life” as a symbol of wisdom. In today’s first reading (Proverbs 9: 1–6) the author says, “Come eat of my food and drink of the wine I have mixed. Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding.” (vss. 5, 6) But until Christ speaks of the Eucharist here, there was no knowledge of the presence of Jesus under the forms of bread and wine.

Jesus makes an important statement, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (John 6: 51) The word “give” that Christ uses here can mean “give in sacrifice.” The followers of our Lord share in the sacrifice of Jesus on Mount Calvary every time they participate in Mass. “The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1367)

As an indication of the strong Eucharistic terminology in this chapter, Jesus uses either “eat” or “feed on” in every verse except verse 55. There our Lord declares, “My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.”

A significant statement for all Christians is found in verse 54: “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day.” Christ is telling all his followers that the Eucharist is the pledge of eternal life and also of the resurrection of the body. We all become one with Father, Son and Holy Spirit at our baptism. That great grace is increased, intensified every time we receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist assures us of eternal life! We must take seriously the words of our Lord, “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” (vs. 53) That life starts at baptism and is strengthened by every reception of Jesus in Holy Communion.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

**Tuesday, August 21:** St. Pius X, Pope  
12:15 pm  
Benjamin Moore

**Wednesday, August 22:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:30 am  
Irene Dougherty

**Thursday, August 23:** St. Rose of Lima, Virgin  
12:15 pm  
Bill Hardesty  
George Ellis

**Friday, August 24:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
8:30 am  
Benjamin “Alfred” Knott

**Saturday, August 25:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest  
7:30 am  
Tom Connelly  
5:00 pm  
Ruth Bell Swann

**Sunday, August 26:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 am  
Steven Fenwick  
John Gutter  
11:00 am  
Pro populo

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** the Sick and Homebound in our Community: John Barnett, Walter M. Bowman, Judy Brown, Timothy Butler, Agnes Craston, Teresa Cusic, Charles Davis Sr., Irene Dixon, Frances Duke, Jan Esler, George Guy, Warren Guy, Jr., Janice Hayden, Howard Hensley, John Holly, Deb Johnson, Paula Kidwell, Mary Catherine Kohut, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Jermaine Perry, Claudia Queen, Cindy Sally, Kim Simmons, Mary Agnes Stewart, Steven Tomaszeski, 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 301-475-0009 or 860-558-6476.

**ALERT:** Please note that any email from church staff will end with the address @saintaloysiuschurch.org. If an email you receive does not have this ending, consider it SPAM.

**WORD OF LIFE:** “Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception, and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!”
EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

KALNASY CONCERT SERIES
The Southern Maryland Community Gospel Choir presents its annual concert titled “In the Precious Name of Jesus!” this Sunday, August 19th, at St. Aloysius Church at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. For questions about the choir, please see Dionne and Redmond Saul.

Are you interested in learning more about Jesus and the Catholic Church? Are you thinking about becoming a member of St. Aloysius Church? Join Deacon Joe Vavrus and Leonard Wathen for an informal 30-minute meet and greet on Monday, September 26 at 6:30 PM to have some of your questions answered, enjoy light refreshments, and discuss a passage of Scripture. We will meet at the rectory. For more information, contact Leonard Wathen. Invite a friend!

Volunteer & Change a Life at the St. Mary's County Fair, September 20-23. 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/.

177 PROJECT - This fall, the 177 Project is partnering with 22 different artists to bring an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and music to every single diocese in the US! On September 23rd, they’ll be here at St. Aloysius Church, and we want you to join us! Tickets to the evening are completely free and can be picked up by visiting the177project.com.

VOCATIONS CROSS
and message from the Serra Club of Southern Maryland

Jesus commanded us to pray for vocations with his words, “Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

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

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith 2018-19 is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 16. Registration for children age 4 to Grade 8 is now open online on our parish website.

“BACK FROM THE DEAD” - This October, St. Aloysius Church Youth Ministry is planning to host an evangelizing cemetery walk called “Back from the Dead,” and young actors are needed! Along the walk, audience members will encounter ten visiting “spirits” from Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell who will share their own lessons about life – and the afterlife. If you’d like to be a part of this project, contact Leonard Wathen ASAP!

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
August 11/12, 2018

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2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the Archdiocesan Assessment.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: AB&H Excavating, Inc. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

BUILDING UPDATE

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE
We’d like to thank everyone for their patience as the parking lot construction continues. Please continue to observe caution around the construction equipment and when walking across any graveled areas. 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

YOU, A VINCENTIAN? If you would like to learn more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please join us for Ozanam Orientation on Saturday, September 22, at Jesus the Divine Word 885 Cox RD, Huntingtown, MD 20639, in Doran Hall. The day begins with Mass at 9:00 and will conclude at 3:00 PM. A $10 donation is requested. Please RSVP by September 14 to Alice Garvey at redalice2006@gmail.com. Please call Teresa if you’d like more information or have questions, SVdP, St. Aloysius 301-481-2942.
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 18-18 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 September 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.

11th ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK
The St. Vincent de Paul Society will host its Eleventh Annual Friends of the Poor Walk on Saturday, September 29th at 9 AM (RAIN OR SHINE) at Father Andrew White, S.J. School.

The Walk will begin at Father Andrew White School and the course will take walkers through the streets of Historic Leonardtown. There will be a post walk brunch, live music, a silent auction, face painting and balloons for children and door prizes. There is no registration fee, but walkers are encouraged to collect pledges or donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. You can preregister now at www.fopwalk.org. Same day registration begins at 7:30 AM.

Many of our neighbors struggle to make ends meet. All funds raised locally will be used to assist those in need in our community. The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is the Gospel message in action: “I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was naked, I was sick, I was in prison and you cared.”

This year, the Walk is dedicated in the memory of Ella Neal.

For further information, contact Patty Belanger at 301-904-7990 or Joan Goyco at 240-256-5792.

Walk on September 29th, you can make a difference.

COMMUNITY

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. 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 Sunday, 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!

St. George Catholic Church Annual August Dinner
Join us on Sunday, August 19, from 12:00 - 5:00 pm for our Annual August Dinner at 19197 St. George Church Road, Valley Lee.

Praise and Worship Gathering in Leonardtown this Wednesday, August 22, 7-8:30pm
at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Come and join Fr. Beaubien & Fr. Conley as we gather for prayer and praise of the Lord. The K of C Hall is across the street from Mattingly-Gardiner funeral home in Leonardtown. The event is free and all are welcome. These gatherings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information contact Fr. Conley at frconley@Comcast.net.

The Senior Rides Program, a program within the Department of Aging & Human Services, is currently seeking volunteer drivers to assist St. Mary’s County’s older adults with transportation needs. Volunteers are provided mileage reimbursement, free training, and flexible schedules.
This service is available to older adults age 60 years of age or older who live in St. Mary’s County; have a low to moderate income; are cognitively aware; can ambulate using a cane or walker; and are unable to utilize other public transportation options and/or lack other reliable sources of transportation.
If you are an older adult in need or someone who is interested in volunteering, contact Julie Burch, Senior Rides Coordinator at 301-475-4200, ext. *1066.

FOOD DRIVES
The following 2 food drives are being sponsored by St. Mary’s County Interfaith Council:
Loaves and Fishes Pantry and St. Mary's Helping Hands Pantry on Saturday, Sept. 8 at Giant Food in 1st Colony from 10 am-2 pm. Anyone can collect food and drop off that day at Giant for these Pantries.

Benjamin Banneker Elementary School "Snack Pack" Food Drive, Saturday, Sept. 22, 10 am-2 pm at McKay’s in Leonardtown.