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.
**Scripture Corner**

**JESUS PRAISES THE WIDOW**

“How different the person who devotes himself to the study of the law of the Most High! He explores the wisdom of all the ancients and is occupied with the prophecies.” (Ben Sira 38: 34 – 39: 1) Those are words of praise for the scribes in the Old Testament. Unfortunately at the time of Jesus many of the scribes apparently were not living up to those ideals. In today’s Gospel (Mark 12: 38 – 44) our Lord accuses the scribes of many deviations from proper behavior. He says, for instance, “They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext, recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a severe condemnation.” (Mark 12: 40)

Just before the incidents in today’s Gospel Mark notes that the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to put Jesus to death. (Mark 11: 18) Our Lord was especially concerned about the scribes’ treatment of the poorest of the poor in those Old Testament times. They did oppress the needy despite this law of God, “You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.” (Exodus 22: 21)

Widows and orphans were very poorly treated in the biblical times. Understandably, then, God himself declares that he is their protector. “The Lord protects the resident alien; comes to the aid of the orphan and the widow.” (Psalm 146: 9) God goes on to say that he loves the righteous, those who truly love God and neighbor. The prophet Isaiah also shows great concern for widows and orphans. “Make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan’s plea, defend the widow.” (Isaiah 1: 17)

Our Lord is aware of a widow in the treasury. She offers striking contrast to the scribes, giving to help others at the cost of all the money that she has. Our Lord notices what she has done and declares, “Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all that she had, her whole livelihood.” (Mark 12: 43f) Christ is teaching that it is not the amount alone, but the love that prompts the gift that is most important in the eyes of God.

While praising this amazing widow, Jesus is also preparing to follow her example. He will soon give the gift of his very life to the Father for the salvation of all. “For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many [all].” (Mark 10: 45) This will happen on Good Friday!

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

**Tuesday, Nov. 13:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
12:15 pm  
Dr. K. P. Verghese

**Wednesday, Nov. 14:**  
8:30 am  
Meta Wilt

**Thursday, Nov. 15:** St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
12:15 pm  
Dick & Cecilia Curry

**Friday, Nov. 16:** St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin  
8:30 am  
Tom Connelly

**Saturday, Nov. 17:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious  
7:30 am  
Betty Camalier Hansen  
5:00 pm  
Pro populo

**Sunday, Nov. 18:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 am  
Dr. Kannarkat Verghese  
11:00 am  
Alexander Franklin

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** the Sick and Homebound in our Community: John Barnett, Walter M. Bowman, Timothy Butler, Teresa Cusic, Charles Davis Sr., Irene Dixon, Frances Duke, Jan Esler, George Guy, Warren Guy, Jr., Howard Hensley, John Holly, Deb Johnson, Mary Katherine Kane, Paula Kidwell, Mary Catherine Kohut, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, Florence “Flo” Michalski, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Jermaine Perry, Claudia Queen, Cindy Sally, Kim Simmons, Kit Spalding, Mary Agnes Stewart, Steven Tomaszewski, Richard & Sally Tomkinson, Nena Underwood, Michael Utzig, Stephanie Vallandingham.

**BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:** The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of George Wallace Lathroum, who passed away recently. May the angels lead him into paradise; may the martyrs come and welcome him to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem; and may the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding give his family comfort and peace.

**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.

**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.
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: In commemoration of Veteran’s Day, the parish offices will be closed on Monday, November 12th, and will re-open on Tuesday, November 13th.

COMMUNITY SUNDAY - November 18
Next weekend is our monthly celebration of Community Sunday whereby our community, following Jesus’ call to care for the hungry, thirsty, sick and poor, responds to the needs of the larger community around us. Non-perishable food items will be collected at all the Masses for Helping Hands Food Pantry. Also, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be at the doors of the church collecting money for our twinning sister organizations in Peru. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

FELLOWSHIP IN FAITH
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 JP II 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. Remaining Sundays November 11 & 18, 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Father Andrew White School. All are welcome!

SEEKING PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS
St. Aloysius is forming a Contemporary Event-based Praise & Worship Music Ministry Team. If interested in singing or playing an instrument, please call Matt Menard @ 301-769-8197.

PLEASE NOTE: The 2019 Mass Intentions Book is now open. In order to accommodate the many requests we receive for Mass Intentions, we need to limit each household to only four (4) Sat./Sun. Masses, if available. As space allows, the remainder, if desired, may be assigned to a daily Mass.

VOCATIONS CROSS
Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junípero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Stanley Konopka, who has the Vocations Cross!

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

FAMILY OF FAITH, our family-centered Religious Education program for age 4 to Grade 8, has begun, but it’s not too late to register online at our parish website! November’s theme is “What is Baptism?” Our next gathering is on November 18th from 9:15 to 10:30 AM.

