

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.

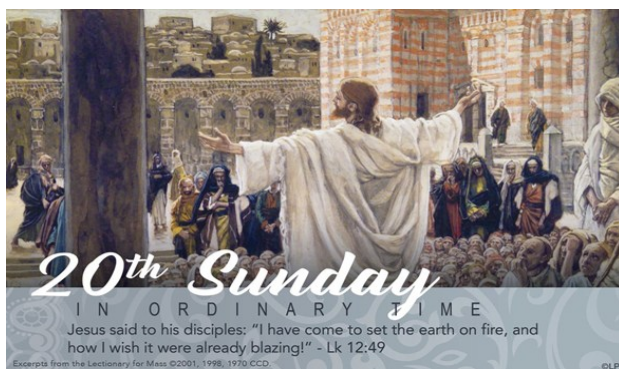
ANOINTING OF THE SICK... The Sacrament of the Sick is for the spiritual comfort, strength and healing of the ill. If there is a need for the sacrament in your family or household, please contact the rectory as soon as possible.

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, 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.

August 17, 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

NEW

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



www.SaintAloysiusChurch.org
www.facebook.com/stalloysius20650
www.twitter.com/stalloysius20650

PASTOR'S CORNER

Peace or Division?

“Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”
(Luke 12:51)

In today’s gospel passage, Jesus counterposes peace and division as opposites. Where there is unity, there is peace; where there is division, a lack of peace.

For many of us who were adults or grew up during the Cold War, the Berlin Wall symbolized division between the free West and the East oppressed by atheistic Communism. It produced in us a not-so-subtle feeling of anxiety and fear of that false ideology encroaching like a cancer on other countries. Such was the thinking that fueled our immersion in the Vietnam War. That fear has recently staged an unwelcome return with the conflict in Ukraine giving rise, if we are not careful, to the possibility of escalation and an all-out nuclear exchange between NATO allies and Russia.

How strange, then, that Jesus would come out against peace and in favor of division! After all, the seventh Beatitude is “Blessed are the peacemakers...” (Matthew 5:9) At the Last Supper, Jesus offered to his disciples: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” (John 14:27) There also he prayed for unity among his disciples, “that they may all be one...” (John 17:21)

To solve this riddle, truth is the source of both peace and division. When truth about some particular matter becomes apparent to all, there is agreement. Justice then becomes possible leading to peace. However, when the truth is not apparent to all, division remains, justice is incomplete and a lack of peace prevails.

In Jesus, Truth entered the world. His mission was to light a fire on earth that would divide truth from falsehood, good from evil, like a smelting furnace purifies ore and brings forth a precious metal. By his baptism into death, he let the forces of evil have their way. And yet by taking the sins of the world on himself through the cross and being raised from the dead, he recreated humanity in his own image and likeness, enabling believers to live in peace as children of God and brothers and sisters to each other.

The saving work of Christ is neither self-evident nor apparent to all. Some will receive the Spirit of Truth and some will not, thus dividing even family members against each other. Unity is even imperfect among Christians, although not keeping us from cooperating in charitable works. What a witness would result if Christians, some of whom are so close yet so far apart in their theological outlooks, would recognize that Christ’s intended Church has one faith, one governance, and one sacramental system. Unity, not uniformity, is essential. Let the Church show forth the richness of its legitimate differences! This makes us the unique vessel of Truth that the world needs for peace and salvation!

~Fr. David

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Daily Mass Time Change starting in September

Wednesday and Friday Mass Times
will change to:
8:15AM

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Aug. 19:

12:15 pm Joseph “Freddie” Hancock

Wednesday, Aug. 20: St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

8:30 am John Francis Lathroum

Thursday, Aug. 21: St. Pius X, Pope

12:15 pm Frances D’ Amato

Friday, Aug. 22:

**The Queenship
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Ben Moore

Saturday, Aug. 23:

7:30 am Ceci Hoffman
5:00 pm Ruth Bell Swan

Sunday, Aug. 24:

8:00 am **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
11:00 am *Pro populo*
Barbara Mae Dotson

PLEASE
REMEMBER



IN
PRAYER

The Sick and Homebound in our Community

We lift up in prayer all those in our parish community who are ill, or hospitalized. May God’s healing grace comfort and strengthen them.

Catherine Bell Atlas, Jeanne Bean, Rita Bond, Wally Bowles, Michael Brooks, Loretta Broxson, Timothy Butler, Fr. Rory Conley, Donna Corcoran, Susie Crocco, Ann Davis, Charles Davis Sr., Nolma Diamond, Jr., Jeff Flick, Stephanie Gonzalez, Jim Hutchison, Paula Kidwell, George Lancaster, Sherry Marigliano, Virginia McKeen, Irene Michaud, Chuck Miller, Kristy Nelson & Madison, DeShawn Plater, Brenda Queen, Harry Rogers and Jerry Thompson.



QUEENSHIP OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 22
This feast recognizes Mary as the “Queen of Heaven and Earth” and celebrates her special role in salvation.

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

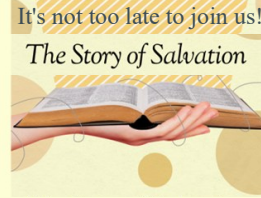


St. Aloysius Church has been designated as a pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Holy Year 2025. You can obtain an indulgence each time you participate in Holy Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, Stations of the Cross, the Rosary, or a Penance Service at St. Aloysius Church during the Jubilee Year.

