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.

March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent

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: 11:30-12 Noon
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

STAFF
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

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

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Dear Friends –

We hope by now you have had occasion to visit our new Sacred Heart Chapel or attend an event in our new Parish Hall. It is great to see and hear the Hall filled with such joy on Community Sunday, as you gather with friends and family over coffee and donuts!

The following is an update on the current status of the finances regarding our new addition. As you may recall, we were required to have 75% of the estimated cost of the addition on hand before construction began. The total cost of the project was $2.7 million. As the construction continued, we continued to collect funds toward the building cost and allocated these funds towards the construction invoices.

A line of credit was temporarily used until the recent approval of a low-interest loan through the Archdiocese for the remainder. That loan for the remainder of the debt is about $300,000, which we hope to pay off as soon as possible.

To that end, we designated our building collection envelopes for debt reduction, 100% of which funds go toward that purpose alone. In the meantime, we would like to suggest a couple of effective ways we can make a big dent in the debt.

1) If we sell all of these pavers for the sidewalk leading into the Hall, we can cut our debt in half! You can purchase brick pavers for $250 each. Consider honoring a person, living or deceased or an event, such as an anniversary to commemorate by purchasing an inscribed brick.

2) We would like to hold some fundraising events in the Hall over the coming year. Stay tuned as these details unfold. Please consider attending as they occur and bring your family and friends.

Let’s honor our loved ones and have a little fun while we work together to pay down the debt and thank God for his overflowing goodness!

~Fr. David and the Finance Council

**PASTOR’S NOTE**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

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*Daylight Savings Time begins


**LITTLE BLACK BOOKS:** As a companion for prayer during the season of Lent the parish is once again offering *The Little Black Book*. These pocket-sized books lead us through a six-minute meditation each day on the Passion according to St. Mark. *The Little Black Book* is available in the vestibule with voluntary $1 donation to offset the cost.

**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.)
EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS
The next topic will be: “Martin Luther from the Catholic Perspective” 7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish hall on March 2nd, led by Ryan Naegele.

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.saintaloysiuschurch.org/unbound.

Vocations Tree - Pray for Our Seminarians
It’s not too late to choose an archdiocesan seminarian and commit to praying for him each day during 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.

LENTEN MISSION
Seminarian Augustine Onuoha, Guest Speaker
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 Diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend. 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
St. Aloysius is looking for a few volunteers to help in the rectory every third Monday morning. If available and for more information, please call Denise or Lauren at the rectory, 301-475-8064.

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.

VOCATIONS CROSS
Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Robert Lantz, who has the Vocations Cross!
**STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
Weekly Offertory Contributions
February 22/23, 2020

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

**PATRON OF THE WEEK:** Barbara Click Realtor - Remax. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Family of Faith:** Our theme for March is the New Commandment and Works of Mercy. Our next gatherings will be this **Sunday, March 1**, and **March 15**, from 9:15 to 10:30 AM.

**YDisciple Lenten Series - The Invitation:** All high school and middle school teens are invited to a four-part small group video and discussion series on **Friday nights beginning February 28** at 7 PM in the Youth Lounge. Sign up at [www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/ydisciple](http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/ydisciple).

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

**Lenten Food Drive - March 14-15:**
Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington are sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place the weekend of March 14-15. Bags for your donations will be provided at Mass March 7-8. Our collection will be donated to Helping Hands. Please be generous with your contribution. If you wish, you may make a contribution to Helping Hands with a note that it is for the food drive. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL**

**Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:**

**First Friday Mass:** Father Andrew White School celebrates Mass as a school family every Friday. On First Fridays a class or special group hosts the Mass. These 9am First Friday Masses at St. Aloysius are student led. Students 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 any Friday. On Friday, March 6th we hope to see you as Kindergarten hosts the 9am Mass.

**Chipotle Spirit Night:** On Wednesday, March 11th our parish school will have a Spirit Night at Chipotle from 5 - 9pm. Father Andrew White will receive a generous 33% of your total order. Invite your family and friends and enjoy an evening out together! Please be sure to mention you are there to support FAW so they can receive the proper credit.

**COMMUNITY**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - Holy Angels Church in Avenue would like to extend the invitation to all in joining our Parish for Adoration beginning at 6:00 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 every Wednesday evening.

**Forever in our hearts...**
A Service of remembrance and celebration, Thursday, March 5, at 6:00 pm at MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital in The Blue Heron Café. Join us as we take this opportunity to honor the loved ones who have gone before us. Attendees are invited to bring memories or photos of your loved one to share. For more information or to RSVP, please call 301-475-6453.

**Encounter Grace – Early 2020 Events**
More information can be found at [www.encountergrace.co](http://www.encountergrace.co)

**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](https://encountergracestmonicabook.eventbrite.com)

**DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER TO ALABAMA -- APRIL 18-22**
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](http://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 18-27**. 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](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org).