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.

April 7, 2019
Fifth 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
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
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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**Scripture Corner**

**JESUS IS MERCIFUL**

Mercy is the principal teaching of this Sunday’s Gospel, the mercy of the Son of God! (John 8: 1 – 11) The scribes and Pharisees attempt to trap our Lord by placing him in a no–win situation from their point of view. The question is how to deal with a woman caught in the act of adultery. Should she be stoned to death?

If Christ answers in the negative, his enemies will accuse him of rejecting Jewish Law. If he, on the other hand, says that she should be put to death, he will be going against Roman law. Rome had taken from the Jewish people the right to impose capital punishment. Also and most importantly, if Christ agrees to the stoning, he will be going against his consistent teaching and practice of being merciful!

Jesus begins by bending down and writing on the ground. Scholars have speculated on the content of that writing. Father Raymond E. Brown, a great Johannine scholar, suggests that “Jesus was simply tracing lines on the ground while he was thinking, or wished to show his imperturbability, or to contain the feelings of disgust for the violent zeal shown by the accusers.” (Anchor Bible, the Gospel of John, vol. 29, p. 334)

As the others gradually disappear, our Lord offers the woman a good spiritual life: “Go, and from now on sin no more.” (vs. 11) Jesus does not condone the sin of adultery, but he knows how unfair it would be to stone the woman while taking no action against the man involved. Christ reaches out to the woman with mercy and forgiveness – important qualities for all of Jesus’ followers.

It seems strange to have this section from John’s Gospel in the midst of the Lucan cycle. Manuscript evidence suggests to many scholars that this account of the woman apprehended in adultery was originally a part of Luke’s Gospel. It may have come after Luke 21: 38, where it fits very well. Later it may have been attached to John’s Gospel by 8: 15, where Jesus says, “I do not judge anyone.” The Catholic Church has taught that the account is both inspired and canonical.

Also the themes in today’s Gospel—the role of women, mercy and forgiveness—are important themes in the Gospel of Luke.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

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**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

**Tuesday, April 9:**
12:15 pm – Clyde Jaynes, Jr.

**Wednesday, April 10:**
8:30 am – Joseph Marion & Ann Gough

**Thursday, April 11:**
St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr
12:15 pm – John & Irene Dougherty

**Friday, April 12:**
8:30 am – James Quade
7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 13:**
St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr
7:30 am – Hope Obar Raymund Obar
5:00 pm – Elizabeth & Richard Lelonek

**Sunday, April 14:**
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 am – Thomas “Poke” Norris
11:00 am – Pro populo


**BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:** The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of Robert Coulby, 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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent.
1:00 pm - with the FAW Middle school students
1:30 pm - with the FAW Primary grade students
and 7:00 pm
All are invited to participate in this ancient ritual of the Church.

**RESPECT LIFE**

**WORD OF LIFE:** “God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen.”
**Holy Week Schedule**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday**  
April 14  
Regular Sat./Sun. Mass Schedule

**Daily Mass, Holy Week**  
Tuesday, April 16, 12:15 pm  
Wednesday, April 17, 8:30 am

**Tuesday, April 16**  
Mystery Players performance of the Living Stations of the Cross: 7:30 pm in the church

**Holy Thursday, April 18**  
Morning Prayer: 8:30 am  
Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7:00 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration until midnight in the FAW School gym

**Good Friday, April 19**  
Morning Prayer: 8:30 am  
Confessions: 1:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross: 3:00 pm  
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion: 7:00 pm

**Holy Saturday, April 20**  
Morning Prayer: 7:30 am  
Confessions: 3:30 – 5:00 pm  
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday, April 21**  
Masses: 8:00 am and 11:00 am

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**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 7:00 pm. For more information, Beth can be reached at 571-723-8781 or Bethdomingue@hotmail.com.

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**2019 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS**

The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be held **Sunday, June 23, 2019** at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of the church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Friday, April 26.

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**IHC Mystery Players: “It’s a Play, It’s a Prayer, It’s a Mystery” - Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30pm**

Since 1981, IHC Seniors have been bringing the stories of Jesus’ birth and death on the cross during the Advent and Lenten seasons. Lent calls to mind many ancient traditions in the Catholic Church, one being the Stations of the Cross. The Immaculate Heart Central High School Mystery Players from Watertown, NY, present, in a very creative way, the centuries old stations. Meditation and contemplation on the death and resurrection of Jesus is the central mystery in the prayer life of the Catholic Church. The Mystery Plays of the Middle Ages focused on the presentation of this central mystery. Connected to ancient Mystery Plays, the IHC Mystery Plays bring the stations to the modern level through use of special lighting, music, pantomime, and paraliturgical readings. Using the sanctuary of the church as a stage, the Paschal Mystery is recreated in a moving, dramatic presentation.

