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.
RESURRECTION AND THE MACCABEES

Belief in the resurrection of the body together with reward for good and punishment for the evil appears in the Old Testament for the first time in the second century before Christ. Before that the Jewish people believed that all the dead went to Sheol, the underworld abode of the dead. In the second century BC we read, “Many (all) of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, others to reproach and everlasting disgrace.” (Daniel 12:2)

The principal teaching in today’s first reading is the resurrection of the body (2 Maccabees 7:1-2; 9-14) The seven Maccabean sons and their mother give strong testimony to their belief in the resurrection of the body. The pagan king inflicted terrible tortures on them in an effort to force them to eat pork, forbidden by Jewish law. One brother, for example, says, “We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors.” (vs. 2) The second brother gives strong testimony of his belief in the resurrection of the body: “You accursed fiend, you are depriving us of this present life, but the King of the universe will raise us up to live again forever, because we are dying for his laws.” (vs 9)

In today’s Gospel (Luke 20:27–38) the resurrection of the body is part of a bizarre question raised by the Sadducees. This is the only mention of the Sadducees, the priestly aristocrats, in the third Gospel. They had several strange beliefs. For example, they only believed in the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Torah or the Pentateuch. They also rejected belief in the resurrection of the body. They try to make resurrection of the body appear ridiculous by a far-fetched example based on the Levirate marriage law: “When brothers live together and one of dies without a son, the widow of the deceased shall not marry anyone outside the family, but her husband’s brother shall go to her, marrying and performing the duty of a brother-in-law.” (Deuteronomy 25:5) The Sadducees push this law to the ridiculous extreme of a woman marrying seven brothers.

They ask Jesus, “Whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her.” (Luke 20: 33) Jesus, knowing that his adversaries do not believe in the resurrection, insists that there will be resurrection of the body. But the dead neither marry nor are they given in marriage. They are like angels; they are children of God. BE HUMBLE!

Jesus uses the Pentateuch, accepted by the Sadducees, to show a clear teaching on resurrection. In the burning bush incident (Exodus 3:6) God told Moses, “I am the God of your father, he continued, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Our Lord insists, “He is not the God of the dead, but of the living.” (Luke 20:38)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner
FELLOWSHIP IN FAITH
Our small group ministry will be meeting this evening
Sunday, November 10th for the fifth of a six-week video
and discussion series called The 99. We will be meeting in
our new hall on from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. EVERYONE IS
WELCOME...even if you haven’t been to the earlier
classes. Come join your parish family as we grow together in
Faith.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: In commemoration of
Veteran’s Day, the parish offices will be closed on Monday,
November 11th.

MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS
There will be no Apologetics class this Monday due to the
Veteran’s Day Holiday. Class will resume next Monday,
November 18.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
will be 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!

PRAISE & WORSHIP THIS
WEDNESDAY EVENING
Wednesday, November 13 - 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.
Please come and join us as we give thanks to the Lord!

40 HOURS OF EUCHARISTICADORATION
In honor of the Feast of Christ the King, join us for
approximately 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in the
Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Aloysius Church from Friday,
November 22 at 8:00 PM to Sunday, November 24 at
10:30 AM. The Gospel is the proclamation of the
kingdom of God (Mark 1:15), the message that Jesus is Lord
(Romans 10:9). As we commemorate the Feast of Christ the
King, join us to pray that the message of the Gospel would
more fully transform our own hearts and our community.
Sign up at https://saintaloysiuschurch.org/40hours

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SERIES
Tuesdays: 7:00-9:00 pm, at St. Aloysius Church 22800
Washington St., Leonardtown.
January 28 – EQUAL, February 4 – COMMUNICATION,
February 11 – SEXUALITY AND INTIMACY, and
February 18 – THRIVING VS. SURVIVING
Take the time to invest in your marriage by attending a series
of enrichment sessions together, hosted by the Office for
Family Life. Presented by Rebecca Mullan, M.S, LPC.
Register at: mestaloysius.eventbrite.com. For more
information: 301.853.4546 or visiblesign@adw.org.

#iGIVECATHOLIC
GIVING TUESDAY - DECEMBER 3
Why should you give through #iGiveCatholic?
As the first-ever online giving day created to celebrate our
Catholic faith, the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day inspires
faithful stewards to “Give Catholic” on #GivingTuesday, a
global day of giving. The goal of the #iGiveCatholic Giving
Day is to rally our Catholic communities throughout the
country in support of the organizations that shape our souls:
Our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries.
By giving to St. Aloysius parish through the #iGiveCatholic
Giving Day, you will be helping our Youth Ministry to raise
funds to attend the Lifeteen’s Camp Covecrest Retreat in
Tiger, Georgia.
Beginning Monday, November 18, visit iGiveCatholic.org to
make an advanced day #iGiveCatholic gift in support of our
Youth Ministry at St. Aloysius parish or “Give Catholic” on
#GivingTuesday, December 3!

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY
Family of Faith: Our November Family of Faith theme is
Conscience, and our November gatherings will be on
November 17 at 9:15 AM in Father Andrew White
School.

YD disciple: Friday nights from 7:00-8:30pm middle school
and high school teens are invited to join us in the Youth
Lounge in the parish hall for a 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 YD disciple - Who is God? from FORMED.org.

NET Ministries Retreat: All 7th to 12th Grade teens are
invited to a NET Ministries retreat in our parish Hall this
Friday, November 15, from 4 to 9 PM. For details and
sign up, visit https://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/net.

Mount 2000: High School teens are invited to Mount 2000,
a weekend Eucharistic retreat at Mount St. Mary's
University, from February 7 to 9, 2020. For details and to
sign up, visit https://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/mount-
2000.

Camp Covecrest: Our parish has secured 18 spots to
attend Lifeteen's Camp Covecrest from August 3 to August
8, 2020 in Tiger, Georgia! Because a non-refundable $100
deposit is due by October 30 for each of our spots, we need
commitments from teens as soon as possible. For details
and sign up, visit https://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/
camp-covecrest-2020
HEAVENLY MORNING PRAYER BREAKFAST -- will be held at 8:30 am on Saturday, November 16 at St. Aloysius Parish Hall (Mass at 7:30 am). The morning will begin with music followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, testimony and closing prayer. We are so blessed to have Rose Folsom who will be sharing with us "How to Harvest the Garden of your Soul!" The cost including breakfast is only $15 if you register by Tuesday, November 12, after that date the cost will be $17. To register, call the Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7139 or stop by Heavenly Presents during store hours Tuesday through Saturday. You can also sign up online at: www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org.

ENGISH LITURGICAL WORKSHOPS SPONSORED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 9:00am – 12:00pm – Holy Face Catholic Church, Great Mills

LECTORS – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1:00pm – 4:00pm – Holy Face Catholic Church, Great Mills

Cost: $5 pay at the door. To register email or call liturgy@adw.org or Maria Hamm 301-853-4594.

OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 10am to 3pm. Thirty-Second Year of the Finest Arts, Crafts and Food at the Historic St. Francis Xavier Church. Cafe style Luncheon and Carry Out. Stuffed Ham and Homemade Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Beef Vegetable Soup, Fried Oysters, Chips, Coffee, Tea, water and Sodas

Come join in the fun, do some early Christmas shopping and enjoy a Southern Maryland lunch!

BEAR HUGS FOR HEALING is a program that delivers stuffed bears to hospitalized children during the holidays. To give a sick child a bear hug this Christmas, please drop off your donated bears by December 6 at Heavenly Presents, (on the Square), Leonardtown. Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be newly purchased and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached.

HELP OUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vie) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 24th - January 26th, 2020, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org.