

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.

May 6, 2018

Sixth 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

THE WONDERFUL LOVE OF GOD FOR ALL

Today's Gospel (John 15: 9 – 17) should help every person understand that Jesus has an amazing love for all human beings. Our Lord tells us, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." (vs. 9) That certainly is one of the greatest verses in the Bible from the point of view of all the children of God. It seems almost too good to be true. Jesus loves us as the Father loves him. But the text, both in Greek and English, could not be clearer. It is a wonderful text for meditation.

But everyone should notice that Christ also says, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." (vs. 12) Jesus expects that we will take his commandments seriously, especially love of God and love of neighbor. Even his apostles did not do well in their love for Jesus, the Son of God. They are slow to understand; they abandon him when he is arrested. Peter will deny Christ, cursing and swearing and saying, "I do not know this man about whom you are talking." (Mark 14: 71)

Yet our Lord forgives his apostles, giving them the commission to establish his church. He even gives Peter the position as leader of his church. At the end of the Gospel Jesus tells Peter, "Feed my lambs... tend my sheep... feed my sheep." (John 21: 15-17) The reader is reminded of the words of Christ in the Gospel of Mathew, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church...I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 16: 18, 19) Certainly Jesus makes it clear that he is willing **to forgive. All that he asks is that we come to him with love and sorrow for our sins, as did Peter.**

Today's Gospel also tells us of the loving relationship that Jesus has with his Father: "I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." (vs. 10) Our Lord asks us to follow his example by keeping the commandments: "You are my friends if you do what I command you." (vs. 14) To appreciate this text one should recall that the word "friends" could be changed to "the ones I love." This is the meaning of the Greek word *philos* used by the evangelist. For example, verse 13 would read, "No one has greater love than this to lay down one's life for those he loves." The cross on Calvary teaches that the love of Jesus was truly universal, selfless, faithful and personal.

Jesus also reminds his disciples that he has chosen them; they did not choose him. As he is preparing to send them into the world, they are reminded of the importance of the commandment of love for one's neighbor, a love that includes both justice and charity. Christ assures his followers that the Father will respond to their prayers. Jesus' final words in today's gospel continue the theme of love: "This I command you: love one another." (vs. 17)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, May 8:

12:15 pm Larry McGowan

Wednesday, May 9:

8:30 am Larry & Catherine "Pat" Gibson

Thursday, May 10:

12:15 pm **St. Damien de Veuster, Priest**

Friday, May 11:

12:15 pm Catherine Mason

Saturday, May 12:

8:30 am James Raley Wathen Graves

Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

7:30 am Louis & Gladys Jenkins

5:00 pm *Pro populo*

Sunday, May 13:

8:00 am **The Ascension of the Lord**

11:00 am All Mothers

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, George Guy, Warren Guy, Jr., Howard Hensley, John Holly, Paula Kidwell, Mary Catherine Kohut, 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 Aaron H. Brooks, 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 his family comfort and peace.

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 301-475-009 or 860-558-6476.

FRIDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS: The next topic: "Do laws make us free?" The problem of relativism." Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, May 11th, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary's Ryken.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: "Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads."

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents.....

Chorus Reginae Angelorum

under the direction of Mr. Jonathan Hellerman

Date: Sunday, May 20
Time: 3:00 PM
Place: St. Aloysius Church



Beautiful sacred and secular music of Josquin De Prez, William Byrd, Anton Bruckner, David Beaubien, Jonathan Hellerman...and more!

Chorus Reginae Angelorum is a volunteer choir based in St. Mary's County that specializes in the performance of polyphonic music from the Renaissance period.

Concert is free.

For more information, contact keyofgmh@gmail.com.

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible or about the Catholic faith? Join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, and 8-part video to help you make sense of the Bible and how it relates to your everyday life. This particular series is specially designed for non-Catholics who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, but all are welcome. The series will be offered on the following Monday nights from 7-8:30 PM, June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, July 30, August 13, August 27, September 10. Register online at www.saintaloyiuschurch.org/bible.

There is still time to apply for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) The PPC is looking for interested parishioners who would like to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. If interested please pick up an application from the vestibule or the rectory and return to the rectory by Tuesday, May 8th. 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.

