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.

May 5, 2019
Third Sunday of Easter

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

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Secretary, FAW School.............................Helen Bowles

RECTORY HOURS:  Monday-Thursday  8 am-4 pm
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MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, May 7:
12:15 pm  Thomas “Tommy” Combs

Wednesday, May 8:
8:30 am  Anthony Autorino

Thursday, May 9:
12:15 pm  Eduardo & Manuel Caday

Friday, May 10:
St. Damien de Veuster, Priest  
8:30 am  Jan Esler

Saturday, May 11:
7:30 am  Raymond Obar
5:00 pm  Pro populo

Sunday, May 12:
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
8:00 am  For All Mothers
11:00 am  For All Mothers


THE LITANY OF PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS will be recited every Tuesday after the 12:15 pm daily Mass. Please plan to stay for a few minutes after Mass to pray for our priests.

THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY is recited on Wednesdays after the 8:30 am Mass. Come and pray with Mother Mary, Patron Saint of the Americas; our country needs our prayers. Please join us. Questions call Gerda at 301-475-0009 or 860-558-6476.

Scripture Corner

JESUS AND PETER

Today’s Gospel (John 21: 1 – 19) has interesting information about Peter. Jesus enabled Peter and his companions to have an impressive catch of fish, 153 large fish. Saint Jerome wrote that Greek zoologists at the time were of the opinion that there were 153 species of fish. The evangelist wants the reader to see that this special catch is a symbol of the universal mission of the Church of Jesus.

Christ then has breakfast with Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James and John, and two other disciples. Jesus turns to Peter and asks three times if he loves him. Peter responds positively and our Lord says to him, “Feed my lambs…Tend my sheep...Feed my sheep.” (vss. 15 – 17) Jesus is giving Peter the role of the leader of his Church, responsible for taking care of the needs of all. He is the Good Shepherd, the first Pope!

The evangelist also presents our Lord’s prediction of the future martyrdom of Peter: “When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” (vs. 18) Saint Peter died in Rome as a martyr about the year AD 65. This Gospel receives its final form about the year AD 100.

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**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

**Interpreting Mass using ASL**
Jody Cacko has been providing ASL Interpretive services at several Masses throughout the year. ASL Interpretive Masses are scheduled for: **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 parishes 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!

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**BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

**BRICK FUNDRAISER**
**THERE’S STILL TIME TO ORDER!**
The first order of bricks are finished being engraved and will be delivered on May 8th. If you’d like to be in the next order, please submit your order form to the rectory.
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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
Weekly Offertory Contributions

**DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS,** contributions for the weekend of April 27/28 will be noted in the bulletin for May 12.

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** will be for the Catholic Relief Services.

**PATRON OF THE WEEK:** A B & H Excavating, Inc. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

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**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**FAMILY OF FAITH** will meet on **Sunday, May 5th**, for the family meeting and will conclude the year with a pilgrimage to the Franciscan Monastery on **Sunday, May 19th**.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is scheduled for **July 8 - 12, 2019**, 9 AM to 12 PM, at Father Andrew White School. Kids will explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life, with top-quality songs, exciting games, crafts, stories of faith, snacks and more. Register online at [https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/vbs](https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/vbs).

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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

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**VOCATIONS CROSS**

*Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junípero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Anne and Mark Davis, who have the Vocations Cross!*
Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Lenten Mission Drive: Each year our parish school raises money for various projects to help the Sisters of Charity and their mission in Belize. During Lent, students and their families raised over $3,600 to help build a house for one of the El Salvadoran refugees who is a catechist that worked with Saint Oscar Romero. We are proud to report that the $6,000 we raised last year was used to build the Mrs. Christin Gaston (our beloved 1st grade teacher) house. Her family traveled to Belize and built this house in the beginning of April. Some pictures can be found here: https://photos.app.goo.gl/F9AUmmY57ZHjSeCw7.

The Virtue of Zeal: 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 zeal. Please join them during the month of May by modeling how you are driven by an intense love for God.

Band & Chorus Spring Concert: The FAW Chorus and Band will take the St. Mary's Ryken stage at 6:30pm on Thursday, May 9. Come enjoy an evening of music as our students showcase their talent and hard work. Baked goods will be for sale. We hope to see you there!

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

CARENET PREGNANCY CENTER'S BABY BOTTLE BLITZ
Help us Change Lives and Save Babies! Bottles will be available at the Masses next Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day. Parishioners take a bottle home and use it as a bank to raise funds for the Center's ministry to women and babies. Bottles are to be returned during the Masses on Father's Day Weekend.
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