October 6, 2019

Twenty-seventh 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

STAFF
Pastor……………………………….………Rev. David W. Beaubien, ext. 14
Deacon……………………………………..Deacon Joseph Vavrus
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper………………….Denise Becher, ext.10
Receptionist/Bulletin Editor ……………………..Lauren Carney, ext.11
Religious Education/Youth Ministry……Leonard Wathen, ext.16
Coordinator of Music…………………………Beth Domingue
Maintenance……………………………………Wally Bowles
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

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.
ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, October 8:
12:15 pm  
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Wednesday, Oct. 9:
8:30 am  
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11:00 am  
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Thursday, October 10:
NO MASS

Friday, October 11:
NO MASS

Saturday, October 12:
5:00 pm  
Jemma Abraham
11:00 am  
Thomas “Poke” Norris

Sunday, October 13:
8:00 am  
Thomas “Poke” Norris

PRAayer & Worship

The importance of faith is a key point in today’s readings. Habakkuk in today’s first reading says, “The just one, because of his faith, shall live.” (Habakkuk 2: 4) In the second reading Saint Paul advises his readers, “Take as your norm the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 1: 13)

The apostles are aware of the great importance of faith and “say to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’” (Luke 17: 50) Faith is a key point in today’s Gospel (Luke 17: 5 – 10) Jesus’ response indicates the great need for an increase in the faith of the apostles. He says that their faith is not even the size of a mustard seed. Using hyperbole, our Lord says that a person with adequate faith could cause the mulberry tree to be uprooted and planted in the sea. (Luke 17: 6)

Faith is a gift of God; it is also a positive response to Jesus and his revelation. The parable of our Lord reflects the harsh master-slave relation at that time. The slave cannot expect gratitude for the faithful observance of his duties.

Jesus loves us so much that he will help us acquire a deep faith and the works that go with it! Saint Paul reminds us of the great love of God, leading to faith and the works of faith. “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2: 8 – 9) The works that the Father expects are especially justice, kindness, charity. The Letter of James reminds all, “So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead” (2; 17)

The result of faith is seen in the amazing work of the apostles. With the gifts of those amazing men, with no special training were able to bring Christ and his Gospel from Spain to India!

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER the Sick and Homebound in our Community:


RESPECT LIFE

Healing within Marriage from an Abortion

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/healing-in-marriage.

When Susan’s husband, Juan, told her about the abortion he was involved in during college, she finally understood why he was so depressed and had trouble bonding with their children. The devastation of abortion brings with it many challenges. Often, the people who have participated in an abortion are unaware of the countless ways it is affecting their lives. It is scary to tell a spouse or fiancé(e) about a past abortion. It requires great trust in that person’s love and trust in God. But with the help of an abortion healing ministry, couples can successfully work through abortion-related challenges. God’s grace can bring true healing to the relationships of those who trust in His infinite mercy.

*Name changed for privacy.
EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

Southern Maryland Community Gospel Choir
Join us this Sunday, October 6 at 3:00pm at St. Aloysius Church for the SMGCC “Enter Boldly” concert, directed by Sherri Fenwick. The concert is free, but donations to the Kalnasy Concert Series are accepted.

MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS
The next topic will be: “Christopher Columbus: Hero or Villain?”, 7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish hall on October 7th, 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.

PRAISE & WORSHIP THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING
Wednesday, October 9th - We will begin Praise and Worship with an optional Rosary in the Parish Hall starting at 6:30 pm. Praise and Worship will follow from 7 to 8:30 pm.

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
September 28/29

1st Collection: $4,306.00
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Total: $5,662.00

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FELLOWSHIP IN FAITH
Our small group ministry is returning next 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.

UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY
The Gospel promises us peace, but we so often find ourselves bound by feelings of anxiety, fear, guilt, hopelessness, and shame. Unbound Ministry is a safe, loving, and effective prayer ministry to help us to respond more fully to the Gospel using five simple keys. To learn more or to sign up for an appointment with a trained Unbound team on Saturday morning, October 26, visit www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/unbound.

CHAPEL UPDATE
I would like to express my appreciation for the time and labor that the following parishioners put into getting our Chapel ready. A special thanks to Deacon Joe Vavrus for organizing and installing the pews, kneelers and the tabernacle with the help of Jamie Hayden, Pat Tennyson, and Walt Cacko. Thanks also goes to Jane Burke for sewing the seat cushions for the presider’s and deacon’s chairs and for hemming the curtains. Thank you to the family members who donated to the refinishing of the tabernacle in memory of Vergil and Marie Agostinelli. A larger crucifix has been ordered, which will be dedicated in memory of Charles Downs. We have all been blessed by the generosity of so many toward the Chapel and new Hall! ~Fr. David

STEWARDSHIP

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RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith: Our October Family of Faith theme is Heaven. 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/ymdisciple.
FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Kindness Club: Did you know we have a new Crusaders Care Service Club open to all 5th - 8th graders? Several 5th grade students came up with this idea and presented it to the principal, Ms. Francisco. Please pray for all those that will shine God's light through this club.

The Virtue of Studiousness: Our parish school is participating in a Virtues in Practice program this year. Each month, the whole school focuses on the same virtue as they hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. They also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month students and their families are learning about the virtue of Studiousness. Please join them by helping the children seek knowledge to grow closer to Truth during the month of October.

Golf Tournament: Have you signed up for the 10th Annual Crusader Cup on Friday, Oct. 18, 2019 at Breton Bay Country Club? 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, beginning after the 7:30 Mass, until 2:00. A continental breakfast, lunch and program book will be provided. A $10 donation is requested. 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

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.)

Apple Festival – Our Lady of the Wayside Church
Please join us on Sunday, October 13 from 12:00 noon – 5:00pm. The Apple Festival is a family and community event that goes on rain or shine. In addition to a great selection of food (crab cakes, fried oysters, burgers, chicken and more), there will be produce sale, raffles, arts & crafts, vendors, games and more.

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 theme 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 High School!
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! Please join us and RSVP here: https://www.smrhhs.org/admissions/visit/open-house.

White Mass
Join us for the 10th annual White Mass on Sunday, October 27th, 11:30 am at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Washington D.C. All are welcome to this celebration of the gifts, people with disabilities & persons who are Deaf, bring to our Church.

New Catholic Campus Minister at St. Mary’s College of Maryland
The “Catholic Seahawks” group at St. Mary’s College of Maryland is excited to announce that a new Catholic Campus Minister, William Bolin, has been recently hired. William is the first ever full-time minister for Catholic students, and is very excited to see how the ministry can grow over this next year! Every week, we have Mass, confessions, Bible study, a holy hour, as well as several monthly social events and guest speakers. Additionally, William is looking to start a Catholic group at the College of Southern Maryland’s Leonardtown Campus. If you are a student at either of those schools—or know someone who is— please reach out to William at campusminister@catholicseahawks.org to learn more and get involved. You can also visit our website at catholicseahawks.org, our Facebook page (“Catholic Seahawks”) or our Instagram (“catholic_seahawks”).