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.

July 21, 2019
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 am - 12 Noon
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

STAFF
Pastor...........................................Rev. David W. Beaubien, ext. 14
Deacon..................................................Deacon Joseph 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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Mass Intentions this Week

Tuesday, July 23:
St. Bridget, Religious
12:15 pm
Rev. Martin Flum (L)

Wednesday, July 24:
St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
8:30 am
Elyse Stellway

Thursday, July 25:
St. James, Apostle
12:15 pm
Manning Norris

Friday, July 26:
Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 am
Noreen Newcomb

Saturday, July 27:
7:30 am
Dick McCoy
Bill Card
5:00 pm
Pro populo

Sunday, July 28:
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am
Jan Esler
11:00 am
Thomas Connelly

Prayer & Worship

Please remember in prayer the Sick and Homebound in our Community:

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 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 at Bethany

Bethany, a small village near Jerusalem, was the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. In today’s Gospel (Luke 10: 38 – 42) Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem to achieve our salvation by his death and resurrection.

Martha welcomed our Lord into their home. She also is very busy preparing some food for Christ and for her family. In the meantime her sister Mary is sitting at the feet of Jesus, “listening to him speak.” (v. 39) Martha asks Jesus to intervene and encourage her sister to help her with the work. Our Lord’s reply is “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” (vss. 41 – 42)

It is important to note that it was unheard of at that time that a teacher would have a female pupil “at his feet.” (vs. 39) However, that was the customary position for male disciples. In the Acts of the Apostles, for example, Saint Paul says, “At the feet of Gamaliel I was educated strictly in our ancestral law.” (22: 3)

Also, Jesus always insisted on the need not only to listen to the word, but to carry it out. In the Sermon on the Mount, for example, one reads. “Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.” (Matthew 7: 24) The one who does not act on the words of our Lord “will be a fool who built his house on sand.” (vs. 26)

Another interesting point is the attention that is given to women in the Gospel of Luke. In addition to Mary, Elizabeth and Anna in the Infancy Narrative there are nine incidents in the Gospel that highlight women. Today’s Gospel, of course, is a great example. As a result, the third Gospel is often called the “Gospel of Women.”

Acting on the word of God by faith and action is part of Catholic Social Teaching. Jesus says clearly, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.” (Luke 8: 21)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner
**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING**

Wednesday, July 24th - new this month, we will begin Praise and Worship with an optional Rosary in the Parish Hall starting at 6:30 pm. Praise and Worship will follow from 7 to 8:30 pm. As spouse of the Holy Spirit, Mary was at the first Pentecost, she plays a very important role as intercessor and mediatrix of all graces for each of us, her children. We realize many of you have very busy schedules and may not be able to arrive early enough to participate in the Rosary, please don't let that stop you from joining us for Praise and Worship! Please come and join us as we give thanks to the Lord!

**HEALING PRAYER**

Saturday, July 27th and Sunday, July 28th

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 offerings 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.

**BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR CHAPEL & PARISH HALL**

We invite you to consider contributing to the cost of the following items that still need to be purchased:

- Ice maker - $9,550
- Prep table for the kitchen - Warmer
- Convection Oven - $6,000
- Alarm system with camera surveillance - $6,000

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. The statue of St. Aloysius arrived and was installed in the outdoor niche last week and was blessed after the 11:00 Mass.

In addition, as an enhancement to our main sanctuary, I am having our liturgical arts consultant begin preparations to refurbish and reinstall the historic ornate bronze altar rail gates that were removed some decades ago and have been in storage ever since. Before being opened for Mass to begin, the gates should make for a splendid appearance to the sanctuary. ~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.saintaloysiuschurch.org.
REoUL Ss EDB YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School & High School Teens
On Monday evenings from July 22 to August 26, middle school and high school teens are invited to join us for a six-part video & discussion series on living as a disciple of Jesus, using the series YDisciple - Follow Me from FORMED.org. Gather in the Youth lounge of the new hall. Each evening will include games, food, video, discussion, and prayer. Sign up online at https://saintaloysiuschurch.org/ydisciple

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!

Registration for Family of Faith 2019-2020, our family-centered children's faith formation program, is open online! Family of Faith will meet from 9:15 to 10:30 AM at Father Andrew White School on the first and third Sunday of each month during the school year, beginning on September 15, 2019. Families are asked to commit to missing no more than three of our sessions. Those who are unable to make this commitment are asked to register for My Catholic Faith Delivered, a grade-specific, comprehensive online faith formation program, instead of Family of Faith. To register, visit www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/children.

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
July 13/14, 2019

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2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for the Archdiocesan Assessment.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Verghese & Ling Dermatology. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “As a mom who had my first baby in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt. However, I also know that an unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew was possible—not to mention the little bundle who inspires these sentiments!”

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. We currently have openings in grades PK - 5. For more information, check out our 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."

COMMUNITY

Free Summer Lunch Program – Children 18 & under
Leonardtown Elementary School is hosting a Free summer lunch program for children 18 and under. Meals will be offered Monday - Thursday from 12 pm to 1 pm. Adults may purchase a meal for $4.00. Children do not have to attend Leonardtown Elementary School to benefit from this program. To participate the children only need to be 18 years old or younger. The entrance to the meal program is around the back of the school building near the playground. There is a back parking lot next to the playground and an entrance to the cafeteria.

St. Mary’s in Bryantown is offering a series on MENTAL WELLNESS
Good mental health is an important factor in having a happy life. This 4-session series will give insight into what mental wellness is and how to maintain it. Included in this we will discuss helpful strategies for facing and helping our loved ones to face depression, anxiety, addiction, and grief. Caitlin Langreich will give the presentations. Caitlin has an M.A. degree in clinical mental health counseling and is a certified clinical trauma professional. You do not have to come to each presentation to benefit from this series and there will be time for Q&A. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about how to achieve and maintain mental wellness, please join us! Tuesdays 7-8:30pm July 23; August 6 & 20. For more information about this series, contact Fr. Conley frcconley@comcast.net