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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, Sundays from 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.

June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



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 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Thursday: 11:30-12 Noon— 12:45-1:15pm (Sept.-June)
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. David W. Beaubien, V.F., ext. 14
Deacon.....Deacon Joe Vavrus
Deacon.....Deacon Matt Menard
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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

Modern Science and Transubstantiation

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Since science in its contemporary meaning deals with that which is perceptible to the senses, it is powerless to document the change of the bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ, which takes place during the Mass. The change in what they are, that is, their substance, called "transubstantiation," we know by faith alone. Any physical analysis of the elements of Holy Communion would only reveal the characteristics of natural bread and wine. These are the "accidents" that remain the same, which in a sense veil the divine effect.

Nonetheless, modern science can help us appreciate that not everything we know is embraced by what we experience in the usual way. The behavior of light, for example, reveals to us that the reality of space and time transcends the three-dimensional framework in which we live. Moreover, it is suggested that "dark matter" exerts its influence in the universe of which it is a part, but according to its own mode of existence. It is easy to see, then, that God, who exists beyond space and time, reaches in and with human cooperation effects the change which gives us the Eucharist, the food of everlasting life.

There are three stages of the change as carried out in the liturgical enactment. The first is the presentation of the bread and wine, representing the fruits of the earth, received by the priest and blest by him at the altar in words that give thanks to God for the goodness of his creation. Secondly, during the Eucharistic Prayer, the celebrant calls down the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands over the bread and wine. The gesture, called the *epiclesis*, invites God to initiate the dedication of this portion of the fruits of the earth to the singular purpose of becoming the Body and Blood of Christ. Thirdly, the celebrant pronounces the very words of Jesus, speaking in his person, whereby the Savior gives himself as the New Covenant in his Blood.

The Mass, however, is a participation in the heavenly liturgy going on eternally in the presence of the Lamb of God (*Revelation 4*). As participants in the earthly liturgy, we are sharers in the divine nature by baptism and the gift of sanctifying grace (*II Peter 1:4*). By that fact, we have a right to see the Mass from a heavenly perspective, from a divine "point of view." In a similar way that the flow of time is compressed into an instant from the vantage point of a light beam, even as it travels immense distances through space, so in the eyes of God, the three stages of the change of the elements in the Mass are compressed into a single reality. It is as if God simultaneously sees the divine potential in the fruits of the earth and their actualization in the saving sacrifice of Christ from whom flows our Holy Communion.

This is why many Christians, especially in the Eastern Churches, say—and I am open to correction—that while they acknowledge with Catholics the change that takes place, although without using the term "transubstantiation," nonetheless place an emphasis on the divine perspective. Through the Incarnation of the Son of God and our baptism into him, we and in effect all of creation are drawn up into the glory of God by "theosis," that is, revealing God in who and what we are. Thus, the priest at the altar, in calling down the Holy Spirit and pronouncing the words of Institution, simply declares what the bread and wine *already are!* Here, the emphasis is on what God does from his unique and singular glance at the potential and actualization already inherent in his creation, as it already participates in heavenly glory, to us yet in a hidden way.

I hope this reflection contributes to building a unity of understanding between the Churches of the West and the East, who this year especially commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and celebrated the Lord's Resurrection on the same date.

~Fr. David

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, June 24:	THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
12:15 pm	Frances D'Amato
Wednesday, June 25:	
8:30 am	Steven Fenwick
Thursday, June 26:	
12:15 pm	Norman J. Meinert
Friday, June 27:	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
8:30 am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Saturday, June 28:	
7:30 am	Living/Deceased Members of the Class of 1955, <i>St. Mary's Academy</i>
5:00 pm	<i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday, June 29:	STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
8:00 am	For the Pope's Intentions
11:00 am	John Robusto, Sr.

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PRAYER

the Sick and Homebound in our Community: Jeanne Bean, Rita Bond, Wally Bowles, Michael Brooks, Loretta Broxson, Timothy Butler, Fr. Rory Conley, Donna Corcoran, Susie Crocco, Ann Davis, Charles Davis Sr., Ron Domingue, Jr., Jeff Flick, Stephanie Gonzalez, Jim Hutchison, Paula Kidwell, George Lancaster, Alice LaRose, Sherry Marigliano, Virginia McKeen, Irene Michaud, Chuck Miller, Kristy Nelson & Madison, DeShawn Plater, Harry Rogers, William Smith and Jerry Thompson.

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE



St. Aloysius Church has been designated as a pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Holy Year 2025. You can obtain an indulgence each time you participate in Holy Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Stations of the Cross, the

Rosary, or a Penance Service at St. Aloysius Church during the Jubilee Year.

To obtain the indulgence, you must meet certain conditions:

Be in a state of grace / Confess / Receive Communion / Pray for the Pope's intentions / Must complete the specific prayers or works required for the indulgence

<https://adw.org/the-year-of-the-jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>

ROSARY

Tuesdays/Thursdays
after the 12:15pm Masses



PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Join us as *we Pray*
for our Country each
Wednesday after Mass.



VOCATIONS CROSS – Dennis & Debbie Mattingly will take the cross home and pray for vocations. **Please pray for our Seminarians.** <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/vocations-cross>

The Story of Salvation, a summer Bible study, is meeting every other Monday in the parish hall from 6 to 7:30 PM. It's not too late to join us! Details and registration at <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/bible>. Our next session is Monday, June 30.

