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.

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April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday

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

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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IMPORTANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

Easter Sunday, probably April 9, 30 AD, was the beginning of the Christian era. Christ rose from the dead! He had promised that he would rise from the dead. He talked about the “Sign of Jonah,” for example. Christ promised that he would be three days in the grave as Jonah was three days in the belly of the whale. (Matthew 12: 40) Our Lord also said, “The Son of Man 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.” (Luke 9: 22)

The Gospel of John (20: 1 – 9), today’s first reading, tells the reader that the beloved disciple “saw and believed.” (vs. 8). Christians down through the centuries also believe in the resurrection of Jesus without ever seeing the resurrected Christ.

It was crucial for the early Church that some actually saw the risen Christ. The empty tomb and the appearances of Christ were the two key realities for the Church’s belief that our Lord rose from the dead. In his first letter to the Corinthians Saint Paul gives a list of those who saw the resurrected Christ: “He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me.” (1 Corinthians 15: 5 - 8)

This important witness of the New Testament to the resurrection has always been a key part of Christian belief. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has this statement concerning the importance of the Resurrection. “The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross.” (Paragraph 638)

John tells us that “they [the disciples] did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” (John 20: 9) The appearances of Jesus and the graces of Pentecost will provide that understanding. A section of Colossians (3: 1 – 4) can be used as the second reading today. The readers are reminded of their baptism and its effects: “If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.” (3: 1) A wonderful reality of baptism is that we all become brothers and sisters of Jesus and children of the Blessed Virgin Mary!

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

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**Scripture Corner**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

**Tuesday, April 23:**
12:15 pm  Ben Greenwell  
Billy Goddard

**Wednesday, April 24:**
8:30 am  Jan Esler

**Thursday, April 25:**
12:15 pm  Soledad Aguinaldo

**Friday, April 26:**
8:30 am  Marlyn Galapon

**Saturday, April 27:**
7:30 am  Steven Fenwick  
5:00 pm  Robert “Bobby” & Gerald “Jerry” Mattingly

**Sunday, April 28:**
8:00 am  Pro populo
11:00 am  Maria Medenilla

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** the Sick and Homebound in our Community: John Barnett, Jeanne Bean, Chris Beverley, Walter M. Bowman, Edna Burch, Timothy Butler, Teresa Cusic, Brenda Davis, Charles Davis Sr., Frances Duke, Tommy Farrell, Carl Guy, George Guy, Warren Guy, Jr., Howard Hensley, John Holly, Deb Johnson, Mary Catherine Kane, Paula Kidwell, Mary Catherine Kohut, Brian Landry, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, Florence “Flo” Michalski, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Jermaine Perry, James Philbrook, Claudia Queen, Kim Simmons, Mary Agnes Stewart, Joan Straub, Steven Tomaszeski, Richard & Sally Tomkinson, Nena Underwood, Michael Utzig, Stephanie Vallandingham.
**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:** The parish offices will be closed on Easter Monday, April 22nd and will re-open on Tuesday, April 23rd at 8:00am.

**The Servants of the Lord (SSVM) Food Drive**

Please consider supporting our missionary religious sisters The Servants of the Lord (SSVM) with much needed items. Bags will be distributed next weekend, 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!

**HEALING PRAYER**

**Saturday, April 27 & Sunday, April 28**

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 offering 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. Aloyisus alcove.

**Praise & Worship Gathering**

Come join us this Wednesday, April 24, at 7:00pm for an evening of Praise, Prayer, Healing, & Worship led by Father David & Pat Copsey at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 41605 Fenwick St.

**Interpreting Mass using ASL**

Jody Cacko has been providing ASL Interpretive services at several Masses throughout the year. ASL Interpretive Masses are scheduled for: May 19 at the 11:00 am and June 2 at the 11:00 am. We request that the pew in front of the pulpit be reserved on that day for these families. We are thankful for Jody and all she does to serve the Deaf Community in So MD!

**BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

**PARKING LOT**

The church and the school parking lot is scheduled to have the final paving and the lines painted on the week of April 22-26. Please use the grassy area next to the rectory for parking for daily Mass. Thank you for your patience!

**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

**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**FAMILY OF FAITH** Our theme for April is Matrimony & Holy Orders. Because of Easter our Community Gathering will be next Sunday, April 28.

**Easter Egg Hunt** Mark your calendars for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for next 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 next Saturday, April 27, immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass. Please RSVP to Leonard Wathen (lwathen@saintaloysiuschurch.org).
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 this Friday, April 26.

Healing Mass – IHM
The next Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers is scheduled for Monday, April 29th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park, Maryland. Father Dan Leary will be joining us. The Mass starts at 7pm and confessions start at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

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.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE
Holy Angels Our Lady of Fatima Sodality will be sponsoring a HUGE YARD SALE on Saturday, May 11, 7 AM to 1 PM in the Holy Angels Hall. Tables will be available for rent, $15.00 for one and $25.00 for two. Food and Drink will be available for purchase. You can contact Joan Warczynski, 301-904-1956 regarding table rentals. Set up will be Friday, May 10th from 5 PM to 8 PM. American Legion Post 221 Auxiliary will have a table at Holy Angels. Also participating in the Community Yard Sale will be the 7th District Fire Dept. Auxiliary and the 7th District Rescue Squad Auxiliary. They will be located at the Fire House and Rescue Squad Buildings.

June 2019 - Italy/Rome Pilgrimage
Please prayerfully consider joining us on this wonderfully planned pilgrimage to Italy and Rome, June 8 to 17, 2019. The price is $3,995 per person based on double occupancy, Single Supplement Rate is an additional $550. We will be visiting many beautiful places in Italy, including: the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano, Our Lady of Loreto, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Padre Pio, St. Rita of Cascia and the major Shrines of Rome and the Vatican. We are so blessed to have Fr. Michal Sajnog, Pastor of Our Lady of the Wayside to join us to provide Mass, Confession and Spiritual Direction! Please contact the Bread of Life Center for Peace for more information at: (301) 475-7139, email pilgrimage@breadoflifecenterforpeace.org or stop by Heavenly Presents in Leonardtown.