



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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) 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. Lauren Breedlove 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 12, 2023

Third 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 7 days a week: 6:30-7:30 AM/ PM

FIRST FRIDAYS: Mass at 8:30 am

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

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
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper.....Denise Becher, ext.10
Receptionist/Bulletin EditorJennifer Bicknell, ext.11
Religious Education/Youth Ministry..... Leonard Wathen, ext.16
Coordinator of Music.....Beth Domingue
Custodian.....Robert Barger
Principal, Father Andrew White SchoolJanet Szoch

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



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PASTOR'S CORNER

Living Truth

John 4:5-42

Beginning with a request for a drink and leading to an offer of “living water” (vs. 10), the trajectory of the conversation between Jesus and the woman at the well culminated in his self-identification as the Messiah. From their own historically related traditions, both Jews and Samaritans were looking for the Messiah to come. Ultimately, they would worship neither on the competing mountain in Samaria nor in Jerusalem, but “in Spirit and truth” (vs. 23). In Jesus, not only former enemies will be able to worship together, but the whole world, as well.

Accustomed as we are in our modern age to divisions among believers and non-believers alike, how are we doing with worship in Spirit and truth? Moved by the Spirit many believe that Jesus is more than a prophet, even the Savior of the world. While others may acknowledge him, they are indifferent or do not know how such faith can impact their lives. They are “spiritual but not religious,” as is often said. To be sure, many “spiritual” people outdo Christians in virtuous living and in loving care and concern for others.

Likewise, our scientific age is replete with experts uncovering true things about the world. All recognize its order and beauty so intricately woven and interconnected from the minutest particles to the vastness of outer space. Yet where is the worship? Worship becomes possible only from a recognition of the Truth who is the source of all “truths.” It is willingly and intentionally submitting oneself body and soul to that which is the bestower of meaning to all things. Many would recognize Spirit and truth in various aspects, but would they worship? I once served in the music ministry of a congregation where all agreed they should worship, and at the same time recognized the diverse and competing notions of whom or what should be worshipped. It made choosing music difficult.

Worship entails commitment. We define ourselves by that to which we commit. Our commitment to family makes us a member of the family, to the nation a citizen, to God his sons and daughters, to Christ members of his Mystical Body. We find our identity in the One whom we worship. As we receive his holy Body and Blood, especially, our worship in the Holy Mass is that by which Jesus communicates his identity to his people.

How does one convince others of the Truth behind all truths? Like the Samaritan woman, through personal encounter with the Truth and testimony to others as the opportunity arises, beginning with family and acquaintances. When we know him who is the Truth, we cannot but offer him our worship, all we have and all we are. Beginning simply with the act of worship, we reveal our true identity and offer to others the invitation to come to “know that this is truly the savior of the world” (v. 42).

~Fr. David

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Mar. 14:

12:15 pm

Ernie Pfeiff

Wednesday, Mar. 15:

8:30 am

James Carroll Quade

Thursday, Mar. 16:

12:15 pm

Rev. Paul R. Holden, *Former Pastor (anniv. of death, 2003)*

Friday, Mar. 17:

8:30 am

LuAnn Miller

Saturday, Mar. 18:

7:30 am

Anniversary of Dedication of St. Aloysius Church, 1962

5:00 pm

Mary C. Kane

Sunday, Mar. 19:

8:00 am (*incense*)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

11:00 am

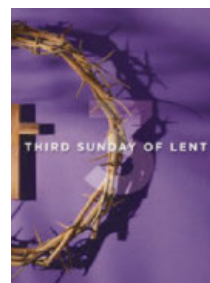
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**IN
PRAYER**

the Sick and Homebound in our Community: Jeanne Bean, Wally Bowles, Michael Brooks, Loretta Broxson, Timothy Butler, Jack Candela, Susie Crocco, Finn Leary Cusick, Charles Davis Sr., Barbara Dotson, Barbara Geary, Donna Green, Jim Hutchison, Paula Kidwell, Allison Kohut, Jay McCleaf, Jake Meerman, Chuck Miller, George Nelson, Myke Price, Will Rodgers, Joseph Shrader, Carolyn Siebert, Rebecca Swales, Jerry Thompson and Ken Ward.



RESPECT LIFE

For those nearing the end of life: May they be given the grace to persevere in faith and place their trust in God as they prepare in hope for eternity with Christ. We pray to the Lord.



“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the

inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life” (The Gospel of Life 28).

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.

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



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.saintalloysiuschurch.org/unbound



MOMS-St. Aloysius Mothers' Group meets on the **2nd Wednesdays** of the month at **7pm** in the Church Hall. *We welcome moms of all ages and stages. See you there!* **Email:** StAloysiusMoms@CatholicMomsGroup.com to RSVP.



BRICK FUNDRAISER- Honor a loved one

Details: \$250 per brick, personalize 3 lines up to 15 letters/space per line. Order forms in the vestibule or on our website www.saintalloysiuschurch.org. Questions-call the rectory at 301-475-8064.



ROSARY- Tuesdays/Thursdays
after the **12:15pm Masses**



PATRIOTIC ROSARY- Join us each
Wednesday after the 8:30am Mass.



