

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.

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent 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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

7 days a week: 6:30-7:30 AM and PM

FIRST FRIDAYS: Mass at 8:30 am

FIRST SATURDAYS: Mass at 7:30 am, Holy Hour till 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Thursday: 11:30-12 Noon Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

STAFF

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





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PASTOR'S CORNER

Pathway to the Kingdom

Luke 3:1-6

A sign of God's ongoing favor for our Jewish friends and their forebears is that they derive undying hope from such beautiful passages as we have today from the prophet Baruch: "God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship" (5:3, 4). Despite the tremendous persecution they have endured over the centuries, especially in the previous one, and the unresolved situation regarding the city of Jerusalem among competing religious and ethnic groups, the faithful Jew, wherever he or she lives, looks to the glorious fulfillment of these inspiring words.

Two millennia ago, as a faithful Jew, John the Baptist saw the imminent fulfillment of Baruch's prophecy, similarly expressed by Isaiah, which he proclaimed anew: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" (Isaiah 40:3/Luke 3:4). Before Jesus appeared at the Jordan River, no doubt John was ignorant of the full implication of these words. By his baptizing, John was providing the opportunity for everyone to prepare for the coming of the Lord through a recognition of one's sins and genuine repentance. When Jesus submitted himself to John's baptism, God the Father anointed him visibly with the Holy Spirit as Son of God, and with that, the kingdom of God was publicly inaugurated.

Now that these events have already happened, how can we maintain the amazing sense of expectation that John and the Old Testament prophets had? When we subsist in peace, joy, hope, and thanksgiving, we are ready for the Lord's advent. We do that day by day expressing these attitudes most especially as God's family at the Sunday Holy Mass. While the kingdom of God is most significantly manifested in the Church, we assist in the unfolding of his kingdom by working for justice for those who have been denied it, helping the poor and vulnerable, defending the sanctity of all human life, and living resourcefully, mindful of the fragility of the earth and its climate.

Peter says, "With the Lord, one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day" (II Peter 3:8). In saying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20), we recognize that mystically and sacramentally he is already in our midst. Let us prepare our hearts to greet him!

~Fr. David

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Dec. 7: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

of the Church
Thomas Connelly

12:15 pm Thomas Connelly Wednesday, Dec. 8: THE IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30 am *Pro populo*

12:15 pm Mary Helen Saunders 7:00 pm Gloria Zientarski

Thursday, Dec. 9:

12:15 pm **Friday, Dec. 10:**

8:30 am

Saturday, Dec. 11:

7:30 am Shannon Jarboe (L)

5:00 pm Pro populo

Sunday, Dec. 12: Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 am Thomas I. "Poke" Norris
11:00 am Edwin "Eddie" Johnson, III

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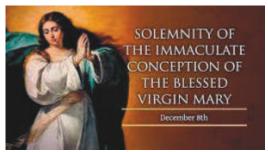
IN PRAYER

the Sick and Homebound in our Community: Jeanne Bean, Wally Bowles, Brandon Bowman, Michael Brooks, Timothy Butler, Wanda Butler, Charles Davis Sr., George Guy, Jay McCleaf, Jake Meerman, George Nelson and Rebecca Swales.



BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE: The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of **Raymond L. Hood,** who died 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 consolation.





EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE



Join us for DAILY AM and PM Holv Hours for adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer in the Sacred Heart Chapel. 7 days a week: **6:30-7:30 AM** and **PM**

Come for all or a portion of the hour as your time allows.

MORNING PRAYER on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 AM in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

When attending Sunday or daily Masses in person, we urge all to follow the safety guidelines. Guidelines are posted on the Archdiocesan website www.adw.org.

FLOCKNOTE- To receive email and/or text updates from St. Aloysius Church, please visit our website at www.saintaloysiuschurch.org, and sign up for Flocknote. Scroll down to bottom of home page under Receive Flocknote Updates.

MONDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS -7:00-8:30pm in the parish hall at St. Francis Xavier Church,

The Topic will be: "Angels and Demons are Real"

For more info., email: Kenneth.scheiber@smrhs.org or Fr. Ryan Pineda at pinedar@adw.org. Also available through the St. Francis Xavier Facebook Live page: https:// www.facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd



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UNBOUND PRAYERS

The Gospel promises us peace, but we so often find ourselves bound by feelings of anxiety,

fear, guilt, hopelessness, and shame. Unbound Ministry is a safe, confidential, and effective prayer ministry to help us to respond more fully to the Gospel using five simple keys. To learn more or to sign up for an appointment with a trained Unbound team visit www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/unbound

BRICK FUNDRAISER Honor a loved one

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.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Teens are invited to two upcoming retreats:

MOUNT 2000, a three day weekend retreat February 11th to 13th at Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary

CAMP HIDDEN LAKE, a weeklong Lifeteen summer camp in Northern Georgia, from June 26th to July 2nd Registration and details for both can be found at https://saintaloysiuschurch.org/youth. Register before **December 15** for an early registration discount!



