

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.

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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Scripture Corner

JESUS IS OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

The shepherd theme plays a large role in salvation history. Even today we speak about the pastor in a parish. "Pastor" is the Latin word for shepherd. From the time of Abraham until the Exodus the Hebrew people were shepherds. Certainly they were impressed by the loving care shepherds gave to their sheep. They would even risk their lives for the sheep. So it is not surprising to read "The Lord is my shepherd." (Psalm 23: 1) They were convinced of God's great love for them.

The Jewish people also applied the term shepherds to their leaders, not always good leaders. God says, "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been pasturing themselves! Should not the shepherds pasture the flock?" (Ezekiel 34: 2) God shows his great love for the people when he continues, "I myself will pasture my sheep." (Ezekiel 34: 15) Finally, looking forward to the future, God adds, "I will appoint one shepherd over them to pasture them, my servant David; he shall pasture them and be their shepherd." (Ezekiel 34: 23)

Jesus says in today's Gospel (John 10: 11 – 18) "I am the good shepherd." He is laying claim to being the messiah-shepherd of the family of David. He shows that he is the good shepherd by his care for all people, Jews and Gentiles: "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold." (vs. 16) But our Lord goes far beyond Old Testament concepts of the shepherd. He will in fact lay down his life for his flock and take it up again. He does that by his crucifixion and resurrection. Jesus performs that saving action because, as Christ says, "This command I have received from my Father." (vs. 18)

Our Lord has wonderfully comforting words for his followers down through the ages: "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." (vss. 14, 15) This "knowing," given the Semitic language background, indicates a very intimate relationship. It calls to mind the amazing words of Jesus, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." (John 15: 9) To me that is one of the greatest verses in the Bible.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner



PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, April 24: 12:15 pm	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr Robert L. "Bobby" Mattingly Gerald "Jerry" Mattingly
Wednesday, April 25: 8:30 am	St. Mark, Evangelist Howard & Cathrine Bartol
Thursday, April 26: 12:15 pm	Mary Ida Young
Friday, April 27: 8:30 am	Dorothy "Bootsie" Hall Steven Fenwick
Saturday, April 28: 7:30 am 5:00 pm	St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest Merrill "Chico" Rivers Judson John Alvey
Sunday, April 29: 8:00 am 11:00 am	Fifth Sunday of Easter Tom Connelly <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., Irene Dixon, Frances Duke, Jan Esler, Bishop David Foley, George Guy, Warren Guy, Jr., Howard Hensley, John Holly, Paula Kidwell, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Mary Agnes Stewart, Ed Stokel, Richard & Sally Tomkinson, Nena Underwood, Stephanie Vallandingham.

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE: The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of Melvin Pilkerton, who passed away recently. May the angels lead him into paradise; may the martyrs come and welcome him to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem; and may the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding give him family comfort and peace.

FRIDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS: The next topic: "Nobody Expects the Spanish Inquisition!" Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, April 27, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary's Ryken.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: Heavenly Father...

Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is seeking new candidates for membership. The PPC serves as an advisory body to the pastor, assisting the pastor in developing and supporting St. Aloysius ministries, to further strengthen the parish as a living, loving, Christian community.

The PPC meets in the Rectory on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from September to June. Members of the Council serve for a term of 3 years. Our parish constantly changes, with the welcoming of many new families and sadly the departure of others. It is only fitting that the PPC should evolve to stay in touch with the parish needs. Every year up to 1/3 of the 12-member PPC transitions.

The selection of new PPC members is a deliberative process that involves the entire parish. The process begins with this announcement to inform the parish of the opportunity. We are looking to identify potential PPC candidates. Then through prayer and discernment, the PPC will advise Father David as he selects the new members with a selection announcement in the May/June timeframe.

If you would like further information, or to be considered for the PPC, please contact one of the current PPC members - or Father David. Application forms are available in the vestibule, from a current PPC member or from the Rectory. If you know someone who might be a good candidate, please discuss with them and encourage them to consider PPC membership as a way to serve our Parish.

Cardinal's Appeal Progress Report

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the 2018 Cardinal's Annual Appeal. St. Aloysius is 82% towards our parish goal of \$69,430. If you have not yet made your commitment to the Appeal, it is not too late to help our parish meet our goal by visiting appeal.adw.org to learn more and donate! In supporting the Appeal you join with others in nurturing the faith throughout the Church of Washington. ~ Fr. David

**VOCATIONS CROSS
and message from the Serra Club**

A study commissioned by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Matt Mattingly, who has the Vocations Cross!

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith meets on Sunday, May 6 for our final Teaching Sunday of the year (9:15 to 10:30) and will conclude the year with a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on May 20. See details and sign up at www.saintaloyiuschurch.org/pilgrimage. 2018-2019 Registration for Family of Faith is now open online on our parish website.

YOU. A Small Group Series for High School Teens - Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, beginning May 16, at the home of the Roell family - Identity. Gender. Love. Chastity. The world is a difficult place for teens, and it has become increasingly hard for teens to discover the truth about their bodies, their sexuality, and their unique call to love. **"YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body"** introduces teens to the truth that life is about going out of ourselves to be a sincere gift for others. **To sign up, text YOU to 84576 or contact Leonard Wathen.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 is scheduled for July 9 to 13. Online registration is open on our parish website. Teen and VIRTUS-trained adult volunteers are needed to help make the week a success. VBS is open for children age 4 to Grade 6. Additional information can be found on the parish website at www.saintaloyiuschurch.org/vbs.

