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.

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The title for today’s celebration in the Catholic Church is “Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.” “King” is a title frequently used by Jesus and for him. Today’s Gospel (Luke 23:35-43) tells the reader that the inscription on the cross of Christ was, “This is the king of the Jews.” (vs. 38) Our Lord refers to himself as king when describing the judgment on the nations: “Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” (Matthew 25:34)

Luke often makes the point that greatness in the kingdom is determined by one’s service to others. At the Last Supper, for example, Jesus demanded, “Let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant,” (Luke 22:26) Our Lord also declared concerning himself, “For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many [all].” (Mark 10:45)

The second reading today (Colossians 1:12-20) uses an early liturgical hymn to develop great theology about the Son of God: “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation...He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (vss. 15, 17) The hymn then proclaims the key role of Jesus and the Church: “He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.” (vs. 18) The hymn goes on to present our Lord as the Redeemer, “making peace by the blood of his cross.” (vs. 20)

Saint Paul stressed in his writings that the Church is the body of Christ. There are these words from Paul also in chapter 1 of this letter to the Colossians: “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church.” (vs. 24)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner
EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

The Cross Catholic Box of Joy Campaign
The Knights of Columbus, Council 1470 delivered 58 individual Boxes of Joy to the regional collection center at St. Michaels in Ridge. The Knights would like to acknowledge and thank all St. Aloysius parishioners who exercised their works in charity to make our campaign successful. Council #1470 looks forward to facilitating the Box of Joy campaign again next year.

MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS
The next topic will be: “Catholic Church and Slavery”, 7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish hall on November 25th, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

UNBOUND MINISTRY
UNBOUND Ministry will be available on Saturday, December 7 from 9 AM to 12 PM. UNBOUND is a simple approach to deliverance and inner healing developed by Neal Lozano, author of UNBOUND: A Practical Guide to Deliverance. Discover the inner freedom and peace that the Gospel promises. All who desire to receive UNBOUND ministry are asked to read the first seven chapters of UNBOUND: A Practical Guide to Deliverance. Appointments for the morning can be made online at https://staloysius20650.simplybook.me

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS
All are welcome to attend the Special Needs Mass “Celebrating Our Gifts” on Saturday, December 7, at the 5:00PM Vigil Mass at Saint Aloysius Catholic Church. Our young adults participate in a weekly prayer group at Heavenly Presents named: Friends of Faith. Our Friends of Faith will be using their gifts as lectors, greeters, altar servers, cantors, gift bearers and will be singing in the choir. Please join us this Advent as we prepare the way for the Lord. Any questions contact: Liz Tomaszeski (liz.tomaszeski@gmail.com)

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SERIES
Tuesdays: 7:00-9:00 pm, at St. Aloysius parish hall
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: mestivaloysius.eventbrite.com. For more information: 301.853.4546 or visiblesign@adw.org.

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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 December Family of Faith theme is The Cardinal and Theological Virtues. Our Teaching Sunday gathering will be on Sunday, December 8 at 9:15 AM (NOTE: We are meeting on the SECOND Sunday of the month instead of the first because of Thanksgiving.) Our Community Sunday gathering will be on Sunday, December 15 at 9:15 AM.

A “Murder Mystery” Dinner for Middle & High School Students - Friday, December 13, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, St. Aloysius Church Hall. The Snowflake Lodge is hosting an Ugly Sweater Party, and you’re invited! The townspeople of Snow Falls are excited about the Christmas celebration, where the “who’s who” of society will gather to show off their not-so-fashionable attire. With the crowd that is expected, something is sure to go wrong...
Visit www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/mysterydinner to choose a character and RSVP.

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

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VOCATIONS CROSS

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Ceci and Jim Hoffman who have the Vocations Cross!
STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions

DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS, contributions for the weekend of November 16/17 will be noted in the bulletin for December 1.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for our Retired Religious Fund.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Chaptico Market. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Act of Hope: This Thanksgiving, try memorizing the Act of Hope like students from FAW have learned. "Oh my God, relying on your infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen."

Save the Date: All are invited to attend Cookies with Santa at Father Andrew White School on Sunday, December 15th from 12 - 2pm. More details will be coming soon!!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

ANGEL TREE

As we prepare for Advent, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be sponsoring the ANGEL TREE this year. The Tree will be available with the Angels the weekend of 23/24 November. The Society has obtained names of families within our community that are in need of assistance and will be providing gifts for their children. Each family will receive $75 in food cards at a minimum and each child in the selected families will receive two (2) gifts. There will be two separate angels for each child. The angel will provide suggestions to help you choose an appropriate gift. It is important that all gifts and food cards be returned by 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 8th.

Remember, Father Andrew White School will be selling Scrip cards after Mass each weekend. We ask that before you go Christmas shopping for items and/or food cards, consider purchasing a scrip card for the store(s) you plan to use for your shopping needs. That way we help the community and our school! For more information regarding the Angel Tree, please contact Vicki Wenke at 301-373-5420.

COMMUNITY

Hollywood Tree Lighting will be Sunday, December 1. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. at Hollywood VFD Social Hall, 24801 Three Notch Road, Hollywood. Crafts will start at 4:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus arrive about 5:30 p.m. Refreshments available after Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrive. Write your Santa letter and put in our Santa box. Fire Prevention display. Giving away one Boy and one Girl stocking. Also, giving away one Girl and one Boy bike. BRING YOUR CAMERA!

St. Faustina, Love and Mercy Movie

Showing at RC Lexington Exchange for One Night Only. This movie will be shown on Monday, December 2 at 7:00 pm. Cost is $12.50 if purchased at theater or an additional charge of $1.35 if purchased through this link. https://www.fathomevents.com/events/faustina-love-and-mercy

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.

Hospice of St. Mary's Jingle & Mingle

December 6 -- Hospice of St. Mary's invites you to jingle and mingle with us for a sneak peek at the beautifully decorated holiday trees from our Festival of Trees and participate in a silent auction! The event is at the University System of Maryland at Southern Maryland; tickets are $80. All trees have been graciously donated by the local community and friends of Hospice of St. Mary's. Buy a ticket online by November 25 at www.hospiceofstmarys.org! For more information, call 301-994-3023.

Hospice of St. Mary's Festival of Trees

December 7 -- You are invited to start the magical time of the year with Hospice of St. Mary's 12th Annual Festival of Trees -- a free family event for the community! In addition to lavishly decorated trees and wreaths, there will be live entertainment, shopping, activities for children, photos with Santa and face painting from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. You can participate by becoming a sponsor, decorating a tree, or donating gifts in kind. For more information, visit www.hospiceofstmarys.org.

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.