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.

January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

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

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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

RECTOR HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8 am-4 pm
Friday 9 am-3 pm

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Dear Friends,

I wanted to give you a report on the successful Interfaith Community Christmas Concert that we hosted last month at St. Aloysius. The annual event had previously been organized and held at the Church of Latter Day Saints in California, Md., and this time they offered to hand it on to another participant in the St. Mary’s County Interfaith Council. I readily volunteered our space, and with the help of our Ladies of Charity, we offered a celebratory reception afterward in the parish hall.

One of the positive side effects of inviting members of other faith communities to come together in this way is to show off our worship space. Without a specific invitation, many people have so little opportunity to familiarize themselves with the religious practices of others, especially if their weekly holy days coincide. A significant evangelizing tool that we have as Catholics is simply the vivid iconography that adorns our worship space—the altar, the statues and pictures of saints, and the ornate sanctuary area that bespeaks the presence of the Holy. Even if individuals bring quite diverse beliefs and perspectives on faith and morals to such a concert, it is most important that we stress the factors we have in common, the worship of the One, True God. I consider it one of the supreme successes of the concert this time around that the leader of the Islamic Center in Lexington Park chanted verses on the Virgin Mary from the Qur’an, the Islamic holy book. His assistant alternated with him by translating the passages from the Arabic into English for the audience. (Jesus and Mary are recognized as special individuals in the Qur’an.)

As important as it is to gather regularly as a people committed to the Truth as we see it, I strongly believe that periodic events such as the Interfaith Concert should continue. In the current climate of religious indifferentism and conflict among peoples, we need to show by our cooperation and hospitality that religious faith and church groups are still relevant in our contemporary world. Faith practice makes us more human by bringing us into contact with the divine. When we are more “human,” there is a greater chance for peace in the world.

~Fr. David

**Pastor’s Note**

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**MARCH FOR LIFE 2020**

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 by contacting Ed Donohoe at Ed.Donohoe@gmail.com or phone: 402-850-8664.

**RESPECT LIFE**

**Mardi Gras King Cakes for Life Sale**

American Heritage Girls MD2540 is raising money for a local pro-life Pregnancy Center by selling Mardi Gras King Cakes. A King cake is a cross between a coffee cake and a French pastry that is decorated in the colors of green, purple, and gold with a plastic baby hidden inside. It is served on Mardi Gras (Day before Ash Wednesday). Cakes will be ready for pickup at St. Aloysius the weekend of February 22nd & 23rd, before Lent starts. The cakes are fresh and handmade and **100% of the proceeds** goes to a local pro-life pregnancy center. There is a limit on the cakes available so get your order in quickly and help AHG girls reach their goal of helping Moms say yes to LIFE! See flyer in bulletin for ordering.

**10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting**

Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/support-her

As a mom who had my first baby in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt. Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. I encourage you to support her in her new journey of being a mother.

It’s okay if you don’t know the perfect words to say. Let her know you are there for her, and ask how you can support her. Assist her in lining up practical help. She may not feel she “deserves” to show happiness; reassure her it’s okay (and good) to be happy. Your support might be the only support she receives. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?
### STEWARDSHIP

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

Weekly Offertory Contributions

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**Solemnity of Mary:** Total $1,548.00

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK** will be for our Debt Reduction.

**PATRON OF THE WEEK:** Rainbow Construction. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

### RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

**Family of Faith:** Our theme for January is the first four Commandments. Our gatherings will be on **Sunday, January 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.saintalloysiuschurch.org/mount-2000](https://www.saintalloysiuschurch.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.saintalloysiuschurch.org/camp-covecrest-2020](https://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/camp-covecrest-2020).

### FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

**Helping our Neighbors:** During the last week of school before Christmas, the FAW Crusaders Care group had a baked good and hot cocoa sale which raised $200 that was donated to Project WARM (Wrapping Arms Round Many). Over our Christmas break, many FAW families volunteered their time to serve the homeless guests in the WARM Program. They made and served dinner, cleaned up, sang Christmas carols, and played cards. Some stayed awake all night and were monitors. The guests were served a nice breakfast in the morning and each were given the gifts the FAW families donated.

**Shoe Drive:** Help the FAW Destination Imagination teams to raise money for their competitions by donating your gently worn (or new), unwanted shoes! Shoes of all kinds and sizes are welcome! Shoes must be intact and have shoelaces (if needed). Shoes are then taken to be distributed to those in need and FAW gets a monetary donation of $1,000 if we collect 100 bags of 25 shoes! Please consider donating your shoes today by putting them in the shoe collection box in the school lobby or in St. Aloysius Church’s vestibule! The collection runs through February 1st.

### COMMUNITY

**SURVIVING DIVORCE: AT THE WELL** is a ministry that brings hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the separated and divorced and those who still struggle with issues many years later. At the Well aims to restore hope, and begin authentic healing.

We use a 12-week program called **Surviving Divorce**, guided by videos, small group discussion and workbooks, to work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce, find personal healing and hope, and discover a deeper understanding of God’s love for you.

The next session begins **Sunday, February 9** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Sessions are held on Sunday evenings from 6 to 7:30 pm. To register or for more information, contact Judith at [atthewell@ihmrrc.org](mailto:atthewell@ihmrrc.org) or 240-298-4044. Suggested donation of $25 to cover the cost of materials. Free Childcare is available if needed. Join us on this powerful journey to hope and healing!

**Encounter Grace – Early 2020 Event**

**Encounter Grace** is hosting a **Catholic Women’s Book Club Get-Together** **Tuesday, February 18**, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. (Location TBD) The book they will be discussing is **St. Monica and The Power of Persistent Prayer** by Mark Aquilina and Mike W. Sullivan. This is a free event, open to women 18+. More information and link to register can be found at [www.encountergrace.co](http://www.encountergrace.co).

**Join the 2020 Census Team**

Extra income, Flexible hours, Weekly pay ($26.50 hour), and paid training. Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs. For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-JOB-2020.