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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Throughout his public life Jesus used the title “Son of Man” frequently. In itself, “Son of Man” could simply mean a human being. But it is important that one studies the various ways that our Lord uses the title and its Old Testament background.

There is a special text in the prophet Daniel that needs study to determine the meaning of “Son of Man:” “As the visions during the night continued, I saw coming with the clouds of heaven one like a SON OF MAN. When he reached the Ancient of Days and was presented before him, he received dominion, splendor, and kingship; all nations, peoples and tongues will serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, his kingship, one that shall not be destroyed.” (7: 13 – 14)

It is important to keep in mind that text of Daniel when studying our Lord’s use of “Son of Man.” For instance, Jesus says, “That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.” (Mark 2: 28) That is a reference to the divinity of Jesus, for only God is the Lord of the Sabbath. Concerning his heavenly destiny Christ says, “And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” (Mark 13: 26)

There is a second important theme in today’s Gospel (Mark 9: 30 – 37), namely, greatness in the Kingdom of God. The disciples “had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest.” (vs. 34) That provides Jesus with the opportunity to insist that his Kingdom will be a kingdom of service, not of human ideas of greatness: “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” (vs. 35)

Our Lord uses a small child to make his point, the child representing all who are poor and vulnerable. “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.” (vs. 37) All acts of justice and charity by Christians to help the poor and vulnerable will be received as though done for Jesus and his Father.

The Old Testament insists on the need for justice and charity. A clear example is found in the writings of the prophet Isaiah. “Make justice your aim, redress the wronged, hear the orphan’s plea, defend the widow.” (Isaiah 1: 17)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

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**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

**Tuesday, Sept. 25:**
12:15 pm Clyde & Maude Vallandingham

**Wednesday, Sept. 26:**
Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
8:30 am T.J. Lukos

**Thursday, Sept. 27:**
St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
12:15 pm Mission of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Friday, Sept. 28:**
St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
8:30 am Biggie Connelly

**Saturday, Sept. 29:**
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels
7:30 am James Francis Guy
5:00 pm Benjamin Moore

**Sunday, Sept. 30:**
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Bobby & Manning Norris
11:00 am Pro populo

**THE LITANY OF PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS** will be recited every Tuesday after the 12:15 pm daily Mass. Please plan to stay for a few minutes after Mass to pray for our priests.

**SEASON OF HEALING** is an invitation for all parishes and parishioners in the archdiocese to come together in prayer, to give voice to the pain and suffering of the survivors of clergy sexual abuse, while also recognizing the pain and wound of the whole church. This six-week “Season” will use each Friday as a time when, as a Church, we can be united in prayer. Please consider practicing meatless Fridays with your family as a significant gesture of penance.
EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

NOW AT St. Mary’s Ryken
177 PROJECT - THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
Due to some construction delays in our building project and a lack of our parish parking lot, the decision has been made to move the 177 Project down the street to our local Catholic High School; St. Mary's Ryken, 22600 Camp Calvert Road (theater building, to the right of the circle).

Please join us! **Doors open at 6:30 pm.** 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](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 this **Wednesday, 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!

KALNASY CONCERT SERIES
The Southern Maryland Community Gospel Choir presents its annual concert titled “In the Precious Name of Jesus!” on **Sunday, October 14th**, at St. Aloysius Church at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. For questions about the choir, please see Dionne and Redmond Saul.

VOCATIONS CROSS

*Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junípero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Marion McAloon, who has the Vocations Cross!*
**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

Weekly Offertory Contributions  
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There will be no 2nd collection next week.

**PATRON OF THE WEEK:** O'Brien Realty - Barbara Stellway. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

**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.

**RESPECT LIFE**

**WORD OF LIFE:** We are created to walk with and support one another; we don’t need to fear reaching out in love. Help your friend experience the strength of God’s message that resounds throughout time: “Do not fear: I am with you.”

**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL**

**The Virtue of Faith:** Our parish school is participating in a *Virtues in Practice* program this year. Each month, the whole school focuses on the same virtue as they hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. They also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month students and their families are learning about the first theological virtue: Faith. Please join them by saying the "Act of Faith" prayer during the month of September.

**An Act of Faith**

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; I believe that Your Divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because You have revealed them. Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

**COMMUNITY**

**Care Net SOMD** is holding training for new volunteers beginning October 2nd. If you’ve ever thought about volunteering at Care Net, or if you want to be a part of your community and see lives changed - this is the training for you. Care Net is looking for both men and women who want to put their faith into action and be a part of the good work we are doing. Morning and evening sessions are available, to sign up call 301-737-4604 or 410-326-6866.

**RETREAT DAY ON DIVINE HEALING at St. Mary’s in Bryantown** on Saturday, October 6 FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. The day will focus on Healing Prayer with presentations on praying for physical and inner healing. The retreat day will conclude with the evening Mass and opportunities to receive Prayer for healing and the Sacrament of Anointing. The cost is $10 and includes lunch. You can register at www.eventbrite.com/e/healing-prayer-retreat-tickets-49560541915.

**Annual St. Mary’s County Men’s Retreat**

Give A Weekend to God!

Each October for the past 60 years the men of the Saint Mary’s County parishes have gone on retreat at Loyola on the Potomac, a Jesuit retreat house, located on the banks of the Potomac and Port Tobacco rivers in Faulkner Md. The weekend includes generous amounts of time for personal reflection and prayer and the cultivation of a deeper relationship with God. This year’s retreat begins Friday evening October 26th and concludes with lunch on Sunday the 28th.

For more information or to make a reservation contact Al Gough 301-475-5449 or al.gough@yahoo.com “Come Away and Rest Awhile”.

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