

ANCIENT FAITH
Modern Message



St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church

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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 18, 2018

Fifth 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: Masses at 9:00 am (September through June) and 7:00 pm. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 am till 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 Joe Vavrus
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper.....Denise Becher, ext.10
Receptionist/Bulletin EditorLauren Carney, ext.11
Religious Education/Youth Ministry.....Leonard Wathen, ext.16
Maintenance.....Wally Bowles
Principal, Father Andrew White SchoolHeather Francisco
Secretary, FAW School.....Helen Bowles

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



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Pastoral Plan for: "The Joy of Love"

"Accompanying the Distracted"
(from Part III)

Here is an excerpt from Cardinal Wuerl's recent Pastoral Plan implementing Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love" (*Amoris Laetitia*, 2016):

For many individuals and families in the 21st century, one of the greatest challenges to overcome involves the seemingly never-ending distractions of popular culture. This culture of distraction can distance us from our loved ones. How many times have you seen a couple or a parent and child spending "quality time" together with one or both of them staring at the screens of their phones, "sharing the same room without one even noticing the other?" (AL, 224). When we live constantly distracted by noise or technology, we miss out on quality time with God and those around us. In the process, we train ourselves to believe that our identity is based on the things we accomplish or possess, not on being children of our loving Father.

Multigenerational families learn from family members of all ages, valuing each person for who they are, not what they can do. From the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, our abilities change, but our dignity, rooted in Christ, remains constant. As we age, we may lose some of our physical abilities, but we can never lose our human dignity. Pope Francis notes what we can learn from the elderly, because "their words, their affection or simply their presence help children to realize that history did not begin with them, that they are now part of an age-old pilgrimage and that they need to respect all that came before them" (AL, 192).

Together as a Church, "We need to find the right language, arguments and forms of witness that can help us reach the hearts of young people, appealing to their capacity for generosity, commitment, love and even heroism, and in this way inviting them to take up the challenge of marriage with enthusiasm and courage" (AL, 40).

Many people might feel tempted to distract themselves from the busyness of life through addictions to technology and social media, drugs and alcohol, or pornography. Such addictions negatively affect us and our human family by limiting our authentic human freedom, the greatest gift God has given to us. In the synod on the family, "drug use was also mentioned as one of the scourges of our time, causing immense suffering and even breakup for many families. The same is true of alcoholism, gambling and other addictions. The family could be the place where these are prevented and overcome" (AL, 51).

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, March 20:	
12:15 pm	Josephine Samborski
Wednesday, March 21:	
8:30 am	John Dougherty
Thursday, March 22:	
12:15 pm	Merrill "Chico" Rivers
Friday, March 23:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
8:30 am	Gloria Dzimianski
Saturday, Mar. 24:	Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr
7:30 am	Tick & Ada Gough
5:00 pm	Reni Jose
Sunday, March 25:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 am	Bobby, Manning, & Bernie Norris
11:00 am	<i>Pro populo</i>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER the Sick and Homebound in our Community: John Barnett, Walter M. Bowman, Frank Brown, Judy Brown, Teresa Cusic, Charles Davis, Sr., Frances Duke, Jan Esler, Bishop David Foley, George Guy, Warren Guy, Jr., Howard Hensley, St. Clair Hill, John Holly, Susan Howe, Kimberly Johnson, Paula Kidwell, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Frances Quade, Mary Agnes Stewart, Ed Stokel, Richard & Sally Tomkinson, Nena Underwood, Stephanie Vallandingham.

The Light is On for You!

God created us for a life-giving relationship with him and one another. I invite you to renew your relationship with the Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. In addition to the regular times, confessions will be available immediately after all Vigil and Sunday Masses during Lent. Please remember, too, that it is a Precept of the Church that all of us should make a confession at the minimum of once a year, especially during the Lenten or Easter seasons. But more often is greatly beneficial to our spiritual life!

~ Fr. David

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent.

1:00 pm - with the FAW Middle school students

1:30 pm - with the FAW Primary grade students and 7:00 pm

All are invited to participate in this ancient ritual of the Church.

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

FRIDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS: The next topic: "Galileo: What REALLY went down?" Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, March 23, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary's Ryken.

The Servants of the Lord (SSVM) Food Drive



During the Lenten season of almsgiving please consider supporting our missionary religious sisters The Servants of the Lord (SSVM) with much needed items. Bags will be distributed the weekend of March 24 & 25th and can be returned the weekend of April 7 & 8th. A wish list of recommended items will be provided with the bags. We will deliver items to the 3 convents in the DC area Sunday, April 15th. If you would like to participate in the delivery effort please contact the Madden family at 207-837-5845 for details. It is always a joyous and rewarding day visiting with the sisters. A big thank you in advance for your generosity!

Intercessory Prayer Group

Make time for prayer this Lent. Our prayer group meets every Thursday, after Mass at 1:00 pm in the church's St. Lawrence room. Flyers available in the vestibule of the church.

