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.

August 18, 2019
Twentieth 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 - 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
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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
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**Scripture Corner**

A SOURCE OF DIVISION

Christ is continuing on his way to Jerusalem for the events of Holy Week. Speaking to his followers he makes several important points. At the beginning of today’s Gospel (Luke 12: 49–53) Jesus’ first words are, “I have come to set fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already blazing.” (vs. 49) The reader must recall that “fire” in the Bible can be a symbol of the Holy Spirit, as it will be on Pentecost Sunday. But in this passage “fire” has a different meaning. The Sacred Scriptures also see “fire” at times as meaning “judgment.” For example, “But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand firm when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire, like fuller’s lye.” (Malachi 3: 2) Also, John the Baptist tells of our Lord, “He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.” (Luke 3: 16)

So Jesus is making it clear that his ministry will be the occasion of Judgment for his followers. But he also mentions “a baptism with which I must be baptized.” (vs. 50) Once again our Lord is telling of an important aspect of his ministry, the sufferings he will have to endure in Jerusalem. Jesus said to James and John, the sons of Zebedee, “With the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized.” (Mark 10: 39) Once again our Lord is using “baptism” to refer to his sufferings and the sufferings of his followers, such as James and John.

A third and crucial point that Christ makes is the reality that his ministry will be a source of division! Jesus would prefer not to have division; but here as always, he will not take persons’ free will away. One can choose for Jesus or decide to oppose him. In the Infancy Narrative Luke relates how a multitude of angels sang, “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2: 14) I would prefer to translate the last phrase as, “peace on earth to all” since all enjoy the favor of God. Unfortunately, many despite receiving God’s peace freely, choose division, even within families. (vss. 52–53)

Division was also a large part of the life of Jeremiah who is featured in today’s first reading. (Jeremiah 38: 4–6; 8 –10) The life of Jeremiah in the area of suffering and rejection was probably the closest of the prophets to having parallel experiences to our Lord. He can truly be called the most Christ-like of the prophets! Every follower of our Lord must make the free decision to follow him, even when that leads to difficulties and sufferings, as in the life of Jeremiah.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

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**PLEASE NOTE** - There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday, August 20th - Friday, August 23rd, as Father David will be away. Please avail yourself of our neighboring parishes for daily Mass.

**CARPET INSTALLATION IN THE CHURCH**

Monday, August 19th - Wednesday, August 21st the church will be closed for the installation of the new carpet.


**BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:** The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of Claudia M. Queen, who passed away recently. May the angels lead her into paradise; may the martyrs come and welcome her to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem; and may the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding give her family comfort and peace.

**RESPECT LIFE**

**WORD OF LIFE:** “The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person’s incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person’s life, or the obligation to protect and care for it.”
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - CURRENT & NEW
Mandatory refresher training for all current altar servers on Saturday, August 24th, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.
Training for new altar servers on Saturday, September 7th and 14th, from 10:00-11:00 am.

MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS is returning to St. Aloysius Church. Classes will start on Monday, September 9th at 7:00 pm and will be held in the parish hall. The first topic will be: “Transgenderism and the Catholic Church,” led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

BRICK FUNDRAISER
Our second order of bricks has been sent in for engraving. If you’re interested in purchasing a brick for our next order, please contact 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 on our website www.saintaloysiuschurch.org.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Registration for Family of Faith 2019-20, 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. 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
August 10/11, 2019

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

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Guy Brothers Marine, Inc.
If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

STEWARDSHIP

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."

HEALING PRAYER
Saturday, August 24th and Sunday, August 25th
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.

SAVE THE DATE
The Southern Maryland Community Gospel Choir Annual Concert to be held on Sunday October 6, at 3:00 pm at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church in Leonardtown. This free concert is open to the whole community. Come praise the Lord and enjoy gospel, praise and worship music. For more information or to join the choir, please contact Dionne or Redmond Saul at dds920@gmail.com.
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.

COMMUNITY

Care Net Bible Study
A new Surrendering the Secret Bible study is beginning on Thursday, August 29th at Care Net SoMD’s Lexington Park Center. Surrendering the Secret (STS) is designed to heal the heartbeat of abortion. Conservative estimates say that 43% of women have had an abortion in their past. Others have helped someone get an abortion. As a result, many of these women daily carry pain and feel alone. This seven-week study will bring hope and healing. Meetings will be held weekly on Thursday evenings at 6 pm. Women who wish to sign up should contact Care Net SoMD at sts@carenetsomd.org or 410-326-6866.

St. George Catholic Church Annual August Dinner
Sunday, August 18th, from 12:00–5:00pm. Crab Cake, Fried Chicken and Ham Dinner, served family style. Adult dinners - $28, children 6-12 years - $10, children under 6 years – free, Carry-outs - $26.

Healing Prayers
Healing Prayers, preching 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!

Help Our Marriage
Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vie) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10’s of 1,000’s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on August 30th - September 1st, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org

Carenet Pregnancy Center Fall Fundraiser
We are thrilled to announce that the guys from 321 Improv will be returning this Fall for another Comedy Night event! This year’s Comedy Night will be held on Saturday, September 14th at 6pm at Patuxent High School. Cost is $25 per ticket. For information and tickets visit: https://friendsofcarenetsomd.org/comedy-night/.

Encounter Grace Women’s Conference
Ladies! Join the Encounter Grace Team on Saturday, October 26, as they host a full day women’s conference on the campus of St. Mary’s Ryken High School in Leonardtown Maryland. For more information and to purchase tickets please visit 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.

Pilgrimage to Germany, Switzerland, Austria - “Oberammergau Passion Play” - July 21 - 30, 2020
DEPOSIT DUE NOW TO ENSURE YOUR SEAT! 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, be sure to reserve your seat now!