This group has performed extensively throughout NY State, as well as NJ, MA, PA, MD, VA, NC, CT, and Canada. **They will perform at St. Aloysius Church on Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 PM.** We strongly encourage everyone to attend this unique and powerful prayer experience.

Please be advised that small children may be frightened due to the nature of the play. It is typically recommended for grades 5 and up. Please refrain from taking pictures during the actual event. If you would like to see a preview, please visit: [https://www.ihcschool.org/spiritual-life/mystery-players](https://www.ihcschool.org/spiritual-life/mystery-players)

*The group will also perform for the Father Andrew White students (upper grades) on Wednesday, April 17th at 10:00 AM.*

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**BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

**BRICK FUNDRAISER**

**THERE’S STILL TIME TO ORDER!**

The first order has been placed. The next order will go in when we reach another 100 bricks sold.

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.

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**STATUE OF ST. ALOYSIUS**

To fill the niche in front of the new hall, we have ordered a 6-foot statue to be made of our parish patron St. Aloysius, pictured here. We invite you to consider contributing to the overall cost of $8700 plus shipping. Please contact the rectory if you can help. Thank you! ~Fr. David
FAMILY OF FAITH  Our theme for April is Matrimony & Holy Orders. Our teaching gathering is this Sunday, April 7. Because of Easter our Community Gathering will be on the fourth Sunday of the month, April 28, instead of the third. This is a correction to last week’s bulletin.

Easter Egg Hunt - Mark your calendars for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for Sunday, April 28 after the 11:00 Mass! Please sign up on the form in the vestibule.

High School Graduates Dinner - Fr. David would like to personally invite all graduating high school seniors to a dinner in their honor at the parish rectory on Saturday, April 27, immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass. Please RSVP to Leonard Wathen (lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org).

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE  Weekly Offertory Contributions  March 30/31, 2019

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2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the School Support.


FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

FAW Play: This Thursday, April 11th and Friday, April 12th, Father Andrew White School students will present, “Snow White and the Seven Fairy Godmothers!” Tickets and concessions will be available for purchase at the door. Doors open at 6pm and show time is at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend!

Congratulations: Two of the FAW Destination Imagination teams advanced to the State Competition last Saturday. The DI Operators finished in first place so they will advance to Globals in Kansas City, Missouri in May! We are also very proud of our service learning team who created a "Cabin of God's Love" which contains essential items for people to take or donate as needed. It is located outside the Our Lady of the Wayside Church Hall.

Butter Braid Fundraiser: FAW students are now selling Butter Braid! If you'd like to try this delicious treat, please contact the school office to place an order. 301-475-9795

COMMUNITY

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 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/ or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.

LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNER  Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park has 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. Fish dinners - $12, Fried or Steamed Shrimp dinners - $14, Fried Oyster dinner - $15.

Holy Week Icon Painting Retreat & Workshop  Holy Week is a very busy time for most Christian Churches. At Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Mary's City, several days of Holy Week, (Wednesday, Thursday, and Good Friday - April 17 - 19), will be grounded in and surrounded by prayer as participants work on creating an image of Christ the Bridegroom, a traditional image of Jesus typically used by the Eastern Church during the season of Lent. The Reverend Peter Pearson, Iconographer and author of "A Brush With God," will lead participants step-by-step through the process of creating a beautiful image of Jesus. All materials needed are included in the registration fee and will be provided at no additional cost. Cost $225. To register contact Fr. John Ball, Rector, at trinitysaintmarys@gmail.com.

Ledo Pizza Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) Fundraiser  Wednesday May 1st, from 4-8pm at the Leonardtown Ledo Pizza Restaurant (Dine in or Carry Out) Please come by for good food and to support our squad. Please let your server/cashier know you are there to support the LVRSA Fundraiser so we can get credit for your purchase and support.

St. John’s Golf Tournament - May 9, 8 a.m.  Breton Bay Golf & Country Club, 21935 Society Hill Rd, Leonardtown, scramble-style tournament; 8 a.m. check-in/practice/putting contest; 9 a.m. shotgun start; $125 per person or $500 per foursome; food and beverages included; $30 cheat packages (mulligans, throw and string). Sponsorship opportunities from $100-$1,000. Visit www.sjshollywood.org to register, sponsor or donate! For additional info, contact Sara McAloon: sara.mcaloon@yahoo.com (717) 491-4044