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.

January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord
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 am & 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
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Secretary, FAW School..........................Helen Bowles

RECTORY HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8 am-4 pm
Friday 9 am-3 pm

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**Scripture Corner**

**JESUS AND THE MAGI**

The feast of Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of the Christ Child to the magi. In the Old Testament, epiphany is used at times for the manifestations of Yahweh, especially when he intervenes to save his people. The two first readings and the responsorial psalm indicate the importance of this appearance of Jesus.

Writing for a largely Jewish Christian community, Matthew uses the story of the magi to stress the importance of Gentiles in our Lord’s saving work. The first reading has the prophet declaring, “Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” (Isaiah 60: 1) The responsorial psalm, a royal psalm, says joyfully, “The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.” (Psalm 72: 10–11) The second reading reflects the belief “that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” (Ephesians 3: 6)

The appearance of the magi provides the opportunity to stress the kingship of the Christ Child. He is called “king of the Jews” by the magi. Herod in replying uses “Christ” (Messiah, Anointed One) interchangeably with “king of the Jews.” In the Old Testament there was the concept of a royal Messiah. This led to the title “Son of David” for Jesus. The title depends on a promise that David would have an everlasting kingdom: “Your house and your kingdom are firm forever before me, your throne shall be firmly established forever.” (2 Samuel 7: 16)

The magi come from the East, possibly Persia. Clearly they study the stars. They say to Herod, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” (Matthew 2: 2) The expression “to do him homage” makes clear that the Christ Child is considered a person of great dignity. It is repeated three times in the account of the magi. (vss. 2, 8, 11) As the magi approached Bethlehem, they were overjoyed at seeing the star again. They entered the house and saw the child and Mary and offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

A sad note here is the appearance of Herod, king of the Jews from 37 to 4 BC. He was determined to keep the throne. He even killed two of his own sons whom he saw as a threat to his throne. As the text indicates, he was determined to remove Jesus, whom he also saw as a threat, when the magi referred to him as “the newborn king of the Jews.” These elements of hatred and hypocrisy, here seen in Herod, will follow our Lord throughout his public ministry.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

**Tuesday, January 8:**
12:15 pm  
Timmy Quade

**Wednesday, January 9:**
8:30 am  
Barbara Russell

**Thursday, January 10:**
12:15 pm  
Charles D. Downs

**Friday, January 11:**
8:30 am  
Mary Dixon  
Ellen Colton

**Saturday, January 12:**
7:30 am  
Hope Obar  
5:00 pm  
Pro populo

**Sunday, January 13:**
8:00 am  
George Evans  
11:00 am  
Elise & Joseph Whittaker (L)

**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, John Keaton, Mary Catherine Kane, Paula Kidwell, Mary Catherine Kohut, Brian Landry, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, Florence “Flo” Michalski, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Jermaine Perry, Claudia Queen, Cindy Sally, Kim Simmons, 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 family of Francis Norris Shepherd, 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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
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EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents

Youth Musicians in Concert

This Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019 at 3:00 PM at St. Aloysius
All are invited to an afternoon of beautiful piano and
instrumental music of the season performed by our very
talented high school accompanists and instrumentalists!!!!
For more information contact keyofgmh@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FROM THE PARISH STAFF

We wish to thank all the parishioners who came by the
rectory this Christmas season with cards or gifts for the
staff. The tins of cookies, the homemade sweets, cakes and
other gifts were truly appreciated, shared and enjoyed.
~Fr. David

2019 CALENDARS are now available in the vestibule of
the church. Please pick up your copy after Mass. A special
Thank-you to Brinsfield Funeral Home for donating them!

SAVE THE DATE

This year’s Volunteer Thank-You dinner will be held on
Saturday, February 9, 2019. Please note the later date
change. Invitations and more information to come.

RELEIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

FAMILY OF FAITH, January’s theme is the “Eucharist”.
Our gatherings in January are this Sunday, the 6th and on
the 20th 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

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “Never tire of firmly speaking out in
defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred
from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human
person with courageous determination. Christ is with you:
be not afraid!”

