

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.

March 8, 2020 Second 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: (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

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SCRIPTURE CORNER

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

To understand the significance of the transfiguration of Jesus, one should study the Biblical context in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In all three Gospels the confession of Peter starts the series of events. Peter expresses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah. Unfortunately, at that time many were expecting a military, political Messiah who would free the Jewish people from Rome.

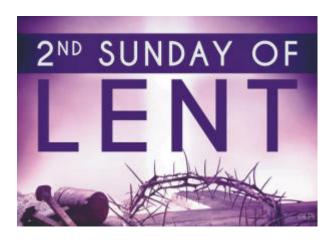
Therefore, Jesus makes clear that he is a suffering Messiah, who will be killed (Matthew 16:21) Peter objects to that presentation and Jesus says, "Get behind me, Satan." (v.23) Christ portrays himself as the Suffering Servant of Isaiah. (Isaiah 52:12) He then goes on to say to all his followers, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (v.24)

After our Lord's insisting that he will die for our salvation and that his followers must take up their crosses, he gives comfort to the three privileged apostles (Peter, James and John) by the transfiguration: "His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." (17:2) Moses and Elijah appear, representing the Law and prophets of the Old Testament. Christ is clearly manifested as the fulfillment of the Old Testament.

Most importantly at this event the voice of God said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (17:5) The first part of those words was heard at the baptism of Jesus; but here the Father adds the phrase, "Listen to him." This addition of the Father recalls the text of Deuteronomy 18:15, where Moses says, "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen. That is the one to whom you shall listen."

Jesus refers to the transfiguration as a "vision." (17:9) Apocalyptic visions give insight into the future, into heavenly realities. The transfiguration makes clear that Jesus is not only a prophet but also the Son of God. It prepares for these words of our Lord: "For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory." (16:27)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner



PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, March 10:

12:15 pm Mary Loretta Norris

Wednesday, March 11:

8:30 am Carl Gu

Thursday, March 12:

12:15 pm

Friday, March 13:

8:30 am 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 14:

7:30 am

5:00 pm Sunday, March 15:

8:00 am 11:00 am Carl Guy

Mr. & Mrs. Ignatius Jarboe

Darrell Carney, Sr. Stations of the Cross

"Joanie" Theresa Norris

Queen Sisters

Third Sunday of Lent

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

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS: As a companion for prayer during the season of Lent the parish is once again offering *The Little Black Book*. These pocket-sized books lead us through a six-minute meditation each day on the Passion according to St. Mark. *The Little Black Book* is available in the vestibule with voluntary \$1 donation to offset the cost.

Vocations Tree - Pray for Our Seminarians

It's not too late to choose an archdiocesan seminarian and commit to praying for him each day during the remainder of Lent. Please take a moment today to stop by the "Vocations Tree" in the St. Aloysius niche, where you'll see cards for each of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. Choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church in our archdiocese.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE for LENT

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat for those age 18—59. Seafood is permitted. In addition, Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence for those age 14 and up. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal.

(If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully in and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.)

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

Dear Friends –

We hope by now you have had occasion to visit our new Sacred Heart Chapel or attend an event in our new Parish Hall. It is great to see and hear the Hall filled with such joy on Community Sunday, as you gather with friends and family over coffee and donuts!

The following is an update on the current status of the finances regarding our new addition. As you may recall, we were required to have 75% of the estimated cost of the addition on hand before construction began. The total cost of the project was \$2.7 million. As the construction continued, we continued to collect funds toward the building cost and allocated these funds towards the construction invoices.

A line of credit was temporarily used until the recent approval of a low-interest loan through the Archdiocese for the remainder. That loan for the remainder of the debt is about \$300,000, which we hope to pay off as soon as possible.

To that end, we designated our building collection envelopes for debt reduction, 100% of which funds go toward that purpose alone. In the meantime, we would like to suggest a couple of effective ways we can make a big dent in the debt.

- 1) If we sell all of these pavers for the sidewalk leading into the Hall, we can cut our debt in half! You can purchase brick pavers for \$250 each. Consider honoring a person, living or deceased or an event, such as an anniversary to commemorate by purchasing an inscribed brick.
- 2) We would like to hold some fundraising events in the Hall over the coming year. Stay tuned as these details unfold. Please consider attending as they occur and bring your family and friends.

Let's honor our loved ones and have a little fun while we work together to pay down the debt and thank God for his overflowing goodness!

~Fr. David and the Finance Council

MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS

The next topic will be: "How Dark were the 'Dark Ages'?" 7:00 pm in the St. Aloysius parish hall on March 9th, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary's Ryken.

PRAISE & WORSHIP THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING Wednesday, March 11

We will begin Praise and Worship with an optional Rosary in the Parish Hall starting at 6:30 pm. Praise and Worship will follow from 7 to 8:30 pm. Please come and join us as we give thanks to the Lord!

BRICK FUNDRAISER

Personalized brick pavers for sale! Be a part of St. Aloysius history!

Details: \$250 per brick, 3 lines of personalization, up to 15 letters/space per line. Order forms can be found in the vestibule or at our website www.saintaloysiuschurch.org. For questions, call the rectory at 301-475-8064.

LENTEN MISSION

Seminarian Augustine Onuoha, Guest Speaker

March 15th @ 6:15pm Come hear Augustine Onuoha speak on the Holy Eucharist. From a humble background in Nigeria, Augustine is in his third year of theology studying at Mount St. Marys Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland for the Diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend. He likes playing soccer, table tennis, and volleyball.

