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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 11, 2018

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



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Pastoral Plan for: "The Joy of Love"

"God is love" (1 John 4:8)

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

[Pope Francis]...reminds us of the vocation of the human family which is revealed in the infinite love of the Lord who was made incarnate in a human family, and who gave himself for our sake and continues to dwell in our midst. The icon of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, with their share of joys and difficulties, strengthens families as they face challenges with courage and serenity, in good times and bad, and keeps in their hearts always the great things which God has done. Quoting extensively from Scripture and Church teaching, Pope Francis affirms that the common life of husband, wife and children can be steeped in and strengthened by sacramental grace. For those in irregular situations, continues the Pope, Christ inspires the Church to turn to them with love and affection to assist them in overcoming the trials they face...

[Pope Francis says] that the Church wishes with humility and compassion to reach out to these people and families and help them through discernment, dialogue and prayerful support and understanding to overcome obstacles. Following the 'logic of pastoral mercy' and gradualness in pastoral care, Pope Francis encourages pastoral discernment. [Quoting from the Synod Fathers, he tells us]: ... "In considering a pastoral approach toward people who have contracted a civil marriage, who are divorced and remarried, or simply living together, the Church has the responsibility of helping them understand the divine pedagogy of grace in their lives and offering them assistance so they can reach the fullness of God's plan for them,' something which is always possible by the power of the Holy Spirit." ~ *Cardinal Donald Wuerl*

I would personally like to extend this word of encouragement to couples who find themselves in such situations and to be open to the opportunity of meeting with me at a time that is convenient for you. ~ *Fr. David*



PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, March 13:

12:15 pm Emilio Balmaceda

Wednesday, March 14:

8:30 am Rev. John S. Mattingly

Thursday, March 15:

12:15 pm Ernest Pfeiff

Friday, March 16:

8:30 am Rev. Paul R. Holden, Former Pastor, 15th Anniversary of death

Saturday, Mar. 17:

7:30 am **St. Patrick, Bishop**
Joseph G. Harris

5:00 pm *Pro populo*

Sunday, March 18:

8:00 am **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Silvana Martirano

11:00 am Catherine Thompson
Ryan C. Heckhorn

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER the Sick and Homebound in our Community: John Barnett, Dorothy Anne Blackwell, Walter M. Bowman, Frank Brown, Judy Brown, Teresa Cusic, Charles Davis, Sr., Frances Duke, Jan Esler, 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.

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE: The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of Allan Stevenson, grandson of Al Saunders, 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent.

(1:00 pm, 1:30 pm, cancelled because no school, Friday, March 16)

and 7:00 pm

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

FRIDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS: The next topic: "Beyond Silence: Catholicism in Japan." Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, March 16, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary's Ryken.

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

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

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.

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 Food Drive and the larger community by making a donation to our two twining efforts in Peru through a donation to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.



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!

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents....
Father David Beaubien
In Concert
With the St. Aloysius Handbell Ensemble
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Date: Sunday, March 11
 Place: St. Aloysius Church
 Time: 3:00 PM



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For more information, contact keyofgmh@gmail.com.

**VOCATIONS TREE:
PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS**

The Tree has been replenished with cards. Please keep up the daily prayers for seminarians throughout Lent -- and beyond, if you wish. By the way, did you notice each seminarian's card lists his year of formation? Did you wonder what it meant? Archdiocesan seminarians go through many years of formation before ordination! Seminarians who have just graduated from high school work on earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy (*First College, Second College, Third College, Fourth College*). Then they go on to study graduate-level theology (*First Theology, Second Theology, Third Theology, Fourth Theology*). Men who have already earned a bachelor's degree before coming to the seminary may need to spend 2 years in a pre-theology program before going on to graduate-level theology (*First Pre-Theology, Second Pre-Theology*). At some point before ordination, a seminarian may spend a year at a parish (*Pastoral Year*). Usually a seminarian is ordained a transitional deacon the year before he is ordained a priest. If you picked a deacon, pray for him in a special way: He is preparing for ordination in June!



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

Holiness is a challenge for us all, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners—and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Barbara and Gordon Stellway, who have the Vocations Cross!

Seminarian Blog for Mustard Seed Mission in Jamaica
St. Aloysius seminarians Alex Wyvill and Christopher Feist invite the parish to follow them and 17 other Washington Archdiocese seminarians on their service trip to Jamaica. Each night the seminarians will update a blog describing their mission work and what they are learning. Thank you to all the St. Aloysius parishioners for your generosity and support that enabled this amazing opportunity. The blog is Semantics: A Seminarian Blog at <http://www.dcpriest.org/meet-us/semantics>.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith Update – Our next Community Gathering is on March 18, 9:15-10:30 am. Our topics for March are the **Holy Spirit and the Church**.

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions
March 3/4

1st Collection	2nd Collection: School Support
Offertory Basket: \$ 7,256.00	Offertory Basket: \$ 1,676.00
Direct Debit: \$ 4,363.00	Direct Debit: \$ 467.00
Total: \$11,619.00	Total: \$ 2,143.00

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the **Easter Flowers**.

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

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “When I voiced my objections to do abortion-related services, I was terminated. It’s against my conscience. I became a nurse to protect lives, not to take lives.” - Sandra Mendoza, LPN

Caring for families who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage:

In the spirit of the recent Year of Mercy, Catholic Cemeteries is offering a plan to help grieving parents.

As a background, one in every four pregnancies ends in miscarriage. The established protocol within the medical community is to dispose of the remains of children under 20 weeks gestation (one pound in weight or smaller) as “medical waste”. This long-held practice denies parents the chance to bury their beloved child and acknowledge his or her existence and eternal destiny.

The five major Archdiocesan cemeteries - All Souls, Gate of Heaven, Mount Olivet, Resurrection, and Queen of Peace - have now established dedicated sections to bury these miscarried children at no cost to our Catholic families. The cemeteries will provide a burial space, outer container and opening and closing of the site free of cost Monday through Friday. Please contact Father David to make arrangements.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

-Proverbs 22:9



HELPING HANDS FOOD DRIVE

Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place the weekend of March 17 & 18. Bags for your donations will be provided on March 10 & 11. When you come to Mass on March 17 & 18, please leave your donation in the Vestibule. Our collection will be donated to Helping Hands. Please be generous with your contribution. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin’-by-World A journey has begun, for investigators and volunteers. A great group of “investigators” are fully engaged in **Getting Ahead (GA)**, and committed to understanding poverty, learning about language, hidden rules of economic class, and the eleven resources to create change and build their future story. The group volunteer facilitators are inspired by the strength and knowledge of the investigators. This is truly an opportunity for *everyone* involved to share in God’s grace, in *coming together to build all up*. The effort embodies the heart of the Vincentian mission: person to person care, to grow in holiness through service to those in need, embracing both charity and justice.

You can help or be a part of this journey:
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 GA graduates 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 meets from 5:00-8:00 PM on Mondays, in the art and music room at Fr. Andrew White, S.J. School in Leonardtown. For more information please call Teresa at SVdP, 301-481-2942 or email svdp@saintalloysius.org.
Thank you!

COMMUNITY

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.

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