

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 15, 2018

Third 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

PROOF OF THE RESURRECTION

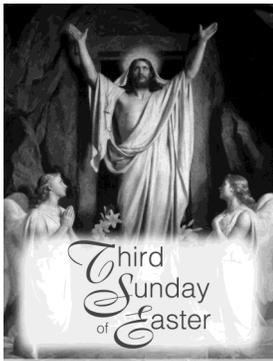
In today’s Gospel (Luke 24: 35 – 48) Luke stresses the reality of the resurrection of Jesus, the key element of Christian faith. Jesus invites his disciples to touch him. He also encourages them to observe his hands and feet. He even eats with them. This third Gospel is intended for a Christian audience that is mostly composed of Gentiles. The Gentiles were not as impressed by the resurrection as were the Jewish converts. Many Gentiles believed that the separation of the body from the soul was a good thing. When Saint Paul preached about the resurrection in Athens, there was a strange response. The people scoffed and said, “We should like to hear you on this some other time.” (Acts 17: 32)

Saint Luke also highlights the role of the Hebrew scriptures in appreciating Christ and his resurrection. Our Lord himself insists that all the Old Testament scriptures, the law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms teach about him: “Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” (Luke 24: 46) Knowledge of the Old Testament is an essential requirement to truly understand Jesus and all his works, what he did and what he said.

Today’s Gospel also teaches us the preparation of the disciples for their mission of continuing the work of Christ, preaching and healing. An important part of that mission is preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We see that commissioning in the Acts of the Apostles, also written by Saint Luke: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts of the Apostles 1: 8)

The theme of ‘peace’ is stressed today and often in the Gospel of Luke. At the birth of the Christ Child, the angels speak of God’s peace for “those on whom his favor rests.” (2: 14) Now, as the Gospel is coming to an end, Jesus says to his disciples, “Peace be with you.” (24: 36) Peace represents the fullness of the blessings that the Messiah earned for all of us.

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner



PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, April 17: 12:15 pm	Jennifer Noel Echemendia (L)
Wednesday, April 18: 8:30 am	John & Irene Dougherty
Thursday, April 19: 12:15 pm	Maria Medenilla
Friday, April 20: 8:30 am	Rev. John S. Mattingly
Saturday, April 21: 7:30 am	St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
5:00 pm	Margaret “Grace” Joy <i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday, April 22: 8:00 am	Fourth Sunday of Easter
11:00 am	Emilio Balmaceda Soledad Aguinaldo

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 James St. Clair Hill, 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.

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: “Were the Crusades really THAT bad?” Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, April 20, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary’s Ryken.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: “A model of care has been developed specifically for families whose infant is likely to die before or after birth. Often called ‘perinatal hospice,’ it’s a way of caring for both the baby and the baby’s family before, as well as after, birth.”

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.

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

What kinds of people become priests, religious sisters, or brothers?

Are they uncommonly holy, unusually saint-like? No. They are people who make mistakes, people who aren't afraid to be human while in God's service.

Are they people who can't face the competition and cruelty of the "real" world? No. They are people who believe that through ministry they can *immerse* themselves in the world and make positive changes.

Are they people who don't relate well with other people? No. They are people who love others—people who find real satisfaction chatting with a 93-year-old parishioner, holding the hand of a cancer patient, listening to the troubles of a street-wise teen.

They are people with the courage to touch lives, hearts, and souls in a high-tech, unchurched world.

Are you that kind of person?

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



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT FOLLOW-ON!

We are keeping this flame from the Holy Spirit alive by continuing our Small Groups / Praise & Worship, but we need your input and help in the planning and execution. Please join us for our planning meeting on WEDNESDAY, April 18th at the Father Andrew White Library at 7:00 pm. Enter through the back doors of the school. You do not need to have attended the series to be a part of the follow-on. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank You and may God Bless you St. Aloysius Family!

The **Lenten food drive** held this past weekend to support the three SSVM convents in the Washington DC area was a huge success again this year. Collections at all three Masses this weekend filled two large mini-vans with food and supplies that will delight and sustain these wonderful Sisters in the months to come. Sister Corredemptrix (SSVM, St Aloysius Parish) and Sister Help of Christians (SSVM, St. Cecilia's Parish) arrived and entered the Monastic House of Formation in Tuscania, Italy on Ash Wednesday. This year there are over 60 SSVM Sisters from around the world studying there. Sister Corredemptrix asked us to convey her thanks for your continued generosity and prayers. She asked that we mention to the parish that she and the Sisters pray for you daily, especially for all our intentions. If you would like to get a glimpse into the life of the Sisters studying at the Monastery in Tuscania, their Facebook address is: <https://www.facebook.com/Monastic-House-of-Formation-165077850749693/>.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

St. Aloysius parish and the Life in the Spirit Seminar team would like to extend a special thank you to David Mattingly of David's Flowers for the weekly donation of flowers and greenery for our tables. This generous and simple gesture helped to transform our weekly meetings.

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions

April 7/8, 2018

1st Collection	2nd Collection: School Support
<i>Offertory Basket:</i> \$ 5,855.00	<i>Offertory Basket:</i> \$ 1,386.00
<i>Direct Debit:</i> \$ 1,443.00	<i>Direct Debit:</i> \$ 537.00
Total: \$ 7,298.00	Total: \$ 1,923.00

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Will be for the **Ladies of Charity.**

PATRON OF THE WEEK: David's Flowers. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith meets this Sunday, April 15 (Community Gathering). We will be meeting **in the Church** from 9:15 to approximately 10:00 rather than in the Gym. Join us for our family pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on May 20. See details and sign up at www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/pilgrimage.

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.saintalloysiuschurch.org/vbs.

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

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.

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).

PILGRIMAGE TO MOTHER SETON SHRINE IN EMMITSBURG, SATURDAY, APRIL 28. Led by Fr. Conley, pastor of St. Mary's in Bryantown. We will leave at 8 am and be back by 7 pm.

The pilgrimage will go to the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton where we will offer Mass, have a tour, and eat lunch. While in Emmitsburg we will also visit the Lourdes Grotto. On the way back we will stop at the Springfield Manor Winery in Thurmont for a wine and cheese tasting. Thanks to the generosity of a benefactor and the Keller Bus Company, the cost of the trip is just \$35 per person and includes lunch and the winery visit. For more information and to register, contact Lauren Balderson at [301-870-2220](tel:301-870-2220), ext 11 or ymbassist@comcast.net. Payment is due at registration. Checks should be made out to St. Mary's Church.

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/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FootprintsForFaith/>

Event tickets:

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