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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.

November 18, 2018

Thirty-Third 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: (September through June) Masses at 9:00 am 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
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RECTORY HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8 am-4 pm
Friday 9 am-3 pm



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Scripture Corner

MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY

Mark uses apocalyptic language in today's Gospel (13: 24 -32). Apocalypse is a literary form that was used from 200 BC until 100 AD. A prime example of this writing is Daniel 7-12. It employs visions, allegories and complicated symbolism. It is often used to deal with the end times (eschatology). Written at a time of crisis, apocalyptic writing is used to console the readers by the promise of God's ultimate triumph! It also celebrates the vindication of the faithful.

In a significant text Daniel speaks of one like the son of man. The prophet says of him, "When he reached the Ancient of Days and was presented before him, he received dominion, splendor, and kingship; all nations, peoples and tongues will serve him." (Daniel 7: 13-14) Mark quotes the prophet, "They will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.'" (Mark 13: 26) In an earlier situation Mark uses Old Testament language, speaking of the Son of Man coming "in his Father's glory with the holy angels." (8: 38) Very importantly Jesus applies the words of Daniel to himself at the time of his trial: "You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven." (Mark 14: 62)

The early Church had a strong expectation that the Son of Man would return soon, bringing with him salvation for the elect. At this point Mark uses apocalyptic language from the Old Testament to describe the Second Coming of Christ: "The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken." (13: 24-25) Another example of Old Testament apocalyptic language is found in the prophet Joel: "Before them the earth trembles; the heavens shake; sun and moon are darkened, and the stars withhold their brightness." (2: 10) These texts simply mean in apocalyptic language that God will intervene in human history. Our Lord insists, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." (Mark 13: 31)

A note of caution concerning the precise time of Jesus' return is important. Christ himself tells his followers: "But of that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels nor the Son, but only the Father." (Mark 13: 32) It is amazing, but clear that the Son does not know the time when "heaven and earth will pass away." (Mark 13: 31) We are reminded of the mystery of the incarnation: "The Word became flesh." (John 1: 14) Jesus the son of God is also the son of Mary! As the son of Mary, in his human nature, he does not know when the world will end and he will return for his Second Coming.

Our Lord adds a final exhortation. "What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" (Mark 13: 37)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Nov. 20:

12:15 pm

Dave Foggo
Bonnie Becmer

Wednesday, Nov. 21:

8:30 am

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Bobby, Manning, & Bernie Norris

Thursday, Nov. 22:

9:30 am

Thanksgiving Day

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

In Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 23:

8:30 am

St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr;

St. Columban, Abbot;

Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr

Saturday, Nov. 24:

7:30 am

James St. Clair Hill

St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

5:00 pm

Betty Camalier Hansen

Albert Fleury, Jr.

Sunday, Nov. 25:

8:00 am

Christ the King

James P. Goldsborough

11:00 am

Pro populo

Monday, Nov. 26:

(Church Closed for carpet cleaning)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER the Sick and Homebound in our Community: John Barnett, Walter M. Bowman, Timothy Butler, Teresa Cusic, Brenda Davis, Charles Davis Sr., Irene Dixon, Frances Duke, Jan Esler, George Guy, Warren Guy, Jr., Howard Hensley, John Holly, Deb Johnson, Mary Catherine Kane, Paula Kidwell, Mary Catherine Kohut, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, Florence "Flo" Michalski, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Jermaine Perry, Claudia Queen, Cindy Sally, Kim Simmons, Kit Spalding, Mary Agnes Stewart, Steven Tomaszkeski, Richard & Sally Tomkinson, Nena Underwood, Michael Utzig, Stephanie Vallandingham.

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE: The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of James Garfield Young, 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 301-475-0009 or 860-558-6476.

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE



THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 21 and will reopen on Monday, November 26th.

FELLOWSHIP IN FAITH

Why do we suffer so much in this life? What is the purpose and meaning of our trials? How can we find hope and healing amidst our sorrow? Dr. Bob Schuchts, renowned Family Therapist and founder of the JPII Healing Center, seeks to answer these difficult questions in a new 4-part series called *Real Suffering: Finding Hope and Healing in the Trials of Life*. **Remaining Sunday is November 18th**, 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Father Andrew White School. All are welcome!

SEEKING PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS

St. Aloysius is forming a Contemporary event-based Praise & Worship Music Ministry Team. If interested in singing or playing an instrument, please call Matt Menard @ 301-769-8197.

VOCATIONS CROSS

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

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

FAMILY OF FAITH, our family-centered Religious Education program for age 4 to Grade 8, has begun, but it's not too late to register online at our parish website! November's theme is "What is Baptism?" Our next gathering is this Sunday, November 18th from 9:15 to 10:30 AM.