RELIGIOUS FAMILY OF FAITH CHILDREN'S FEDUCATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For 2021-22 Registration and info, visit:

https://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/familyoffaith

STEWARDSHIP

ONLINE GIVING PORTAL:

http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/staloysius

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions-November 20/21

2nd Collection: School Support **1st Collection** Offertory Basket: \$ 2,823.00 Offertory Basket: \$ 1,100.00 Direct Debit: **\$ 1,320.00** *Direct Debit:* \$ 500.00 **Total** \$ 4,143.00 **Total** \$ 1,600.00

Weekly Offertory Contributions-November 27/28

1st Collection 2nd Collection: Debt Reduction Offertory Basket: \$ 3,594.00 Offertory Basket: \$ 1,278.00 Direct Debit: **\$ 1.320.00** *Direct Debit:* \$ 637.50 \$ 4,914.00 Total Total \$ 1,915.50

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for the Retired Religious Fund.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Asbury Solomon's Retirement Community- If in need, please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

COOKIES WITH SANTA & SANTA SHOP- Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Claus will be making a special visit to Father Andrew White School on Sunday, December 12th from 9am-11am for an International Christmas! Celebrate Christmas traditions from all around the world during this fun event: - Cookies, coffee and a hot chocolate bar - Crafts and games for all ages - Santa Shop open for children to shop for gifts (each gift is \$3) - SCRIP gift card sales -Meet Santa and take a photo! Admission is \$5 per child 12 and under. Please wear a mask inside the building at all times, except when you're seated to enjoy the cookies! We look forward to spreading Christmas cheer with you!

MINTED CARDS- Christmas card season is right around the corner! Use code FUNDRAISEWHITE to buy your minted holiday card this year. You get 20% off and Father Andrew White gets 15% back. Please pass this code on to all of your family and friends and help support our school.

THE VIRTUE of Generosity. This month students and their families are learning about the virtue of generosity. Please join them by modeling how you give without counting the cost during the month of December.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL



THE ANGEL TREE sponsored by SVdP is available Each family will receive \$75 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. **Please**

return all gifts and food cards by the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 12th. For more information regarding the Angel Tree, please contact Ellen Johnson at 410 326-8426.

SCRIP CARDS— Father Andrew White School will be selling cards after all Masses. 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!



Thank you for your generous support of our parish food pantry! The next MONTHLY OPEN FOOD PANTRY will be on Saturday, December 18th, from 9AM-11AM, We will collect food after all

Masses, Community Sunday weekend, **Dec. 20/21**. For more information, please contact the SVdP at **301-481-2942** or svdp@saintaloysiuschurch.org



COMMUNITY



FIND THE PERFECT GIFT

Advent is a time when

many of us are preparing our homes to gather with family and friends. We play our favorite Christmas music, make seasonal meals and desserts, and practice traditions and rituals from our childhood. **Keep Christ at the center of your celebration in these simple ways:** *include Christian songs in your Christmas playlist, say grace before meals and let people offer intentions, and incorporate a moment of prayer and reflection into your family's traditions.* Then share with others how you celebrate the perfect gift of God's love by going to FindthePerfectGift.org/traditions and posting on social media with #ADWPerfectGift

QUEEN OF HEARTS LVRSA Fundraiser

Place: Action Lounge and Billiards, 25470 Point Lookout Rd., Leonardtown

Time: **Ticket Sales Start at 4pm**, last sale at 7:45pm, drawing at 8pm.

Dates: Every Thursday

Join us to take a chance to pick a card and find the Queen of Hearts to win. There is also a nightly 50/50 raffle. Thank you for your support to the LVRSA.



Our Let's Talk About series is in high gear. Join us for a Christmas Sing-Along, December 15th.

~The **One Good Catholic Book Group** will have it's first online get together in mid-January. go online for book title and registration.

~The next installment in our *BeLoved* Bible Series, Seasons 2, begins at the end of January.

For more info: www.encountergrace.co

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For upcoming volunteer opportunities. See our Holiday Projects-Catholic Charities programs (including St. Maria's Meals, Coat Drive 2021, Mona Farms and SHARE). Visit our website: https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/

The projects will take place until January. If you have any questions, email: volunteer@cc-dc.org



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 14 at Heavenly Presents. Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be newly purchased

and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached. Thank you for your support.



WOMEN'S NIGHT OF REFLECTION with Fr. Larry Swink on Tuesday, December 14th at St. Cecilia's in St. Mary's City. 7PM.

"Got Hope? – It's Unshakeable!" We invite all women to come and be strengthened in the virtue of hope. Evening includes Eucharistic Adoration, talk, Confession, and healing prayers.

THE AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE PROGRAM

is in need of volunteers to prepare tax returns free of charge. *Training will be provided to volunteers for IRS certification*. Contact Dana Davis, St. Mary's Co. District Coordinator, at **301-863-2561** or **davisdj@comcast.net**

HAVING a problem with alcohol? AA can help you! To find out more about the recovery program of Alcoholics Anonymous, go to www.somdintergroup.org or call



1-800-492-0209

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BINGO - Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, *Council 1470*



WHEN: Fridays at 6:30pm

WHERE: Father Andrew White School gym

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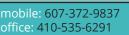
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