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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.

January 14, 2018

2nd 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: 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
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RECTORY HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8 am-4 pm
Friday 9 am-3 pm



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Scripture Corner

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD

John the Baptist truly will “prepare the way of the Lord.” (Mark 1: 3). One important contribution of the Baptist is the fact that he pointed out Jesus with these words: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.” (John 1: 29) These words of John have had a great influence on the Church, especially on its liturgy. At every Mass the faithful use these words of John three times before Holy Communion. The priest says, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.”

Biblical scholars point out that knowledge of the Sacred Scriptures is critical to appreciate the meaning of “Lamb of God.” The figure of a conquering Lamb appears in Jewish apocalyptic, a Lamb who will destroy evil in the world. The apocalyptic Lamb is also found frequently in the New Testament Book of Revelation. “They will fight with the Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer them, for he is the Lord of lords, and king of kings, and those with him are called, chosen and faithful.” (17: 14)

The amazing texts about the Suffering Servant in the book of Isaiah are a second source for the Lamb of God title. The Servant assumes the sins of all though he himself is completely innocent. Isaiah 53: 7 says of the Suffering Servant: “Like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth.” Later in that chapter Isaiah teaches that the Suffering Servant will take away the sins of all the world: “He surrendered himself to death, was counted among the transgressors, bore the sins of many [all], and interceded for the transgressors.” (53: 12)

The paschal Lamb is a third possible source for the words of the Baptist referring to Christ, the “Lamb of God.” At the time of Moses the blood of the paschal lamb saved the first born of the Israelites. Referring to the paschal lamb and its blood Yahweh says, “But for you the blood will mark the houses where you are. Seeing the blood I will pass over; thereby, when I strike the land of Egypt, no destructive blow will come upon you.” (Exodus 12: 13) The blood of Jesus, the new Paschal Lamb, shed at the time of his passion, makes forgiveness of sins possible for every repentant sinner.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner



PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Jan. 16: 12:15 pm	Jose Medenilla
Wednesday, Jan. 17: 8:30 am	St. Anthony, Abbot William & Mary Ida Young
Thursday, Jan. 18: 12:15 pm	Elizabeth “Sis” Swales
Friday, Jan. 19: 8:30 am	Respect for Life
Saturday, Jan. 20: 7:30 am 5:00 pm	St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr St. Sebastian, Martyr James Falkowski Josephine Michalski Richard B. Lelonek
Sunday, Jan. 21: 8:00 am 11:00 am	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Elizabeth “Sis” Swales <i>Pro populo</i>
Monday, Jan. 22: 8:30 am	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Respect for Life

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER the Sick and Homebound in our Community: John Barnett, Dorothy Anne Blackwell, Walter M. Bowman, Judy Brown, Teresa Cusic, Charles Davis, Sr., Frances Duke, Jan Esler, George Guy, Warren Guy, Jr., Howard Hensley, St. Clair Hill, John Holly, Kimberly Johnson, Paula Kidwell, Juliann Leginze, Kelly McCleaf Karwacki, Max Long, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Frances Quade, Roberta Robusto, Allan Stevenson, Mary Agnes Stewart, Ed Stokel, Richard & Sally Tomkinson, Stephanie Vallandingham.

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: “All I need is the Bible! Right?” Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, January 19, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

COMMUNITY SUNDAY: Next Sunday is our “Community Sunday” celebration at St. Aloysius. Parishioners are asked to please help support both our local community with non-perishable food items for Helping Hands and the larger community by making a donation to our two twining efforts in Peru through a donation to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY: In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, our parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th and will reopen on Tuesday, January 16th.

THIS LENT, HOW ABOUT GETTING A GIFT RATHER THAN GIVING SOMETHING UP?

Lent starts this Valentine's Day, February 14th. We are inviting you to mark your calendars now to receive **The GIFT: A Life in the Spirit Seminar.** This is an inspiring and practical series aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith. The 6 sessions will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm and will include dinner. The GIFT series begins on Wednesday, February 21st. A \$10 donation for the book is recommended. Register at www.saintalloysiuschurch.org under the News feed, **The GIFT sign up.** For more information, contact Deb Vavrus at 240-317-5332 or davavrus@msn.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Dear St. Aloysius Community,
Thank you for receiving me with such generosity! You all have helped me in a great way to arrive at my goal for my next years in Italy. The sisters and I have been so blessed to see your faith and generosity many times throughout the year. Please keep us in your prayers, and be assured that you are in ours as well. I place you all in the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

God bless,
Sr. Corredemptrix SSVM



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

Prayer is a moving force in vocation development. Prayer is effective, powerful, and essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

“Lord, your Church is in need. Touch the hearts of many within our parish with the desire to serve you. Call forth from this community sisters, brothers, deacons, priests and lay leaders. Help us to live lives that will nurture childhood trust into adult commitment. May this parish be a source of hope and a source of ministers for your Church, your people and your world. Amen.”

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Jay & Jim McCleaf who have the Vocations Cross!

