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 PATH TO SALVATION

As Jesus continues on his way to Jerusalem for the events of Holy Week, he provides his followers with some fundamental teachings. Along the way an onlooker raises the question about salvation. “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” (Luke 13: 23) Earlier in the chapter our Lord had said what is needed for salvation: “But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish.” (vs. 3) Repentance, metanoia, means a change of mind literally. It could be seen as a change of heart. In this context Jesus is saying that unless people change their mind, change their heart, they will not be saved. Change of mind and heart means putting our Lord at the center of one’s life. This is done basically by loving God and neighbor!

Christ opens the subject of salvation for the Gentiles: “And people will come from the east and the west and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.” (vs. 29) The salvation of the Gentiles will become a controversial issue in the years after Pentecost. In fact, how the Gentiles could be saved is the main point of the first Church Council in 49 AD. Some insisted that they must first become Jewish and then be admitted into the Church. Others, especially Saint Paul, insisted that because of the power of the cross of Jesus, all that was needed for Gentiles to join the Church was faith in our Lord. That was the point of view that won out.

The salvation of Gentiles was part of the teaching of the prophets: “I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; they shall come and see my glory.” (Isaiah 66: 18) Jesus continues that teaching as is clear from today’s Gospel. (Luke 13: 22–30) Christ also points out that superficial adherence to him and his teachings will not be enough for salvation. For example, “And you will say, ‘We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.’” (vs. 26) Jesus always points out that repentance, change of mind and heart, is essential. That must be proved by a life which manifests love of God and neighbor. A life which shows a true love of God by practicing both charity and justice to help the neighbor!

Jesus also mentions that the Gentiles “will recline at table in the kingdom of God.” (vs. 29) In the Old Testament a banquet is frequently used as a symbol of God’s kingdom: “On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all people a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy rich food and pure, choice wines.” (Isaiah 25: 6) The prophets are the true heroes of the Old Testament. They truly “reformed their lives” and show it by fidelity to Yahweh and concern for all his creatures!

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

PRAISE & WORSHIP THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING
Wednesday, August 28th - 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!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING FOR NEW MEMBERS
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.

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.

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 at our website www.saintalloysiuschurch.org.

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
August 17/18, 2019

1st Collection 2nd Collection: Debt Reduction
Offertory Basket: $4,649.00 Offertory Basket: $1,601.00
Direct Debit: $1,351.00 Direct Debit: $604.50
Total: $6,000.00 Total: $2,205.50

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for the School Support.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Hancock Refrigeration, Heating & Air Conditioning. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

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.saintalloysiuschurch.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."
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**Christmas Dinner**
After 15 years of wonderful service, the Bowman and Goldring families are stepping down from managing and making our annual Christmas dinner. We thank them for their hard work over the years, which benefitted thousands of St. Mary’s County residents on Christmas Day. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for someone with food service experience to coordinate the dinner. If you are interested, please contact Karen O’Connor at (703) 395-5979 by September 30.

**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.

**COMmUNITY**

**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!

**Care Net Bible Study - Surrendering the Secret**
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 a Bible study designed to heal the heartbreak 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.

**THAT MAN IS YOU! -- TMIY**--is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused on the development of authentic male leadership. It is designed to help men become the best husbands and fathers they can be, after the heart of God. We meet Saturday mornings, starting September 14, 6:00 - 7:30 am at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall. For more info, email or call Matt Cosgrove, matthewcosgrove@verizon.net, 610-368-2900.

**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

**LFS PATRIOT 5K**
Little Flower School will be hosting the fourth annual "LFS Patriot Day 5K" on Saturday, September 7th. Each year this event is held to honor our local ‘patriots’; our military, firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians. Participants in the 5K can run or walk, and children 10 & under are invited to participate in our 1-mile Kids' Run on the school grounds. In addition to the 5K and Kids' Run, members of the community are invited to nominate a "Patriot of the Year," who will be selected by our Little Flower students and recognized at the opening ceremony. Ten percent of the event's proceeds will be donated to the service organization of the Patriot of the Year's choice. For more information, check out the race website at www.patriotday5k.org

**Seafood Dinner – Holy Angels Church, Avenue**
Sunday, September 8, from 11:30 am – 4:00 pm. Menu includes crab balls, steamed spiced shrimp, fried oysters, fried chicken, parsley potatoes, cole slaw, green beans and more. Adults $28, Carry-out $26, Advanced tickets (until 8/31) $26, Children 6 to 12 $8, Children 5 & under – free. Raffle, bake sale, and craft tables! For more information or to purchase tickets call 301-769-3332.
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