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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](http://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 21, 2018

3rd 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

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



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## Scripture Corner

### THE KINGDOM OF GOD

A single verse in today's Gospel (Mark 1: 14 – 20) teaches the reader much about Jesus and his work: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (vs. 15) This work of Jesus will bring about the FULFILLMENT of the Old Testament expectations. REPENT is the word used by our Lord to ask that we change our minds, change our hearts and put God at the center of our lives. The follower of Christ is asked to BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL. The word gospel here is the good news that God loves everyone and that his love is so great "that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3: 16) It was only later in the first century that "Gospel" began to refer to the four written accounts of the life of Jesus by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

An extremely important concept here in Mark and elsewhere, of course, is the KINGDOM OF GOD. The kingdom of God is a concept that goes throughout all of salvation history. In today's first reading (Jonah 3: 1- 5, 10) the people of Nineveh have a positive response to the preaching of Jonah. They thereby become part of the kingdom of God. The Israelites saw God as their King. When the people asked for a king of this world in imitation of their pagan neighbors, Samuel was displeased. He yielded, however, to the people at the word of God. Yahweh does point out to Samuel the many problems that will come with a human being as king. (See 1 Samuel 8)

"Kingdom" might be better understood as reign or rule. God is to rule over everyone, a rule of love: "Strong is God's love for us. He is faithful forever." (Psalm 117) This kingdom becomes a central theme throughout the ministry of Jesus. All are asked to accept Christ as king and thereby form the kingdom of God.

The kingdom of God had its definitive, complete entrance into this world with the birth and public life of Jesus. It will reach a special climax with the death and resurrection of Christ. This reign of God will continue to grow throughout all of human history as more and more people accept the rule of Jesus in their lives. When we pray "thy kingdom come" in the Our Father, we are asking God to increase the number of Jesus' followers. The culmination of the kingdom of God will be at the time of the *parousia*, the second coming of Jesus Christ.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

<b>Monday, Jan. 22:</b>	<b>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</b> Respect for Life
8:30 am	
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 23:</b>	<b>St. Marianne Cope, Virgin;</b> <b>St. Vincent, Deacon &amp; Martyr</b> Catherine "Pat" Gibson
12:15 pm	
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 24:</b>	<b>St. Francis de Sales, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Catherine Thompson
8:30 am	
<b>Thursday, Jan. 25:</b>	<b>The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle</b> K.C. Abraham Emilio Balmaceda
12:15 pm	
<b>Friday, Jan. 26:</b>	<b>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</b> Judy Hendel
8:30 am	
<b>Saturday, Jan. 27:</b>	<b>St. Angela Merici, Virgin &amp; Religious Founder</b> Dr. Kannakat P. Verghese Bruce Harvey
7:30 am	
5:00 pm	
<b>Sunday, Jan. 28:</b>	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Pro populo</i> For Our Catholic Schools
8:00 am	
11:00 am	

**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.

**BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:** The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of John "Judson" Alvey, husband of Barbara Alvey, Catherine Mason, wife of Harry Mason, and Velda Mikesell, mother-in-law of Georgia Harvey, who passed away recently. May the angels lead them into paradise; may the martyrs come and welcome them to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem; and may the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding give their families comfort and peace.

**FRIDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS:** The next topic: "Is human nature good or bad?" Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, January 26, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary's Ryken.

**EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE**



**THE GIFT: A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE**

Lent starts this Valentine's Day, February 14th. How about getting a gift rather than giving something up?

We are inviting you to mark your calendars now to receive **The GIFT: A Life in the Spirit Course**. 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 21<sup>st</sup>. A \$10 donation for the book is recommended. Register at [www.saintalloysiuschurch.org](http://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](mailto:davavrus@msn.com).

**Thank You to Personalized Touch Catering**

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**VOCATIONS CROSS  
and message from  
the Serra Club of Southern Maryland**

In the Old Testament, Samuel was awakened from sleep by the voice of God calling his name. In the New Testament, Paul was knocked off his horse. Does God call in this way today? Usually not. One seminarian describes his experience of call:

"I was very involved in my parish doing youth ministry and teaching C.C.D. and I was happy with that. But for some reason it wasn't enough. I had a nagging feeling that I wanted to do *more* for people."

Do you feel you may be called to priesthood, sisterhood, or brotherhood? Contact the diocesan vocation office.

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

Weekly Offertory Contributions  
December 25, 2017

**Christmas Collection**

**Total: \$ 21,468.00**

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**Offertory Basket: \$ 6,481.00 Offertory Basket: \$ 1,669.00**

**Direct Debit: \$ 1,348.00 Direct Debit: \$ 402.00**

**Total: \$ 7,829.00 Total: \$ 2,071.00**

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

**PATRON OF THE WEEK: RC Beaver & Associates, P.C.** 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** will meet this Sunday, January 21 for our Community Gathering 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.

OUR BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL



**KICKING OFF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

On January 28th, at our 11 o'clock Mass we are kicking off Catholic Schools Week! Father Andrew White School students are serving as lectors and altar servers and bringing up the gifts. We have many special events this week to celebrate the uniqueness of our Catholic school. The children are participating in service projects, learning about other cultures at our International Night, and celebrating all that Catholic schools have to offer as we highlight how Father Andrew White is a community where we learn, serve, lead, and succeed.

**Father Andrew White School Open Houses:** Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? You are cordially invited to visit our award winning parish school! Father Andrew White is having Open Houses on Friday, February 2nd from 10:00 - 11:30 am and Sunday, February 25th from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Come meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how our students are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith."

**Father Andrew White School** will host a delicious Italian Dinner and Brown Bag Auction on Saturday, February 3rd from 5:00 - 8:00 pm in the school gym. The menu includes spaghetti, homemade marinara sauce, homemade meatballs, Italian sausage, garlic bread, salad, and desserts. Tickets will also be on sale for a variety of filled themed baskets that will be raffled at the dinner. Dinner prices are \$10 for ages 12 and older, \$5 for ages 4-12, and free for ages 3 and under.

RESPECT LIFE

**WORD OF LIFE:** "When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby?" Find out in "What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion:"

[www.bit.ly/friend-considering-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/friend-considering-abortion).

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.

COMMUNITY

**IHM HEALING MASS** - The next mass with Healing Prayers will be Monday, January 22nd starting at 7 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park. Confessions will begin at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

**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](mailto:Specialneedsministry@adw.org) or 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 9:30 am. Continental Breakfast & Lunch will be served. Stay for the day! Optional daily Mass at 9 am, Confessions at 2:45 pm, and Vigil Mass at 4pm.

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