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 28, 2019
Divine Mercy 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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**Scripture Corner**

**THE MERCIFUL SAVIOR**

In today’s Gospel (John 20: 19 – 31) Jesus appears to his disciples for the first time since his resurrection. His followers had to be greatly concerned. They had deserted our Lord at the most critical point of his public ministry – his passion! Saint Peter had even denied him! But in his great mercy Jesus says, “Peace be with you.” (vs. 19) Peace, *shalom*, in the Old Testament represented the sum total of God’s blessings. In the New Testament it stands for the incredible blessings earned by the Messiah.

After showing them his hands and his feet, Christ said again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (vs. 21) In his mercy our Lord commissions the disciples to continue his work – they are to bring the Good News to everyone. In the Acts of the Apostles the disciples will be referred to most frequently as “witnesses.” This is the way they will continue the work of Christ.

Jesus then breathes on the disciples and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” (vss. 22, 23) This promise will be seen carried out visibly at Pentecost with the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Thomas is absent at this first encounter with the resurrected Lord. He refuses to believe, saying, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into his nail-marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” (vs. 25) Despite all those conditions, Thomas responds with faith when Christ appears a week later. He says with deep faith, “My Lord and my God.” (vs. 28) He is often referred to as “Doubting Thomas.” However, he provides the most effective statement of the divinity of our Lord in the New Testament, “Awake, be vigilant in my defense, in my cause, my GOD and my LORD.” (Psalm 35: 23)

The mercy of Jesus adds a consoling statement for his followers down through the ages. “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” (vs. 29)

Saint John ends the chapter by telling his purpose in writing the Gospel. He has written “that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God.” (vs. 31) The reader is assured that such faith will lead to eternal life through the great mercy of our Savior.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

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**FIRST FRIDAY, May 3:** Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed at 10:00 am, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6:00-6:30 pm, concluding with Benediction. Please consider spending time with our Lord. Volunteers may sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

**FIRST SATURDAY, May 4:** The Five First Saturdays devotion is one of the principal points of the Fatima message. It centers on the urgent need for mankind to offer reparation and expiate for the many injuries that the Immaculate Heart of Mary suffers from the hands of both impious and indifferent persons. On the First Saturday during 5 Consecutive Months, the Devotion consists of:

1. Going to Confession
2. Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion
3. Saying five decades of the Rosary
4. Meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary
The Servants of the Lord (SSVM) Food Drive
Please return the bags with items for the SSVM Sisters next weekend, May 4th & 5th. We will deliver items to the 3 convents in the DC area on 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!

Interpreting Mass using ASL
Jody Cacko has been providing ASL Interpretive services at several Masses throughout the year. ASL Interpretive Masses are scheduled for: Saturday, May 4 at the 5:00pm; Sunday, May 19 at the 11:00am; and Saturday June 1 at the 5:00pm. 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.!

Please beware: Email and Texting Scams
The Archdiocesan Office has noted an increase in the “phishing” email and texting scams that have been sent to parishioners over the past year or so. In these fraudulent schemes, the pastor’s name appears on an email address asking a parishioner to purchase i-Tunes or gift cards on your behalf. Sometimes these scams even ask that funds be sent because of some emergency. This is a fraudulent “phishing” scam that has targeted a number of dioceses around the country. Most recently it appears that these fraudulent efforts have now expanded to text messages on mobile devices. This mobile phone scam is even more dangerous, because those perpetrating this fraud can receive gift card codes via texted picture or message. Please do not respond to these fraudulent messages!

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.saintalloysiuschurch.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 13/14, 2019
1st Collection                   2nd Collection: School Support
Offertory Basket: $ 5,692.00   Offertory Basket: $  1,146.00
Direct Debit: $ 1,351.00       Direct Debit: $     592.00
Total                     $ 7,043.00    Total                   $  1,738.00

Holy Land/Good Friday           Easter Sunday Collection
Offertory Basket: $ 1,086.00   Offertory Basket: $13,124.00
Direct Debit: $   467.00       Direct Debit: $   1,025.00
Total                     $ 1,553.00    Total                   $14,149.00

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

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Tom Hodges Mitsubishi. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

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The Kalnasy Concert Series presents
Flute Choir of Southern Maryland
Date: Sunday, May 19, 2019
Place: St. Aloysius Church
22800 Washington Street
Leonardtown.
Time: 3:00 PM

The Flute Choir of Southern Maryland is composed of adult professionals & serious amateur players. The choir is under the direction of Lucy Snell. The concert is free, but donations to the Kalnasy Concert Series are accepted. For more information, contact keyofgmh@gmail.com

VOCATIONS CROSS
Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junípero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with David Dotson, who has the Vocations Cross!

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY
FAMILY OF FAITH will meet on Sunday, May 4th, for the family meeting and will conclude the year with a pilgrimage to the Franciscan Monastery on Sunday, May 19th.
FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Ledo's Dinner & Faith Rally Concert: On Monday, April 29th, consider joining the Father Andrew White Rhythm Rejoicers and the Community Choir for an evening of faith and music. The concert starts at 6pm at St. Aloysius Church. Admission is free and open to the whole community! Before going to the concert, join other parishioners and school families at Ledo’s for dinner. Be sure to mention "FAW" and 20% of your bill (from 4-8pm) will be donated to the school. See you there!

Eat out at Kevin’s Corner Kafe: Let Kevin’s do the cooking on Wednesday, May 1st from 5-8pm! For every $9.99 chicken dinner purchased, FAW will make a profit. Proceeds go to the Destination Imagination program to help offset the cost of sending a team to the Globals competition in May.

First Friday Mass: Father Andrew White School celebrates Mass as a school family every Friday. On First Fridays a class or special group hosts the Mass. These 9am First Friday Masses at St. Aloysius are student-led. Students partake by being the lectors, altar servers, gift bearers, and chorus. Older students sit alongside their younger class buddies to help them more fully participate. We invite all parishioners to join us any Friday. This Friday, May 3rd we hope to see you as the NJHS hosts the 9am Mass. We will have a May Procession following the Mass and all are welcome to attend.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: If you or someone you know has had an abortion, “be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.” Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is also available. Visit the “Find Help” map on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

COMMUNITY

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. Father Dan Leary will be joining us. The Mass starts at 7 pm 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.

National Day of Prayer
The Interfaith Council of St. Mary’s County invites people of all faiths in St. Mary’s County to a brief National Day of Prayer service to be held at the Leonardtown Wharf on Thursday, May 2nd from 6:30 – 7:00 am.

Our National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, inviting people of all faiths to set aside a day to pray for the nation. This was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman, and then designated as the first Thursday in May by President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

The 4th Degree Color Corps of the Father Andrew White Assembly of the Knights of Columbus will post our nation’s colors and retire them after the prayer service.

Please come and join us in this time of spiritual reflection and rejuvenation as we pray for our nation.

Questions may be addressed to the St. Mary’s Interfaith Council c/o J. Davis, Chair, (djacobdavis@gmail.com), or T. Cowan, Coordinator (bahais.stmarys@gmail.com).

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

Widows’ Support Group at MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital
Fridays • May 10 - June 28, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Outpatient Pavilion (Second floor) Health Connections, Classroom B. This eight-week support group is designed for women who have experienced the loss of a spouse or partner. There is no fee for this group, but registration is required. Space is limited. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, please call 301-994-3023.

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 drinks will be available for purchase. 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.