WOMEN
OVER 60
COFFEE

First Wednesdays of the month
at 9:30am in the Parish Hall.
Contact Chris Guy at 301-481-1502

MOMS (of all ages)-St. Aloysius Mothers' Group
Off for the summer (Jul./Aug.). For info.:
StAloysiusMoms@CatholicMomsGroup.com



INTERESTED in learning more about the Catholic Faith or becoming Catholic?

Contact Leonard Wathen

at lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org for more info.

Combat Veteran Support Group

Mondays @ 6:30pm

Next Date: June 23rd

Location: St. Aloysius Church Parish Hall,
22800 Washington St., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Contact: Chris Kotlinski, LtCol USMC (Ret)

OIF and OEF Veteran

240-572-5864 or chris.kotlinski@gmail.com

Peace in the Storm Project– Small groups will meet **monthly on the First Friday of the month at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall.**

Books are available through *Heavenly Presents, Amazon or Barnes and Noble.* You can order your book here:

<https://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/peace-in-the-storm>

Info?: Liz Tomaszewski: liz.tomaszewski@gmail.com



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~Enter our parish's zip code

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Mental Health First Aid class

Saturday July 12 from 8:30 to 4pm

In the St. Aloysius Parish Hall

"Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial help/support. It takes the fear and hesitation out of starting a conversation with someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis."

It would be a great way to sensitize us to those in our community who may be struggling with mental health issues, and give us some ways to better minister to them.

RSVP by July 1st! Sign up: [https://](https://stalloysius20650.flocknote.com/signup/210775)

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STEWARDSHIP

ParishSoft online giving:

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SHARING OUR TREASURE– 6/14 and 6/15, 2025

1st Collection

Offertory Basket: \$ 4,168.00

Direct Debit: \$ 1,185.00

Total

2nd Collection: Youth Ministry

Offertory Basket: \$ 1,263.00

Total

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2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK–Peter's Pence

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Hancock Refrigeration, Heating & Cooling- please patronize our sponsors.



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

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The next open pantry is Sat., July 19th, 9-11AM.



Food will be collected after all Masses

July 19/20th, Community Sunday.

For a complete list see our website: saintalloysiuschurch.org>"parish ministries">food pantry



Baby items: baby food/wipes/pull-ups

THANK YOU for your generosity! For more info: please email foodpantry@saintalloysiuschurch.org

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

FAWS is looking to hire for the following positions:

Aftercare: Hours are M-F 2:30-5:30 PM. Pay is \$20/hour.

Please contact Mrs. Schmidt at

schmidt@fatherandrewwhite.org for more information.

F/T Middle School Language Arts Teacher

Substitute Teachers

Please contact office@fatherandrewwhite.org for more information. Thank you!

COMMUNITY

NO APOLOGETICS Until Fall

Eucharistic Adoration & Worship Night

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Sunday, June 22, 2025

6pm to 7:30pm
(Doors Open at 5:30pm)

St. Aloysius Church
Leonardtown, Maryland

O adorable and glorious Saviour, consume my heart with that burning fire that ever inflames Thy Heart.

**Adoration
Reflection
Prayer & Quiet Time**

Music provided by: *Gift*

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Pray for Priests

Pray for Peace

Militia Immaculata Village-Join us as we grow in faith through prayer, learning and community in the spirit of the Militia Immaculata, consecrated to Our Lady for the conversion of souls and the triumph of Christ's love.

Prayer-Formation-Discussion-Friendship

All are welcome!

We meet on the **4th Wednesdays** of the month from **7:30pm-8:30pm** in the **St. Aloysius parish hall**

Contact curtisbrown770@gmail.com or 727-742-8884

*"Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving. Without sacrifice, there is no love."
-St. Maximilian Kolbe*

Camp Maria- Camp Creation 2025. July 7-10th, 9am-2pm, Cost: \$250 This camp, designed for ages 7-12 years old, provides an outdoor immersion experience where campers connect with their faith, the environment, and each other through hands-on interaction with nature. *Daily activities include prayer, fishing /crabbing, canoeing, arts / crafts, swimming, etc.*

For more info.: campmaria.org or 301-475-8330

Camp Maria is hiring part-time, as-needed employees for food service (cook and utility/dishroom), housekeeping, and lifeguarding. To apply, please visit at campmaria.org or email director@campmaria.org

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Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents Retreat

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Church
1601 W. Mt. Harmony Road, Owings, MD 20736

If you are grieving the loss of a child, no matter the age of your child, how long ago your child died, or the cause, we invite you to join us.

This one-day retreat offered by grieving parents for grieving parents centers on the spirituality of the grieving process and will give you the opportunity to focus on your spiritual journey after the loss of your child.

The day includes prayer, reflection, large and small group discussions, and a Vigil Mass for Sunday, as well as lunch and dinner. There are opportunities to listen to the experiences of other parents and to share your experiences, if you wish.

\$30.00 per parent, Register at:

<https://GrievingParentRetreat2025.eventbrite.com>

For more information, call the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4546 or email flm@adw.org.



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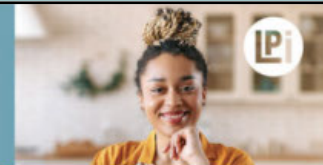
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