February 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 to 6:45 pm followed by Benediction. Confessions from 6:00 - 6:30 pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
- Thursday: 11:30 am - 12 Noon
- Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

STAFF

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

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 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, 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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As Christ’s Sermon on the Mount continues, he wants us to fulfill the Law by avoiding revenge and hate. In his first example, he quotes the well-known directive from the Old Testament, “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” (Leviticus 24:20) This particular law was intended as an improvement in God’s People. Revenge should not go to extremes, but should observe equality! “The same injury that one gives another shall be inflicted in return.” It cannot be a life for an eye, for example, but only an “eye for an eye.”

Jesus wants to fulfill this law by teaching that there should be no vengeance at all! “Offer no resistance to one who is evil.” (Matthew 5:39) If, for instance you are struck on your cheek, or taken to court over a garment, or pressed into service, or asked for money, always go beyond what is being asked of you. Jesus is making a very strong challenge to his followers, to go beyond human nature by following the teachings of the Son of God.

In the final example of our Lord’s fulfilling the Law, we hear: “But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.” (v. 44) Loving one’s enemies, which would include forgiving them, is perhaps the most difficult behavior that Christ asks of Christians. Jesus insists on this love of enemies because God, our Father, “makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.” (v. 45) If one loves only family and friends, Jesus says that you are only doing what all do, even sinners and pagans. But our Lord wants much more. “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (v. 48)

My thought is that as Jesus presents us with the idea of loving our enemies, he knows that we will not always succeed in carrying it out. Certainly that is one of the reasons why Christ gave us the sacrament of reconciliation. I believe that is also helpful to realize that in loving and forgiving our enemies we should see it as a process, strengthened by daily prayers to God.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

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**SCRIPTURE CORNER**

**NO REVENGE, NO HATE**

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**FASTING & ABSTINENCE for LENT**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat for those age 18—59. Seafood is permitted. In addition, Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence for those age 14 and up. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal.

(If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully in and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.)
Vocations Tree - Pray for Our Seminarians

Here’s something simple you and your family can do for Lent! Please take a moment today to stop by the “Vocations Tree” in the St. Aloysius niche, where you’ll see cards for each of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church in our archdiocese.

SEMINARIAN AUGUSTINE ONUOHA

Lenten Mission

March 15th @ 6:15pm

Come hear Augustine Onuoha speak on the Holy Eucharist. From a humble background in Nigeria, Augustine is in his third year of theology studying at Mount St. Marys Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland for the catholic diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend, Indiana. He likes playing soccer, table tennis, and volleyball.

“The Eucharist is my life and everything, it is the secret of my vocation.” Join us for an evening of Adoration, Music, Confession, and reception. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS

The next topic will be: “One Nation, Under God?” 7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish hall on February 24th, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

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, March 7, visit www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/unbound.

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

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 today, Sunday, February 23rd from 12-1pm. Come see our school and meet the dedicated and caring staff and discover how our students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."

School Mass: Father Andrew White School celebrates Mass as a school family every Friday and on special Holy Days. During these student led Masses at St. Aloysius, they partake by being the lectors, altar servers, gift bearers, and chorus. Older students sit alongside their younger class buddies to help them more fully participate. We invite all parishioners to join us as the 7th grade class hosts an Ash Wednesday Service this Wednesday, February 26th at 9am. We hope to see you there!
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

Today is Follow-up Sunday for the 2020 Appeal. Thank you to all parishioners who made a gift to the Annual Appeal last weekend. We appreciate your support. If you did not have a chance to make your gift last weekend, or you needed more time to prayerfully consider your gift, pledge envelopes will again be available in the church this weekend, and completed envelopes can be placed in the offertory basket. You may also make your pledge online at appeal.adw.org.

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. As in every year, 100% of your contribution to the Annual Appeal will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal. Thank you for your generous response.

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

COMMUNITY

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-march2020.eventbrite.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!

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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