

# 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](http://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.

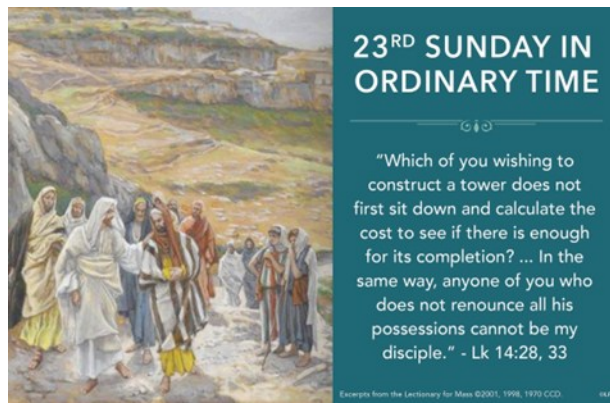
**ANOINTING OF THE SICK...** The Sacrament of the Sick is for the spiritual comfort, strength and healing of the ill. If there is a need for the sacrament in your family or household, please contact the rectory as soon as possible.

**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.

September 7, 2025

23rd 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  
 8:15 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 8:15 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 Editor* .....Izel Ventura, ext.11  
*Religious Education/Youth Ministry*.....Leonard Wathen, ext.16  
*Coordinator of Music*.....Beth Domingue  
*Custodian*.....Robert Barger  
*Principal, Father Andrew White School* .....Janet Soch

### NEW

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



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[www.facebook.com/stalloysius20650](https://www.facebook.com/stalloysius20650)  
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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### The Cost of Discipleship

Luke 14:25-33

Jesus sets the bar quite high for someone to be his follower. *You cannot be my disciple* unless you renounce your family relationships, accept suffering and persecution, and leave all your possessions behind. But at the call of the fishermen, that's exactly what his first disciples did. After hearing Jesus speak at length from the boat near the shore and being directed to the miraculous catch of fish as a confirmation of the truth of what he was saying, Peter, James and John "left everything and followed him" (Luke 5:11).

To us now, the requirements of being a disciple become more realistic and manageable when his stipulations are transposed into positive form. *Hating* one's father and mother becomes: If you want to be my disciple, see God as your One Father, Jesus as your brother, and their Holy Spirit as your constant interior Guide, Companion and Advocate.

*Carrying your cross* becomes: Be ready to accept misunderstanding, suffering and persecution as a sign that you are on the right track. When they damage and destroy the icons of your faith and graffiti your places of worship, know that you are being confirmed in your witness of the Truth.

*Renouncing all your possessions* becomes: Have Jesus as your one and only possession. Acquire all his virtues as the qualities of your soul. Clothe yourself in the robe of righteousness, adorn yourself with his heavenly graces, and arm yourself with the "sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" (Ephesians 6:17).

Since the Beatitudes are promised to the true disciples of Jesus (Matthew 5:1-12), let's attach one to each of his requirements. *Leaving the security of your family relations and seeing God as your only Father* is the 6<sup>th</sup> Beatitude: "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God."

*Carrying your cross* is the 8<sup>th</sup> and final Beatitude: "Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness...Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*Detaching yourself from all your possessions* is the 1<sup>st</sup> Beatitude: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

As we participate in the life of Jesus within his holy Church, each of us needs to weigh the cost of discipleship in connection with each's God-given vocation, which may involve cultivating one's family relationships. Fulfilling other responsibilities, we all called to leave the world a better place than we found it. Through authentic discipleship we are already making the kingdom of God "present in sign; when the Lord comes it will reach its completion." (*Gaudium et Spes* # 39, Second Vatican Council) There is no greater adventure than to be a disciple of Jesus. I highly recommend it!

~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

<b>Tuesday, Sept. 9:</b> 12:15 pm	<b>St. Peter Claver, Priest</b> Ceci Hoffman
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 10:</b> 8:15 am	Rev. Joseph Enders, S.J. (anniv. of death, 1884) erected 2nd, St. Aloysius Church
<b>Thursday, Sept. 11:</b> 12:15 pm	Donna Norris
<b>Friday, Sept. 12:</b> 8:15 am	Liberato Caday
<b>Saturday, Sept. 13:</b> 7:30 am 5:00 pm	<b>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church</b> Stanley Konopka <i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Sunday, Sept. 14:</b> 8:00 am 11:00 am	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Ernest Pfeiff Dr. & Mrs. Bernard Wattiker

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, Mary Claire FitzGerald, 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.



**BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:** The community of St. Aloysius extends heartfelt condolences to the family of **Deacon Paul E. Ruffo**, from the Archdiocese of Washington and **Alfreda Studniewski**, mother of Rev. Gary Studniewski, who entered eternal rest recently. May the angels lead them into paradise. May the martyrs welcome them and guide them to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, bring comfort to their loved ones during this time of sorrow.

**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/>

It's not too late to join us!

The Story of Salvation



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://saintaloyiuschurch.org/bible>.

**VOCATIONS CROSS Sign up** to take the cross home and pray for vocations. Please pray for our **Seminarians**. <https://saintaloyiuschurch.org/vocations-cross>



"...They shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4) a bereavement ministry

"Grieving with Great Hope" 5-week, small group workshop to help people grieving the loss of a loved one.

**Bereavement Workshop Dates, 2026:**

**Sundays, 1:30-3:30pm: 1/11, 1/18, 1/25 & 2/1, 2/8**

Contact: Jennifer Bicknell (301-475-8064) or [office@saintaloyiuschurch.org](mailto:office@saintaloyiuschurch.org)

**SIGN UP NOW** sheet in vestibule (so we have enough books for all)



**STRESSED TO BLESSED: CARING FOR BODY AND SOUL**

Saint Aloysius invites you to a talk on practical strategies for reducing stress and anxiety in everyday life.

Guest Speaker: Sherrye Urtz, MPH, LCPC, CPC

Thursday, Sept. 18 from 6:00-7:30PM  
St. Aloysius Parish Hall



Followed by Adoration in Sacred Heart Chapel

This is a valuable opportunity to explore realistic ways to care for both body and mind especially in today's fast-paced world. "Cast all your anxiety on Him because he cares for you"

Email [liz.tomaszeski@gmail.com](mailto:liz.tomaszeski@gmail.com) for more information.  
All are welcome!

**MOMS (of all ages)-St. Aloysius Mothers' Group**

**September 10**

**2nd Wednesdays of the month-7pm**

For info.:

[StAloysiusMoms@CatholicMomsGroup.com](mailto:StAloysiusMoms@CatholicMomsGroup.com)



**NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Will begin on **Saturday, Sept. 13**

9/13 and 9/20 in the church 2:00-3:30pm.

4th Grade and up.



**STEWARDSHIP**

ParishSoft online giving:

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

**SHARING OUR TREASURE– August 30/31, 2025**

**1st Collection**

Offertory Basket: \$ 4,266.00

Direct Debit: \$ 1,190.00

**Total \$ 5,456.00**

**Online Giving for August: 15,008.00**

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK—Catholic University**

**PATRON OF THE WEEK: Prep & Play Child Care**

Please patronize our sponsors.



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

**POOR BOX**



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

**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

<b>First Fridays</b>	<b>First Friday Adoration &amp; Game Nights</b> 6:30 to 8:30 pm, the first Friday of each month	<b>June 21-26</b>	<b>Summit Lake Camp Registration</b> Registration opens August 21 and closes October 31, 2025
<b>7-Week Series</b>	<b>Known: Experiencing God in Daily Prayer</b> Sunday nights, 7 to 8:30 pm, starting September 7	<b>Feb 6-8</b>	<b>Mount 2000 Registration</b> Registration opens October 14 and closes December 15, 2025



Our family-centered religious education program begins Sunday, Sept. 14. Designed for children ages 4 through grade 8, it blends classroom learning with opportunities for families to grow together in the Catholic faith.

Register today at [saintaloyiuschurch.org/familiesoffaith](https://saintaloyiuschurch.org/familiesoffaith)

ST. VINCENT de PAUL



The next open pantry is Sat., September 20th, 9-11AM. Food will be collected after all Masses, September 20/21 Community Sunday.

The pantry needs your help to replenish our shelves!

