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.

November 25, 2018
Christ the King Sunday

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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KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Shortly after the dramatic resurrection of Lazarus, Jesus says, “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” (John 12: 32) Scripture scholars see this statement of Christ as an example of John’s use of words with two meanings. “Lifted up” here can mean “crucified,” but it also can mean “exalted.” The Fourth Gospel sees the crucifixion as the first step to our Lord’s exaltation. The resurrection and the ascension on Easter Sunday will complete this triumph of Christ.

Pilate asks our Lord, “Are you the king of the Jews?” (John 18:33) The Roman official knows that the Jewish leaders have handed Jesus over to him because he has the power to crucify. The leaders convicted him of blasphemy. But they realized the necessity of a political charge to influence Pilate. Our Lord tells Pilate that he is a king, but not in the worldly, political, sense. Many Israelites were expecting a political Messiah, a son of David, one who could free them from the reign of Rome.

An essential aspect of the kingship of Jesus is service, not domination! Our Lord says, “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) Especially by dying on the cross, Christ took care of the one essential need that every human being has, the forgiveness of sins. People cannot save themselves. But Jesus, the Suffering Servant, willingly goes to his death that first Good Friday to give all the opportunity of being saved: “Because he (the Suffering Servant) surrendered himself to death, was counted among the transgressors, bore the sins of many [all], and interceded for the transgressors.” (Isaiah 53: 12)

Christ also informed Pilate, “You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.” (John 18: 37) The procurator, possibly because he did not understand, replies, “What is truth?” (vs. 38) “Truth” is the Father’s revelation. On an earlier occasion our Lord said, “Because I speak the truth, you do not believe me.” (John 8: 45) At the Last Supper he prays for his disciples, “Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.” (John 17: 17) The truth is Christ’s great gift to all: “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” (John 18: 37)

The kingship of Jesus for all eternity is described in the Gospel of Matthew: “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.” (25: 31 – 32)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER the Sick and Homebound in our Community: John Barnett, Walter M. Bowman, Timothy Butler, Teresa Cusic, Brenda Davis, Charles Davis Sr., Irene Dixon, Frances Duke, George Guy, Warren Guy, Jr., Howard Hensley, John Holly, Deb Johnson, Mary Catherine Kane, Paula Kidwell, Mary Catherine Kohut, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, Flo Michalski, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Jermaine Perry, Claudia Queen, Cindy Sally, Kim Simmons, Kit Spalding, Mary Agnes Stewart, Steven Tomaszeski, 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 families of Jan Esler and Michael Joseph Lantz, who passed away recently. May the angels lead them into paradise; may the martyrs come and welcome them to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem; and may the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding give their families 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.
EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

HEALING PRAYER
Are you in need of prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing? Join us for an evening of healing prayer next Sunday, December 2 at 6:30 PM in the Church.

’TIS (almost) THE SEASON

Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you’ll receive an email with...
* Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
* Practical tips for your everyday life
* Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey

STEVINCENT 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 9th.

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.

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
November 10/11, 2018

1st Collection: 2nd Collection: School Support
Offertory Basket: $5,309.00 Offertory Basket: $1,565.00
Direct Debit: $1,411.00 Direct Debit: $572.00
Total $6,720.00 Total $1,937.00

DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS, contributions for the weekend of November 17/18 will be noted in the bulletin for December 2.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the Retired Religious Fund.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Brinsfield Funeral Home. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

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! December’s theme is “Confirmation”. Our gatherings in December are on the 2nd and 16th 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.

NURSING CENTER CARING PROGRAM: The Society will be collecting items for the residents for St. Mary’s Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Leonardtown. Some item ideas are tissues, lotion, toothpaste, costume jewelry, stationary, slippers, socks, large print books, books on tape, shampoo and cards. A box for the items will be in the vestibule of the church. All items need to be received by 11:00AM Mass on Sunday, December 16. For more information regarding this program, please contact Patty Belanger at 301-475-8000 ext. 160 or 301-904-7990.

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VOCATIONS CROSS
Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junípero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Mary Pfeiff, who has the Vocations Cross!
Extending our Blessings to the Community
The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Aloysius Church will be sponsoring the 15th Annual Community Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day (Tuesday, December 25, 2018) at Father Andrew White School in Leonardtown for those desiring a full meal and fellowship. Dinner is available between 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM in the school hall. Please note the change in time this year.

It is our desire to deliver dinners to those that are unable to come to the school. We are appealing to you for assistance with:

• Names of needy persons or families in our parish community who may desire delivery of dinner
• Volunteers to deliver dinners to the homebound in your parish community (if preferred)
• Donations of items for a white elephant give away table. Items need not be new.

Volunteers to prepare, set up, make decorations, serve and/or clean up at Father Andrew White School hall. Anyone wishing to assist with decorations may simply arrive at the hall by 1 pm on Sunday, December 23.

If you have questions, wish to provide information for deliveries, or sign up to volunteer, please contact Regina at SVdP (301-481-2942) or by emailing at svdp@saintalloysiuschurch.org.

We would like delivery reservations or volunteer intentions for Christmas Day made no later than Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

We appreciate your support in this effort to display God’s love and express the true meaning of Christmas!

The Eleventh Annual Friends of the Poor Walk was held on Saturday, September 29th. Thanks to your help and generous support, the Walk raised over $17,000 for the St. Vincent de Paul Societies in St. Mary’s County. The money raised stays in the local St. Vincent de Paul Conferences to be used for direct and immediate aid to those in need. The St. Vincent de Paul Society helps with rent, oil, water bills, medications, electric and food. You are making a difference in the lives of many. Again, THANK YOU!

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “Let us rededicate ourselves this year to recognizing the reign of Jesus Christ and his Sacred Heart in every aspect of our lives.”

COMMUNITY

LADIES DAY OF PRAYER: St. Michael’s Catholic Church is sponsoring a Ladies Day of Prayer on Monday, November 26 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park. The day begins at 9:15 a.m. with coffee and donuts. There will be 3-4 short inspirational talks. After the second presentation, Rosary will be prayed and Confessions will be available. Mass at Noon will be followed by a bring your own brown bag lunch (drinks and desserts provided). The day adjourns at 2:30 p.m. (Or you may leave earlier as needed). Bring your friends and join us for this annual precursor to the season of Advent.

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: There will be a Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park on Monday, November 26, at 7pm. Confessions will begin at 6:30pm, healing prayers will be immediately following the mass. All are welcome to attend.

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/.

Christmas Concert
Christian Fellowship of St. Mary’s County is hosting its Annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 8, at 5:00 pm. The concert will be held at Lexington Park Baptist Church, 46855 S. Shangri-La Dr., Lexington Park. For further information contact, Evangelist Felecia Spence at 301-848-0113.

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!