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/>

VOCATIONS CROSS – Catherine Stewart will take the cross home and pray for vocations. Please pray for our Seminary students. <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/vocations-cross>



August 25
 September 8 & 22
 6:00 PM – Potluck Refreshments
 6:30–7:30 PM – Presentation & Group Discussion

A summer Bible study is meeting every other Monday in the parish hall from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Details and registration at <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/bible>.



INTERESTED in learning more about the Catholic Faith or becoming Catholic?
 Contact Leonard Wathen
 at lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org for more info.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY



FAMILY OF FAITH CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM-

For details go to <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/>



Families of Faith
 Our family-centered religious education program, begins Sunday, September 14. The program combines classroom instruction with opportunities for families to learn and grow together in the Catholic faith. Families with children ages 4 through grade 8 are encouraged to register today at saintalloysiuschurch.org/familiesoffaith.

POOR BOX



RECIPIENT WILL BE:
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
 to help stock the shelves for the monthly distribution

STEWARDSHIP

ParishSoft online giving:

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

SHARING OUR TREASURE– August 9/10, 2025

1st Collection	2nd Collection: Debt Reduction
Offertory Basket: \$ 4,428.00	Offertory Basket: \$ 1,752.00
Direct Debit: \$ 1,185.00	Direct Debit: \$ 612.50
Total \$ 5,613.00	Total \$ 2,364.50

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK — Maintenance PATRON OF THE WEEK: MD MedAlert

Please patronize our sponsors.

Eucharistic Adoration & Worship Night

Sunday
August 24, 2025
 (4th Sunday this month.)
 6pm to 7:30 pm
 St. Aloysius Church
 Leonardtown, Maryland

St. Aloysius is a "Jubilee parish" during this Jubilee Year 2025
 Come and learn more about the indulgences available during this Jubilee Year!

Adoration
 Reflection
 Prayer & Quiet Time

Hope
 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

Music provided by: *Fiat*

Let it be done...

This event is offered to you through the Bread of Life Center for Peace, serving our Catholic community.
 Contact us at: (301) 475-7139
www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org

Combat Veteran Support Group

Twice a month on Mondays @ 6:30pm

Next Date: August 18, 2025

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

MISSION MINISTRY– we are looking for volunteers to assist the Sisters of Charity in building a house in Belize. Contact Dan Guenther or Deacon Joe, e-mail: mission_ministry@saintalloysiuschurch.org



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

ST. VINCENT de PAUL



The next open pantry is **Sat., September 20th, 9-11AM.** The Food Pantry is critically low in food and funds. Please consider donating to help feed our neighbors in need.

Food will be collected after all Masses, September 20 & 21, Community Sunday. If you would

like to donate to the pantry please make your donation to SVdP-Food Pantry, P.O. Box 310 Leonardtown, MD 20650, or scan this QR code to donate electronically. Please designate "Food Pantry." Thank You for your generosity!



For a complete list see our website: [saintaloysiuschurch.org>"parish ministries">food pantry](https://saintaloysiuschurch.org/parish-ministries/food-pantry)

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

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Help Wanted: Are you looking to be a part of a community that wants to make a difference in a child's life? Are you looking for part time work? Please consider becoming a member of our Aftercare Team!

Hours: Monday - Friday 2:30 - 5:30
Contact: Mrs. Shedd at justineshedd@gmail.com



BINGO - Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Council 1470



Fridays at 6:30pm in the FAW School gym

COMMUNITY

Last Blast of Summer!



Potluck Picnic

Please join us for a free parish potluck picnic!

The picnic will be held **rain** (in FAW gym) **or shine** on **Sunday, September 7**, behind Father Andrew White School next to the playground from **12:30 pm – 2:30 pm.**

Food provided by parish:

Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie and turkey burgers, and beverages: water, iced tea, and lemonade.



Recommended food items to bring:

- A – J *dessert*
- K – R *side dish*
- S – Z *salad*



To RSVP, see our website: <https://saintaloysiuschurch.org>

Calling All Artists!

**GATHER, WORSHIP, SHOW
CHRISTIAN ART SHOW**

8AM – 8PM / Sat-Sun 30-31 Aug



To Register
Your Artwork

POC: Chris Kotlinski
240-572-5864
chris.kotlinski@gmail.com

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**"Our Lady of Tenderness"
Icon Raffle**



Sister Corredemptrix, SSVM, currently on mission in Jordan at Al Maghdas (the site of Jesus' Baptism). She will be speaking after all Masses on this weekend. She'll share updates on their Holy Land missions and offer raffle tickets for a hand-painted Byzantine-style icon, *Our Lady of Tenderness*. Tickets are \$10 each, and all proceeds support the Sister Servants of the Lord's work in the Holy Land. Tickets available for a month via the St. Aloysius website <https://www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/ssvm> or QR code. Drawing on Sept. 16. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Catholic Young Adult Events Southern Maryland



2nd Tuesday: Faith & Fellowship Nights

Connect with fellow Catholics and explore timely topics about the faith.

- 6:00 PM – Every 2nd Tuesday of the month
 - Free Appetizers Provided!
- For location, email: paxcatholicministry@gmail.com or visit: facebook.com/PaxCatholic

Every Wednesday: Prayer, Penance & Pub

- Our Lady Star of the Sea
- 5:30 PM – Mass in the Historic Church
 - Followed by Adoration & Confession
 - Potluck & Fellowship with other young adults

Come for prayer, stay for community!
All young adults are welcome!
Grow in faith, build friendships, and be part of a vibrant Catholic community.

