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.

September 1, 2019

Twenty-second 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

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Pastor.................................................Rev. David W. Beaubien, ext. 14
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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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TWO INSPIRED MESSAGES

In today’s Gospel (Luke 14: 1, 7–14) Jesus has an important message for his followers. He wants those who are true Christians to practice humility and to have a special love for “the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.” (vs. 13) Christ is not opposed to inviting one’s friends and families; but to expect divine reward, a person should invite the lowly, the needy! This is a strong theme in the Third Gospel. “The sayings of the Lucan Jesus in vv. 12–14 fit into the general Lucan theme of the use of material possessions and of concern for the poor and the unfortunate of the world.” (Joseph A. Fitzmyer SJ, The Gospel according to Luke, The Anchor Bible, vol. 28 A, p. 1045)

Jesus is a guest at the home of an influential Pharisee. He observes the conduct of the guests and gives a practical lesson. Instead of seeking the places of honor, they are encouraged by our Lord to assume the lowest seat. You will be spared the embarrassment of being removed from a place of honor. If one takes the lowest seat, he may be invited to a higher place. “Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at table.” (vs. 10)

The second inspired message comes from today’s second reading, Hebrews 12: 18–19, 22–24a. A great teaching is found in the words, “Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.” (vs. 24) The Letter to the Hebrews is seen as a written homily, a “message of encouragement.” (Hebrews 13: 22) The author is determined to keep his fellow Christians faithful to our Lord rather than becoming apostates. There are many questions concerning the authorship and recipients of this letter, but there is no doubt that it contains amazing teaching.

Today’s selection from Hebrews brings together the principal themes developed by the author, whoever he was. There is a strong contrast between the Old Testament covenant and the covenant given to the Church by Jesus. Our Lord’s covenant is presented as a joyful experience. The Father and Son are approachable. The angels, the saints of the Mosaic covenant, the assembly of Christians all join in the joyful experience on Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem. Verse 24 highlights the blood of Jesus, the blood of the New Covenant, which saves all.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

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RESPECT LIFE

What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/l-o-v-e.

When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? First, prioritize listening over speaking. Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, in a loving and caring way. Encourage her.

Help her set goals that extend beyond her due date to help her see life beyond her pregnancy. Reassure her that she is not alone, and provide practical support. Pray with her, offering Christ’s love at a crucial life-saving and life-defining moment.
**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:** In commemoration of Labor Day, the parish offices will be closed on Monday, September 2nd and will re-open on Tuesday, September 3rd.

**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.

Attention Business Owners and Generous Parishioners! Chad Breidinger, Regional Advertising Sales Executive of Liturgical Publications, will be working on setting up the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin the week of September 23rd. Please consider advertising in our bulletin.

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations like emergency pregnancy counseling or the battered women’s shelter, etc. **We need and appreciate your help.**

If you are interested or would like more information, please call Chad directly at (610) 393-5329.

Thank you in advance for your generous support, and please patronize our advertisers!

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**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.saintaloysiuschurch.org.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

Weekly Offertory Contributions
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**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** will be for The Catholic University of America.

**PATRON OF THE WEEK:** Hugh C. Gardiner, Inc. 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.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."
ST. VINCENT de PAUL

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 benefited 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 our community. 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 helping 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 are no registration fees, 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

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.

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) is holding a fundraising event at Ledo’s Pizza, Leonardtown Wednesday, September 4th, 4-8 pm, Dine-in or Carry-out Please be sure to tell the cashier you are there to support the LVRSA fundraiser so we can get credit for your support.

LFS PATRIOT 5K

Little Flower School will be hosting its fourth annual "LFS Patriot Day 5K" on Saturday, September 7th. Each year this event honors 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.

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Discover a place of caring and acceptance as you put the pieces of your life together. You will find encouragement, support, continued learning and growth - with others who are going through the same experience. Groups are led by a trained volunteer facilitator who has been through the experience of divorce.

No matter how recent or distant your divorce or separation may be, there is something in this 12 - week series for you. With a willingness to learn and grow, and God's help, you can discover a future with hope.

Sessions meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park for 12 weeks beginning Sunday, September 22, from 6 - 7:30 pm. Suggested donation of $25 to cover the cost of the book and materials. Child care can be provided, but please let us know in advance. To register or for additional information, please email your name and phone number to athewell@ihmrc.org.