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.

June 2, 2019

The Ascension of the Lord

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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Scripture Corner

JESUS RETURNS TO THE FATHER

On Easter Sunday Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to his Father in heaven. Some 40 days, after a number of appearances, Christ made the final return to his Father (today’s first reading Acts of the Apostles 1: 1–11). As he prepares to say farewell to his followers, our Lord has important words for them. Jesus asks the disciples to become missionaries for the entire world! “Make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28: 19) The Gospel of Mark also has a commission for the followers of our Lord: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16: 15) In today’s Gospel Jesus promises that “repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.” (Luke 24: 47) Clearly the Son of God wants his Church to be a universal Church!

A very important promise by Christ is in today’s first reading: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts of the Apostles 1: 8) As Christ is planning to return to the Father, he has a very special word for his disciples. They are to be “witnesses to all these things.” (Luke 24: 48) In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke refers to his disciples most frequently as “witnesses,” especially of the resurrection. In the prologue of his Gospel Luke declares that eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word were an important source for his Gospel.

Conscious of the difficulties that the early Church will face, our Lord promises the assistance of the Holy Spirit, both in the Gospel (Luke 24: 49) and in the Acts of the Apostles (1: 5. 8). The Ascension is the end of the second period of salvation history, the period of Jesus. With the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost there will be the final period of salvation history, the Period of the Holy Spirit, the Period of the Church.

Joy is a great theme in the Gospel of Luke. It is present at the infancy of Jesus and now at the infancy of the Church: “The disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy.” (24: 52) Mary, who had played such a key role in Christ’s infancy, is also present at the infancy of the Church, the body of Christ: “All these devoted themselves with one accord to pray, together with some women, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.” (Acts 1: 14)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER the Sick and Homebound in our Community: John Barnett, Jeanne Bean, Chris Beverly, 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, Brian Landry, Gina Lange, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, Maria McGuigan, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Jermaine Perry, James Philbrook, Agnes Plater, Claudia Queen, Kim Simmons, Mary Agnes Stewart, Joan Straub, Steven Tomaszewski, Richard & Sally Tomkinson, Nena Underwood, Michael Utzig, Stephanie Vallandingham.

FIRST FRIDAY, June 7: 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. Holy Hour for Vocations 5:30–6:30. Please consider spending time with our Lord and pray for our men to be ordained. Volunteers may sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

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.
**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING**

*Wednesday, June 5 from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Hall. We will begin by reflecting on the readings for this coming Sunday. After our discussion we will have a time of praise and worship. Please come and join us as we give thanks to the Lord!*

**HEALING PRAYER SERVICE**

Are you in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing? You're invited to a Healing Prayer Service on *Sunday, June 9 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM* at St. Aloysius Church. The evening will include Praise & Worship, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, readings from Sacred Scripture, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and an opportunity to pray with a healing prayer team.

**DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

The Catholic Church for centuries has highlighted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a powerful source of holiness for parishes, families, and individuals. During this month of June, traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart, St. Aloysius Church will be dedicating our new chapel to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and we invite families and individuals to do the same.

**Sunday, June 9 at 9:15 AM** Parish Hall — A presentation by Leonard Wathen: "What is Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?"

**Friday, June 28 at 7:00 PM,** Church — Mass for the Somenity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Enthronement of the Sacred Heart.

**Friday, June 28 to Sunday, June 30,** — 40 Hours Devotion Around-the-clock Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist. For more information, visit [https://saintaloysiuschurch.org/sacred-heart](https://saintaloysiuschurch.org/sacred-heart).

**BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR CHAPEL & PARISH HALL**

I would like to thank everyone that made donations toward the St. Aloysius statue. We have collected all the funds for the total cost. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We are hoping to have the statue by June 21st, the feast day of St. Aloysius. As we prepare to use the chapel and hall there are still items that need to be purchased. We invite you to consider contributing to the cost of these items. At this time, our wish list includes:

- Kneelers for chapel pews — approximately $2,200
- Commercial two door refrigerator — $3,185
- Commercial one door freezer — $1,399
- Ice maker — $1,879
- Prep table for the kitchen — $400-$800

Please contact the rectory if you can help. Thank you!

