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 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, 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.
ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

**Mass Intentions this Week**

**Tuesday, October 1:**
St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
12:15 pm
Deceased Members of the Webster & Mary Cathrine Bell Family

**Wednesday, October 2:**
The Holy Guardian Angels
8:30 am
Bobby & Manning Norris

**Thursday, October 3:**
Paul Lawrence (L)

**First Friday, Oct. 4:**
St. Francis of Assisi
9:00 am
Dick & Cecilia Curry
Biggie Connelly
7:00 pm
Allison Marie Kohut (L)

**First Saturday, Oct. 5:**
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
7:30 am
Steven Bean
5:00 pm
Joe & Mercy Aguinaldo (L)

**Sunday, October 6:**
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am
Pro populo
11:00 am
Emilio Balmaceda

**Prayer & Worship**

**Special Intentions**

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**Please Remember in Prayer**


**Respect Life**

**An Adoption Love Story**

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/adoption-love-story

“Having children and raising a family had always been our expectation. We soon learned, however, that our chances of becoming pregnant were small. It wasn’t long before we started talking about the possibility of adoption. I wondered if my heart was big enough to love an adopted child as I would have loved a biological child. But with prayerful discernment, we decided to start the process. On Christmas Eve, Bill* and I left the hospital with Andrew. It didn’t take long before there was no doubt in our minds that he was our son, the greatest gift from God! We can’t imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew.”

*Name changed for privacy.

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**Scripture Corner**

**Abraham Welcomes Lazarus**

There is an amazing difference between the rich man and Lazarus in today’s Gospel. (Luke 16:19-31) The rich man had all the luxuries that money could provide. Lazarus, on the other hand, was covered with sores and longing to share in “the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table.” (v. 21) The rich man apparently went in and out of the residence, ignoring the poor man at the door.

Luke then highlights the great difference when both Lazarus and the rich man die. Lazarus is taken to a place of honor with Abraham, the patriarch who began salvation history for all people. (Genesis 12) On the other hand, the rich man is confined to the torments of the netherworld. Despite the pleas of the rich man, Abraham insists that the separation between the two men of the parable cannot be crossed. The rich man also appeals to Abraham on behalf of his five brothers.

It was not enough to please God by simply crying out, “Father Abraham, have pity on me.” (v. 24) Both the rich man and his brothers should have listened to Moses and the prophets, who speak in the name of God. What was needed was metanoia, repentance, a true change of heart. That need for repentance is an important theme in the Gospel of Luke.

The rich man, having ignored the plight of Lazarus, now asks pity for himself and his brothers. They are descendants of Abraham. But the parable makes clear that it is not enough to be a descendant of Abraham. One must also imitate the patriarch’s living faith, manifested by his actions.

The “Third” Gospel is also called the “Gospel of Social Justice.” The preferential option for the poor and needy is demanded by both the Old and New Testaments. It is also a strong theme of Catholic Social Teaching. The first reading today (Amos 6:1a, 4-7) comes from the Old Testament prophet of social justice. He describes the rich of his time, very much like the rich man of today’s Gospel. He warns them that “their wanton revelry shall be done away with.” (v. 7)

Our Lord addresses this parable to “the Pharisees, who loved money, heard all these things and sneered at him.” (Luke 16:14) However, Luke wants every generation of Christians to take to heart the lesson of this parable. Followers of Christ must reach out to the poor.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner
**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**
We would like to congratulate Liz Tomaszeski, who will receive the Rocky Stone Award from the archdiocese on behalf of our Special Needs Ministry. Howard “Rocky” Stone became deaf as an adult and was a strong advocate for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He was also a CIA officer. The award is named in his honor by the ADW Special Needs Ministry. In the past it was only for people who worked with the Deaf. Today it also includes volunteers in Special Needs Ministry. Liz will be receiving the award for her volunteerism and her work with our Friends of Faith young adult group.

**MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS**
The next topic will be: “Mercy-Killing Isn’t Merciful”, 7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish hall on September 30th, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will now be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Sacred Heart Chapel beginning at 8:00 AM, concluding with Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours at 8:45 AM. All are welcome! Single-volume Christian Prayer books for the Liturgy of the Hours are available at Heavenly Presents in Leonardtown.

