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.
PARDON AND OUR LORD’S PASSION

The followers of Jesus owe a great debt of gratitude to Saint Luke. He is responsible for about one-fourth of the entire New Testament. Besides his Gospel (24 chapters) he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles, a wonderful account of the early Church (28 chapters).

Today the Church celebrates the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. (Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56) Not surprisingly the great themes of the Gospel are found in the account of the passion of Jesus. A strong theme both in the public life and the passion of our Lord is the theme of Great Pardons. Peter denies Christ three times. After the Lord looks at him, he “went out and began to weep bitterly.” (22: 62) Jesus will show that he truly forgives by making Peter the head of his Church.

In the first word from the cross Jesus asks his Father to forgive his executioners. “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” (23: 34) Since we all contributed to the death of our Lord by our sins, those words of forgiveness are very comforting.

This merciful forgiveness is also manifested in the words of Jesus to the repentant man on the cross next to him. Our Lord assures him, “Amen, I say to you, this day you will be with me in Paradise.” (23: 43)

This amazing spirit of forgiveness is found already in the Parable of the Lost Son. (15: 11 – 32) This prodigal son does everything to offend his father. He asks for his inheritance early. Then he leaves his father for a distant country. There he squanders his possessions in a sinful way of life. Finally he is impoverished and ends up working with pigs, an unclean animal to the Jewish people. He is practically fighting with the swine for their pods. When he comes to his senses. He decides to return to his father and say, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.” (vs. 21) He receives immediate pardon from the father. Amazingly the Father not only forgives, but also forgets. He is even joyful as he sets up a party for the son. Earlier in the chapter in the case of the woman who had lost a valuable coin and was able to find it, God says, “I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (vs. 10)

The message for all followers of Christ who have sinned is to imitate the Lost Son by coming back to God with sorrow and the purpose of amendment. God will forgive, forget and do it joyfully!

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner


Lenten Rules for Fast and Abstinence

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. Abstinence applies to those 14 years of age and over, and fasting to those between ages 18 and 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. Those not in good health are dispensed from these observances.

DECORATING FOR EASTER: Saturday morning, April 20th, we will be decorating the church for the celebration of Easter. If your schedule permits, please be at the church by 9:00 am. A sign-up sheet is located in the church vestibule.
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
Mass: 8:00 am and 11:00 am

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: In commemoration of
the Lord’s Passion, Death and Resurrection this week, the
parish offices will be closing on Thursday, April 18th at
Noon, and will remained closed on Good Friday and Easter
Monday. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, April 23rd
at 8:00 am.

The Servants of the Lord (SSVM) Food Drive
During the Lenten season of almsgiving, please
consider supporting our missionary religious
sisters The Servants of the Lord (SSVM) with
much needed items. Bags will be distributed
the weekend of April 27th & 28th and can be
returned the weekend of May 4th & 5th. A
wish list of recommended items will be
provided with the bags. We will deliver items to the 3
convents in the DC area Sunday, May 5th. If you would like
to participate in the delivery effort, please contact the
Madden family at 207-837-5845 for details. It is always a
joyous and rewarding day visiting with the sisters. A big
thank you in advance for your generosity!

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. 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.

They will perform at St. Aloysius Church this 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

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

HEALING PRAYER
On the fourth weekend of each month after all Masses, two
types of healing are available to the St. Aloysius
community. The first is the Sacrament of the Anointing of
the Sick and the second is healing prayer offered by a lay
prayer team from St. Aloysius’ healing ministry.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is properly
administered by a priest “as soon as anyone of the faithful
begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age,” or
“just prior to a serious operation.”
CCC 1514-1515

Healing prayer offered by a lay prayer team is appropriate
for anyone of the faithful for any reason that may be
burdening that individual. Reasons may include physical or
mental health issues, struggles with letting go of certain
sins, addictions, fears, confusion, emotional pain,
relationships problems and many other concerns a person
may have. Prayers are brief; lasting no longer than 5-10
minutes.

You are welcomed and encouraged to avail yourselves of
these offerings as needed. Please know that anything
shared with a trained lay prayer team is held in strict
confidentiality and will not be spoken about outside of
the brief prayer period. Prayer teams will meet
parishioners who would like to be prayed with at either the
St. Lawrence Room (cry room) or the St. Aloysius alcove.
**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**FAMILY OF FAITH** Our theme for April is Matrimony & Holy Orders. Because of Easter our Community Gathering will be on the fourth Sunday of the month, **April 28**, instead of the third.

**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@saintaloysiuschurch.org).

**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL**

**Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections**

**Living Stations**: Each year FAW’s 7th grade class hosts a dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross. On Holy Thursday, the whole school will meditate on the Passion of Christ as the 7th graders commemorate Jesus Christ’s last day on Earth as a man. This unique devotion is in the form of a shadow theater. We invite all parishioners to join them in the FAW Gym at 11:30 am on **Thursday, April 18th** to participate in this moving experience.

**The Virtue of Justice**: 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 justice. Please join them during the month of April by modeling how you are fair and administer proper punishments and rewards.

**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.

**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

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

Weekly Offertory Contributions

April 6/7, 2019

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**2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEK** will be for the Holy Land/Good Friday.

**PATRON OF THE WEEK**: St. Mary’s Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

**RECOMMENDED COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**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** 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**.

**Bible Study on the Gospel of John** at the Leonardtown Library, **Monday, April 15** from 5:00 to 7:00. All are invited. We will review Chapter 1 and then read and comment on Chapter 2. 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. Hope to see you there.

**The Passion of the Christ, Movie**

On **Wednesday, April 17**, at 7:00 pm St. Francis Xavier Church will be showing the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, at their Parish Hall. Their hall is now equipped with a wide screen and surround sound. Admission is free. This movie is rated R for sequences of graphic violence and is not recommended for young children.

**WORD OF LIFE**: “When battered by life’s storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, ‘Do not fear: I am with you’ (Isaiah 41:10).”
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