Parish Cemetery

PLEASE NOTE: St. Aloysius Cemetery will be cleaned up on Monday, March 19th. All flowers and decorations must be removed by Sunday, March 18th. Thank you for your cooperation!

DECORATING FOR EASTER: Saturday morning, March 31st, we will be decorating the church for the celebration of Easter. If your schedule permits, please be at the church by 9:00 am. A sign-up sheet is located in the church vestibule.

VOCATIONS CROSS and message from the Serra Club

Christ spoke of the talents each one of us has, talents which must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing his kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Are you an active Christian in the parish, at your workplace, and in the home? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations!

Holy Week Schedule

Passion (Palm) Sunday

March 25

Regular Sat./Sun. Mass Schedule

Daily Mass, Holy Week

Tuesday, March 27, 12:15 pm

Wednesday, March 28, 8:30 am

Holy Thursday, March 29

Morning Prayer: 8:30 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

in the gym of Father Andrew White School

Good Friday, March 30

Morning Prayer: 8:30 am

Confessions: 1:30 pm

Stations of the Cross: 3:00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, March 31

Morning Prayer: 7:30 am

Confessions: 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1

Masses: 8:00 am and 11:00 am

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions

March 10/11

Table with 2 columns: Collection Name and Amount. Rows include 1st Collection, 2nd Collection: Building Fund, Offertory Basket, Direct Debit, and Total.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the Archdiocesan Assessment.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Bella Music School. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

LOOKING FOR A CONVENIENT WAY TO HELP WITH OUR PARISH OFFERTORY? Please consider Direct Debit. The parish has an established program with our bank for electronic funds transfers.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY



All **Graduating High School Seniors** are invited to our 2018 Graduation Dinner on Saturday, April 14 at 6:00 PM in the rectory. Each attendee will receive a small graduation gift and will discuss practical tips on how to continue to live out your Catholic faith in college. Please RSVP to Leonard Wathen.

Family of Faith meets next on April 8 (Teaching Sunday) and April 15 (Community Sunday). Our topics for April are 1) the Communion of Saints and 2) the Second Coming of Christ. Please notice that we are meeting on the second and third Sunday of April, because of Easter Sunday.



Our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for Sunday, April 8 after the 11:00 Mass. Please sign up in the vestibule if you plan to participate.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: "When God created each of us, he did so with precision and purpose... let us treat each person as the masterpiece that he or she is."

OUR BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL



Father Andrew White School Annual Mission Drive:

Father Andrew White School will be having a bake sale after every Mass on Palm Sunday. The funds from this sale will be used to help raise money for our annual Mission Drive which supports the work of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky. This year the Sisters have asked us to raise enough money to build a house for a loving family in Belize, and they would like to name this house after Mrs. Christin Gaston. Please visit our bake sale table and assist our school in raising enough money to build this home in memory of our beloved teacher and friend. Thank you in advance for any help you can give. If you have any questions about our Mission Drive please contact Mrs. Longmore, 2nd grade teacher or Mrs. Leake, Spanish teacher at Father Andrew White School. If you are unable to visit the bake sale, you can make donations on the Mission Drive Facebook page.

COMMUNITY

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

The next Mass with Healing Prayers will be Monday, March 19, starting at 7 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park. Confessions will begin at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

Mulch Sale to Feed 1,000 Children

For a year! That's right. For every 15 bags of mulch you buy, you have just fed a hungry child for a year. Please consider helping teens from all over St. Mary's County, who work at St. John's Summer Program, feed 1,000 children in Malawi for a year by purchasing mulch. All proceeds will be donated to Mary's Meals, a nonprofit whose mission is to provide one daily meal to hungry children in their place of education. Mulch must be ordered by March 27th and will be delivered/picked up April 7th. Bags are \$4.00-4.25 depending on quantity.

For more information and to order online, visit www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com/Mulch. We thank you for your support!

Maryland Day

Join us on March 26, as we commemorate not only the birth of Maryland, but also the birth of the Catholic Church in the English speaking colonies. To that end, this year's main speaker is Monsignor Edward Coyle, whose parish in Pennsylvania has direct ties to the Jesuits who landed in Maryland in 1634. The SOMD Youth Orchestra and Choir will perform as part of the ceremony, which begins at 2:00 pm. The Museum opens at 10 am, with boats to the island running until 4 pm. For additional information and to R.S.V.P. please contact Karen Stone, Museum Division Manager, at karen.stone@stmarysmd.com or 301-769-3235.

Care Net Volunteer Training

Care Net is offering Client Advocate Training this April. Training will take place over the course of 7 sessions (3 ½ hours each). Morning and evening sessions will be offered on the following dates: 4/3, 4/5, 4/10, 4/12, 4/17, 4/19 and 4/24. Meet other volunteers and make new friends or bring a friend with you and train and work together. Put your faith into action, be a part of your community and see God change lives! Call today to sign up: 301.737.4604 or 410.326.6866. Visit us on the web at www.friendsofcarenetsomd.org.

2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 17, at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of the church to register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Monday, April 16.