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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.

December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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



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Scripture Corner

THE HOLY FAMILY AND NAZARETH

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph highlights the importance of family. The first reading today from Sirach (3:2-7, 12-14) has two beautiful sentences for the family situation: "Those who honor their father atone for sins." "They store up riches who respect their mother."

Matthew's purpose in writing his Gospel is to show that the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven by Jesus is the culmination of the Old Covenant. He identifies Jesus as the new Exodus, the new Moses, the new Israel, even the very Son of God. For example, "Out of Egypt I called my Son." (Matthew 2:15) This is a direct quotation from Hosea 11:1. What the prophet applied to the people of Israel, Matthew applies to Jesus, the new Israel, the Son of God.

The Holy Family had to flee to Egypt to escape the attempt on the Christ Child's life by Herod. Herod was followed by his son Archelaus, the ruler in Judea. He too was a cruel person with political problems. It clearly was better for Joseph to take Jesus and Mary back to Nazareth in Galilee for safety.

This morning the Gospel ends with another Old Testament quotation, "He shall be called a Nazorean." (Matthew 2:23) There is no such text in the Old Testament, but there are two texts that can explain Matthew's quotation. He could have in mind Isaiah 11:1: "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse." The Hebrew word for shoot is *neser*. There is also a quotation in Judges about Sampson, "the boy is to be a nazirite for God from the womb." (13:5) The sound of either of these texts could have suggested "Nazorean" to Matthew.

The Holy Family at Nazareth suggests the concern of Catholic Social Teaching for the family: "The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. While our society often exalts individualism, the Catholic tradition teaches that human beings grow and achieve fulfillment in community." (Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions: Reflections of the U.S. Catholic Bishops)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner



PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Dec. 31:	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord St. Sylvester I, Pope <i>Pro populo</i>
6:00 pm Vigil	
Wednesday, Jan. 1:	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Kimberly Ann Cox
9:30 am	
Thursday, Jan. 2:	Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church Jim Weir
12:15 pm	
First Friday, Jan. 3:	Holy Name of Jesus Anne Lancaster
9:00 am	
7:00 pm	George Wallace Lathroum, Sr.
First Saturday, Jan. 4:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Steven Bean
7:30 am	
5:00 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday, January 5:	Epiphany of the Lord James K. Schindler
8:00 am	
11:00 am	Winifred Sullivan

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - Tuesday, December 31 (Vigil) and Wednesday, January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER the Sick and Homebound in our Community: John Barnett, Jeanne Bean, Chris Beverly, Wally Bowles, Walter M. Bowman, Edna Burch, Timothy Butler, Teresa Cusic, Brenda Davis, Charles Davis Sr., Frances Duke, Dr. John Fenwick, Carl Guy, George Guy, Warren Guy, Jr., Marsha Harper, Howard Hensley, John Holly, Eddie Johnson, Paula Kidwell, Allison Kohut, Brian Landry, Gina Lange, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, Maria McGuigan, Francine Morgan, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Jermaine Perry, Kim Simmons, Mary Agnes Stewart, Rebecca Swales, Nena Underwood, Michael Utzig, Stephanie Vallandingham.

FIRST FRIDAY, January 3: Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed at 10:00 am, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6:00-6:30 pm, concluding with Benediction. **Please consider spending time with our Lord.** Volunteers may sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.



EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

NEW YEAR'S OFFICE SCHEDULE

In celebration of the New Year our parish offices will close at **noon on Tuesday, December 31st. Offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st.** On behalf of the entire parish staff we wish all in our community a safe, happy and holy New Year.

THANK YOU FROM THE PARISH STAFF

We wish to thank all the parishioners who came by the rectory this Christmas season with cards or gifts for the staff. The tins of cookies, the homemade sweets, cakes and other gifts were truly appreciated, shared and enjoyed.

~Fr. David

MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS

There will be no Monday Night Apologetics class during the week of New Year's. Class will resume on Monday, January 6th with the topic: "Defending the Jesuit Missions to India."

Rediscover the Simplicity of the Gospel

Sundays, January 12, 19, & 26, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Join us for The 99 Experience, a springboard for discovering or rediscovering Jesus, growing in identity, purpose, and community. At these powerful evening series, we will come together to learn:

- * The answer to the brokenness we experience in our lives
- * How to acknowledge and desire God's love
- * How to live a life in community lead by the Holy Spirit

SAVE THE DATE

This year's Volunteer Thank-You dinner will be held on **Saturday, January 25.** Invitations and more information to come.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SERIES

Tuesdays: 7:00-9:00 pm, at St. Aloysius hall

January 28 – EQUAL, February 4 – COMMUNICATION, February 11 – SEXUALITY AND INTIMACY, and February 18 – THRIVING VS. SURVIVING

Take the time to invest in your marriage by attending a series of enrichment sessions together, hosted by the Office for Family Life. Presented by Rebecca Mullan, M.S, LPC. Register at: mestaloysius.eventbrite.com. For more information: 301.853.4546 or visiblesign@adw.org.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION/ Hurricane Dorian Relief

Join us for our church's first International Mission, in early February. Roofers, carpenters, and helpers are urgently needed for a humanitarian mission to Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas. 8 days in Paradise to fix houses, make friends, and have your deeds reflect the blessings of our Lord. Transportation and housing provided. Please join us, bring your talents, and help return families to their homes. Contact Dan Guenther for more info: 301-672-1478.