**THE DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS Study**
Join Leonard Wathen on Thursday mornings beginning October 3 in the conference room immediately following Morning Prayer for a book study of THE DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living by Fr. Timothy Gallagher. Fr. Gallagher helps us understand St. Ignatius of Loyola's Rules for Discernment and how their insights are invaluable for our spiritual growth today. By integrating the Rules and the experience of contemporary people, Fr. Gallagher shows the precision, clarity, and insight of Ignatius's Rules. This book is for all who desire greater awareness of God's action in their daily spiritual lives. Copies of the book and accompanying study guide are available at Heavenly Presents. Please try to obtain a copy of the book(s) and read the Prologue before the first session.

**FELLOWSHIP IN FAITH**
Our small group ministry is returning on Sunday, October 13 with a six-week video and discussion series called The 99. We will be meeting in our new hall on Sunday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Many Catholics feel drawn to share their Faith, but are held back by a fear that "they don't know how." The 99 Masterclass is a six-session video & discussion study with accompanying workbook that equips leaders with the tools they need to step into a life of evangelization. EVERYONE IS WELCOME...including teenagers! Come join your parish family as we grow together in Faith. To register please visit our website at saintaloysiuschurch.org/fellowshipinfaith.

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**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

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

**Weekly Offertory Contributions**

**September 21/22**

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**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** will be for our School Support.

**PATRON OF THE WEEK:** Mattingly-Gardiner Funeral Home. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

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**STEWARDSHIP**

**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 10:30am. Our October **Community Gathering** will be a family picnic on October 20, following the 11:00 Mass.

On **Friday nights beginning October 11**, from 7:00-8:30pm 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.
FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

First Friday Mass: Father Andrew White School celebrates Mass as a school family every Friday. On First Fridays a class or special group hosts the Mass. These 9am First Friday Masses at St. Aloysius are student led. Students partake by being the lectors, altar servers, gift bearers, and chorus. Older students sit alongside their younger class buddies to help them more fully participate. We invite all parishioners to join us any Friday. This Friday, October 4th we hope to see you as the 5th Grade hosts the 9am Mass.

Golf Tournament: Mark your calendars for our 10th Annual Crusader Cup on Friday, Oct. 18, 2019 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.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Day of Spiritual Reflection
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, District Council of Southern Maryland is hosting a day of spiritual reflection, “Serving in Hope: Our Vincentian Home Visit,” at St. Aloysius Church on Saturday, October 26, 2019, beginning after the 7:30 Mass, until 2:00. A continental breakfast, lunch and program book will be provided. A $10 donation is requested. Please RSVP by October 18. Anyone is invited to participate and to learn more about the Society. This opportunity to share will deepen your understanding of the spirituality that is the heart and soul of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and what it means to live and serve in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frédéric Ozanam. Please contact Teresa for more information or to RSVP, 301-481-2942 to svdp@saintaloysiuschurch.org.

COMMUNITY

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." (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.loyolaonthePotomac.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.”

Attention Future Knights (and Parents) | Your Future Awaits at St. Mary’s Ryken!
Families are invited to the SMR open house on Sunday, October 27 at 1 p.m. to explore our campus, meet our faculty and learn more about what St. Mary’s Ryken offers students! During the open house, families will have the opportunity to tour the NEW Donnie Williams Center and MIL STEM Innovation Lab, meet coaches and learn about extracurricular activities. Please join us and RSVP here: https://www.smrhs.org/admissions/visit/open-house.

Grieving with Great Hope
Guided by the Holy Spirit, “grieving with Great Hope” is a five week grief support workshop, presented in a DVD format, that offers prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship. If you are grieving the death of a family member or a friend, and trying to learn how to cope with you loss, you are encouraged to attend an upcoming workshop. Hosts will be Deacon Bill and Tina Slaughter, as well as, a closing ceremony celebrated with Fr. Michael Tietjen, Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church. For more information about Good Mourning Ministry, please visit their website at GoodMourningMinistry.net or contact Mari in the Parish Rectory (301-884-3123) or Deacon Bill (240-249-6010).