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.

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

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: 11:30 - 12 Noon

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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
**Scripture Corner**

**IT IS A NEW YEAR!**

The Church begins the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. This season prepares us for the coming of Jesus on Christmas Day. However, the liturgy today concentrates on the Second Coming of our Lord. After foretelling the fall of Jerusalem, “When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, know that its desolation is at hand.” (Luke 21: 20) This became a reality in the year 70 AD. The Roman armies surrounded the Holy City and destroyed both city and Temple.

Today’s Gospel (Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36) foretells the coming of Jesus at the end of time: “People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” (vss. 26-27) The prophet Daniel wrote this of the son of man: “He received dominion, splendor, and kingship; all nations, peoples and tongues will serve him.” (Daniel 7: 14)

The Church has always understood that only God knows when that Second Coming will take place. Jesus is very clear on that point: “But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.” (Matthew 24: 36) Luke provides good advice to all disciples of our Lord: “Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.” (Luke 21: 36)

In today’s second reading (1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4: 2) Saint Paul strongly urges his readers to be “blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his holy ones.” (vs. 13). (1 Thessalonians is considered the first inspired book of the New Testament.)

An important consideration for all Christians is the knowledge that if you are preparing well for the Second Coming, you will also be preparing well for the time of your death. Vigilance and prayer together with love of God and neighbor will always be wonderful activities for each and every Christian. Those practices will prepare any person to meet Jesus at the time of either his or her own death or at the Second Coming of Christ.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

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| Tuesday, Dec. 4 | 12:15 pm | St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
| Wednesday, Dec. 5 | 8:30 am | Eduardo Caday
| Thursday, Dec. 6  | 12:15 pm | Catherine Thompson
| First Friday, Dec. 7 | 9:00 am | St. Nicholas, Bishop
| First Friday, Dec. 7 | 7:00 pm | Emilio Balmaceda
| First Friday, Dec. 7 | 8:00 am | The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
| Saturday, Dec. 8   | 9:00 am | Dolly Kuruwilla
| Sunday, December 9 | 8:00 am | Rev. John Mattingly
| Sunday, December 9 | 11:00 am | Mary Helen Saunders
| Sunday, December 9 | 8:00 am | Francis Shelton

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** - Friday, Dec. 7 (Vigil) and Saturday, Dec. 8 is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**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, Florence “Flo” Michalski, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Jermaine Perry, Claudia Queen, Cindy Sally, Kim Simmons, 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 Capt. Brian Martin, son of Dr. Richard Martin, 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.

**FIRST FRIDAY, December 7:** Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am 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.
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Are you in need of healing?
All of us experience suffering - physically, emotionally, and spiritually - but the Gospel of Jesus Christ reveals a God who desires to give us hope and healing in the midst of such pain. If you are in need of healing from physical pain, emotional loss, or spiritual guilt, you're invited to a Healing Prayer Service on Sunday, December 2, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at St. Aloysius Church. The evening will include Praise & Worship, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, readings from Sacred Scripture, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and an opportunity to pray with a healing prayer team.
If you decide to pray with a healing prayer team, you will simply be asked to share what physical, emotional, or spiritual healing you are looking for. Our trained prayer teams will then take a few moments to pray that you experience the healing of Jesus more fully in your life. This event is open to all, so please plan to join us and spread the word!

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.
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* Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey

VOCATIONS CROSS
Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Anne and Mark Davis, who have the Vocations Cross!

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
November 17/18, 2018
1st Collection: 2nd Collection: Building Fund
Offertory Basket: $ 4,913.00 Offertory Basket: $ 2,840.00
Direct Debit: $ 1,401.00 Direct Debit: $ 564.50
Total $ 6,314.00 Total $ 3,404.50

November 24/25, 2018
1st Collection: 2nd Collection: School Support
Offertory Basket: $ 4,345.00 Offertory Basket: $ 1,183.01
Direct Debit: $ 1,401.00 Direct Debit: $ 572.00
Total $ 5,746.00 Total $ 1,755.01
Thanksgiving Collection: Offertory Basket: $ 852.00

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the Christmas Flowers.

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

RECOMMENDED READING
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 this Sunday, the 2nd and on the 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.
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 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 the 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 at 301-373-5420.

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@saintaloysiuschurch.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!

NURSING CENTER CARING PROGRAM: The SVdP 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 11:00 am 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.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “Every life is a good and perfect gift. Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one’s face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone.”

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, December 7th we hope to see you as the 5th Grade hosts the 9am Mass.

FAW DI: Father Andrew White School’s Destination Imagination teams are just starting to gear up for another great year of creativity, innovation, problem solving, and team work. Please consider supporting our DI teams in raising funds to attend their regional, state (if they qualify), and potentially the Global Finals competitions by using the FAW DI code with our local Papa John’s when you order. By using this code, YOU will save 40% and FAW DI gets a portion of the proceeds from your order. Thank you so much for ordering from the Leonardtown and California Papa Johns!

SCRIP Cards: Father Andrew White School is selling gift cards in the vestibule of the church after each Mass. The school purchases gift cards at a discount and sells them at face value. They carry a number of cards in stock, and can order cards from 100s of other retailers. If we don't have what you are looking for, we can order it and have it ready for pick up the following week after Mass. Order forms are available in the vestibule. Please consider purchasing your Angel Tree gift cards from our Scrip Program.
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