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 17, 2019
Sixth 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: 3:30-4:30 pm

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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
Scripture Corner

RICH IN POVERTY

The blessings and woes we hear in today’s Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament.

That wisdom is summed up with marvelous symmetry in today’s First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law—will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their “trust in human beings,” are cursed to wither and die.

Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state.

The rich are “the insolent” of today’s Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord.

See Mary’s “Magnificat.” There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted (Luke 1:45–55 also 16:19–31).

That’s the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying “on account of the Son of Man,” we find everlasting life.

The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life. But not only that. As Paul says in today’s Epistle, we’re to be pitied if our hope is “for this life only.”

The blessings of God mean that we’ll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile (see Psalm 126:1–2), feast at the heavenly table of the Lord (see Psalm 107:3–9), “leap for joy” as John the Baptist leapt in his mother’s womb (see Luke 6:23; 1:41, 44), and rise with Christ, “the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

~Scott Hahn, PhD

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, February 19:
12:15 pm Carmen Belen Veiga

Wednesday, Feb. 20:
8:30 am Clement C. Delehay Family

Thursday, Feb. 21:
St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
12:15 pm Janice M. Esler

Friday, Feb. 22:
The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
8:30 am James Matthias

Saturday, Feb. 23:
St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
7:30 am Hilda Colón Torrelli
5:00 pm James P. Goldsborough

Sunday, February 24:
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Pro populo
11:00 am John Robusto, Sr.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER the Sick and Homebound in our Community:

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:
The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of James Quade, Jr., husband of Frances Quade, 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.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

FAMILY OF FAITH meets this Sunday, 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.
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**
Parish Offices will be closed on **Monday, February 18**, in observance of President’s Day. Offices will reopen on **Tuesday, February 19**, at 8:00am.

**OLD PALMS FOR BURNING**
If you have old palms, please bring them to the church vestibule by **Sunday, February 24**. Old palms will be burnt and used for Ash Wednesday.

**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*. If you’re interested in hosting a small group, please contact Leonard Wathen as soon as possible. Sign up for a group at: www.ConnectStMarys.com.

**BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

**BUILDING COST UPDATE**
Money paid to Builder to date: $1,803,294.00
Money paid to Architect to date: $130,424.00
$1,933,718.00

Remaining balance to Builder: $549,324.00
Remaining balance to Architect: $28,045.00
$577,369.00

Balance in Bldg Fund Account as of 2/11/19: $192,840.00
Possible loan amount we will be taking out: $385,000.00

**BRICK FUNDRAISER**
Personalized brick pavers are on sale!

Be a part of St. Aloysius history!
Details: $250 per brick, 3 lines of personalization, up to 15 letters/space per line. Order forms can be found in the vestibule or at our website www.saintaloysiuschurch.org. For questions, call the rectory at 301-475-8064.

**ADORATION 101**

**How to Begin a Private Holy Hour**
There is no single “right” way to begin a Holy Hour, but here are some suggestions. Start with body-language, making some gesture of profound adoration, such as genuflecting or bowing to the Lord as a reverent acknowledgement of His Real Presence. Then, ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with His gift of praise. Unite your heart with the Heart of Mary, so that you can praise the Lord with the Heart of His mother. Call upon the angels and saints to help you to unite with their heavenly praise and worship. Let your heart be aglow with the Lord’s radiant presence and then follow the longing of your heart. Love Him, thank Him, and praise Him, who is present and loves you. As He tells us through one of the psalms,

**STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
Weekly Offertory Contributions
**February 9/10, 2019**

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**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be for the Archdiocesan Assessment.

**PATRON OF THE WEEK: Mattingley-Gardiner Funeral Home.** If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL**

**Box Tops:** Did you know that each Box Top that is clipped is worth 10 cents? Father Andrew White School collects Box Tops that are turned in to purchase supplies for their students. If you have collected any Box Tops, kindly drop them off in the vestibule at church or at FAW during school hours. Thanks for your support!

**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 next **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.”
The theme of the 2019 Appeal is “Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission.” and is much different from a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, today, payable over ten months that will help support the ministries and missions of all our faith communities of the Church of Washington. Please find the Annual Appeal brochure and Frequently Asked Questions in your pew for your review.

A gift to the Annual Appeal will touch the lives of thousands of people in a very positive way. As you review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God’s gifts to you. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

This year, you can support the Annual Appeal many different ways. Many of you may have received a mailing in January that you can respond to. You can also support the Appeal online at adw.org or text “Give” to (301) 231-1816. We will also be providing the opportunity to support the Appeal at Mass over the next couple of weekends.

As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you for supporting the ministry of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) to bring material aid and the comfort of the Gospel to those in need. Home visits are unique to SVdP ministry, and bring each member truly closer to God in service of our neighbor. Through the generosity of our parish, and the families and staff of Fr. Andrew White, S.J. School, we assisted “Rose” with fuel oil, bought beds and bedding for her 10 and 3 year old granddaughters, delivered a donated dining room table and chairs, and provided a gift card for food. Rose works fulltime in a nursing home, while caring for her grandchildren.

Rose writes, “I want to thank St. Aloysius Church and Burch Oil Company for all their help. It was a blessing from God because the Church provided my family and me with food on the table and oil to warm my home. I am so happy that God blessed me with great people because I tried to get help from so many churches and everyone turned me down. But God sent me a sign and I reached out to St. Aloysius and they were there with open arms, and welcome me with love and joy. They left with a prayer for my family and me and we are so grateful that we had a chance to see that God is good and that there are people out there that care. I would recommend anyone to reach out to St. Aloysius Church for help. From my heart, I thank you for all your help, in Jesus’ name. Amen and God bless you all.”

Person in need

Our conference is assisting a gentleman in need of a living room chair and a full or queenside bed. He would benefit from having a recliner to elevate his legs. If you would like to donate these items, please call our conference at 301-481-2942. Thank you!

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “Called to serve the people and the common good, [civil leaders] have a duty to make courageous choices in support of life, especially through legislative measures.”

Attend Catholics in Annapolis on February 21!

It is a new year and that means our State legislature is back in session and considering many important bills that impact all of us.

Join Catholics from across Maryland at Catholics in Annapolis on Thursday, February 21 to stand up for life, justice and human rights. Catholics in Annapolis is your chance to get inspired and meet face-to-face with your legislators to share with them the Church's position on important issues.

Your help is needed this year to stop a proposed pro-abortion constitutional amendment, to help secure scholarships for low-income students, to stop the legalization of assisted suicide, and to protect human rights. We need your voice in 2019!

We will kick off the evening by praying the Rosary for our elected officials, led by Maryland’s bishops. After that, you will hear from inspiring speakers on several key issues before heading into your legislators’ offices to meet face-to-face and share the Church’s position. The evening will end with a reception with beer, wine, and food from Light House Bistro Catering – a social enterprise of the Light House Homeless Prevention Support Center, an Annapolis nonprofit that provides shelter, employment and opportunities to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Catholics in Annapolis is free, but registration is required. Visit www.catholicsinannapolis.org to register. Or call the Maryland Catholic Conference at 410-269-1155 for more information.

Need a ride to Catholics in Annapolis? Be sure to sign up for the bus nearest you. Buses will depart from regions across the state. Visit www.catholicsinannapolis.org/buses for more information and to reserve your seat on a bus! It is free to ride the bus, but seats are filling fast!
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