A note on the re-installation of the altar rail gates

The gates, which may have been brought in from the St. Mary's Industrial School chapel in Baltimore when the present church was constructed, had already seen many years of use. Subsequently, they were removed from our altar rail in the mid-1970's and had been in storage in the basement. On arriving at St. Aloysius, I noticed what a remarkable and historic work of art they were and decided to have them eventually re-plated and re-installed. The medallions in the center of each gate feature the traditional JHS, the first three letters of the name Jesus in the Greek alphabet, an iconographical detail important to the Jesuits, who were founders of the parishes in St. Mary's County.

The original marble toppers, which were very heavy, were replaced by wooden pieces of the same shape and will be painted soon to match the altar rail. Since the sanctuary represents the place of the Holy of Holies, altar gates have traditionally signified the entrance to heaven, through which we have been given access by the Precious Blood of Christ. I am particularly thankful for the discerning eyes of those who planned and built our present church, and I hope you are, too! ~Fr. David

VOCATIONS CROSS

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

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith: Our theme for January is the first four Commandments. Our gatherings will be on **Sunday, January 5 & 19**, from 9:15 to 10:30 AM.

IMPROV Your Faith: High School and Middle School teens are invited to "Improv Your Faith," an evening of faith-filled fun with Fr. Rob Maro, **Friday, January 24**, from 7:00 - 8:30 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 improve and grow in faith! Supper will be provided.

Mount 2000: High School teens are invited to Mount 2000, a weekend Eucharistic retreat at Mount St. Mary's University, from **February 7 to 9**. For details and to sign up, visit <https://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/mount-2000>.

Camp Covecrest: Our parish has secured 18 spots to attend Lifeteen's Camp Covecrest from **August 3 to August 8** in Tiger, Georgia! Because a non-refundable \$100 deposit is due by October 30 for each of our spots, we need commitments from teens as soon as possible. For details and sign up, visit <https://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/camp-covecrest-2020>

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions
December 14/15, 2019

1st Collection	2nd Collection: School Support
Offertory Basket: \$ 5,161.00	Offertory Basket: \$ 900.00
Direct Debit: \$ 1,381.00	Direct Debit: \$ 667.00
Total \$ 6,542.00	Total \$ 1,567.00

DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS, contributions for the weekend of December 21/22 will be noted in the bulletin for January 5.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for our **Archdiocese for Military Service**.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Shane Mattingly Law. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Mary, Queen of Peace, save us all, who have so much trust in you, from wars, hatred, and oppression. Make us all learn to live in peace, and educate ourselves for peace, do what is demanded by justice and respect the rights of every person, so that peace may be firmly established. Amen.



COMMUNITY

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA) will be holding the following fundraising event.

Queen of Hearts LVRSA Fundraiser. Please join us to take a chance to pick a card and find the Queen of Hearts to win. Each Thursday there will be a chance to win until she's found. Thank you for your support to the LVRSA.

Date: Every Thursday (except Christmas week)

Time: 4pm-6:45pm, drawing is at 7pm

Place: Fitzies Marina Restaurant and Pub, Leonardtown MD

A Knights' Non-alcoholic Ball

Tuesday, December 31, from 6:30 pm to 12:30 am. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 28297 Old Village Rd, Mechanicsville (**Parish Center is located BEHIND the church.**) Dinner from 6:30pm - 7:30 pm, Dancing from 8:30 pm - 12:30 am. Tickets are \$20 per person. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Tim Steelman at TCSWorkPlace@gmail.com. For more information contact John or Rose Krzmarich at 301-884-5526 or RoseKDoterra@hotmail.com.

The March for Life 2020 in Washington, DC

(<https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>)

will be held on **Friday, January 24th**. The 2020 theme is: "Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman." Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council 1470 is sponsoring a 55 passenger coach bus leaving from and returning to the St. Aloysius Church parking lot. Riders are asked to make a donation within their means for CareNet Pregnancy Centers of Southern Maryland. Please sign up by Friday, January 10th. For more information contact Ed Donohoe at Ed.Donohoe@gmail.com or phone: [402-850-8664](tel:402-850-8664).

Help Our Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vie) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the **upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 24th - January 26th, 2020**, please visit:

www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org.

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