MOUNT 2000, a weekend high school retreat at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, is scheduled for February 8—10, 2019. Registration is opening very shortly, and any high school teens who would like to attend are asked to sign up on our parish website at <http://www.saintaloyiuschurch.org/mount-2000>.

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions

November 1, 2018

All Saints Collection

Offertory Basket: \$ 673.00

November 2, 2018

All Souls Collection

Offertory Basket: \$ 515.00

DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS, contributions for the weekend of November 10/11 will be noted in the bulletin for November 25.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND will be for the **School Support**.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Boothe's Heating, Air Conditioning, & Plumbing. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

A Thanksgiving Prayer from FAW Students:

Dear Lord,

Thank you for everything!

You came down from your perfect life to save us from sin.

Thank you for sacrificing your life for all of us.

Thank you for all the wonderful blessings we have in our lives.

Thank you for the love you give to us through our family and friends.

Thank you for keeping us safe and healthy and giving us the opportunity to live and breathe.

Thank you for this day and watching over us and for loving us.

Thank you for the gift of our faith.

Thank you for this wonderful meal that we will share together.

Thank you for letting us experience the feeling of joy every day.

Thank you for giving us all that we need.

Amen.

May everyone have a blessed Thanksgiving!

The Virtue of Stewardship: Our parish school continues to participate in the **Virtues in Practice** program this year. Each month, the whole school focuses on the same virtue as they hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. They also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month students and their families are learning about the virtue of stewardship. Please join them by modeling how you return to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure during the month of November.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



The Eleventh Annual Friends of the Poor Walk was held on Saturday, September 29th. Thanks to your help and generous support, the Walk raised over \$17,000 for the St. Vincent de Paul Societies in St. Mary's County. The money raised stays in the local St. Vincent de Paul Conferences to be used for direct and immediate aid to those in need. The St. Vincent de Paul Society helps with rent, oil, water bills, medications, electric and food. You are making a difference in the lives of many. Again, THANK YOU!

ANGEL TREE

As we prepare for Advent, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be sponsoring the ANGEL TREE this year. The Tree will be available with the Angels the weekend of November 24/25. The Society has obtained names of families within our community that are in need of assistance and will be providing gifts for their children. Each family will receive \$75.00 in food cards at a minimum and each child in the selected families will receive two (2) gifts. There will be two separate angels for each child. The angel will provide suggestions to help you choose an appropriate gift. **It is important that all gifts and food cards be returned by 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 09th.**

REMEMBER FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL WILL BE SELLING SCRIP CARDS AFTER MASS EACH WEEKEND. We ask that before you go Christmas shopping for items and/or food cards; consider purchasing a scrip card for the store(s) you plan to use for your shopping needs. That way we help the community and our school! For more information regarding the Angel Tree, please contact Vicki Wenke 301-373-5420.

Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin'-By World is underway at the Lexington Park Library. Six investigators are working over next several weeks to create change in their lives to build roads to stability and better lives. Additional volunteers are needed to prepare a simple meal for the group to share prior to their meeting. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karen O'Connor 703-395-5979, or karen_oconnor2001@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support!

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: "Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they *are*, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone."

COMMUNITY

MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS: There will be a Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park on Monday, November 26, at 7pm. Confessions will begin at 6:30pm, healing prayers will be immediately following the mass. All are welcome to attend.

Season of Healing

As we move into the next stage of the Season of Healing, we recognize that the healing continues for all survivors of abuse. Therefore, on **Saturday, December 1st**, the Archdiocese of Washington is offering a day of prayer and reflection for survivors. For more information and to register, please visit <https://adw.org/outreach-to-survivors/>.

Christmas Concert

Christian Fellowship of St. Mary's County is hosting its Annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 8, at 5:00 pm. The concert will be held at Lexington Park Baptist Church, 46855 S. Shangri-La Dr., Lexington Park. For further information contact, Evangelist Felecia Spence at 301-848-0113.

BEAR HUGS FOR HEALING is a program that delivers stuffed bears to hospitalized children during the holidays. To give a sick child a bear hug this Christmas, please drop off your donated bears by December 6, at Heavenly Presents, 22697 Washington Street (on the Square), Leonardtown. Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday, or use the after-hours drop box outside the store front door. Your tax-deductible monetary donations will be used to purchase bears at a discounted price! Please make checks payable to the Bread of Life Center for Peace and mail them to: PO Box 338, Leonardtown, MD 20650. You may also purchase a bear or make donations through our website at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org. Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be new and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached. Sorry, used stuffed bears are not accepted by the hospitals. Bear Hugs was an inspiration received in thanksgiving for favors granted through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Jude. For more details on participating in this special outreach, please contact Patricia Disandro at 240-681-3606. Thank you for your continued generous support of Bear Hugs!

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