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.
THE GOSPEL AND PRAYER

The Gospel of Luke highlights the role of prayer. Jesus himself gives the example of praying often. Before important events he will spend the entire evening in prayer. Before choosing the Twelve “he spent the night in prayer to God.” (6: 12) In today’s Gospel (Luke 11: 1–13) Christ teaches us how to pray and cites some important qualities of prayer.


The following two parts of the prayer pray for the sanctification of God’s name and the advent of his kingdom. The prophet Ezekiel has God saying, “Not for your sake do I act, house of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name.” (Ezekiel 36: 22) The prayer for the coming of the kingdom is a constant concern of our Lord. We can help, but the initiative is always with the Father.

The Christian asks the Father for three needs: daily bread, forgiveness and freedom from the final test. Christ adds to the second need: “for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us.” (vs. 4) Clearly we do not always succeed in that area, but that is the ideal presented to us!

“Do not subject us to the final test.” (vs. 4) That test could be a present test of apostasy or the test at the end of time. During the agony in the garden our Lord advised his apostles, “Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test.” (22: 46)

Jesus continues by presenting stories that highlight two important qualities of prayer, namely, perseverance and confidence. For perseverance he describes a man who continues to try to ignore a friend seeking help. But the friend will not give up. So the man finally gets up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence! Follow that example in your prayers!

Jesus makes a basic argument to encourage all to have confidence in prayer. If we with all our failings are good to our children, “how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” (vs. 13)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

Please Remember in Prayer


The Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer

The Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer is recited at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 8:45 am* 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. *Please note change in time.

The Litany of Prayers for Priests

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

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.
ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Annual Walk for the Poor
September 28, 2019

St. Vincent de Paul Society’s 12th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk will be held on Saturday, September 28th at 9 A.M. at Father Andrew White S.J. School in Leonardtown. The St. Vincent de Paul Society offers assistance to those in need in our community. All funds stay in St. Mary’s County to help the poor. The walk will begin at Father Andrew White School and the course will take walkers through the streets of Historic Leonardtown. The goal of the walk is to call attention and awareness to the needs of the poor.

So many times we may think about wanting to take some action, or make a donation, but not know what to do, or contribute, that would be most meaningful to someone in need. Here is an opportunity to support people in our community, within St. Mary’s County, that have needs that vary from help paying an electric or water bill, to needing a bed or other household items. This Walk is a major fundraiser for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Walk also allows you to take action in meeting with others in our Church Community and the wider local Community.

There will be a post walk brunch, live music, face painting, theme baskets for the silent auction, balloons for children and door prizes. Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for the Helping Hands food bank on the day of the walk. Health Connections from Med Star St. Mary’s Hospital will be at the walk offering free blood pressure screenings.

For registration, go to www.fopwalk.org. Same day registration begins at 7:30 A.M. There is no registration fee, but walkers are encouraged to collect pledges or to make a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Walk with us on September 28th, you can make a difference!

For more information, contact Patty Belanger at 301-904-7990 or Joan Marano at 240-256-5792.

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, Prep table for the kitchen, Warmer, and Convection Oven - $9,550
Alarm system with camera surveillance - $6000

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.saintalloysiuschurch.org.

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
July 20/21, 2019

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2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for the Catholic Communications and Human Development.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Dos Amigos Mexican Restaurant. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: O God, you are faithful, and you never abandon those who hope in you. I know that my redemption from sin and death has been purchased at the cost of your Son’s blood. In return for this priceless gift, I resolve today to renew my trust in your unfailing mercy and to defend unborn life, because it too has the promise of redemption.
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.

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."

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) will be holding the following fundraising events.
Fried Chicken Dinner Date: Aug 7th, Time: 11am-9 pm Place: Kevin’s Corner Kafe, Leonardtown
Everything Sale Date: Aug 17th, Time: doors open 7am. Place: Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Building.

American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA troops are holding an information meeting on Sunday, Aug 4th at St John’s School at 12:45 pm following the last Mass. These two Christ-centered character and leadership development programs are beginning their 4th year at St John’s in the fall and registration is open to grades K-12. Come hear how these troops can benefit your sons and daughters. Contact Bob and Debbie Cress at bdcress1013@gmail.com if you are interested but unable to attend.

Healing Prayers
Healing Prayers, preaching the Word of God and Holy Mass to be celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Solomons, on Tuesday, August 27th, at 7:00 pm and at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Wednesday, August 28th, at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

Encounter Grace Women’s Conference
Ladies! Join the Encounter Grace Team on Saturday, October 26th, as they host a full-day women's conference on the campus of St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown Maryland. The Begin Again Catholic Women's Conference is a day designed with YOU in mind. Featuring keynote speaker Laura K. Fanucci (author of Everyday Sacraments, To Bless our Calling) and musical guest Corrie Marie, attendees will enjoy a day filled with inspirational, educational and engaging workshops and presentations that will help you get back to the basics of the faith, so you can begin again renewed and refocused on your life in the faith. Session topics include: Growing in your prayer life, Living the Sacraments, Renewing our relationship with Our Blessed Mother, a Return to relationship with our Heavenly Father, Spiritual accompaniment, and the Relationship between physical and spiritual wellness. Confession and Adoration will be available throughout the day and there will be opportunities for connecting and networking with other women in attendance. We will also have vendors with cash and carry Catholic items. Cost includes breakfast and lunch, keynote, praise and worship sessions, 2 break-out sessions and so much more.
Tickets on sale at www.encountergrace.co Early bird registration is highly encouraged as tickets are limited. Contact Penny Bailey or Laura Roland at encountergraceco@gmail.com with questions.

"Three in One" Pilgrimage! Germany, Switzerland, Austria - “Oberammergau Passion Play”
DEPOSIT DUE NOW TO ENSURE YOUR SEAT!
Itinerary - July 21 TO 30, 2020
Be sure to prayerfully consider joining us on this wonderfully planned "three in one" pilgrimage to Germany, Austria and Switzerland featuring the Passion Play (performed only every 10 years) in Oberammergau!
For more information or to register please contact Pat Copsey at pilgrimage@breadoflifecenterforpeace.org or call (301) 475-7139. Space is limited and we already have several registrations, be sure to reserve your seat now!