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Mass Intentions this Week

Tuesday, June 18:
12:15 pm  Francis D. Mattingly
8:30 am  Bobby Norris

Wednesday, June 19:
St. Romuald, Abbot
8:30 am  Bobby Norris

Thursday, June 20:
12:15 pm  James Quade

Friday, June 21:
St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
8:30 am  Pro populo - Patronal Feast Day

Saturday, June 22:
St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, & Thomas More, Martyrs
7:30 am  Linda Fanelli
5:00 pm  Rev. Larry Swink (L)

Sunday, June 23:
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
8:00 am  Pro populo
11:00 am  Thomas Combs

Please Remember in Prayer the Sick and Homebound in our Community:

Scripture Corner

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

A problem in the early history of the Hebrew people was the worship of false gods. They were surrounded by those who believed in false gods. At times the Hebrew people would be attracted to idolatry! The prophets kept insisting, “There is only one God and his name is Yahweh!” However, after the exile in Babylon (586–538 BC) idolatry was never again a problem.

Not surprisingly, when Jesus started revealing details about the Trinity, there were challenges. They knew there was only one God. It took some time before the people accepted the teaching of Jesus. He appreciated the problem of his listeners. Having said that he was the Son of God, he added, “If I do not perform my Father’s works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you might realize and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” (John 10: 37–38)

There are important texts in the New Testament about the Trinity, reflecting the belief of the early Church. About 85 AD, for example, there is a special commission from Jesus for the apostles: “Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28: 19) That is the baptismal formula that the Church has been using ever since. The meaning of baptism is “immersing.” One could translate these words of Jesus, “Immersing them in the life of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

A second Trinitarian text that we have often heard in the liturgy is from Saint Paul from AD 57: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” (2 Corinthians 13: 13)

“The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Catholic faith and of Christian life. God alone can make it known to us by revealing himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 261) Since the Holy Trinity is a mystery, a helpful process for appreciating the Trinity would be a consideration of what each of the three Persons has done for us. For example, the Father created the universe; God the Son redeemed us by his death and resurrection; God the Holy Spirit continues the work of our Lord by guiding his Church.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

Prayer & Worship

What is Liturgy of the Hours or The Divine Office? The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that: The Liturgy of the Hours, which is the public and common prayer of the Church, is the prayer of Christ with his body, the Church. Through the Liturgy of the Hours the mystery of Christ, which we celebrate in the Eucharist, sanctifies and transforms the whole of each day. It is composed mainly of psalms, other biblical texts, and readings from the Fathers and spiritual masters. Further reading: CCC 1174-1178

The Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer is recited at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 8:30 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Whether you are brand new to the practice or are experienced, come share in this beautiful prayer tradition with your Catholic family. All are welcome! Single volume Christian Prayer books can be purchased at Heavenly Presents.
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.

**Friday, June 28 at 7:00 PM, Church — Mass for the Solemnity 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://saintalloysiuschurch.org/sacred-heart](https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/sacred-heart).

**HEALING PRAYER**

*Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

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. Aloysius alcove.

**HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED**

We are looking for a housekeeper for the Rectory. Someone who can come in once a week and someone who’s able to climb stairs. If interested or you know someone, please call Denise at the rectory at 301-475-8064.

**TELEPHONE LISTS**

- Please call the rectory (301-475-8064) if you wish to have your name removed from a list.
- Please call the rectory if you wish to add your name to a list.

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR CHAPEL & PARISH HALL**

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:

- Alarm system with surveillance - $6000
- Commercial two door refrigerator - $3,185
- Commercial one door freezer - $1,399
- Ice maker, Prep table for the kitchen, Warmer, and Convection Oven - waiting for price confirmation.

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

The Sacred Heart Chapel is currently being prepared for Eucharistic adoration. The following items are in the process of being installed: the tabernacle, wall crucifix, kneelers, a lockable cabinet, and coded door lock at the chapel entrance door. As we look forward to the Chapel’s use in this regard, I am interested in pulling together an **Adoration committee** to assess the schedule and oversee periods of Eucharistic adoration for the Chapel, including, especially, for First Fridays. Please let me know if you would like to help! —Fr. David

**BRICK FUNDRAISER**

We are getting ready to send in our second order of bricks for engraving. If you’re interested in purchasing a brick, please contact the rectory as soon as possible.

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](http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org).

**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for Monday-Friday, 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://saintalloysiuschurch.org/vbs](https://saintalloysiuschurch.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.saintalloysiuschurch.org/dragonboat](http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/dragonboat)**.
SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
June 8/9, 2019

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2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for the Holy Father-Peter’s Pence.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Boothe’s Heating, Air Conditioning, and Plumbing. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

LOOKING FOR A CONVENIENT WAY TO HELP WITH OUR PARISH OFFERTORY? Please consider Direct Debit. The parish has an established program with our bank for electronic funds transfers. All transactions are done electronically, debiting your bank account automatically for the amount which you have agreed to in writing. This program is voluntary and includes electronic transfers for both the first collection offertory as well as the special second collections.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Now Enrolling: Our award-winning parish school, Father Andrew White, is now enrolling students for the 2019-20 school year. They currently have openings in grades PK - 5. For more information, check out their website at www.fatherandrewwhite.org or call 301-475-9795 to set up a time to receive a personalized tour with the principal. Come meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how the students are “Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith.”

WORD OF LIFE: Intraterine insemination and in vitro fertilization procedures involving living human beings are gravely immoral (CCC 2376-77). Human beings in embryonic form should no more be frozen or disposed of like laboratory waste than the rest of us. They bear—as all human beings do—the image and likeness of God, the Father of all.

COMMUNITY

Sacred Heart Church—Annual June Dinner
Sunday, June 23, from 12 noon until the food is gone. Menu includes: fried chicken, crab cakes, country ham, potato salad, cole slaw, green beans, beets, rolls, tea or coffee. All you can eat, served buffet style. Adults $26, children 7-12 $6, children 6 and under free, Drive-thru carry-outs $26. Country store, cake stand and raffle too.

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 and 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY! OCTOBER 2019
Join Fr. Rory Conley, pastor of St. Mary’s Bryantown, on a pilgrimage to Rome, Sorrento, Naples, Assisi and more. See firsthand the major shrines and basilicas of Rome, visit the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican museums, Padre Pio’s church where he received the stigmata, the Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano, and much, much more. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included and accommodations are first class. Dates are 10/13/19 - 10/23/19 with a possible two-day extension to Florence. For more detailed information visit our website at www.pilgrimages.cpm/frconley or contact Sam Oliver at Samuel_oliver@comcast.net or 301-848-3206.