"The Eucharist is my life and everything, it is the secret of my vocation." Join us for an evening of Adoration, Music, Confession, and reception. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions February 29/March 1, 2020

 1st Collection
 2nd Collection: School Support

 Offertory Basket: \$ 6,479.00
 Offertory Basket: \$ 1,514.00

 Direct Debit: \$ 4,026.00
 Direct Debit: \$ 632.00

 Total \$ 10,505.00
 Total \$ 2,146.00

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for our **Church in the Developing World.**

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Barbara Stellway - O'Brien Realty. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.



The Light is ON for You

During Lent the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at our local parishes at these additional times:

Monday 5:30-6:30pm, Our Lady of the Wayside, Chaptico

Tuesday 6:00-7:00pm, St. Michael, Ridge Sacred Heart, Bushwood

Wednesday

6:00-7:00pm, Holy Angels, Avenue
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Solomons
6:30-8:00pm, St. Aloysius, Leonardtown
Immaculate Conception, Mechanicsville

Thursday 6:05pm, IHM, Lexington Park

Friday

8:30am & 6:30pm, Our Lady's Church, Medley's Neck 6:00-7:00pm, Holy Face, Great Mills 6:00-7:00pm & 7:30-8:00pm, St. George, Valley Lee 7:30pm, St. Francis Xavier, Leonardtown

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Family of Faith: Our theme for March is the New Commandment and Works of Mercy. Our next gatherings will be on **Sunday, March 15,** from 9:15 to 10:30 AM.

YDisciple Lenten Series - The Invitation: All high school and middle school teens are invited to a four-part small group video and discussion series on Friday nights March 13, 20, & 27, at 7 PM in the Youth Lounge. Sign up at www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/ydisciple.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Lenten Food Drive - March 14 & 15:

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 are sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place the weekend of March 14 & 15. Bags for your donations will be provided at Masses this weekend, March 7-8. Our collection will be donated to Helping Hands. Please be generous with your contribution. If you wish, you may make a contribution to Helping Hands with a note that it is for the food drive. Thank you for all you do to help the needy among us.

Community Sunday – Twinning

Please remember that the third Sunday of the month (March 15th) is Community Sunday. Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the back of the church after Mass collecting donations in support of our twinning organizations in Peru, St Catherine Laboure and the Villa Infantil orphanage. Please stop by to look at the beautiful pictures from these service organizations. Seeing their smiles will bring warmth to your heart. In this season of almsgiving, please remember those in need. Your contributions go a long way! ¡Que Dios y La Santísima Virgen los bendigan siempre!

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections:

Stations of the Cross with Students: On Friday afternoons during Lent, FAW will have student-led Stations of the Cross at St. Aloysius Church. Grades 5-8 will attend at 1pm, followed by grades K-4 at 1:30pm. All are welcome!

The Virtue of Temperance: Our parish school is participating in a 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 Temperance. Please join them by modeling how you enjoy things in a proper, balanced way during the month of March.

Chipotle Spirit Night: This Wednesday, March 11th our parish school will have a Spirit Night at Chipotle from 5 - 9pm. Father Andrew White will receive a generous 33% of your total order. Invite your family and friends and enjoy an evening out together! Please be sure to mention you are there to support FAW so they can receive the proper credit.

COMMUNITY

Catholic Charities Summer Internship Opportunities

Catholic Charities is seeking undergraduates to fill summer 2020 internships! Placements are available in a variety of fields including development, communications, immigrant support services, healthcare, and more! Apply online at https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/internships/ by March 13th and serve from May 26 – August 7, 2020.

St. John's School Drive-Through Chicken Dinner: Saturday, March 14. \$13 per meal includes four pieces (breast, thigh, leg and wing) of fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and roll. Dinners must be purchased in advance at www.sjshollywood.org. Pick up at St. John's (enter through ballfield entrance and volunteers will guide you through pick-up process). If you have questions, please contact Cindy Pollock at pollockc@sjshollywood.org.

Holy Angels Church Seafood Dinner

On Sunday, March 22, from 11:30am until 4:00pm, Holy Angels Church in Avenue, will be serving a delicious Seafood Dinner. The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Crab Balls, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Pickled Beets, and all the trimmings! Served buffet style -- all you can eat! Adults \$30.00; Children (12 to 6) - \$8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carryout's are available at \$28.00 each. There will be delicious homemade desserts and a craft table, plus a raffle. For more information or to purchase advanced tickets, please call the rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com

Encounter Grace – Early 2020 Events

More information can be found at www.encountergrace.co Saturday. March 28

Registration for the Encounter Grace Women's Retreat, *The Grace of Yes with Lisa Hendey* is now open. Tickets are \$55.00 and will be available for purchase until March 23 or we sell out! Ticket includes breakfast and lunch catered by Apple Spice Catering. **Purchase tickets here:**

https://thegraceofyes-march2020.eventbrite.com

New volunteer training at Care Net SoMD! Training for new volunteers begins on April 7th. If you've ever thought about volunteering at Care Net, if you want to be a part of your community and see lives changed - this is the training for you. Care Net SoMD is looking for both men and women who want to put their faith into action and be a part of the good work we are doing. Morning and evening sessions are available, to sign up call 301-475-5333 or 410-326-6866.

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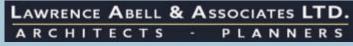


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