

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 19, 2021

Fourth 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

The Visitation: "Tithing to the Messiah" Luke 1:39-45

The visit of Mary to her kinswoman Elizabeth was part of the preparatory events for the birth of Jesus. Elizabeth's pregnancy in her old age was the sign that what the angel said to Mary was true. Trusting in God's word, Mary naturally wanted to see for herself the confirmation that she would be mother of the Savior.

Recently, a new insight occurred to me regarding this second of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Clearly stated by Luke is that Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah were members of the tribe of Levi, those who were appointed to minister in the Temple. More particularly, both were in the line of Aaron, the brother of Moses, whose descendants were designated as priests. Distinct from that, kings were prophesied to come from the tribe of Judah. On Mary's part, it is unclear to which tribe she belonged, but tradition has reasonably held that she, like Joseph, her betrothed, were descended from the line of Judah and King David himself. We might surmise this from, according to Luke, Mary's accompanying Joseph to Bethlehem, the city of David, to be enrolled.

Based on the probability of Mary being from the tribe of Judah, the comparison comes to mind of the meeting of Abram and Melchizedek, the king of what may have been at the time the Canaanite city of Jerusalem and a priest of God, as they understood God to be (Genesis 14:18-20). The writer of Hebrews says that Levi, who represented the Old Testament priesthood, though still in potential existence in the loins of his great grandfather Abram (7:9), was "tithed" to this mysterious priest Melchizedek when Abram offered him "a tenth of everything." As ministers of the Temple, the Levites would later be receiving tithes from the people. But now the reverse has happened. As great as Abram was, he recognized in Melchizedek someone of higher status. In return, Abram received the high priest's blessing, who in foreshadowing Jesus Christ, the eternal high priest, offered up bread and wine.

Likewise, at the Visitation, Elizabeth recognized someone greater than the baby she was carrying. As a Levite, her son John the Baptist would have had a great future ahead for himself in presiding in the Temple had not God called him otherwise. Elizabeth exclaimed to Mary, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42, 43). In Elizabeth, the tribe of Levi recognized the greatest

fruit and fulfillment of the tribe of Judah and the promise of a Davidic Messiah that came through Judah's line of kings. In this meeting, the Temple of old does obeisance to the New! Continuing the analogy, the elderly Elizabeth, representing the tribe of Levi, was like the Ark of the Old Covenant; Mary, the Ark of the New Covenant (Revelation 11:19).

Through Mary's cooperation with God's plan, we are a priestly people in Christ and members of his Body. We are now God's temple in his Holy Spirit! (I Corinthians 3:17).

~Fr. David

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Dec. 21:

12:15 pm Liberato Caday

Wednesday, Dec. 22:

8:30 am Emilio Balmaceda

Thursday, Dec. 23:

12:15 pm Craig Reitz

Friday, Dec. 24:

5:00 pm Eleanor Guy 7:30 pm *Pro populo*

Saturday, Dec. 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE

LORD

9:30 am The Camalier Family

Sunday, Dec. 26: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:00 am *Pro populo* 11:00 am For our Families

PLEASE REMEMBER



IN PRAYER

the Sick and Homebound in our Community: Jeanne Bean, Wally Bowles, Brandon Bowman, Michael Brooks, Timothy 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 families of **Mercedes**

Aguinaldo, and **Wilfred H. Brailsford**, *father of Rev. William Brailsford*, *from the Archdiocese of Washington*, who died recently. May the angels lead them into paradise; may the martyrs come and welcome them to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem; and may the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding give their families comfort and consolation.



The office will be closed Thurs., Dec. 23rd, and will reopen Tues., Dec. 28th.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE



Join us for DAILY AM and PM Holy 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,

Topic: "Is the Nativity Story Historically Accurate"

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



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.



ST. ALOYSIUS

INTERESTED in learning more about the Catholic Faith or becoming Catholic? If so, we invite you to join us for RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults,

we meet on Tuesday nights. For more info., contact Leonard Wathen at lwathen@saintalovsiuschurch.org.



PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Join us each Wednesday after the 8:30am

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY



RELIGIOUS FAMILY OF FAITH CHILDREN'S FEDUCATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

For 2021-22 Registration and info, visit:

https://www.saintalovsiuschurch.org/familvoffaith

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.

