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.

September 9, 2018

Twenty-Third 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

STAFF
Pastor ..............................................Rev. David W. Beaubien, ext. 14
Deacon ................................................Deacon Joe Vavrus
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper ......................Denise Becher, ext.10
Receptionist/Bulletin Editor .......................Lauren Carney, ext.11
Religious Education/Youth Ministry ...........Leonard Wathen, ext.16
Maintenance ........................................Wally Bowles
Principal, Father Andrew White 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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“BE OPENED!”

Jesus makes it clear throughout his public ministry that his main goal is to help the Jewish people, the Chosen People. In today’s Gospel (Mark 7: 31 – 37) Jesus does work in a Gentile territory. The people brought to our Lord “a deaf man who had a speech impediment.” Christ responds to the situation by saying “‘Ephphatha!’ (that is - Be opened!)’” (vs. 32) The man is instantly healed.

Jesus does not say openly that he is the Messiah until the time of his Passion. However, despite the fact that Jesus ordered them not to talk about the miracle, the people actually proclaim this miracle with great enthusiasm. Interestingly, the Greek word used for “proclaim” has religious significance. It is the same word used throughout the Gospel and in the early Church for the preaching, proclaiming of the Gospel. Also, Mark notes the connection between the act of Jesus and the prophecies of Isaiah: “Then the eyes of the blind shall see, and the ears of the deaf be opened; then the lame shall leap like a stag, and the mute tongue sing for joy.” (Isaiah 35: 5 - 6)

Today’s miracle suggests the most important title of Jesus, namely Son of God. “Who gives one person speech? Who makes another mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?” (Exodus 4: 11) That power of Yahweh over sight and hearing is now also the power of his Son. The effectiveness of the word of God is an important Biblical teaching. Jesus uses a single word, Ephphatha, a word as effective as the word of his father. “And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.” (Mark 7: 35)

This instantaneous miracle reflects our Lord’s love of the Gentiles. That love will become very clear at the end of our Lord’s ministry. He instructs his followers to reach out to all, Jew and Gentile alike. “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16: 15) We know that the early Church took these words of our Lord seriously. In the first century after Jesus’ death and resurrection the apostles proclaimed the Good News throughout the Mediterranean area and as far away as India.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

**Scripture Corner**

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

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**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., 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.

**Apologetics Attendees:**
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. More information to follow.

**RESPECT LIFE**

**WORD OF LIFE:** “Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people’s wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.”
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVEMLGIZATION & PARISH LIFE

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?
If you are in 4th grade or older, please consider attending
the training for Altar Servers. Training is in the church at
10:00 am on Saturday, September 8, 15, and 22. If you
missed the first Saturday, you’re still welcome to join us on
the remaining two.

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. Come to our Volunteer
Training session and Free Supper on Thursday,
September 13, at 6:30 pm in the FAW gym. 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 United States and Saint
Aloysius Church is representing the Archdiocese of
Washington! On September 23rd, Adoration Artists will
be at Saint Aloysius and we want you to join us. Doors
open at 6:30pm Tickets to the evening are completely free
and can be picked up after Mass, in the church office or by
visiting the 177project.com link below. Also, we are asking
for YOUR Prayer Intentions that can be prayed for during
these events. You can submit your prayer intentions on
the 177project.com link also. Can’t wait to see you there!
https://www.the177project.com/new-events/09-23-
washington?rq=washington%20dc

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!

VOCATIONS CROSS
Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junípero Serra
for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week
with Gerda and Joe Biglin, who have the Vocations
Cross!

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
September 1, 2018

1st Collection
2nd Collection: School Support
Offertory Basket: $ 5,057.00 Offertory Basket: $ 1,023.00
Direct Debit: $ 4,646.00 Direct Debit: $ 562.00
Total: $ 9,703.00 Total: $ 1,585.00

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the
Building Fund.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Dos Amigos Mexican
Restaurant. If in need please remember to patronize our
bulletin sponsors.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith 2018-19 is scheduled to begin next
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.
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.

**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 Lubeby! The breakfast will begin at 8:30 am at Camp Maria Retreat Center (41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown). 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!

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 am. with Fr. 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.

**COMEDY NIGHT WITH 3-2-1 IMPROV**

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is excited to present: Comedy Night with 3-2-1 Improv on Saturday evening, September 15th, beginning at 6:00 pm, at Patuxent High School, 12485 Southern Connector Blvd, Lusby, MD. All tickets are general admission. Cost per ticket is $27. Ticket sales are available online only at https://friendsofcarenetsomd.org/comedy-night/. Tickets may be available for purchase at the door on the evening of the event.

Comedy Night with 321 Improv is a family friendly event appropriate for children who can sit through the length of a movie in a theater. You can learn more about 321 Improv by visiting www.321improv.com.

Care Net SOMD’s Comedy Night is a fundraiser event; however we will not receive an offering or request additional donations at the event – all fundraising will be done through ticket and concession sales.