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.

March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent

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
Saturday: 3:30 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
Religious Education/Youth Ministry......Leonard Wathen, ext.16
Coordinator of Music..........................Beth Domingue
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

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LUKE AND THE TRANSFIGURATION

Mark, the first Gospel writer, did a great work in narrating the events from Peter’s confession until Jesus’ transfiguration. Mark is writing in the mid-60’s in the Christian era. Luke and Matthew, writing some 20 years later, follow the pattern set by Mark. Our Gospel today (Luke 9:18b-36) is the transfiguration as presented by Luke.

Luke begins with the words of Peter, acknowledging Jesus as “the Messiah of God.” (vs. 20) Our Lord accepts that title, but immediately teaches that, as the Messiah, he will be a suffering Messiah. The popular idea was that the Messiah would be a king, the Son of David. Our Lord makes clear at once that he, as this Son of David, “must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.” (vs. 32) Christ is to be a suffering Messiah. He insists that anyone who wishes to be his follower must “take up his cross daily and follow me.” (9:23)

To give his disciples hope for the future, Jesus took Peter, James and John with him. While our Lord “was praying, his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.” (vs. 29) Suddenly Moses and Elijah appear, “conversing with him” (vs. 30). Moses represents the Law of the Old Testament and Elijah the prophets. These Old Testament figures appear in glory, as does Christ. Glory in the Biblical tradition reflects the wonder of God’s presence.

The voice of Yahweh says, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” (vs. 35) Moses had told the people, “A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kindred; that is the one to whom you shall listen.” (Deuteronomy 18:15) Moses and Elijah disappear. Now Jesus is the only spokesperson for the Father in the New Covenant.

Luke adds some interesting points to the account of the transfiguration. Prayer is a strong theme for Luke’s Gospel. He notes here that our Lord “went up to the mountain to pray.” (Luke 9:28) The most important contribution by Luke is his indication of what Jesus, Moses and Elijah were discussing. They “spoke of the exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.” (vs. 31)

In a following section, the evangelist notes that Jesus “resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem.” (9:51) This “exodus,” this departure of Jesus, will include not only the death and resurrection of our Lord, but also his ascension. (Luke 24:50-53) The transfiguration will support the faith of our Lord’s followers as they too will suffer and be killed, but will have the resurrection as their ultimate goal!

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner
EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

Meg Hunter-Kilmer Returns
THIS MONDAY, March 18th @ 6:30pm Meg Hunter-Kilmer, Catholic Speaker, Blogger & Hobo for Christ will join us for an evening of Adoration, Music, and Spiritual talk on the Holy Eucharist and the richness of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Attention Vocalists and Musicians
If you are a singer or musician and would like to join the music ministry to celebrate the coming of our Lord for Holy week and this Easter season, please contact Beth Domingue for more information. We welcome all singers, ringers and musicians to serve at any Lenten mass and our Easter Triduum masses: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday evening Easter vigil and Easter Sunday. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights in the church at 7:00pm. For more information, Beth can be reached at 571-723-8781 or Bethdomingue@hotmail.com.

LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY

Vocations Tree - Pray for Our Seminarians
Please choose an archdiocesan seminarian and commit to praying for him each day during Lent. Stop by the “Vocations Tree” in the St. Aloysius niche today and support the men called to serve our Church with your prayers. Don’t let any of them go without our prayers! You might be praying for someone who will someday serve you as a priest in our parish.

Vitamins for Children in Need
As a part of our Global and International studies program at Leonardtown High School, we are collecting vitamins to help children in need in China. A collection box is located in the vestibule, and we are accepting donations until March 18th. If you have any questions, please contact James Thompson at thebatrox@gmail.com or Joe Selk at joeselk009@gmail.com.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

DEDICATION & BLESSING OF ADORATION CHAPEL & NEW HALL
Please join us next Sunday, March 24, after the 11:00am Mass for the dedication and blessing by Bishop Campbell of our Adoration Chapel and new hall.

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.saintalloysiuschurch.org. For questions, call the rectory at 301-475-8064.

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents
Father David Beaubien
in Concert
with the St. Aloysius Handbell Ensemble
Georgia M. Harvey, accompanist

Date: Sunday, March 31, 2019
Place: St. Aloysius Church
22800 Washington Street
Leonardtown, MD
Time: 3:00 PM

Beautiful sacred music – with vocal arrangements by Father David Beaubien
For more information, contact keyofgmh@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

FAMILY OF FAITH meets this Sunday on March 17th for our Community Sunday. March’s theme is the Anointing of the Sick and the Triduum. Please note that we will be meeting today in the church instead of the FAW gym.

