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.

February 3, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK
Tuesday, February 5: NO MASS
Wednesday, Feb. 6: NO MASS
Thursday, Feb. 7: NO MASS
Friday, Feb. 8: NO MASS
Saturday, Feb. 9:
7:30 am Raquel Aldorondo Quinones
5:00 pm Betty Camalier Hansen
Sunday, February 10:
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Pro populo
11:00 am Brian Martin

PRAayer & Worship

FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

Today’s second reading (1 Corinthians 12: 31 – 13: 13) provides an amazing lesson for all followers of Jesus. Saint Paul develops this “Song of Love.” A key point is the fact that love “does not seek its own interests.” (13: 5) For Paul true love must be outgoing. Also, the Apostle teaches us, “So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” (13: 13) The constant Biblical mandate is for everyone to pursue charity and justice!

The people of Nazareth in today’s Gospel (Luke 4: 21 – 30) do not exercise love; rather they intend to kill Jesus. They see him as a local person, a carpenter, working with Joseph, and with no right to be interpreting the Scriptures. Also, he is not working miracles for them as he did for the people of Capernaum.

Jesus reminds his audience of two great prophets of the Old Testament, Elijah and Elisha, who worked miracles for Gentiles. Our Lord is making clear the importance of faith for persons who are seeking miracles. After Elijah had provided food in a miraculous way for the widow of Zarephath, she “left and did as Elijah had said.” (1 Kings 17: 15) Naaman, a Syrian, after being cured of leprosy by Elisha, responded, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel.” (2 Kings 5: 15)

Jesus insists that he is a prophet. He has a strong assertion that as a prophet, he often uses: “Amen.” Here our Lord declares, “Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.” (Luke 4: 24)

In today’s first reading (Jeremiah 1: 4, 5, 17 – 19), Yahweh encourages the prophet Jeremiah to become “a prophet to the nations.” (v. 5) As with the people of Nazareth who attack Christ, the people at the time of this great prophet “will fight against you, but I am able to deliver you, says the Lord.” (vs. 19)

Jesus escaped the attempt to kill him and “went away.” (Luke 4: 30) That way will lead Christ to Samaria, Judea and to Jerusalem. Later our Lord will make it clear that his way is leading to the cross. “When the days for his being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.” (Luke 9: 51)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner
EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

THANK-YOU APPRECIATION DINNER
Invitations were mailed. If you are a volunteer over the age of 21 and did not receive your invitation, please call the rectory (301) 475-8064 and speak to either Denise Becher or Lauren Carney. RSVP’s are due back by this Monday, February 4th. Dinner will be held at the FAW gym.

Interpreting Mass using ASL
Jody Cacko will be interpreting the 11:00 am Mass using ASL for our Deaf Catholic Community on the third Sunday of the month beginning February thru May. We request that the first pew in front of the pulpit be reserved these families. Upcoming dates are February 17 and March 17.

Handbell Learn-and-Ring Workshop
The St. Aloysius Handbell Ensemble is offering a one-day learn-and-ring workshop on Saturday, February 23, from 10 -2 in the church. Absolutely no musical experience is necessary. Anybody over the age of 12 (or younger with adult participation) is welcome. Contact Kristen Moore (mooretwink@earthlink.net or 717-446-9697) for more information or to express interest.

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE
Are you in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing? Fr. Dan Leary will be leading an evening on the topic of healing at St. Aloysius Church on Sunday, February 24 at 6:30 PM. The evening will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Praise and Worship, Prayers for Healing, and a talk by Fr. Dan Leary.

LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY
This Lent, St. Aloysius Church will be offering a small group series called The Heart of Holiness: Finding Peace in the Love of God. Stay tuned for details! If you’re interested in hosting a small group, please contact Leonard Wathen as soon as possible.

ADORATION 101
Eucharistic Prayers
“Be still and know that I am God.” Ps. 46
If, after an initial period of silent adoration, you feel a desire to pray, or read, or write, or sing, then you simply allow yourself to move naturally into whatever activity you feel led to do at each moment.

Reading the Scriptures, pamphlets, or books is always appropriate, and many people also like to pray the Rosary or make the Stations of the Cross. Traditional prayers in preparation for Holy Mass or in thanksgiving after Mass can also be very fruitful, particularly when they are addressed directly to Christ in the Eucharist.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

FAMILY OF FAITH meets this Sunday, February 3rd for our Teaching Sunday and on February 17th for our Community Sunday. February’s theme is the sacrament of Confession.