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions

Jan. 6/7

1st Collection	2nd Collection: School Support
<i>Offertory Basket: \$ 5,918.00</i>	<i>Offertory Basket: \$ 1,059.00</i>
<i>Direct Debit: \$ 4,258.00</i>	<i>Direct Debit: \$ 507.00</i>
Total: \$ 10,176.00	Total: \$ 1,566.00

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for **Building Fund.**

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Printing Press, Inc. 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. All transactions are done electronically, debiting your bank account automatically for the amount which you have agreed to in writing. This program is voluntary and includes electronic transfers for both the first collection offertory as well as the special second collections.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith met on January 7 and meets again for our Community Gathering on January 21 from 9:15 to 10:30 AM. Our January topics are “Who is Jesus Christ?” and “Jesus makes us children of God in Baptism.” Please bring your Family Storybook/scrapbook on January 21 to show some of the work that you’ve done with other parents.



High School & Middle School teens are invited to “**Improv Your Faith,**” an evening of faith-filled fun with Fr. Rob Maro, Sunday, January 28, 5 to 7 PM at Father Andrew White School. Before entering the seminary, Fr. Rob, pastor of St. Francis Xavier, taught “Improv,” improvisational acting. Join us to learn a few lessons in improv and in faith! Dinner will be provided.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Getting Ahead in a “Just Gettin’-by-World”

is a program for 6-12 people living in or near poverty to meet weekly for 18-20 weeks, for 3 hours to investigate the impact of poverty on individuals, families and the community. *Be part of the journey in the following ways:*

Investigate! You’re ready for change. Investigate and invest in your future by creating your plan to build your resources. Commit to meeting 3 hours for 20 weeks to problem solve with peers. Build social capital. Use your energy and talents to help improve your community.

Mentor! You’re not a counselor or an expert, but a neighbor willing to walk with an investigator. To listen, validate, question and affirm their actions. To facilitate community connections. To empower graduates of Getting Ahead to build their resources.

Support! Prepare a meal for 10-13 investigators, facilitators and guest mentors to share prior to their meeting. Help fuel the “kitchen table” discussions!

The program begins Monday, January 22 at Fr. Andrew White, S.J. School in Leonardtown. To apply or learn more about Getting Ahead, please call Cindy, Catholic Charities Parish Partners, 410-963-7839 or Teresa, SVdP, St. Aloysius 301-481-2942 or Phyllis and Mike, SVdP Immaculate Conception 240-249-3737.

BEDS NEEDED

St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) has had a request for either two full size beds or one full size bed and one single bed. If you have a bed that you want to donate, please call the SVDP phone number and leave a message. [301.481.2942](tel:301.481.2942)

THANK YOU!

RESPECT LIFE



MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON, DC

March for Life 2018 (<http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2018/>) will be held on Friday, January 19. Knights of Columbus Council #1470 are sponsoring a 55-passenger coach bus, up and back that day, leaving from and returning to the St. Aloysius parking lot. Council #1470 Knights and their

families are free. A recommended donation of \$10/adult, children free, for non-Council #1470 Marchers. For more information or to reserve seats, contact Ed Donohoe at Ed.Donohoe@gmail.com or 402-850-8664. Also, Knights can sign up by selecting ‘March for Life’ in the January 19th date on the website calendar: <https://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/events.asp?CNO=1470&DATE=1/27/2018>.

PLENARY INDULGENCE

for participating in the March for Life

Our Holy Father Pope Francis is granting a plenary Indulgence to those who take part in the Masses and the **March for Life** in Washington. The usual conditions involve 1) sacramental Confession, 2) Eucharistic Communion, and 3) prayer for the intentions of the pope. Being truly penitential and motivated by charity, those seeking the Indulgence may apply it to the souls of the faithful in Purgatory. Those unable to leave home due to illness or infirmity may still obtain the plenary Indulgence when they have the disposition of detachment from any kind of sin with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three conditions indicated above if they spiritually join themselves to the March for Life, while also offering their prayers and sufferings to our merciful God.

May the efforts of all across this great nation to lift up the value and dignity of each human life continue to bear fruit, and may we all experience God’s blessings as we participate in this necessary witness!

WORD OF LIFE: “Pray with a multi-faceted novena that includes a new intention, brief reflection, bonus information, and suggested actions each day. Sign up now & participate Thursday, January 18 - Friday, January 26: 9daysforlife.com.”

COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATE:

The Archdiocese of Washington Department of Special Needs Ministries and IHM is hosting a Day of Reflection:

Supporting Families with Special Needs in Faith Formation and Beyond on Saturday, January 27 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Fellowship Hall. We are inviting catechetical leaders, catechists, ministry leaders and interested staff members as well as parishioners at large, to join us in learning more about supporting our families with special needs.

This workshop is FREE but registration is required by: January 19. RSVP to: Specialneedsministry@adw.org or [301-459-7464](tel:301-459-7464).

If childcare is needed, please let us know at the time of registration. For ASL contact [301-841-8210](tel:301-841-8210) at least two weeks in advance.

Event Sign -In begins at 9:30am. Continental Breakfast & Lunch will be served. Stay for the day! Optional daily Mass at 9am, Confessions at 2:45pm, and vigil Mass at 4pm.

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