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 FULFILLS THE LAW

In today's Gospel (Mathew 5:17-37), Jesus insists that he has not come to abolish the Law, but rather to fulfill it! The Law must always be seen as a product of revealed religion. Our Lord does insist that he has the mission to fulfill the Law. This is a very important statement by Jesus because the Jewish teaching was that only God can change the Law. Christ is making clear by his changes that he is the Son of God. The Father had proclaimed at Christ's baptism, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” (Matthew 3:17).

Jesus then fulfills six specific laws from the Old Testament. Four of those changes are in today’s Gospel. In each of the six acts of fulfillment, he uses the formula: “You have heard that it was said to your ancestors….But I say to you.” Christ first perfects the teaching about killing by insisting that any manifestation of anger is “liable to judgment.” (v. 22) He insists you should not “bring your gift to the altar” (v. 23) until you have reconciled with your brother or sister.

The second fulfillment of the Law is concerning adultery. He says, “Everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” (v. 28) No sacrifice by the followers of Jesus can be too great to avoid sinful acts of lust.

Moses had allowed divorce. But his regulation actually had been a strengthening of the law of divorce. Before Moses men could divorce their wives and then force them to come back. That was stopped by the Mosaic legislation. Jesus wants an absolute prohibition of divorce unless the marriage is unlawful. Scripture scholars have different interpretations of Matthew’s phrase, “unless the marriage is unlawful.” (v. 32)

The fourth fulfillment of the Law by Jesus deals with the practice of taking oaths. Our Lord teaches that Christians should not take oaths at all. “Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No’. Anything more is from the evil one.” (v. 37)

In today’s Gospel; Jesus offers this important teaching for his followers: “Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of Heaven” (v. 19) It would seem that Jesus has in mind the Mosaic Law, but also the Law as he fulfills and perfects it.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

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BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rev. Francis J. Bober and Rev. Louis A. Tou, priests of the Church of Washington, and Jim Lim, who passed away recently. May the angels lead them into paradise; may the martyrs come and welcome them to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem; and may the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding give their families comfort and peace.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Sacred Heart Chapel beginning at 8:00 AM, concluding with Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours at 8:45 AM. All are welcome! Single-volume Christian Prayer books for the Liturgy of the Hours are available at Heavenly Presents in Leonardtown.

THE LITANY OF PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS is recited every Tuesday after the 12:15 pm daily Mass. Please plan to stay for a few minutes after Mass to pray for our priests.

THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY is recited on Wednesdays after the 8:30 am Mass. Come and pray with Mother Mary, Patron Saint of the Americas; our country needs our prayers. Please join us. Questions call Gerda at 301-475-0009 or 860-558-6476.
There will be more information or to sign up for an appointment with a trained team to respond more fully to the Gospel using five simple keys. To provide confidential, and effective prayer ministry to help us to address hopelessness, and shame. Unbound Ministry is a safe, private, and honest approach to help us address these issues. 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 address hopelessness, and shame. Unbound Ministry is a safe, confidential, and effective prayer ministry to help us to address hopelessness, and shame. Unbound Ministry is a safe, confidential, and effective prayer ministry to help us to address hopelessness, and shame.

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45 minute recitals begin every hour

Vocal and piano performances from students of all ages!
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**STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
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Direct Debit: $1,381.00 Direct Debit: $644.50
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ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Thank you from Peru! Community Sunday twinning donations enable our Vincentian partners at St. Catherine Laboure and the Villa Infantil orphanage in Lima Peru care for many needs of the very poor in their area. The conference at St. Catherine Laboure supports a parish dining room (‘soup kitchen’) to feed the hungry, provides support for school children and the Frederic Ozanam scholarship program, in addition to providing food, medicine and other needs for those whom they visit. The conference also sponsors a friendship day with the children of the Villa Infantil.

Our parish twinning collections also help the Villa Infantil Frederico Ozanam, a residential care center caring for children ages 0-17 years which was founded 43 years ago. The Villa receives no funding from the Peruvian government but is maintained only through donations, especially from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Children receive a home, care for their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being, education and hope for a brighter future. The Villa has a vision of transforming the world in which these children were born, stating “this is only possible by the collaboration and commitment of many who support the work, through twinning with the poor—to feel their needs, received as their own problems, and allow the children a future with hope.” ¡Gracias por su compromiso y generosidad!

ANNUAL APPEAL

Last year members of our parish together gave $53,127 to the Annual Appeal. Thank you for your generous response! Today is Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Appeal. Please be generous in making your pledge. No gift is too small and will support more than 60 ministries and programs benefitting countless women, men, children and families in the Church of Washington, including within our own parish and local community. For example, Appeal underwrites training for our future priests and deacons, of which we have 5 from St. Aloysius!

As in every year, 100% of your contribution will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. You may also visit the Annual Appeal website at appeal.adw.org for more information on alternative ways of donating.

I always sincerely appreciate the sacrifices that flow from the goodness of your hearts! ~Fr. David

COMmUNITY

IHM HEALING MASS

There will be a Mass with healing prayers and Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday, February 18th, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park. The Mass will start at 5:30 pm, followed by healing prayers. Confessions will start at 5pm. Hope to see you there, all are welcome!

Encounter Grace – Early 2020 Events

More information can be found at www.encountergrace.co

Saturday, February 29

Join the Encounter Grace Team as they host a Women’s Morning Of Reflection at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 21370 Newtowne Neck Rd, Leonardtown. Guest speaker, Laura K. Roland, will present the talk, The Visitation: A Story of Fear, Fiat & Faith, which is a fresh look at how we can build strong communities of faith using The Visitation as our model. Tickets are $10.00 and include breakfast and materials for the morning. Purchase tickets here: https://sfxmorningofreflection.eventbrite.com

Tuesday, March 3

Our first book club will read St. Monica and the Power of Persistent Prayer by Mike Aquilina and Mark Sullivan. We will meet on March 3 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 29119 Point Lookout Rd, Morganza, from 630 pm -830 pm. This is a free event, but registration is required. https://encountergracestmonicabook.eventbrite.com

Saturday, March 28

Registration for the Encounter Grace Women’s Retreat, The Grace of Yes with Lisa Hendey is now open. Early bird tickets are $45.00 and will be on-sale through February 29, 2020. Regular price tickets are $55.00 and will be available for purchase until March 23 or we sell out! Ticket includes breakfast and lunch catered by Apple Spice Catering. Purchase tickets here: https://thegraceofyes-march-2020.eventbrite.com

PHS Philadelphia Flower Show

St. Joseph’s Women’s Group is again sponsoring a bus trip to PA. Join us as we motor to Philadelphia. PHS Philadelphia Flower Show, Riviera Holiday, Thursday, March 5, Cost $95.00. For more information, contact Georgana Navarro at 301-643-0948

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.breadofflifecenterforpeace.org and click on the Alabama Pilgrimage link!

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.breadofflifecenterforpeace.org.