Chili Cook-Off - Does your chili have what it takes to take home the blue ribbon? Join our Family of Faith program on Saturday, February 23 at Father Andrew White School from 6 to 8 PM for our Chili Cook-Off! Register to enter the contest online at https://saintaloysiuschurch.org/chili-cook-off.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents…..
Music Teachers Association of Southern Maryland (MTASM) Students in Recital

Date: Saturday, February 16
Place: St. Aloysius Church in Leonardtown
Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
45 minute recitals begin every hour

Vocal and piano performances from students of all ages! For more information, contact keyofghm@gmail.com

The Virtue of Honesty: 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 honesty. Please join them during the month of February by modeling how you are trustworthy and true.

Father Andrew White School Open House: Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? You are cordially invited to visit our award winning parish school! Father Andrew White is having an Open House on Sunday, February 24th from 12-1pm. Come meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how our students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."
SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions
January 26/27, 2019

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2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the Debt Reduction.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: J. F. Taylor, Inc. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

A Big Thank-You: Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to many needy families through our Angel Tree. We provided for 35 local families, with a total of 71 children receiving two gifts, and each family receiving $75 in food gift cards. Thank you to all of our parishioners, as well as the MedStar IT Department, for your generous support with the Angel Tree collection which enabled many families to share in the blessings of Christmas. We would also like to thank the volunteers who assisted with the distribution of gifts and the K of C Council #1470 for use of their hall.

The Community Christmas Dinner had an overwhelming response from our parish family as well as other community members. Over 100 volunteers, including 20 children under 18 years of age, donated their time decorating the hall, preparing the food, delivering meals, serving our dine-in guests, cleaning up the hall, and/or donating desserts. Our volunteers delivered 247 meals on 14 separate routes around the county to those unable to attend the dinner and 83 diners visited with us at the hall for fellowship and a full all-you-can eat meal. The St. Vincent de Paul Society recognizes that this event could not be successful without the selfless commitment of so many volunteers and is humbly thankful.

Finally, the Society thanks all of our parishioners who provided gifts to residents of the St. Mary’s Nursing Center. Each gift was wrapped by the Center’s Activities Department and presented on Christmas day. The Society is forever grateful to be affiliated with a church family that is so committed to helping the most vulnerable in our community. We are blessed to have such a wonderful opportunity to go and to serve the Lord and to make such a difference in the lives of the families, and we thank each and every one from the parish and community for making this possible. Please remember to support the SVdP Society in the coming year so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters in need.

ANNUAL APPEAL

50th Anniversary of the Annual Appeal

Last year’s Appeal achieved 99% of its goal with $14,165,000 donated to the many ministries of the Church of Washington! The theme of the 2019 Appeal is Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission. Different from a one-time special collection, the Appeal is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, today, payable over ten months that will help support the ministries and mission of all our faith communities of the Church of Washington. Please watch the bulletin for further announcements.

COMMUNITY

PRAISE & WORSHIP THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

There will be a Praise & Worship gathering this Wednesday, February 6 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 6:1-2a/3-8, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11. After our discussion we will have a time of praise and worship. Please come and join us as we give thanks to the Lord.

Angel’s Watch Shelter in need of assistance

Angel’s Watch Shelter in Waldorf is in need of assistance of food donations for meals. We are in need of meats, produce and non perishable items (such as rice, beans, canned goods etc.) to assist with meals. We are also looking for someone with experience and who might be interested in cooking for a large group on a continued basis. For questions please contact Kathy Clark at 301-274-0680 or email at Kathy.Clark@CatholicCharitiesDC.org.

Encounter Grace – A Catholic Christian Women’s Ministry

Ladies! Join the Encounter Grace team on Saturday, March 23, for the 2nd in their women's series, Encounter Grace: Reclaim at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church and Family Life Center, 105 Vianney Way, Prince Frederick. The day begins with the option to attend mass at 8 am. Breakfast and check-in begin at 8:30 am and will be followed by three powerful talks on the topic of reclaiming who you are - and whose you are - following God's plan for your life in whatever season of life you find yourself. Guest speakers include Heather Anderson Renshaw, Catholic speaker and author of the best selling book Death By Minivan; Megan Philip, Catholic speaker and blogger and Laura K. Roland, Catholic speaker and blogger. There will be time for reflection and sharing throughout the day as well the opportunity for confession. Tickets are on sale now at www.encountergrace.co

This event is appropriate for women ages 16+. Contact the Encounter Grace team at encountergraceco@gmail.com or 301.848.2980 for more information.
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