APOLOGETICS-TUESDAY, 3/14 at 7:00-8:30pm
St. John's Church (St. Jude Room) The Topic will be: **"Defending Catholic Missionary Activity in Korea & Vietnam"**
For more info., email: Kenneth.scheiber@smrhs.org
The virtual option will be via zoom.
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INTERESTED in learning more about the Catholic Faith or becoming Catholic? We invite you to join us for Christian Initiation classes on **Tuesday nights**. For more info., contact Leonard Wathen at lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Special Needs Ministry

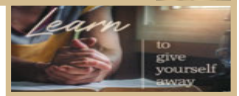
The purpose of our **Special Needs Ministry** is to accompany persons with disabilities and their families on their faith journey with the goal of full participation in parish life.

Our ministry offers Adult Faith Formation, adaptive sacrament preparation, and full inclusion in our Children's Family of Faith program. *Many of our students enjoy full participation in the Liturgy and are members the choir. Some routinely serve as lectors, cantors, greeters, altar servers and gift bearers.* Low gluten hosts are available at any Mass. Please see the priest or deacon before Mass. Contact **Liz Tomaszkeski, Special Needs Catechist, (301) 247-4071** or Liz.Tomaszkeski@gmail.com or visit <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/special-needs-ministry>

"Christ has no hands but yours" ...St. Teresa of Avila



GET INVOLVED in THE MINISTRIES that are going on at St. Aloysius Church—go to: <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/parish-ministries>.



Join us on our **Lenten Journey Fellowship** at St. Aloysius

Tuesday Night at 6:00pm in the social hall- **March 14th.**



"... They shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4)
a bereavement ministry at St. Aloysius Church

for those already signed-up
The "Grieving with Great Hope" workshop starts
Saturday morning, March 25th, at 9:30am
in the social hall.
(other dates- April 1, 15, 22, 29)

STEWARDSHIP

ParishSoft online giving:

<https://giving.ParishSoft.com/app/giving/stalloysius>

SHARING OUR TREASURE- March 4/5, 2023

| 1st Collection | 2nd Collection: School Support |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Offertory Basket: \$ 4,739.00 | Offertory Basket: \$ 1,290.00 |
| Direct Debit: \$ 4,065.00 | Direct Debit: \$ 420.00 |
| Total \$ 8,804.00 | Total \$ 1,710.00 |

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK will be for **Easter Flowers**

PATRON OF THE WEEK: St. Mary's Nursing & Rehabilitation Center- please patronize our bulletin sponsors.





<https://adw.org/ways-to-give/annual-appeal/>



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ST. VINCENT de PAUL



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE, Community Sunday, March 18/19 Please help our parish food pantry provide food to those in need in our community with your donations of food items on March 18 and 19. Food will be collected in the church foyer after each Mass. In March, all families receiving assistance from the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program "SNAP" (food stamps) will return to their SNAP allotment prior to pandemic funding. Your support will help families in our community adjust to this change. To assist the pantry in providing a variety of needed non-perishable food, here are **suggested items by the first letter of last names**. Currently, we are stocked with soup, spaghetti and vegetables. **Please, no items stored in glass or expired.**

Thank you for your generous support!

A-E: cereal, oatmeal, crackers (boxes of saltines), pancake mix, syrup

F-J: juice (shelf stable 100% juice), canned fruit, applesauce, peanut butter, jelly

L-Q: pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaronic and cheese

R-T: baked beans, beef stew, canned meats: *tuna, chicken, ham*

U-Z: mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, cooking oil

FOOD PANTRY OPEN HOUSE: In celebration of the two-year anniversary of our parish food pantry, the pantry will be open after all Masses on Community Sunday, March 18/19 for parishioners to browse the pantry! If you have any questions, e-mail: svdvp@saintaloysiuschurch.org

COMMUNITY

SPRING DRIVE-THRU SEAFOOD DINNER

Sunday, March 12th - 11:00 am until sold out

Holy Angels Church 21340 Colton Point Rd. Avenue, MD 20609 More information, call 301-769-3332. Fried Oysters Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Homemade Cole Slaw, Old Fashioned Green Beans, Pickled Beets and a Dinner Roll! **\$30** (cash or check only) We will have a baked-goods table!

LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNERS AT IHM

Fridays of Lent (Mar 17, 24, 31) 4 to 7 pm

Dine-In or To-Go

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park
Order and pay in person (cash and check) or online at seafood.ihmrcc.org (credit card, ACH or Google Pay).
Proceeds to fund replacement of our hymnals.



SoMd, MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Monday, March 27th at 7:00pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park.

Inviting all to come and receive healing prayer.

Come with expectant faith. **Confessions begin at 6:30PM.**



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Soirée for High School Girls (current 8th -12th)

Saturday April 1, 6:30- 8:30

This event is free; however, it is ladies only!

Open to all High School/rising 9th grade Girls (moms too!)

There will be light refreshments offered.

Location: Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's 28299

Old Village Road Mechanicsville, MD 20659

To RSVP [www.gratiaplenainstitute.com/](http://www.gratiaplenainstitute.com/upcoming-events)

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The Servants of the Lord (SSVM) Food Drive

During the Lenten season of almsgiving, please consider supporting our missionary religious sisters The Servants of the Lord (SSVM) with much needed items. Bags will be **distributed** Sat./Sun., April 15/16 and **returned** Sat./Sun., April 22/23. A **wish list of recommended items** will be provided with the **bags**. To participate in the delivery effort, please contact the Madden family at 207-837-5845 for details. It is always a joyous and rewarding day visiting with the sisters. A big thank-you in advance for your generosity!



2nd Annual DOLLY AND ME TEA-

Sat., April 23rd from 12-3pm

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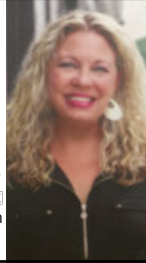


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