STEWARDSHIP

ONLINE GIVING PORTAL: http://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/staloysius

SHARING OUR TREASURE

DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS, contributions for the weekend of December 11/12 will be noted at a later date.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for our Debt Reduction.

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Burchoil- If in need, please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS BLESSING: May the blessings of faith, hope, and love be with you and your family this Christmas Season. Father Andrew White School wishes you and your family much peace and joy. Have a Merry Christmas!

HARRIS TEETER Rewards Card: Please consider linking your Harris Teeter VIC Rewards Card to FAW School. There is no fee to link your card to FAW and it helps the school raise money. Just stop by customer service to add Father Andrew White School by giving them the code: 5002. Not only families from FAWS, but also grandparents, aunts/uncles, friends, and parishioners can link their account, even if they are located out of state.

ARE YOU HANDY? Practice the virtue of stewardship by helping with some repairs at Father Andrew White School. If you can assist with repairing floor tiles, creating a picnic table patio area, fixing a leaky roof, installing fencing, or other odds and ends, please contact the office at 301-475-9795.



JOB OPPORTUNITY- FAWS is seeking aftercare staff for the remainder of 2021-22 school year. Applicants must be over 18 years

of age, available 3-5 days per week from 2:45-5:30pm. The position pay is \$20/hour. Info./to submit a resume, please email: fawslibrary@fatherandrewwhite.org

ST. VINCENT de PAUL



THANKS to the Leonardtown Sheriff's Department for their food drive at McKay's on Friday, November 19! Through their efforts and our community's overwhelming

generosity, a truck load of non-perishable food and household necessities was collected to allow our Food Pantry to serve those in need. We appreciate everything our officers do to serve our community every day!

We thank Feed **St. Mary's Food Bank** for providing 20 Thanksgiving turkeys and holiday boxes to our pantry patrons, in addition to their ongoing support providing staple items for the pantry. Thank you for all you do to feed St. Mary's County!

To the parishioners of our supporting parishes~St. Aloysius, St. John's, Our Lady of the Wayside, St. Francis Xavier~ Your generous consistent food donations help our neighbors avoid hunger and care for their families. The Pantry assisted 50 families including 91 adults and 41 children on November 20. THANK YOU!

The Pantry is open on the third Sunday of the month. The next open pantry is Saturday, January 15th, from 9 to 11 AM. The next Community Sunday food collection at St. Aloysius is January 15/16.

Please see our website for food items most needed: svdp@saintaloysiuschurch.org

COMMUNITY



FIND THE PERFECT GIFT

Is there someone in

your life who has been away from Church for a while or may not have a place or loving community in which to celebrate Christmas? Christmas Mass is a beautiful moment to reconnect to the Catholic faith and many people are waiting for a personal invitation from someone like you! Visit FindthePerfectGift.org to find Advent and Christmas resources, volunteer opportunities, and reflections.

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**

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.



Christmas Vigil Masses: Friday- 5:00pm and 7:30pm Christmas Day Mass: Saturday- 9:30am

VIRTUAL HOLIDAY BAKE SALE- Ladies Auxiliary of the **Hollywood Volunteer Fire Dept Fundraiser**



Bids will open **Tuesday**, **December 21** starting at 2:00 PM and close Wednesday, December 22 at 2:00 PM All items to start with a minimum bid of \$25

Contact Lynn Brady 240-538-2503 with questions or to contribute baked items



~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 information and ways to register for any/all of these events at www.encountergrace.co

"AT THE WELL" MINISTRY



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church offers twelve-week sessions using a program called "Surviving Divorce." We meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00–7:30p.m. Beginning Jan 16th. Material is faithful to Catholic teachings and features such experts as

Fr. Donald Calloway, Fr. Mitch Pacwa and Christopher West. A donation of \$25 is requested to cover the cost of the workbook, but can be waived based on financial need. For more information and to register, please contact Judith Gwynn at atthewell@ihmrcc.org

RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE - As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a retreat for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a women's retreat February 18-20. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information go to: https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/. To register, email mcdonald@adw.org or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.



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