ADORATION 101

The Church’s Teaching on Adoration of the
Holy Eucharist

“The elements of prayer, the Scriptures, praise,
and silence are all an integral part of public
adoration. All the elements of the public adoration should
acknowledge the marvelous presence of Christ in the
Sacrament and foster the worship which is due to Christ in
spirit and truth. Such public adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament must clearly express its relationship to the
Mass” (The Rites of the Catholic Church).

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions
December 22/23, 2018

1st Collection: $5,332.00
2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Assessment
Offertory Basket: $1,002.00
Direct Debit: $1,401.00
Total: $6,733.00

Direct Debit: $499.50
Total: $1,501.50

Christmas Mass Collection: $14,438.30

DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN
TO OUR PUBLISHERS, contributions for the weekend of
December 29/30 will be noted in the bulletin for January
13.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the
Church Missions—United States.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: The Greenery Nursery &
Landscaping. 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.
FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

The Virtue of Gratitude: Our parish school continues to participate in the 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 virtue of gratitude. Please join them during the month of January by modeling how you see everything as a gift and are thankful.

Science & History Fair: Father Andrew White School will be having a combined Academic Fair on Thursday, January 10th. Students will show off their backboards representing both Science and History. The Academic Fair will be open to families and friends to view the projects at 6:30pm. Awards will be announced at 7pm. Come and see the excellent work of the students!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Family in Need
Our conference is assisting a family in need of living room furniture, lamps, and twin beds. If you would like to donate these items, please call our conference at 301-481-2942. Thank you!

COMMUNITY

SURRENDERING THE SECRET
Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland presents a Bible study designed to heal the heartbreak of abortion. Abortion is not a secret anymore; it is freely discussed in our society. Despite this openness, many women have pain and experiences that they don’t feel comfortable telling anyone. Surrendering the Secret allows women who need help to connect with women who can help. You don’t have to be alone. There is hope. There is help. The next class begins in January. To sign up or for more information contact Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland at 410-326-6866 or sts@carenetsomd.org.

January 26, 2019: Save the Date for World Youth Day in DC
Join thousands of college students and young adults (ages 18-39) on Saturday, January 26, 2019 for a one-day catholic festival at The Catholic University of America. Experience World Youth Day in Panama including world-renowned speakers, live music, simultaneous streaming of Pope Francis in Panama, and authentic Panamanian culture! Registration has begun, so register now! For more information visit www.wyddc.org #wydDC

The March for Life 2019 in Washington, DC (http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2019/) will be held on Friday, January 18th. Council 1470 is sponsoring a 55 passenger coach bus leaving from and returning to the St. Aloysius Church parking lot. Council 1470 Knights and their families ride for free, others may make a donation within their means. To see if there are still seats available, please contact Ed Donohoe at Ed.Donohoe@gmail.com or phone: 402-850-8664. Knights can sign up by selecting 'March for Life' in the January 18th date on the council website calendar: http://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/event-detail.asp?ID=255312&CNO=1470&FROM=C.

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, January 28, at 7pm. Confessions will begin at 6:30pm, healing prayers will be immediately following the mass. All are welcome to attend.

Men’s Discernment Retreat St. John Paul II Seminary invites men in their 20’s – 40’s who are interested in learning more about the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. The retreat will be held on the weekend of February 1 – 3, 2018, at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. The weekend will be an opportunity to pray and reflect on God's call, meet priests and seminarians, hear their stories, and learn more about the seminary and priesthood. Registration is now open at www.DCPriest.org. For more information contact the Office of Priest Vocations 202-636-9020 vocations@adw.org.

June 2019 - Italy/Rome Pilgrimage -- Please prayerfully consider joining us on this wonderfully planned pilgrimage to Italy and Rome, June 8 to 17. The price is $3,995 per person based on double occupancy, Single Supplement Rate is an additional $550. We will be visiting many beautiful places in Italy, including: the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano, Our Lady of Loreto, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Padre Pio, St. Rita of Cascia and the major Shrines of Rome and the Vatican. We are so blessed to have Fr. Michal Sajnog, Pastor of Our Lady of the Wayside to join us to provide Mass, Confession and Spiritual Direction! Please contact the Bread of Life Center for Peace for more information at: (301) 475-7139, email: pilgrimage@breadoflifecenterforpeace.org or stop by Heavenly Presents in Leonardtown. This trip is full of holy places and Saints to visit! You will not want to miss this opportunity to be united in prayer -- register today!