

# 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 28, 2025

26th 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 Socho

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



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[www.twitter.com/stalloysius20650](https://www.twitter.com/stalloysius20650)

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

**The Great Reversal**

*Luke 16:19-31*

The parable of Lazarus and the rich man illustrates Luke's version of the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount (6:20-26), where the fortunes of those in this world get reversed in the world to come: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied...But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. But woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry." Distinct from the Beatitudes in the gospel of Matthew, those of Luke were particularly directed against those whose hearts were set on increasing their wealth without looking beyond the pleasures that this world makes available. While the parable of Lazarus does not necessarily bar the way to salvation for those who are materially fortunate, it does wake us up to the needs of the poor in our midst. Although there is something sinful about the rich man's daily over-the-top self-indulgence, the real sin was a surely culpable ignorance, his failure to see the destitute Lazarus at the gate and not to have done something to alleviate his dire condition.

From a young age, I remember being in a similar situation. In the early 1960's we were living in a suburb of Djakarta in a comfortable enough bungalow (no air conditioning, a kitchen with literally an ice box) with a walled-in backyard. The servants, who tended to the cooking, shopping and housekeeping, the driver, and a night watchman, were customarily employed by foreign families. However, we were living like royalty compared with the native local people in the next block who survived under in an extensive thatched-roof compound with mud floors and no running water, except for a spigot that might have been publicly available. As a third and fourth grader, I recall a twinge of conscience, or at least a concern, at the discrepancy in these contrasting adjacent living conditions. All these decades later, the disparity between rich and poor remains in our own inner cities, on our doorstep in Haiti and in many other parts of the world. I wonder if that childhood experience was one of the vectors that came together and pointed me ultimately in the direction of the ministry.

The preferential option for the poor is one of the principles of Catholic teaching, firmly rooted here in what is known as Luke's "Social Justice" gospel. In particular, the parable of Lazarus and the rich man focuses not on "doing" something wrong, but on the sin of omission. Since the time of my Indonesian experience, this has been a special emphasis in the reform of the Mass. The traditional Confiteor ("I confess to Almighty God..."), previously recited only by the priest, received an additional clause, now spoken by all the people together: "...in what I have done *and in what I have failed to do.*"

Finally, this is the only one of Jesus' parables in which a character is named. "Lazarus" means "God is my help." God knows each one of us by name and has a special place in his divine heart for those who merely through the force of circumstance live the poverty of Jesus. I commend all who once again will be participating in next Saturday's Friends of the Poor Walk to alleviate the condition of families in our community. The kingdom of God belongs to both the poor and to those who seek to help them.

~Fr. David

**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

<b>Tuesday, Sept. 30:</b>	<b>St. Jerome, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
12:15 pm	Frances Quade
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 1:</b>	<b>St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church</b>
8:15am	Eileen Meinert
<b>Thursday, Oct. 2:</b>	<b>The Holy Guardian Angels</b>
12:15 pm	Meta Wilt
<b>(First) Friday, Oct. 3:</b>	
8:15 am	Dick & Cecelia Curry
<b>Saturday, Oct. 4:</b>	<b>St. Francis of Assisi</b>
7:30 am	Ceci Hoffman
5:00 pm ( <i>incense</i> )	<i>Pro populo</i>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 5:</b>	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:00 am ( <i>incense</i> )	Kathy Fuller
11:00 am ( <i>incense</i> )	Barbara 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, Mary Claire FitzGerald, Stephanie Gonzalez, Jim Hutchison, Paula Kidwell, George Lancaster, Sherry Marigliano, Virginia McKeen, Irene Michaud, Chuck Miller, Kristy Nelson & Madison, DeShawn Plater, Harry Rogers, Jerry Thompson and Rosette Young.



**BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE:** The community of St. Aloysius extends heartfelt condolences to the family of **William E. Butler, husband of Brenda Butler**, who entered eternal rest recently. May the angels lead him into paradise. May the martyrs welcome him and guide him to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, bring comfort to his loved ones during this time of sorrow.



**MEMORIAL MASS:** Please join us for honoring the life of **Bernard “Bernie” Burruano**, a friend of our local Catholic Community whose spirit and kindness touched the hearts of all who knew him.

It will be held *Friday, October 10th at 1:00 PM in the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Aloysius Church.*

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



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



The Parish Pastoral Council will be printing a new Parish Photo Directory. We will be taking family photos after all Masses during the month of September in the Parish Hall.

As another option, you may email a digital photo of your family to: [parishcouncil@saintaloyuschurch.org](mailto:parishcouncil@saintaloyuschurch.org), subject “Family Photo”. Please include the names of all family members in the photo so that we have the correct spelling of names. Thank you, Deacon Joe



The **Pastoral Council** serves as a consultative body to the pastor, helping to guide the spiritual and communal direction of our parish. Members offer insight, prayerful reflection, and support in planning parish initiatives and responding to the needs of our faith community.

