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 13, 2019

The Baptism 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: 11:30-12 Noon
Saturday: 11:30-12 Noon
3:30-4:30 pm

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**Scripture Corner**

**THE BAPTISM OF GOD’S SON**

Today’s gospel (Luke 3: 15, 16, 21, 22) is a true epiphany. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are manifested. The Son is baptized; the Father declares from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” The Holy Spirit appeared in bodily form like a dove. (vss. 21, 22) The Trinity had never been revealed in the Old Testament. It is wonderful, a blessing, to hear of all three Persons of the Trinity early in the public ministry of Jesus.

The Father expresses his pleasure at the work of his Son. He will repeat those words of approval at our Lord’s transfiguration (Luke 9: 35) The Holy Spirit will guide the life of Jesus throughout his public ministry. For example, “Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert.” (Luke 4: 1)

In today’s second reading (Titus 2: 11–14; 3: 4–7) St. Paul proclaims the time “when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared.” (vs. 4) Not surprisingly this text is also used at Christmas. Paul urges all Christians to respond to the love of the Savior: “Reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ.” (vss. 12, 13)

The Gospel of Luke is called a “Gospel of Prayer.” He often mentions prayer. He portrays our Lord praying often and the evangelist also outlines qualities for effective prayer. All four evangelists have this account of Jesus’ baptism, but only Luke mentions prayer: “Jesus also had been baptized and was praying.” (Luke 3: 21)

Our Lord shows his unity with us as he accepts baptism. He makes clear that “as the Father loves me, so I also love you.” (John 15: 9) Jesus is definitely presented in today’s Gospel as the Son of God. But his acceptance of baptism also shows how he unites himself with all because he has great love for each and every person. He truly wants salvation for all!


~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

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**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

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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, 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 families of Thomas Combs and James Schindler, 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.
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45 minute recitals begin every hour

Vocal and piano performances from students of all ages!
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EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

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Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Winter Concert: The FAW Chorus (Rhythm Rejoicers) and Band will take the St. Mary's Ryken stage at 6:30pm on Thursday, January 17. Come enjoy an evening of music as our students showcase their talent and hard work. Baked goods will be for sale. We hope to see you there!

Thank You: We would like to extend a big thank you for your tremendous support of our SCRIP gift card program especially during the holiday season. Your purchases helped us raise over $4,000 during that time period. Buying SCRIP gift cards really does make a difference. If you'd like to continue to purchase gift cards for your every day purchases, you can contact our SCRIP coordinator at any time: fawscrip@gmail.com. Many thanks!

COMMUNITY

PRAISE & WORSHIP THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING
There will be a Praise & Worship gathering this Wednesday, January 16 from 7 to 8:30 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Leonardtown. We will begin our gathering by discussing the readings for this coming Sunday, Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Cor. 12:4-11, and John 2:1-11. After our discussion we will have a time of praise and worship. Please come and join us as we give thanks to the Lord.

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: Save the Date for World Youth Day 2019 in DC
Join thousands of college students and young adults (ages 18-39) on Saturday, January 26 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/mlf-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!
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