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.
SCRIPTURE CORNER

Presenting the “Present”: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Presentation

Today’s feast marks the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple, forty days after he was born. As the firstborn, he belonged to God. According to the Law, Mary and Joseph were required to take him to the Temple and “redeem” him by paying five shekels. At the same time, the Law required the child’s mother to offer sacrifice in order to overcome the ritual impurity brought about by childbirth.

So the feast we celebrate shows a curious turn of events. The Redeemer seems to be redeemed. She who is all-pure presents herself to be purified. Such is the humility of our God. Such is the humility of the Blessed Virgin. They submit to the law even though they are not bound by it.

However, the Gospel story nowhere mentions Jesus’ “redemption,” but seems to describe instead a religious consecration—such as a priest might undergo. St. Luke tells us that Jesus is “presented” in the Temple, using the same verb that Saint Paul uses to describe the offering of a sacrifice (see Romans 12:1). Another parallel is the Old Testament dedication of Samuel (1 Sam 1:24-27) to the Temple as a priest.

The drama surrounding Jesus’ conception and birth began in the Temple—when the Archangel visited Mary’s kinsman, Zechariah the priest. And now the story of Jesus’ infancy comes to a fitting conclusion, again in the Temple.

All the readings today concern Jerusalem, the Temple, and the sacrificial rites. The first reading comes from the Prophet Malachi, who called the priests to return to faithful service—and foretold a day when a Messiah would arrive with definitive purification of the priesthood.

Likewise, the Psalm announces to Jerusalem that the city is about to receive a great visitor. The Psalmist identifies him as “The LORD of hosts . . . the king of glory.”

Christ now arrives as the long-awaited priest and redeemer. He is also the sacrifice. Indeed, as his life will show, He is the Temple itself (see John 2:19-21)!

~Scott Hahn, PhD

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

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WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE
Sunday, February 2

PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED PERSONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

FIRST FRIDAY, February 7: Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed at 10:00 am in the Sacred Heart Chapel, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6:00-6:30 pm, concluding with Benediction. Please consider spending time with our Lord. Volunteers may sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.
EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

PARKING REQUEST
With the reconfiguration of our parking lot in front of the church, we tripled the available spaces and doubled the lane access. To allow adequate and safe pass-through space in the lanes, please pull up your vehicle as close as possible to the concrete bumper in each parking slot. Thanks for your attention to making our parking facility convenient for all.

~Fr. David

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.

MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS
The next topic will be: “Did Jesus really do Miracles?” 7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish hall on February 3rd, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

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

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.santalloysiuschurch.org. For questions, call the rectory at 301-475-8064.

VOCA TIONS CROSS
Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junípero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with The Seth Tavera Family, who has the Vocations Cross!

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents…..
Music Teachers Association of Southern Maryland (MTASM) Students in Recital
Date: Saturday, February 22
Place: St. Aloysius Church
Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
45 minute recitals begin every hour
Vocal and piano performances from students of all ages!
For more information, contact kevofgmh@gmail.com.

The Presentation of the Lord

STEWARDSHIP
SHARING OUR TREASURE
Weekly Offertory Contributions
January 25/26, 2020

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

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

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith: Our theme for February is the last six Commandments. Our gatherings will be on this 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.santalloysiuschurch.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.santalloysiuschurch.org/camp-covecrest-2020

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:

SCRIP Message: The Father Andrew White school community would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who supported and continue to support our school through the SCRIP gift card program. Thanks to you and our school families, our SCRIP program is having a great year! From November 1st through January 1st, we sold $83,000 worth of gift cards, the vast majority of those in $25 and $50 increments. We earned $4,361 for the school! Our school buys gift cards at a discount and sells them at face value for use not only as gifts, but for everyday shopping. You pay face value and receive face value, so there is no additional cost to you. We appreciate your consideration and support of our gift card fundraising program for your gift giving needs and everyday shopping and dining.
Science Competitions: The Father Andrew White Robotics team, the FAW Comets, competed last Saturday at Prince George’s Community College. They won 2nd place in Core Values. The judges commented on how well they worked together and how kind they were to the other teams. Over the weekend, 6th grade student, Oliver represented FAW at the St. Mary’s County Science Fair. He competed in the biochemistry category and he won 1st place in the entire county! He earned Junior Division Champion! He was also the recipient of the "Best Presentation" award, "Most Outstanding Ability to Communicate Science" award, and the "Educational Systems Federal Credit Union" award. Amazing job Oliver! Best wishes at Regionals in March!

COMMUNITY

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, Feb. 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!

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@ihmrc.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.com.

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 and includes retreat, breakfast and lunch. Information and link to register can be found at www.encountergrace.com.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER TO ALABAMA -- APRIL 18 TO 22
Don't miss this opportunity to visit the beautiful Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) founded by Mother Angelica! Fr. Rory Conley, Pastor, St. Mary's Church, Bryantown will accompany us as Chaplain. The cost of this trip based on double occupancy is only $925, which includes: airfare, bus transportation, hotels, breakfast and lunch, along with entry fees and stipends. 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 and click on the Alabama Pilgrimage link!

St. John's School Second Annual Golf Tournament: Thursday, May 14, at Breton Bay Golf & Country Club, Leonardtown. 8 a.m. check-in/practice/putting contest; 9 a.m. shotgun start. $125 per person or $500 per foursome; food and beverages included. Sponsorship opportunities from $100-$1,000. Visit www.sjsjhollywood.org to register, sponsor or donate! For additional info, contact Sara McAlono: sara.mcaloon@yahoo.com (717) 491-4044.

Join the OLSS Travel Club on a 6 night/7day luxury motor coach trip to Mackinac Island and Michigan's upper peninsula from May 31-June 6. Depart/return from OLSS in Solomons. Trip price of $879 per person includes bus, hotel, all gratuities, all tours, daily breakfast, 1 lunch and 4 dinners, including a dinner cruise. Visit the Grand Hotel, take a carriage tour and ferry boat ride, and LOTS more! A $100 (refundable) check deposit is needed by March 15 to hold your space. Contact Mary Beth Brown for more details. 443-623-6368 or marybeth@bytheseatravel.com

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. 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.
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