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.

December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

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
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Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper: Denise Becher, ext. 10
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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

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**Scripture Corner**

TWO COMINGS OF JESUS

The Church begins its liturgical year today, using the Gospel of Matthew on most Sundays. Matthew wrote his Gospel mainly for Jewish Christians. This is clear in his principal teaching throughout the Gospel. He shows that Jesus, the Messiah promised in the Old Testament, establishes the Kingdom of Heaven, the Church, the New Covenant. Another indication that he is writing principally for Jewish Christians is the fact that he has 41 Old Testament quotations. Only 21 of those are in Mark and Luke.

In today’s Gospel (Matthew 24:37-44) the stress is on the Second Coming of Christ. We are in Advent and preparing for the birth of the Christ Child on Christmas Day, but the Church wants to remind us of the importance of the Second Coming at the end of time. The verse immediately before today’s Gospel says of Christ’s return at the end of time, his parousia: “But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.” (v. 36)

The Second Coming of our Lord presented a serious problem for the early Church. Many Christians, because of a Jewish concept, expected the return of the Messiah would take place soon after his ascension into heaven. Today’s Gospel says, “At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” (v. 44)

Christians were also ridiculed in the first and second centuries because Christ had not returned. “Where is the promise of his coming? From the time when our ancestors fell asleep, everything has remained as it was from the beginning of creation.” (2 Peter 3:4) Peter reminds the scoffers that “with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day.” (v. 8) Peter then insists that what may seem to be a delay, is in fact a sign that God “is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” (v. 9)

Matthew insists on the necessity of being prepared. “You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” (Matthew 24:44) Advent highlights the importance of the First Coming of Jesus on Christmas Day. But the choice of today’s Gospel indicates that the Church wants all followers of Jesus to be prepared also and at all times for the Second Coming of Christ. The best preparation for all Christians is a living faith, manifested in love for God and neighbor.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

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


The 2019-2020 Season of the Kalnasy Concert Series presents the 5th Annual Interfaith Community Christmas Concert

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

**Date:** Sunday, December 8

**Time:** 3:00 PM

**Location:** St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 22800 Washington St., Leonardtown

Light Refreshments served.

Sponsored by St. Aloysius and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Patuxent Ward
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS
The next topic will be: “Is It Reasonable to Believe in God?”, 7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish hall on December 2, 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://stalouisius20650.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 of the Lord. Any questions contact: Liz Tomaszeski (liz.tomaszeski@gmail.com)

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
November 16/17, 2019

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DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS, contributions for the weekend of November 23/24 will be noted in the bulletin for December 8.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for our Christmas Flowers.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Chesapeake Shore Healthcare Community. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

#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.

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!

VOCATIONS CROSS

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with the Wathen family who has the Vocations Cross!

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. For details and to sign up, visit https://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/mount-2000.
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 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 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.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Cookies with Santa & Santa Shop: Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Claus will be making a special visit to Father Andrew White School on Sunday, December 15th from 12pm-2pm. Enjoy a variety of cookies, coffee, a hot chocolate bar, reindeer games, letters to Santa, a scavenger hunt, a craft station and more! Of course you will have a chance to sit on Santa’s lap as well! Cost: Children 12 and under: Free, Adults: $5 While you're there, allow your children to feel the joy of giving this Christmas when they buy presents at the Santa Shop. All gifts are $3. Shop for parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, and pets! After shopping, the gifts will be wrapped and ready to go under your tree.

Day of Giving: Giving Tuesday, an international day of charitable giving at the beginning of the Christmas season, provides an opportunity for donors to support a chosen cause. This year on Tuesday, December 3rd, please consider making a gift to support our Catholic school. By donating to Father Andrew White School, you are supporting the vital programs and the overall accessibility of a Catholic education for our young people. To make a tax-deductible contribution to our school, please visit http://fatherandrewwhite.org/donate/ or contact the school office at 301-475-9795. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support!

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, December 6th we hope to see you as the 4th Grade hosts the 9am Mass.

COMMUNITY

Fresh fruit, nut, and cheese sale at St. John's School, Hollywood. This is our 36th annual sale! We have a selection of oranges, grapefruit, cheese, and pecans for sale. Orders are preferred by December 2. To order or to obtain additional details, please visit www.sjshollywood.org. Pickup is December 14-15. Please address questions to Mike Thompson at mickandbarbarat@gmail.com or 301-373-8545.

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.