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 8, 2019

Twenty-third 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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RECTORY HOURS:  Monday-Thursday  8 am-4 pm
                    Friday  9 am-3 pm

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Scripture Corner

CONDITIONS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Once again Luke notes that Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem accompanied by great crowds. In today’s Gospel (Luke 14: 25–33) our Lord outlines three conditions for discipleship for the benefit of those following him. The first condition requires that those who would be his followers must hate their family members, even parents. This represents a fundamental problem with translations. Luke is quoting the literal words of Jesus. But interestingly Matthew has the same material. Both he and Luke are both using the so-called Q-source. Matthew, however, brings out the meaning of Christ’s words: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.” (Matthew 10: 37) Certainly Jesus would not want any child to hate his parents! As one Scripture scholar said, that would be monstrous.

The second condition for discipleship, “Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14: 27) Jesus had insisted earlier, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” (Luke 9: 23) To be a disciple of our Lord demands a willingness to suffer as Jesus himself suffers, even on a daily basis!

Jesus outlines the third condition of discipleship, “In the same way, everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14: 33) Our Lord is asking his disciples to give up worldly possessions in order to be free to listen to and carry out the important teachings of Christ, the Word of God.

Luke adds two parables to make a point for would-be disciples. It is crucial that the follower of Jesus does some very mature planning before he accepts the role of disciple. The conditions set out by our Lord must be considered carefully. The disciple must be willing to put Jesus first in his life above all other human connections. He or she must be willing to carry the cross of suffering on a daily basis and to give up worldly possessions!

In the Acts of the Apostles, also written by Luke, “disciple” became the regular name for every Christian. For example, “The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” (Acts of the Apostles 13: 52)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

PRAayer & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

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RESPECT LIFE

Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility
Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/navigating-infertility

We often assume parenthood happens easily after “I do,” but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that God is with you, and that He has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.

You are not alone; His Church desires to walk with you. The full article at the website listed above contains compassionate, practical guidance, intended primarily for married couples struggling with infertility, though others may also find it to be informative.
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

PRAISE & WORSHIP THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING
Wednesday, September 11th - We will begin Praise and Worship with an optional Rosary in the Parish Hall 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!

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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING FOR NEW MEMBERS
Training for new altar servers on Saturday, September 14th, from 10:00-11:00 am.

HEALING PRAYER
Saturday, September 21st and Sunday, September 22nd
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.

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.

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. 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!

THE 177 PROJECT

On Sunday, September 22nd, the 177 Project will be returning to St. Aloysius Church. The 177 Project is a nationwide tour designed to help bring more people into Eucharistic Adoration. The night begins with an acoustic concert at 7:00 pm before moving into a Holy Hour. Confession will be available. Doors open at 6:15 pm, and no tickets are necessary. The event is free to attend. A love offering will be taken. Lee Roessler will be the artist traveling for this event. For more information, please visit the177project.com.

VOCATIONS CROSS

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Matt Mattingly, who has the Vocations Cross!

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.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH MINISTRY CATHOLIC NIGHT
Join our Youth Ministry for “Catholic Night” at Regency Stadium on Saturday, September 14 at 6:35 PM as the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs take on the Long Island Ducks! The evening will include post-game fireworks.

Tickets are $10 each and are available at saintaloysiuschurch.org/bluecrabs

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.
DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS, contributions for the weekend of August 31/September 1 will be noted in the bulletin for September 15th.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for our Debt Reduction Fund.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: J.F. Taylor, Inc. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

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 the poor.

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.

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.

“Disciples of Hope” Concert and Retreat
“Here I am Lord” - Camp Maria and St. Mary’s Ryken are excited to announce a “Disciples of Hope” Concert and Retreat. Dan Schutte will be performing “Here I Am, Lord”, “Sing a New Song” and many other songs that he has composed. The concert is on Friday, September 13th at 7PM. The concert price is $10 for students and $20 for adults. The concert will be held in St. Mary’s Ryken School's Romuald Hall Auditorium, 22600 Camp Calvert Rd, Leonardtown. Light refreshments will be served during intermission. The retreat theme is “Here I Am, Lord”. Dan will be hosting the retreat at Camp Maria Retreat Center, 41290 Camp Maria Rd. Leonardtown in the Dining Hall on Saturday, September 14th at 9AM – Noon. The cost for the retreat only is $35. Light breakfast is provided with registration being between 8AM – 9AM. The cost to attend the concert and retreat is $55. Visit www.smhrhs.org/DanSchutte to purchase tickets.

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.

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/.