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.

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Dear Friends, The Archdiocese Office of Catholic Policy and Advocacy wants to alert us to some issues in the upcoming legislative session in Maryland that would greatly impact our local Catholic community and people of good will.

--Abortion: A bill to amend the State constitution to enshrine the right to abortion on demand (through 9 months) as a state constitutional right. If this bill passes, it will go on the ballot for a referendum in 2020 or 2021.

--Physician-Assisted Suicide: This bill has been narrowly defeated several times (including last session) and we expect its proponents to reintroduce it this upcoming term.

--BOOST funding: This program provides scholarships for underprivileged children to attend private school (including Catholic schools). We expect to see legislation that could reduce funding or place restrictions on receipt of funding that would make it more difficult for these deserving families to access Catholic schools.

--Statute of Limitations “window” bill: Currently, there is no limitations claim on prosecution for criminal acts of abuse, and survivors of abuse can file civil lawsuits up to age 38. The Church supported previous legislation to establish these parameters. However, we expect to see legislation that could eliminate the statute of limitations entirely in civil cases or, alternatively, raise the age limit to bring civil claims. We also expect to see legislation that would create a “window” for expired claims to be refiled. These types of efforts have advanced in other states. They are targeted at the Church and other private institutions (Boy Scouts, etc.)—while exempting public entities. For all the talk of clergy sexual abuse in the media, the Archdiocese has had only one priest credibly accused of sexual abuse in the past 20 years—that priest (who was on assignment from a religious order) was removed from ministry, arrested, tried, and convicted. Most civil lawsuits filed in other states that have passed window bills do not involve recent allegations. Rather, the allegations typically date back 40-50 (or more) years. The passage of time makes these cases very difficult to defend. States that have passed window legislation have effectively forced many dioceses into bankruptcy, resulting in big payouts for plaintiff’s lawyers and cut backs in the services and programs offered to our parishes and communities.

Please pray and advocate on behalf of the Church to our Maryland legislators through the Maryland Catholic Conference website: www.mdcatholic.org

~Fr. David
THANK YOU FROM THE PARISH STAFF
We wish to thank all the parishioners who came by the rectory this Christmas season with cards or gifts for the staff. The tins of cookies, the homemade sweets, cakes and other gifts were truly appreciated, shared and enjoyed.

~Fr. David

MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETERS
The next topic will be: “Defending the Jesuit Missions to India” 7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish hall on January 6th, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

Rediscover the Simplicity of the Gospel
Sundays, January 12, 19, & 26, 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Join us for The 99 Experience, a springboard for discovering or rediscovering Jesus, growing in identity, purpose, and community. At these powerful evening series, we will come together to learn:
* The answer to the brokenness we experience in our lives
* How to acknowledge and desire God’s love
* How to live a life in community lead by the Holy Spirit

SAVE THE DATE
This year’s Volunteer Thank-You dinner will be held on Saturday, January 25. Invitations and more information to come.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SERIES
Tuesdays: 7:00-9:00 pm, at St. Aloysius hall
January 28 – EQUAL
February 4 – COMMUNICATION
February 11 – SEXUALITY AND INTIMACY
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.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION/ Hurricane Dorian Relief
Join us for our church’s first International Mission, in early February. Roofers, carpenters, and helpers are urgently needed for a humanitarian mission to Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas. 8 days in Paradise to fix houses, make friends, and have your deeds reflect the blessings of our Lord. Transportation and housing provided. Please join us, bring your talents, and help return families to their homes. Contact Dan Guenther for more info: 301-672-1478.

UNBOUND PRAYERS
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, confidential, 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, February 1, visit www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/unbound.

RESPECT LIFE
What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion
Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/l-o-v-e.

When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? First, prioritize listening over speaking. Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, in a loving and caring way. Encourage her.

Help her set goals that extend beyond her due date to help her see life beyond her pregnancy. Reassure her that she is not alone, and provide practical support. Pray with her, offering Christ’s love at a crucial life-saving and life-defining moment.

The March for Life 2020 in Washington, DC (https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/) will be held on Friday, January 24th. The 2020 theme is: "Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman." Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council 1470 is sponsoring a 55 passenger coach bus leaving from and returning to the St. Aloysius Church parking lot. Riders are asked to make a donation within their means for CareNet Pregnancy Centers of Southern Maryland. Please sign up by Friday, January 10th. For more information contact Ed Donohoe at Ed.Donohoe@gmail.com or phone: 402-850-8664.
**SHARING OUR TREASURE**  
Weekly Offertory Contributions  
December 22/21, 2019

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DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS, contributions for the weekend of December 28/29 will be noted in the bulletin for January 12.

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

**PATRON OF THE WEEK:** Ye Olde Towne Café. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

**LOOKING FOR A CONVENIENT WAY TO HELP WITH OUR PARISH OFFERTORY?** Please consider Direct Debit. The parish has an established program with our bank for electronic funds transfers. All transactions are done electronically, debiting your bank account automatically for the amount which you have agreed to in writing. This program is voluntary and includes electronic transfers for both the first collection offertory as well as the special second collections.

**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Family of Faith:** Our theme for January is the first four Commandments. Our gatherings will be on this Sunday, January 5 & 19, from 9:15 to 10:30 AM.

**IMPROV Your Faith:** High School and Middle School teens are invited to “Improv Your Faith,” an evening of faith-filled fun with Fr. Rob Maro, Friday, January 24, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Father Andrew White School. Before entering the seminary, Fr. Rob, pastor of St. Francis Xavier, taught “Improv,” improvisational acting. Join us to learn a few lessons in improve and grow in faith! Supper will be provided.

**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.saintalloyuschurch.org/mount-2000.

**Camp Covecrest:** Our parish has secured 18 spots to attend Lifeteen's Camp Covecrest from August 3 to August 8 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.saintalloyuschurch.org/camp-covecrest-2020

**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL**

**Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:**

**The Virtue of Fidelity:** 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 Fidelity. Please join them by praying for the children to be faithful to promises and commitments during the month of January.

**Shoe Drive:** Please help the FAW Destination Imagination teams raise money to compete at the regional, state, and possibly global tournaments! The DI team, Seven Lucky Stars, is collecting gently used and new shoes for a good cause! Please bring any unwanted shoes that still have some life left to give to St. Aloysius or Father Andrew White School and put them in the shoe collection box any time between now and February 1, 2020. The Seven Lucky Stars thank you and your soles!

**COMMUNITY**

**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.

**The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) will be holding the following fundraising event.**

Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser. Please join us to take a chance to pick a card and find the Queen of Hearts to win. Each Thursday there will be a chance to win until she’s found. Thank you for your support to the LVRSA. 
**Date:** Every Thursday (except Christmas week)  
**Time:** 4pm-6:45pm, drawing is at 7pm  
**Place:** Fitzies Marina Restaurant and Pub, Leonardtown MD

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Mary, Queen of Peace, save us all, who have so much trust in you, from wars, hatred, and oppression. Make us all learn to live in peace, and educate ourselves for peace, do what is demanded by justice and respect the rights of every person, so that peace may be firmly established. Amen.