We thank our current council members for their dedicated service: *David Dotson, Bill Eckenrode, Peter Friesen, Kristen Guy, Jennifer Kotlinski, Michael Manning, Joe Odenthal, Sue Robusto, Doug Burfield, and Ann Wyvill.*

We welcome **Deborah Mattingly and Brenda Moore** to the Pastoral Council. Their gifts and perspectives will be a blessing to our parish as we continue to grow in faith and service.



## St. Aloysius CHRISTMAS DINNER 2025

If you are interested of helping please join our committee meetings at 6:30 PM in the parish hall conference room.

The meetings will be held on :

**October 9th / November 12th / December 9th**

For info, please email Pam Harms at [harms2@mac.com](mailto:harms2@mac.com)

## Combat Veteran Support Group

Twice a month on Mondays @ 6:30pm

**Next Date:** October 6 & 20, 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)

## Kalnasy Concert Series at St. Aloysius 2025-26 Season

**Oct. 5 (Sunday) The Southern Maryland Community Gospel Choir 3:00 PM**

For more info. contact: [keyofgmh@gmail.com](mailto:keyofgmh@gmail.com)



## STEWARDSHIP

ParishSoft online giving:

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

## SHARING OUR TREASURE– September 20/21, 2025

<b>1st Collection</b>	<b>2nd Collection: Debt Reduction</b>
Offertory Basket: \$ 3,732.00	Offertory Basket: \$ 1,503.00
Direct Debit: \$ 1,190.00	Direct Debit: \$ 612.50
<b>Total \$ 4,922.00</b>	<b>Total \$ 2,115.50</b>

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK– School Support PATRON OF THE WEEK: ADT—Monitored Home Security** —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**

ST. VINCENT de PAUL



The next open pantry is Sat., Oct. 18th 9-11AM. Food will be collected after all Masses, October 18/19, Community Sunday. The pantry needs your help to replenish our shelves.

For a complete list see our website:

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

**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER MEETING, Monday, Sept. 29 at 5:30 PM.** 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@saintaloysiuschurch.org](mailto:foodpantry@saintaloysiuschurch.org)



Friends of the Poor Walk  
Save the Date

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's (SVDP) 18th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk will be held October 4. The goal of the Walk is to raise money to assist our neighbors with basic needs including rent, utilities, medicine and food. Starting at Father Andrew White School, the walk route goes through the streets of Historic Leonardtown. There will be a post-walk brunch, music, theme baskets for a silent auction, balloons for children, and door prizes. Registration begins at 7:30 am, Walk begins at 9:00 am. The Walk is sponsored by the SVDP Conferences at St. Aloysius and Immaculate Conception Churches. There is no registration fee, but walkers are encouraged to collect pledges or donate. Donations can be made at [Friends of the Poor Walk - St. Aloysius Church - Leonardtown, MD](#) Please note that the donation is for the Walk. For further information, contact Patty Belanger at (301) 904-7990.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

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



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

Contact Leonard Wathen

at [lwathen@saintaloysiuschurch.org](mailto:lwathen@saintaloysiuschurch.org) for more info.



**FAMILY OF FAITH CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM-**

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

COMMUNITY



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

Join us for a Morning Recollection

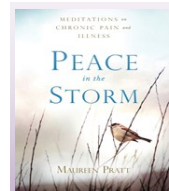
**OCT 11**

Kevin Wells, author & evangelist

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Adoration 6:30-7:30am  
Mass 7:30am  
Talk 8:30am  
Followed by book signing in Parish Hall

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**The Peace in the Storm Project** is a Faith Fellowship Group for individuals living with chronic pain or illness and for caregivers.

**DATES: Oct. 3, Nov. 7 & Dec. 5**  
**(Every first Friday of the month)**

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

Email: [liz.tomaszewski@gmail.com](mailto:liz.tomaszewski@gmail.com)

**APOLOGETICS— MONDAY, 09/29** at 7:00-8:15pm

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

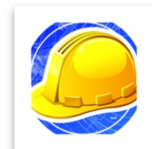
The topic will be: **The Conquests in the Book of Joshua**

Google Meeting: Apologetics 2025-26

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

**SUMMER APPEAL PROJECT**



From Monday, Oct 6 to Friday October 31 we will be scraping and repainting the external surfaces of the church windows. All precautions will be made for your safety. Do not cross into any areas designated as off limits; they will be easily marked with tape and signs. The areas designated as off limits will change as the work progresses.

From Monday, Oct 6 to Fri, Oct. 10, we will be working on the church steeple. There will be a crane in front of the church. The parking spots in front of the church will be off limits. The front doors will be closed. Enter through the side doors. During drop-off and pick-up of students from FAWS, flow of traffic will remain the same. However, the lane in front of the church will slightly shift to left to accommodate the crane.