This is the list of **most needed pantry items**: Beef stew/dry soup (ramen noodles)/soups (low sodium if available)/juice/applesauce/canned fruit/canned vegetable (low sodium if available)/baked beans/canned spaghetti sauce/tomato product (sauce, diced, paste)/pasta/rice/instant mashed potatoes/box of macaroni and cheese/ canned pasta "SpaghettiOs"/box of saltine crackers/cereal/oatmeal/pancake/mix/syrup/jelly/peanut butter/canned meat (chicken, tuna, ham)/shelf stable powdered milk.

**Condiments**: mayo/ketchup/mustard/cooking oil.

**Household**: laundry detergent/liquid dish soap/toilet paper/paper towels. **Personal care items**: toothpaste/toothbrush/shampoo etc. **Baby Items**: Diapers/wipes/baby food (no formula). **\*\*Please no items packed in glass\*\***

For more information or questions, please email Eileen or Teresa

at [foodpantry@saintalloysiuschurch.org](mailto:foodpantry@saintalloysiuschurch.org)

For a complete list see our website:

[saintalloysiuschurch.org](http://saintalloysiuschurch.org)>"parish ministries">food pantry



**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER MEETING,**

**Saturday, Sept. 27 at 9AM, OR Monday,**

**Sept. 29 at 5:30 PM. Please plan to attend one of the two**

**days**— same meeting, two opportunities. We will meet in the church hall for approximately an hour. Anyone interested in volunteering or just learning more about the pantry are welcome! Please email us if you'd like to receive the pantry flocknote. **THANK YOU** for your generosity! For additional info: please email: [foodpantry@saintalloysiuschurch.org](mailto:foodpantry@saintalloysiuschurch.org)

COMMUNITY

**Combat Veteran Support Group**

Twice a month on Mondays @ 6:30pm

**Next Date:** September 15, 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](mailto:chris.kotlinski@gmail.com)



In celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, St. Aloysius Church is designated as a Jubilee Pilgrimage site and its offering special commemorative ornaments. Each ornament is \$20, with proceeds directly supporting our parish. Ornaments purchased online will be available for pickup at the parish office during regular office hours.

Reserve yours today and take home a keepsake.

Order online at

[www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/jubilee-2025-ornament](http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/jubilee-2025-ornament)



**The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department**

invites you to All you can eat Breakfast Sunday, September 21st

at 8:00-11:00 AM

**\$18-age 13 & up \$8- ages 4 to 12**

**Under 3 Eats Free**

**HVFD Social Hall**

**24801 Three Notch Road, Hollywood, MD 20636**

**CASH ONLY—ATM ON-SITE**

**APOLOGETICS— MONDAY, 09/08 at 7:00-8:15pm**

Where: St. Johns Francis Regis Parish (St. Jude Room in Msgr. Harris Center)

The topic will be: **The Catholic Church and Individualism**

Google Meeting: Apologetics 2025-26

<https://meet.google.com/woq-fmef-djg>



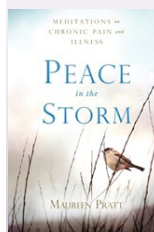
**"Our Lady of Tenderness" Icon Raffle**



Sister Corredemptrix, SSVM, currently on mission in Jordan at Al Maghdas (The site of Jesus' Baptism) will raffle one of her recently painted icons, "Our Lady of Tenderness". The icon is a copy of a traditional Byzantine icon from the 13th century and is hand painted according to the traditional method over a wooden gessoed panel and prepared with natural pigments, egg yolk and gold leaf.

**Suggested donation is \$10 a raffle ticket.** All proceeds will go to help the Sister Servants of the Lord missions in the Holy Land. Raffle tickets will be available until Sept. 15th. You can purchase tickets on the St Aloysius website <https://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/ssvm> or use the QR code here. **The raffle will be drawn Sept. 16th.**

**Thank you for your prayers and support of the missions.**



**The Peace in the Storm Project** is a Faith Fellowship Group for individuals living with chronic pain or illness and for caregivers. Through her inspired writings and discussion guides, author, Maureen Pratt, guides us through meditations and her personal faith journey bringing us closer to Jesus.

**DATES: Oct. 3, Nov. 7 & Dec. 5**

**(Every first Friday of the month)**

**TIME: 2:00-3:00 PM**

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