VOCATIONS CROSS

and message from the Serra Club

Family life can build values integral to a strong vocation—whether to priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junípero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Jean & Jeff Brown who have the Vocations Cross!

fellowship
in faith

Join our parish for our Small Group Studies starting this Monday, May 7th. We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays every month, May through July. Our program is called Fellowship in Faith. We will meet as a large group at Father Andrew White School on Monday nights for light refreshments, fellowship, prayer, a short film, and small group break-outs. EVERYONE IS WELCOME...including Teenagers! Come join your parish family as we grow together in Faith. Sign up in the vestibule of the church or on the parish website at www.saintaloyiuschurch.org.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith meets this 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 Sunday, 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 28/29, 2018

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| 1st Collection | 2nd Collection: Archdiocesan Assessment |
| <i>Offertory Basket:</i> \$ 6,209.00 | <i>Offertory Basket:</i> \$ 1,090.00 |
| <i>Direct Debit:</i> \$ 1,443.00 | <i>Direct Debit:</i> \$ 464.50 |
| Total: \$ 7,652.00 | Total: \$ 1,554.50 |

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Will be for the **Catholic Relief Services**.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Erie Olde Town Insurance - Dan Burris. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Walk for the Poor



The 11th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk will be held on Saturday, September 29th. Volunteers are needed to help plan the Walk activities, and the first planning meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10th at 6 pm at St. Mary's Nursing & Rehab Center.

Please consider joining us. If you would like to volunteer but can't attend the May 10th meeting, contact Patty Belanger at (301) 904-7990.

COMMUNITY

HEAVENLY PRESENTS CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE

Heavenly Presents provides many affordable gift ideas to meet your First Communion and Confirmation needs, so be sure to visit us at: 22697 Washington Street, (on the Square) in Leonardtown. Operated by volunteers our store hours are: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am until 5pm; Wednesday and Friday, 10am until 6pm and Saturday 10am to 3pm. For more information call us at: (301) 475-9770.

Also, Heavenly Presents is looking for additional volunteers. Our Volunteer hours are flexible in that you can volunteer once a week to once a month! Please call or stop by if you are interested!

Camp Maria Retreat Center Swimming Pool

This summer the Camp Maria Retreat Center swimming pool is available for use by local churches. Churches may organize a group of 10 or more participants to come to Camp Maria to use the pool. Time at Camp Maria Retreat Center overlooking the bay is a very special experience for young and old. This is a great opportunity for youth groups, summer bible school programs, church volunteers and church families to spend time together cooling down and relaxing. This might be a good family activity to incorporate with your summer youth programs... an evening opportunity to bring parents/guardians together with their children. A certified lifeguard will be on duty. Both day and evening hours are available to schedule your event. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$5 for youth under 18 years old, no meals will be provided by Camp Maria but you may bring your own snacks or a picnic. Pool times can be scheduled for up to three consecutive hours. Please contact Theresa at admin@campmaria.org to schedule and to reserve your spot.

MEMORIAL YOUTH MASS

Come join in a mass remembering the deceased youth of our County, on Saturday, May 26, at the St Mary's County Youth Memorial in Great Mills (on Route 5 just south of Great Mills Road). Praying the Rosary will begin at 10 am, followed by a Catholic Mass. All are welcome. Refreshments will be available after mass. In case of bad weather, Holy Face Church will host the mass.

Saint Mary's Co. Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage Tour

St Francis Xavier Church and Newtowne Manor House have been selected to participate in the 81st annual **Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage Tour** on Saturday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain or shine. This popular and highly regarded event also features waterfront homes and/or gardens in Breton Bay, Compton and Newtowne Neck; includes the Port of Leonardtown Winery. We are pleased to announce Newtowne Manor House has been chosen by the St. Mary's Co. Garden Club to be their "special project"; all proceeds will benefit The Manor House Restoration Fund.

For more information or advance ticket sales visit mhgp.org. Tickets are \$35 online, \$40 at the door (cash or check only at door). Advance tickets (\$35) may also be purchased by calling call 301-861-6112.

Gourmet boxed lunches available by pre-paid reservation only; must be made by May 12. Options include Chicken salad sandwich, Portobello Mushroom sandwich, stuffed ham sandwich or gluten-free Caesar salad with chicken; side salad, chips, dessert and bottled water included.

Mail checks payable to SMCGC for \$15 along with lunch selection to Judy Moe, 41720 Knight Rd., Leonardtown, Md. 20650. Call 301-475-7974 or email jmoe@earthlink.net.