Solomons Dragon Boat Festival

Our high school Youth Ministry is participating in the Solomons Dragon Boat festival once again this year on Saturday, August 18! We were the "Fastest Religious Team" in 2017 and look forward to another great competition this year. In order to participate, we need to raise \$2000, all of which supports Southern Maryland Community Resources, a local special needs advocacy organization. Please donate today at www.saintaloyiuschurch.org/dragonboat!

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions
April 14/15, 2018

1st Collection	2nd Collection: Building Fund
<i>Offertory Basket:</i> \$ 5,870.00	<i>Offertory Basket:</i> \$ 1,885.00
<i>Direct Debit:</i> \$ 1,443.00	<i>Direct Debit:</i> \$ 529.50
Total: \$ 7,313.00	Total: \$ 2,414.50

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Will be for the Archdiocesan Assessment.

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

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

The SVdP Society is being featured on a **10-episode TV series on EWTN** starting Sunday, April 15! Tune in Sundays at 6:30 a.m. and Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. to watch **“Our Faith in Action: Today’s Society of St. Vincent de Paul.”**

In this series, Vincentians volunteer across the country to bring effective, personalized help to those in poverty and share their stories of Christ’s love along the way. From the Society’s traditional home visits, food pantries and assistance with rent and utilities, to innovative health care, financial and mentoring programs, the Society’s Vincentians see the face of Christ in the people they encounter.

For more information on the TV series, see <http://www.svdpusa.org/members/ourfaithinaction>.

COMMUNITY

Camp Maria Retreat Center – Job Opening

Camp Maria Retreat Center seeks a Facilities Manager who is able to commit to the mission and values of Camp Maria Retreat Center. The Facilities Manager is responsible to preserve, protect, maintain, operate and repair the physical property and facilities of Camp Maria Retreat Center. The facilities manager must have skills and experience in general maintenance.

For more information or to apply, contact: Director, Camp Maria Retreat Center, 41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown MD 20650. Full job description is available at www.campmaria.org. Please submit a cover letter and resume by April 30, 2018.

**2nd Annual “Walk in the Park”
5K Fun Run/Walk**

Join us on Saturday, April 28th for this fun event to benefit our parish’s Newtowne Manor House Preservation/Restoration Fund which is open to all ages and abilities. Course starts at St. Francis Xavier Church and follows the road into picturesque Newtowne Neck State Park. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and run/walk starts at 9 a.m. The registration fee of \$20 which includes a t shirt will help preserve this religious and historical landmark. Kids 12 and under are free. Information on registration is available in the

vestibule and on our website:
www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org.

If you are interested in helping as a volunteer or sponsor, please contact Sarah Matisick at [301-247-7416](tel:301-247-7416).

**St. Mary’s Queen of Peace Cemetery
Memorial Installation**

All are welcome to attend the installation of a blessed Plaque honoring the sacred memory of the Enslaved Men and Women buried throughout the Archdiocese of Washington. Fr. David Beaubien will preside over the plaque installation ceremony at St. Mary’s Queen of Peace Cemetery, 38888 Dr. Johnson Road, Mechanicsville, on Saturday, May 5th at 10:00AM.

Although there are no burials of enslaved persons at Queen of Peace, the plaque invites cemetery visitors to remember and pray for those who await their resurrection in Christ in unknown graves anywhere within the boundaries of the Archdiocese.

When he blessed the plaques at a special Mass in February, Cardinal Wuerl said, *“our brothers and sisters in the faith who were enslaved, who lived in human bondage, were treated with the same inequity at their burial. Many received no public marker... what we have come here to do today is to see that here and now all are properly remembered....Grant that these stones, placed in memory of those who suffered in terrible bondage, may, by the power of your blessing, mark a place of rest and hope.”*

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) will be holding the following fundraising events.

Fried Chicken Dinner LVRSA Fundraiser at Kevin's Korner Kafe in Leonardtown on Wednesday April 25 from 3-9 pm for dine-in or take-out. Please let your server or cashier know you are there to support the LVRSA fundraiser so the Leonardtown Rescue Squad can credit for your visit. Hope to see you there and Thank You all for your support!

SAVE THE DATE

Footprints for Faith, Inc (501c3) Fundraiser – Kickin’ It Up for CuddleCots - Friday, May 4, 6:00 – 10:30 PM:

Saddle up and put on your boots! Footprints for Faith presents **Kickin’ It Up for Cuddle Cots** featuring John Luskey and Robbie Boothe! Great food, fabulous entertainment, cash bar, and an amazing silent auction ALL from local vendors. Kick up your boots, raise a glass, empty your pockets, and keep it local! All Proceeds to benefit Footprints for Faith, Inc and the purchase of a Cuddle Cot for MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital. *A Cuddle Cot is an in-room cooling unit that is the size of a small humidifier disguised inside of a Moses basket. Research has proven having a unit available to parents while they are in the hospital encourages families to spend time with their baby. This gift of time allows precious hours for bonding, pictures, plaster molds to be taken and other family members to come and meet the baby before the natural changes that occur in death become more apparent.*

Website: <http://footprintsforfaith.weebly.com/>

Event tickets:

<https://kickin-it-up-for-cuddle-cots.eventbrite.com>