MOUNT 2000, a weekend high school retreat at Mount St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, is scheduled for February 8—10, 2019. Registration is opening very shortly, and any high school teens who would like to attend are asked to sign up on our parish website at http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/mount-2000.

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
November 3/4, 2018

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

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Bella Music School. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

LOOKING FOR A CONVENIENT WAY TO HELP WITH OUR PARISH OFFERTORY? Please consider Direct Debit. The parish has an established program with our bank for electronic funds transfers. All transactions are done electronically, debiting your bank account automatically for the amount which you have agreed to in writing. This program is voluntary and includes electronic transfers for both the first collection offertory as well as the special second collections.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “Through the Church’s teaching, God invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love.”
ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

ANGEL TREE
As we prepare for Advent, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be sponsoring the ANGEL TREE this year. The Tree will be available with the Angels the weekend of November 24/25. The Society has obtained names of families within our community that are in need of assistance and will be providing gifts for their children. Each family will receive $75.00 in food cards at a minimum and each child in the selected families will receive two (2) gifts. There will be two separate angels for each child. The angel will provide suggestions to help you choose an appropriate gift. It is important that all gifts and food cards be returned by 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 09th.
REMEMBER FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL WILL BE SELLING SCRIP CARDS AFTER MASS EACH WEEKEND. We ask that before you go Christmas shopping for items and/or food cards; consider purchasing a scrip card for the store(s) you plan to use for your shopping needs. That way we help the community and our school! For more information regarding the Angel Tree, please contact Vicki Wenke 301-373-5420.

Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin’-By World is underway at the Lexington Park Library. Six investigators are working over next several weeks to create change in their lives to build roads to stability and better lives. Additional volunteers are needed to prepare a simple meal for the group to share prior to their meeting. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karen O’Connor 703-395-5979, or karen_oconnor2001@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

FAW Musical: Madagascar Jr. will be showing this week at the Father Andrew White School stage! Please join other parishioners and school families this Thursday, November 15th or Friday, November 16th to see the zany adventures of Alex, Marty, Gloria, and Melman in Madagascar (Jr., that is). Tickets and baked goods will be available for purchase at the door. Doors open at 6pm and showtime is at 6:30pm. See you there!

White House Christmas Ornament: FAW is selling the White House Christmas Ornament again this year. The ornaments are $22.95 each, or for orders of 12 or more, $19.95. Please see the order form on the school website: http://fatherandrewwhite.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-WH-Ornament-Flyer.pdf. Orders should be placed no later than this Friday, November 16th. Contact Sue Hensley Robusto at suehenslev@hotmail.com or 703-582-8679 with any questions.

COMMUNITY

THEOLOGY ON TAP - Wednesday, November 14th
Come join us at the Olde Town Pub for November’s Theology on Tap! This month’s speaker will be Leonard Wathen, speaking on the topic “Finding Hope and Healing in Suffering”. Social hour starts at 6:00 pm and the talk at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Faith, Food & Fellowship
Join us at Camp Maria Retreat Center Dining Hall (41290 Camp Maria Rd.) for an evening of “Faith, Food & Fellowship” with our speaker, Rev. Rory T. Conley, on Wednesday, November 14, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Father will speak on “Looking Forward to Advent - With the Holy Spirit”. Dinner will be provided at the cost of $20 per person. RSVPs encouraged by Monday, November 12. For more information, contact Ann Kovalcik, Director, at 301-475-8330 or director@campmaria.org.

St. Francis Xavier’s Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar, Compton, on Saturday, November 17, from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at the parish hall. The bazaar features homemade arts and crafts, a raffle for a basket of cheer, a raffle for a hand stitched quilt, and a bake sale. A café style lunch will be offered which includes Stuffed Ham as well as Chicken Salad Sandwiches and more. All are welcome!

Season of Healing
As we move into the next stage of the Season of Healing, we recognize that the healing continues for all survivors of abuse. Therefore, on Saturday, December 1st, the Archdiocese of Washington is offering a day of prayer and reflection for survivors. For more information and to register, please visit https://adw.org/outreach-to-survivors/.

BEAR HUGS FOR HEALING is a program that delivers stuffed bears to hospitalized children during the holidays. To give a sick child a bear hug this Christmas, please drop off your donated bears by December 6, at Heavenly Presents, 22697 Washington Street (on the Square), Leonardtown. Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday, or use the after-hours drop box outside the store front door. Your tax-deductible monetary donations will be used to purchase bears at a discounted price! Please make checks payable to the Bread of Life Center for Peace and mail them to: PO Box 338, Leonardtown, MD 20650. You may also purchase a bear or make donations through our website at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be new and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached. Sorry, used stuffed bears are not accepted by the hospitals. Bear Hugs was an inspiration received in thanksgiving for favors granted through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Jude. For more details on participating in this special outreach, please contact Patricia Disandro at 240-681-3606. Thank you for your continued generous support of Bear Hugs!