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.
JESUS BEGINS HIS GALILEAN MINISTRY

After the arrest of John the Baptist (Luke 3:19-20), Jesus decided to go to the northern part of the Holy Land. While there, he decided to leave Nazareth and settle in Capernaum. This became the home for Jesus as he begins his public ministry. It is interesting that he starts that ministry with the same words that the Baptist used at the beginning of his preaching. “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matthew 4:17)

Repentance will always be a key demand of Christ for his followers. The Greek word metanoia could better be translated as “change of mind” or “change of heart.” Clearly the reason for this change of heart is the nearness of the Kingdom of Heaven. Mark and Luke refer to the Kingdom as the technical term in the New Testament for those who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.” (Matthew 4:15-16; Isaiah 8:22-9:1) Jesus is the light of Isaiah’s prophecy. In the Gospel of John, Christ says, “I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12)

An important part of today’s Gospel (Matthew 4:12-23) is Jesus’ choosing of his first disciples. He wants to start a community, and so he invites Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John also follow Christ. At that time the practice was for a disciple to seek out a teacher, but here Jesus calls his disciples to follow him. Their immediate response is testimony to the strong personality of our Lord.

Peter, James and John will become the inner circle for Christ throughout his public ministry. The word “follow” becomes the technical term in the New Testament for those who react positively to our Lord. Jesus would attract more followers from this time on and eventually establish the Church.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

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FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION February 1

“I promise to assist, at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the First Saturday of 5 consecutive months shall, with the intention of making reparation:
1. Confession of sins
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Recite 5 Decades of the Rosary
4. Keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary”

- Our Lady of Fatima, 10 DEC 1925

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**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**

**Rediscover the Simplicity of the Gospel**

*Sunday, January 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

**MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS**

The next topic will be: “Defending the Right to Life” 7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish hall on January 27th, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

**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 about how to sign up for an appointment with a trained Unbound team on Saturday, February 1, visit www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/unbound.

**OLD PALMS FOR BURNING**

If you have old palms, please bring them to the church vestibule by Sunday, February 16. Old palms will be burnt and used for Ash Wednesday.

**BRICK FUNDRAISER**

Personalized brick pavers for sale!

Be a part of St. Aloysius history!

Details: $250 per brick, 3 lines of personalization, up to 15 letters/space per line. Order forms can be found in the vestibule or at our website www.saintaloysiuschurch.org. For questions, call the rectory at 301-475-8064.

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**STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

Weekly Offertory Contributions

January 18/19, 2020

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

**PATRON OF THE WEEK:** Tom Hodges Mitsubishi. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

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**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Family of Faith:** Our theme for February is the last six Commandments. Our gatherings will be on Sunday, February 2 & 16, from 9:15 to 10:30 AM.

**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.

**Camp Covecrest:** Our parish has secured 18 spots to attend Lifeeen'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.saintaloysiuschurch.org/camp-covecrest-2020.

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**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL**

**Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:**

**Father Andrew White School Open House:** Did you know that Father Andrew White was named a 2012 Blue Ribbon School and was recently voted as the #1 Private School by "The Enterprise" newspaper readers? It's time to find out why! You are cordially invited to visit our award winning parish school! Father Andrew White Catholic School is having an Open House on Friday, January 31st from 10-11:30am. Come see school in session and meet the dedicated and caring staff and discover how our students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."

**Italian Dinner:** To end Catholic Schools Week, we will celebrate with an Italian Dinner at FAW School on Saturday, February 1st from 4-8pm. Everyone is welcome to an all you can eat feast of spaghetti, homemade meatballs, Italian sausage, desserts, and more! There will also be many wonderful baskets at our Brown Bag Auction. Adults - $10, Kids 4-12 - $5, Kids 3 and under - Free
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! To order contact Debbie Cress at 540-220-1830.

How to Build a Culture of Life
Read the full version at respectlifeprogram.org/culture-of-life.

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond? Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ’s love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

COMMUNITY

Youth event: Latin Mass with potluck dinner & ice cream social! All SoMD families with youth grades 6th-12th grades are invited! Join us on Sunday, 26 January @ St. Peter Claver as we celebrate Mass in Latin at 4:00. Families are invited (but not required) to bring a dish to share and youth are asked to bring their favorite ice-cream topping! For more information, please contact: Theresa Friess @ mcaartofgiving@gmail.com or Jody Cacko @ fawsmusic@fatherandrewwhite.org

Men’s Retreat February 7-9
“Life in Christ: The Gift of the Sacraments” The Office for Family Life is hosting a Men’s Retreat. Join men from around the Archdiocese of Washington for a weekend retreat directed by Fr. Dave Wells and Msgr. Robert Panke. This retreat will help you to reflect on the importance of our sacraments and to reconnect with the most important relationship in your life - your relationship with Christ. The retreat will be held at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV. To register go to the following link: https://2020adwmensretreat.eventbrite.com or for more information call the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4499.

Heavenly Morning of Recollection -- Healing Our Wounds, Saturday, February 8
God heals us in many ways, emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually. Be sure to join us on Saturday, February 8 at Immaculate Conception Church and Hall at 28297 Old Village Road in Mechanicsville as Fr. Scott Woods teaches us more about God’s healing love for us! The morning will include Mass, Breakfast, Confessions, Talks and Healing Service with laying on of hands! This morning is free and we expect to fill up, therefore Registration is necessary to confirm our Breakfast and seating needs (due to Fire Code Regulations). Please Register now through our Bread of Life Center for Peace Facebook page or go through Eventbrite.com! You can also call Bread of Life Center for Peace at (301) 475-7139 to reserve your seat or if you need more information.

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 athewell@imhrc.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 Events
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

A Catholic Women’s Retreat, hosted by Encounter Grace, will take place on Saturday, March 28, at Immaculate Conception Church, Mechanicsville. The retreat, The Grace of Yes with Lisa Hendey, is a full-day retreat. Open to Catholic women ages 18+, cost is $45.00 and includes retreat, breakfast and lunch. Information and link to register can be found at www.encountergrace.co

Walking Where Jesus Walked -- Pilgrimage to the Holy Land! Join us in the footsteps of Jesus, October 18 to 27. We will visit many biblical holy places on this trip including: Nazareth, Cana, Galilee, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Holy Sepulchre, the Jordan River, Dead Sea and more! Fr. Rob Maro and Fr. Michal Sajnog will be joining us to provide Mass, confession and spiritual direction. The cost of this trip based on double occupancy is only $3,855.00. Please contact Bread of Life Center for Peace for the full itinerary and trip details at (301) 475-7139 or visit our website www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org.