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.

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RECTORY HOURS:  Monday-Thursday  8 am-4 pm
                        Friday  9 am-3 pm

September 2, 2018
Twenty-Second 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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Scripture Corner

DEFINING GOD’S LAW

In today’s Gospel (Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 – 23) Jesus faces questions from the Pharisees and some scribes. They ask, “Why do your disciples not follow the traditions of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?” (vs. 5) To answer this concern Mark first outlines the Jewish human practices. He is writing this Gospel for a community that is mostly made up of Gentiles. Among Jewish practices he mentions are washing of hands, purification of cups and jugs and kettles.

Then to answer the question posed, Christ uses a quotation from the prophet Isaiah: “Since this people draws near with words only and honors me with their lips alone, though their hearts are far from me, and fear of me has become mere precepts of human teaching.” (29: 13) Our Lord insists that whatever comes forth from the human heart establishes his or her conduct as good or bad. Jesus insists, “From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile. (vss. 21 – 23) Clearly all people’s good acts also come from the heart.

Jesus adds an important teaching here for the future of Christianity. By his teachings on traditions and commandments “he declared all foods clean.” (vs. 19) Our Lord’s constant teaching is that it is what comes out of the heart that either makes holy or defiles a human being.

Many traditions of the elders were good and were followed by many Jews, including the Holy Family. The problem that Christ is raising is the fact that some human traditions fly in the face of God’s law. “How well you have set aside the commandment of God in order to uphold your tradition!” (vs. 9) The shepherds, for example, were not respected by the Jewish leaders. Since they lived in the fields with their flocks, they could not carry out all the traditions prescribed by the Pharisees. But Jesus, seeing them as good of heart, appears to them at the time of his birth.

The basic question in today’s Gospel is “What makes a person good or bad in the eyes of God?” The answer is that whatever comes from one’s human heart makes her or him good or bad.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

HOLY HOUR FOR EVANGELIZATION
First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, September 7, St. Aloysius Church, 5:30-6:30 pm.
Pray for the success of our St. Mary’s County Fair Evangelization Booth!

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK
Tuesday, Sept. 4:
12:15 pm  Walt Smith
           Dick McCoy
Wednesday, Sept. 5:
St. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious
8:30 am   Iwanna Bartoszyk
Thursday, Sept. 6:
12:15 pm  Tom Connelly
First Friday, Sept. 7:
9:00 am   Donald Schlosser
           Frank Tippett (L)
Saturday, Sept. 8:
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30 am   Rachel Cheung
           William & Mary Ida Young
Sunday, September 9:
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am   Emilio Balmaceda
           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.

FIRST FRIDAY, September 7: Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed at 10:00 am, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6:00-6:30 pm, concluding with Benediction. Please consider spending time with our Lord. Volunteers may sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

Apologetics Attendees:
It has been decided that the Apologetics class will take place @ St. George’s Catholic Church for the 2018-19 school year. The classes will be every other Sunday from 9:30-10:45am starting on September 16th (Between the two masses). More information to follow.
EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

LABOR DAY

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: In commemoration of Labor Day, the parish offices will be closed on Monday, September 3rd and will re-open on Tuesday, September 4th.

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.

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!

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “We share Pope Francis’ ‘conviction that everything possible must be done to rid the Church of the scourge of the sexual abuse of minors and to open pathways of reconciliation and healing for those who were abused.’”

ST STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions
August 25/26, 2018

1st Collection 2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Assessment
Offertory Basket: $ 5,772.00 Offertory Basket: $ 1,139.00
Direct Debit: $1,431.00 Direct Debit: $ 489.50
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2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the Catholic University.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: All States Tax - Peg Maguire, EA. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

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.

Our Family of Faith program is in need of adult and teen volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Leonard Wathen.

“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!

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.

VOCATIONS CROSS

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Matt Mattingly, who has the Vocations Cross!
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

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) September fundraising event –

Wednesday, September 5th, at Ledo’s Restaurant in Leonardtown from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. Please be sure to let your cashier/server know you are there to support the LVRSA fundraiser (even write it on your bill) so we can receive credit. Hope to see you there and thank you all for your support!

Hospice of St. Mary’s cares for the terminally ill and their family members in St. Mary’s County and provides bereavement support to those families and to the community. We will be offering volunteer training in September. Volunteers provide support in a variety of ways – companioning the patient, cooking meals for the patients at the Hospice House in Callaway, helping in the office (answering phones, filing, data entry), and helping at our fund raising events throughout the year. Criminal background checks and drug tests required, and are provided at no cost to the volunteer. As a volunteer, hours are very flexible. If you would like an application or more information, contact Katy Crowell, Volunteer Coordinator at Hospice of St. Mary’s, 301-994-3075 or email mary.k.crowell@medstar.net.

Annual Fall Seafood Dinner at Holy Angels Church

Join us on Sunday, September 9th, from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm for our seafood dinner. Adults $28, Carry Outs $26, Children 6-12 $8, children 5 & under – free.

Prayer Breakfast at Camp Maria - Saturday, September 15th

Join us for our next Prayer Breakfast at Camp Maria! Our speaker will be Diana Phelps, author of the book about the ministry of Fr. John Lubey! The breakfast will begin at 8:30 am at Camp Maria Retreat Center (41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown) overlooking the beautiful Breton Bay! The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, testimony and closing prayer. Register now by stopping by Heavenly Presents or by calling Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7139. You can also register online at: http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org/. The cost is still only $15 if you register in advance by Thursday, September 13. Registration at the door will be $17. All are welcome men and women!

Diana Phelps will be giving her personal testimony and will share some of the healings she has heard about and witnessed through the ministry of this very holy priest from the Archdiocese of Washington from 1943 until 1999. You don’t want to miss this very inspiring testimony!

Note: Two opportunities for Mass -- St. Aloysius Church, located at 22800 Washington Street in Leonardtown at 7:30 am, (Camp Maria is about 10 minutes away). Mass is also available at Our Lady’s Church, 41410 Medley’s Neck Road at 8:00 am, just minutes away from Camp Maria, however, it might make you a little later arriving. Please be encouraged to attend Mass if possible!

Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows Mass

The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington (CCAW), Southern MD Regional Office, will be hosting its Annual Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows Mass on Saturday, September 15th, at the St. Mary’s Queen of Peace Cemetery in Helen, MD. The Rosary and Mass is offered for the deceased members of our community and the Church especially encourages people who have recently suffered the loss of a loved one to participate. The Rosary and Mass will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Rev. Robert G. Maro as our celebrant. An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone’s comfort so the Mass will be held in the cemetery rain or shine. For additional information, please contact CCAW at (301) 475-5005/5006 or (301) 932-1766.

FOOD DRIVE

The following food drive is being sponsored by St. Mary's County Interfaith Council:

Loaves and Fishes Pantry and St. Mary's Helping Hands Pantry on Saturday, Sept. 8th, at Giant Food in 1st Colony from 10 am - 2 pm. Anyone can collect food and drop off that day at Giant.
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