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 15, 2019

Twenty-fourth 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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Principal, Father Andrew White School ........Heather Francisco
Secretary, FAW School.............................Helen Bowles

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                                 Friday 9 am-3 pm

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GOD’S UNIVERSAL LOVE

Both the Old and the New Testaments give witness to the love of God for every person. Psalm 117: 3, for example, has this amazing testimonial: “Strong is God’s love for us. He is faithful forever.” Isaiah writes, “Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.” (49: 15)

In the New Testament Jesus says, “As the Father loves me, so I also love you.” (John 15: 9) Saint Paul has a strong statement about God’s love: “For our sake he (God) made him (Jesus) to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.” (2 Corinthians 5: 21)

Today’s Gospel (Luke 15: 1 – 32) speaks amazingly of the love of God the Father for all, even the worst sinners. The shepherd rejoices over his sheep that was lost, but now is found. In a similar way the woman rejoices over the lost coin which has been found. God is always ready to welcome lost sinners back into his love: “I tell you there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (vs. 10)

The third parable has a significant difference. It deals with a son who has free will, a gift of God and respected by him. The young man does many things to hurt his father. He wants his inheritance early. He then leaves the father and goes to a foreign land. He abuses his inheritance in a life of immorality. Finally he has spent all his goods and is impoverished. He accepts a job which involves working with pigs. The Jewish people consider pigs to be an unclean animal. This indicates the lowest moral degradation of the son. He has hit bottom!

But this son uses his free will to return to the father: “I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, ‘Father I have sinned against heaven and against you.’” (vs. 18) The father “ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.” (vs. 20) The father not only forgives his child, but is willing to forget. In fact, to assure his son that his sins are forgiven and forgotten, he celebrates the occasion with a feast for his son’s friends. Jesus is teaching all his followers that his Father is willing to forgive, forget and do it with joy. Amazing! We can all be forgiven if we return to the Father with love, with sorrow for our sins. The older son, representing the Pharisees and scribes, refuses to follow the example of his brother.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

REVIEW & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Sept. 17: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
12:15 pm Mary Ida & William Bernard Young

Wednesday, Sept. 18: Dorothy Cavanaugh
8:30 am St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
12:15 pm Walt & Norma Smith

Friday, Sept. 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
8:30 am James Matthias

Saturday, Sept. 21: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
7:30 am Deceased members of the Dr. Francis F. & Margaret Greenwell Family
5:00 pm Gayle Plaisance

Sunday, September 22: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am Pro populo
11:00 am Catherine S. Thompson


BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE: The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of Mary L. Neal, 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.

RELIEF DONATIONS FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS

The devastation of the Bahamas caused by Hurricane Dorian is beyond heartbreaking. Joining our prayers with the Holy Father’s and people around the world for those who have died and for survivors who are homeless, injured and suffering, the Church of Washington is acting to help provide assistance to those beleaguered people. In addition to a direct $50,000 contribution from the Archdiocese of Washington to the Archdiocese of Nassau, Archbishop Gregory would like to provide ways for the Catholic faithful to participate and offer their assistance to the Bahamas and to other areas affected by this disaster.

To support relief efforts donations can be made by going directly to Catholic Relief Services at www.crs.org or Catholic Charities at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.
**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

**Interpreting Mass using ASL**
Jody Cacko will be providing ASL Interpretive services at several Masses throughout the year. The next ASL Interpretive Mass is scheduled for: **Sunday, September 22** at 11:00am. We request that the pew in front of the pulpit be reserved on that day for these families. Thank you!

**MONDAY NIGHT APoloGETICS**
The next topic will be: “What Duties do we have toward Immigrants?”, 7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish hall on **September 16th**, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

**THE 177 PROJECT**
On **Sunday, September 22**, 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.

**HEALING PRAYER**
Sat./Sun., **September 21/22**
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 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 in the St. Lawrence Room (cry room).

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

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!

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
Weekly Offertory Contributions
August 31/September 1

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

**PATRON OF THE WEEK: LaQuinta Inn & Suites.** 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 this Sunday, 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](http://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/children).

On **Friday nights beginning October 11**, from 7:00-8:30pm middle school and high school teens are invited to join us for a four-part video & discussion series that unpacks the mystery of God, from examining the nuts and bolts of how we can know he is real, to understanding the ways he has revealed himself throughout history, using the series YDisciple - Who is God? from FORMED.org. Gather in the Youth lounge of the new hall. Each evening will include games, food, video, discussion, and prayer. To sign up for the series, visit [www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/ydisciple](http://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/ydisciple).

**STEWARDSHIP**

**DELIVERANCE & HEALING RETREAT**
Join us at St. Aloysius Church on **Wednesday, September 25th**, at 6:30pm for a Deliverance & Healing Retreat led by Rev. Dr. Jose Vettiyankal, in place of our regularly scheduled Praise & Worship.
RESPECT LIFE

10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting
Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/support-her

As a mom who had my first baby in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt. Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. I encourage you to support her in her new journey of being a mother.

It’s okay if you don’t know the perfect words to say. Let her know you are there for her, and ask how you can support her. Assist her in lining up practical help. She may not feel she “deserves” to show happiness; reassure her it’s okay (and good) to be happy. Your support might be the only support she receives. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Harris Teeter Rewards Card: Did you know that you can help Father Andrew White School earn money by linking your Harris Teeter rewards card? This is totally free! The next time you are at Harris Teeter, simply give the cashier our code: 5002 and your VIC card will be linked for the entire school year! Thank you also for encouraging your family members and friends to support our school!

Yankee Candle Fundraiser: Our Yankee Candle Sale is underway! This is a great fundraiser for our school since 40% of all sales comes right back to FAW! Online sales are available as well as catalog sales. These make great gifts for any holiday. Please call or stop by the school if you'd like to place an order. 301-475-9795

COMMUNITY

PHô-ndraiser
Join us for lunch on Sunday, September 15th at St. George Community Center for a bowl of Vietnamese beef noodle soup (PHô) from 12-2pm, 19100 St Georges Church Rd, Valley Lee. Dine in or Carry out. A donation is much appreciate!

Pig Roast Fundraiser – at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center on Sunday, September 29th, from noon to 3:00 pm. Cost is $20 per person and children under 9 eat free. Door prizes with ticket purchase and 50/50 raffle.

Sacred Heart Parish of La Plata – will host a “Country Fix’ns Dinner” on Sunday, September 29, from 12:00 – 5:00 pm in the Friendship Room. The cost for dining in and all you can eat dinners will be $25 adults, $10 children aged 6-12, children under 6 eat free, and $16 carry out meals. We will also have a baked sale and split the pot raffle. For more information, call the Sacred heart Parish Office at 301-934-2261.

St. Mary’s County Public Schools (SMCPS) is looking for volunteers who have an hour and a half each week to spend mentoring students! For more information about “After School Mentoring” or to apply to become a mentor, visit www.smcps.org/strategic-planning/mentoring.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Solomons is offering a 2 day/1 night luxury motor coach trip in early December to Longwood Gardens and the Winterthur museum. Dates are December 9-10, and the pp price of $279 includes the bus, hotel, entry to both sites, 1 breakfast, and $20 dining dollars at Longwood Gardens. A $100 (refundable) deposit is due by October 15. Contact Mary Beth Brown at 443-623-6368, or Marybeth@bytheseatravel.com for more trip details.

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 the poor.

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.