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**Scripture Corner**

**AVOID SCANDAL**

Jesus in today’s Gospel (Mark 9: 38–43, 45, 47–48) stresses the importance of avoiding scandal. Our Lord uses very strong language to make his point. It is better for his followers to lose a hand, a foot, an eye rather than be guilty of scandal. Clearly Christ is using these symbolic examples to make a point, the terrible reality of scandal, especially concerning “the little ones who believe in me.” (vs. 42) But he also clearly teaches that evil comes from within a person. (Mark 7: 21–23)

“Scandal” means a stumbling block. Christ is teaching that those who lead others to sin, especially the little ones, by their conduct become stumbling blocks! They interfere with persons on the way to salvation.

A second theme in today’s readings is the importance of tolerance. In the first reading (Numbers 11: 25–29) Joshua hears that Eldad and Medad had received the spirit and were prophesying. Joshua says, “My lord, Moses, stop them.” (vs. 28). But Moses shows that he practices tolerance when he replies, “Are you jealous for my sake? If only all the people of the Lord were prophets! If only the Lord might bestow his spirit on them.” (vs. 29)

In the Gospel our Lord also encounters followers who are not tolerant. They are upset and say to Christ, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us.” (Mark 9: 38) Their intolerant attitude might be partly explained by the fact that they had failed in their effort to expel a demon. The father of a possessed child came to our Lord and told him, “I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they were unable to do so.” (Mark 9:18)

Jesus wants his followers to be tolerant. “For whoever is not against us is for us.” (Mark 9: 40) Our Lord adds, “Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” (vs. 41) Christ is asking all his followers to be truly Christian by avoiding scandal and being tolerant.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

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**FIRST FRIDAY, October 5:** 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.

**FIRST SATURDAY, October 6:** The Five First Saturdays devotion is one of the principal points of the Fatima message. It centers on the urgent need for mankind to offer reparation and expiate for the many injuries that the Immaculate Heart of Mary suffers from the hands of both impious and indifferent persons. On the First Saturday during 5 Consecutive Months, the Devotion consists of:
1. Going to Confession
2. Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion
3. Saying five decades of the Rosary
4. Meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

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.

FELLOWSHIP IN FAITH is returning with a new series in October! Why do we suffer so much in this life? What is the purpose and meaning of our trials? How can we find hope and healing amidst our sorrow? Dr. Bob Schuchts, renowned Family Therapist and founder of the JPII Healing Center, seeks to answer these difficult questions in a new 4-part series called Real Suffering: Finding Hope and Healing in the Trials of Life. Sundays October 28, November 4, 11, & 18, 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Father Andrew White School.

EMHC & LECTOR WORKSHOPS
The Archdiocese of Washington is holding workshops for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) and Lectors. These workshops will instruct the faithful on how to serve effectively as an EMHC in the parish setting as well as when taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins. Lectors will be instructed on how to be effective proclaimers of the Word in a liturgical setting. A $5 registration fee can be paid at the door. Please RSVP by emailing liturgy@adw.org and also contact Father David at the rectory if planning to attend. Dates and times for workshops are as follows:
- Workshop for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC)
  Saturday, October 6, from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm at Jesus the Divine Word, Huntingtown, and Saturday, October 27, from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at St. Peter, Waldorf
- Workshop for Lectors
  Saturday, October 6, from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm at Jesus the Divine Word, Huntingtown, and Saturday, October 27, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at St. Peter, Waldorf

Mission Appeal for INSTITUTE OF THE INCARNATE WORD (IVE)
Our parish will have a collection for the IVE missionaries the weekend of Sept. 29-30. Fr. Miguel Soler will tell us about the experiences of the important mission work. Please be generous. Thank you and God bless you!

U.S. Rosary Rally
On October 7th, millions of Americans will gather together in public places across the country, to pray the rosary for their nation. The times have been synchronized so that each time zone says the rosary simultaneously. Here are the scheduled times: 4pm Eastern, 3pm Central, 2pm Mountain, 1pm Pacific.
In order to make your prayers more efficacious, you can also fast and offer up sacrifices for our country. Please consider doing this.
For further information, you can check out this awesome site: http://rosarycoasttocoast.com/. See you on the spiritual battlefield!

COME AND SEE
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 Wednesday, October 17th, 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!

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith, our family-centered Religious Education program for age 4 to Grade 8, began on September 16, but it’s not too late to register online at our parish website! Our next gathering will be Sunday, October 7 from 9:15 to 10:30 AM in the Gym. October’s theme will be “What is a sacrament?”

“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
September 22/23, 2018

1st Collection: $4,132.00 2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Assessment $ 829.00
Direct Debit: $ 1,401.00 Direct Debit: $ 489.50
Total: $ 5,533.00 Total: $ 1,318.50

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the School Support.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Social Coffee House. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections
First Friday Mass: Father Andrew White School celebrates Mass as a school family every Friday. On First Fridays, a class or special group hosts the Mass. These 9am First Friday Masses at St. Aloysius are student led. Students partake by being the lectors, altar servers, gift bearers, and chorus. Older students sit alongside their younger class buddies to help them more fully participate. We invite all parishioners to join us any Friday. This Friday, October 5th we hope to see you as the Student Council Association hosts the 9am Mass.

Spirit Night at The Rex: In an effort to aid the Crusader Cup Golf Tournament on Oct. 3rd, Father Andrew White School is having a Spirit Night at The Rex restaurant in Leonardtown on Monday, Oct. 1st. If you attend this family friendly event from 5-8pm, 20% of your check will be donated to FAW. Enjoy a dinner out with other parishioners as they support our parish school.

RECEIT NIGHT WITH 3-2-1 IMPROV – POSTPONED TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Care Net SOMD is holding training for new volunteers beginning Saturday, 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, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 FROM 9:30A.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.

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, October 13th, beginning at 6:00 pm, at Patuxent High School, 12485 Southern Connector Blvd, Lusby, MD. All tickets are general admission. Ticket sales are available online only at https://friendsofcarenetsomd.org/comedy-night/ and due to the date change Care Net is offering a reduced ticket price of $24 when you enter promo code "Florence".

On October 19th, The Southern Maryland Food Bank is hosting our first annual “Laying Hunger to Rest” Halloween Dance Fundraiser! Come dance the night away with us and SoMD’s favorite DJs from Star 98.3FM, T-bone and Heather! Expect to take part in a night of music, dancing and fun from T-bone and Heather, costume contest, eat some delightfully spooky light fare, enjoy our dead-silent auction, 50/50 raffle and much more! All proceeds will go to helping us ease the pain of hunger all over Southern Maryland. Join us at the Jameson-Harrison American Legion Post 238, 6265 Brandywine Rd, Hughesville.

For full information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.southernmarylandfoodbank.com/dance.

COMMUNITY

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