—Fr. David

**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**TEEN SMALL GROUP**—All middle school and high school teens are invited to a four-part small group series called YDisciple: Prayer on *Monday nights* from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the new hall’s Youth Lounge starting June 3. Sign up online at [http://saintaloysiuschurch.org/ydisciple](http://saintaloysiuschurch.org/ydisciple).

**Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for *July 8 - 12,* 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://saintaloysiuschurch.org/vbs](https://saintaloysiuschurch.org/vbs).

**Solomons Dragon Boat Festival**

Our high school Youth Ministry is participating in the Solomons Dragon Boat festival once again this year on Saturday, August 17! We look forward to another great competition this year. In order to participate, we need to raise $2000, all of which supports Southern Maryland Community Resources, a local special needs advocacy organization. **You may donate today at [www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/dragonboat](http://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/dragonboat)!**
**STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
Weekly Offertory Contributions

DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS, contributions for the weekend of May 25/26 will be noted in the bulletin for June 9th.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for the Debt Reduction.

**PATRON OF THE WEEK:** All States Tax—Peg Maguire, EA. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

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**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL**

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

**Chick Fil A Spirit Night:** On Monday, June 3rd our parish school will have a Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A from 5 - 7pm. Father Andrew White will receive a portion of all sales if you mention you are there to support the Spirit Night. Please invite your family and friends and enjoy an evening out together! Kindly remember to mention you are there to support FAW so they can receive the proper credit.

**First Friday Mass:** Father Andrew White School celebrates Mass at 9am on First Fridays. We invite all parishioners to join this student led Mass on Friday, June 7th at St. Aloysius Church. We hope to see you as the Second Grade hosts our final 9am Mass of the school year.

**Congratulations FAW Class of 2019:** This past Saturday, 31 students from Father Andrew White's Class of 2019 graduated. We congratulate them and wish them well as they continue to live our faith and celebrate many future successes. We are proud of you!

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**RESPECT LIFE**

**WORD OF LIFE:** “By 18 weeks in your mother’s womb, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music.”

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**COMMUNITY**

**Camp Sunrise - Medstar St. Mary’s Hospital**
Camp Sunrise is a program for grieving children and teens ages 7-16. This day camp offers children the opportunity to express feelings of loss and learn positive coping skills in a supportive environment. Camp dates are June 7-9. Friday, June 7 - Meet & Greet Dinner 5:30-7:00 pm. Saturday & Sunday, June 8 & 9 - 9:00 am - 3:45 pm. For more information call 301-994-3023.

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The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) will be holding the following fundraising events.

**Chick-fil-A**
Date: Tuesday, June 4
Time 5-7pm
Place: Chick-fil-A in California, MD
Please go to the lvr.k.org website to take a picture or print a copy of the flyer and show it to the cashier so we can get credit for your support.

**LVRSA Drive Thru Barbeque**
Place: Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Bldg.
Date: Saturday, June 8
Time: 12-4pm

**MOD Pizza**
Date: Thursday, June 13
Time: All Day
Place: Mod Pizza in California, MD
Please be sure to tell the cashier you are there to support the LVRSA fundraiser so we can get credit for your support. Thank you!

**Mulberry Music Festival - Act I**
Mulberry Music Festival will be held at St. Mary’s College of Maryland on Friday, June 14, from 6 - 9 pm. It will feature gospel recording artist, Jason Nelson, and a diverse line-up of local musicians including the St. Peter Claver Gospel Choir, Dominion Apostolic Chorale, South Point Church, John Tillery and Living Sacrifice, Posse 4 Christ, Ministerio Amor en Cristo (Ministry of Love in Christ), and St. Luke’s of Scotland Choir. It is free and open to all. The festival will be held on the Townhouse Greens of St. Mary’s College.

**Quo Vadis Camp**
The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary July 28-31. For four days, high school aged young men, who desire to grow in holiness, will have an opportunity for mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available as well as registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.

**Quilt Raffle**
The Quilters By the Bay have donated a lovely queen size Autumn quilt to Camp Maria Retreat Center. Someone will take this lovely quilt home IF they purchase the winning raffle ticket; winner need not be present to win. Tickets are $1 each and 6 tickets for $5. Drawing will be held on October 13th, at our 8th Annual Oyster Scald. Proceeds from this quilt raffle will go to support the continuing serving of all of God’s people at Camp Maria Retreat Center. For more information, contact Ann Kovalcik at director@campmaria.org or 301-475-8330.
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