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
March 9, 2019

1st Collection 2nd Collection: Debt Reduction
Offertory Basket: $ 5,721.00 Offertory Basket: $ 1,806.00
Direct Debit: $ 1,371.00 Direct Debit: $ 589.50
Total $ 7,092.00 Total $ 2,395.50

Ash Wednesday Collection: $ 1,449.00

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

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Prep & Play Child Care. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE
Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place this weekend, March 16 & 17. Please leave your donation in the Vestibule. Our collection will be donated to Helping Hands. Please be generous with your contribution. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.
**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL**

**Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections**

**Now Enrolling:** Our award winning parish school, Father Andrew White, is now enrolling students for the 2019-2020 school year. They currently have openings in grades PK - 5. For more information, check out their website at [www.fatherandrewwhite.org](http://www.fatherandrewwhite.org) or call 301-475-9795 to set up a time to receive a personalized tour with the principal. Come meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how the students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."

**The Virtue of Mercy:** Each month, the whole school focuses on the same virtue as they hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. Students and families also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month they are learning about the virtue of mercy. Several 7th and 8th graders put their faith in action when they played BINGO with residents at St. Mary’s Nursing Center a few weeks ago. Please join FAW in action when they played BINGO with residents at St. Mary in the month of March by modeling how you care for those who suffer.

**FAW Yard Sale:** Ready to start your spring cleaning? Don’t throw away your unwanted stuff just yet! The FAW Theater Department is hosting a Yard Sale at FAW on Saturday, March 23rd! There will be tables to rent ($25 for one or $40 for two) if you would like to come and sell your items. If you would like to donate items to the Theater Department, items can be dropped off at the school. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a table please contact either Lisa Black or Lisa Brown: fawsresource@fatherandrewwhite.org or lisabrown2874@yahoo.com.

**COMMUNITY**

**NUNSENSE PRODUCTION**

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Leonardtown is hosting a production of the hit musical, *Nunsense*, on **Saturday, March 16 at 7 pm and Sunday, March 17 @ 2 pm** in the Parish Hall. Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 at the door. To purchase tickets: call 1-800-838-3006 or visit [www.ourcabaret.com](http://www.ourcabaret.com) or call the Parish Office 301-475-9885.

**SPRING SEAFOOD DINNER - Holy Angels Church**

**Sunday, March 24, from 11:30am - 4:00 pm, 21340 Colton Point Rd., Avenue.** The menu includes crab balls, steamed spiced shrimp, fried oysters, fried chicken, parsley potatoes, homemade cole slaw, old fashioned green beans, pickled beets, dinner rolls, fruit jello, and beverages. Adults $28, Carry outs $26, Children 6-12 $8, Children 5 & under - Free.

**UNPLANNED, the powerful pro-life story of Abby Johnson**

Two private showings of the movie *Unplanned* are scheduled at the RC Theaters in California, MD on **Wednesday, March 27** at 7:30pm (Pre-Release Viewing), and **Friday, March 29** at 7:00pm (Opening Night). Tickets can be reserved and donations made using this link: [https://fs2.formsite.com/stjohns/Unplanned/index.html](https://fs2.formsite.com/stjohns/Unplanned/index.html). All are welcome, especially young people!

**LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER** Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park will have its annual Seafood Dinner on Fridays during Lent from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall from March 8th until April 12th. Come eat fish dinners, fried oysters, boiled shrimp, various sides, and more, all while they last! Kid’s meals are available, and home baked goods will be sold to benefit The St. Vincent DePaul of IHM.

**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. Tickets are on sale now at [www.encountergrace.co](http://www.encountergrace.co). This event is appropriate for women ages 16+. Contact the Encounter Grace team at [encountergraceco@gmail.com](mailto:encountergraceco@gmail.com) or 301.848.2980 for more information.

**The Way Retreat for Survivors of Abuse**

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring retreats for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a men’s retreat on **April 5-7**, and a women’s retreat on **April 12-14**, for survivors. These retreats are an occasion for survivors to reflect on God’s plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information and to register go to [https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/](https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/) or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.

**Bible Study on the Gospel of John** at the Leonardtown Library, Monday March 25, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. All are invited. We will read and comment on John starting at the beginning and reading a chapter or two each session. This is a very straightforward yet also complicated and spiritual gospel. The primary purpose is to increase one's understanding of the gospel. The secondary purpose is to increase one's understanding of others' points of view. Contact Mike Thompson @ 301-373-8545.