September 22, 2019

Twenty-fifth 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 to 6:45 pm followed by Benediction. Confessions from 6:00 - 6:30 pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Thursday: 11:30 am - 12 Noon
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

STAFF
Pastor...........................................Rev. David W. Beaubien, ext. 14
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Secretary, FAW School..........................Helen Bowles

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

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.

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**Scripture Corner**

**PRUDENT STEWARDS**

The steward in today’s Gospel confronts the reality that he can’t go on living the way he has been. He is under judgment. He must give account for what he has done.

The exploiters of the poor in today’s First Reading are also about to be pulled down, to be thrust from their stations (see Isaiah 22:19). Servants of mammon or money, they’re so in love with wealth that they reduce the poor to objects; they despise the new moons and sabbaths—the observances and holy days of God (see Leviticus 23:24; Exodus 20:8).

Their only hope is to follow the steward’s path. He is no model of repentance. But he makes a prudent calculation—to use his last hours in charge of his master’s property to show mercy to others, to relieve their debts.

He is a child of this world, driven by a purely selfish motive—to make friends and be welcomed into the homes of his master’s debtors. Yet his prudence is commended as an example to us, the children of light (see 1 Thessalonians 5:5; Ephesians 5:8). We too must realize, as the steward does, that what we have is not honestly ours, but in truth belongs to another, our Master.

All the mammon in the world could not have paid the debt we owe our Master. So He paid it for us. He gave His life as a ransom for all, as we hear in today’s Epistle.

God wants everyone to be saved, even kings and princes, even the lovers of money (see Luke 16:14). But we cannot serve two masters. By His grace, we should choose to be, as we sing in today’s Psalm, “servants of the Lord.”

We serve Him by using what He has entrusted us with to give alms, to lift the lowly from the dust and dunghills of this world. By this we will gain what is ours and be welcomed into eternal dwellings, the many mansions of the Father’s house (see John 14:2).

~Scott Hahn, PhD

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**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

**Tuesday, Sept. 24:**
12:15 pm    Irene Dougherty

**Wednesday, Sept. 25:**
8:30 am    Nora Johnson Wible

**Thursday, Sept. 26:**
12:15 pm    Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

**Friday, Sept. 27:**
8:30 am    St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

**Saturday, Sept. 28:**
7:30 am    Steven Fenwick

**Sunday, September 29:**
8:00 am    Benjamin Moore


**RESPECT LIFE**

**Children as Commodities**

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/children-commodities

At seventeen, Natalie* discovered that her parents had contracted with another woman to become pregnant using her father’s sperm and the woman’s own egg. Natalie became estranged from her parents, hurt that money, rather than the physical expression of married love, was the context in which she was brought into the world. Since the advent of IVF (in vitro fertilization), the floodgates have been opened to bringing about reproduction through egg and sperm donation and surrogate pregnancies. Yet these technologies are fraught with medical, legal, and moral complications. Children deserve to not be created as a product of reproductive technology, but to be given by God, and to be born through married love.

*Name changed for privacy.
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

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. We will begin the evening with Rosary at 6:40 pm followed by 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.

MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS
The next topic will be: “Sex Abuse Scandal: Fact and Fiction”, 7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish hall on September 23rd, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

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.

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!

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

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith: Our October Family of Faith theme is Heaven. Our Teaching Sunday will be held on Sunday, October 6, from 9:15 to 10:30 am. Our October Community Gathering will be a family picnic on October 20, following the 11:00 Mass.

On Friday nights beginning October 11, from 7:00-8:30 pm 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.

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents

Southern Maryland Community Gospel Choir

Date: Sunday, October 6
Place: St. Aloysius Church
22800 Washington Street
Leonardtown
Time: 3:00 PM

Join SMCGC for their “Enter Boldly” concert directed by Sherri Fenwick. The concert is free, but donations to the Kalnasy Concert Series are accepted.

For more information, contact keyofgmh@gmail.com

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
September 14/15

1st Collection: Offertory Basket: $ 5,042.00
2nd Collection: Debt Reduction: $ 2,109.00
Direct Debit: $ 1,356.00
Total: $ 6,398.00

1st Collection: Direct Debit: $ 564.50
Total: $ 2,673.50

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

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Law Offices of Daniel J. Guenther. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Golf Tournament: Mark your calendars for our 10th Annual Crusader Cup on Friday, Oct. 18 at Breton Bay Country Club! This is Father Andrew White School’s golf tournament. Please visit http://fatherandrewwhite.org/crusader-cup-golf-tournament/ for event flyers that include information on how to register or sponsor the event. We would love to see you at THE CRUSADER CUP PAR-TEE for a great cause.

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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 this 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.

COMMUNITY

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Parishioners throughout the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from September 25 through November 3. In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, please consider volunteering to pray at one of our three 40 Days for Life locations, College Park, Bethesda, and Washington, D.C. For more information please visit 40daysforlife.com.

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) will be holding the following fundraising event.

Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser. Please join us to take a chance to pick a card and find the Queen of Hearts to win. Each Thursday there will be a chance to win until she’s found. Thank you for your support to the LVRSA.

Date: Thursdays starting September 26
Time: 4:30pm-6:45pm, drawing is at 7pm
Place: Fitzies Marina Restaurant and Pub, Leonardtown

The Archdiocese of Washington is hiring! We are seeking those who are experienced in accounting, bookkeeping, payroll and human resources to work in Parish offices throughout the Archdiocese. The work is interesting and the hours are flexible if needed. What a beautiful way to serve our Lord through your talents. Kindly send your resume to russl@adw.org or if you have any questions.

Care Net Pregnancy Center

God calls you - we train you. Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland is looking for volunteers to join our team. Volunteering with Care Net SoMD is a great way to be a part of your community and see lives changed. Training for new volunteers is held over 7 sessions (3&1/2 hours each) on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning October 1st. Morning and evening sessions are available. To sign up for training contact Care Net at 301-737-4604 or 410-326-6866.

Prayer on the Square, Saturday, October 12

Thousands of Rosary Rallies are being organized across America to pray for our Country on Saturday, October 12! Join us "on the Square" in Leonardtown from 11:30 am to 1 pm for "Prayer on the Square - Rosary Rally." This year we are especially blessed to be given a talk by Fr. Martin Flum. Some members of the John Paul II Seminarian Choir and the St. Aloysius Hand Bell Choir will also perform beautiful Hymns! At Fatima, in 1917, Our Lady made it very clear that the Rosary is the supernatural solution to our earthy problems. St. Louis de Montfort stated, "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer...." As Christians, it is our responsibility to pray for our Nation. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."Psalm 33:12 (In the event of inclement weather we will pray the Rosary inside the Knights of Columbus Hall on Fenwick Street in Leonardtown.)

Visiting from The Catholic University of America, REDLINE A CAPPELLA, will offer a concert at St. George Catholic Church Community Center on Saturday, October 12, at 6:30pm. Suggested donations are $10/adult, $5/student. There will be an information table and members of the group will be happy to speak with any prospective students interested in attending CUA after the concert.

LOYOLA MEN’S RETREAT

The 62nd annual men’s retreat for the parishes of St. Mary’s County is to be held at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner Md., from Friday evening October 25th till noon Sunday October 27th. This year’s retreat them is: Lord, Teach us to Pray. For further information and or to reserve your space contact Al Gough at 301-475-5449 or al.gough@yahoo.com or register on line at www.loyolaonthopotomac.com. A deposit of $115 and a registration form are required to secure your room. The retreat fee for the weekend is $245. **First-time retreatants and young adults (under 30) $195. Give a weekend to God – “Come Away and Rest Awhile.”