

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.

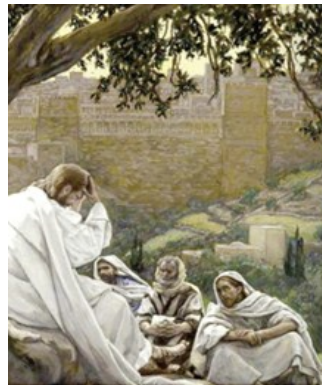
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE... Couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with the pastor six months to one year in advance of their intended wedding date, in order to allow time for marriage preparation. At least one of the engaged should be a registered and practicing member of 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.

November 16, 2025
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979-CCD

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 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 Socho

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



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PASTOR'S CORNER

Visions of the End

Luke 21:5-19

The beginning and end of our world are enshrouded in mystery. With our limited minds, we can only fathom the origin of things from pre-existing material. However, we know by revelation that God created the world out of nothing, and thus the impossibility of understanding how that works. As opposed to the Biblical account, our contemporary scientific minds might prefer the view that the universe began as a burst of energy from a certain point. This would still require God's guiding hand down through time for the coagulation of energy into the intricate structures of both living and nonliving beings. On the other hand, who is to say that the accounts presented in the first pages of the Bible do not have as much merit? With his almighty power, God could just as well bring about present things instantaneously, in six "days," over billions of years.

As to conceptualizing the mystery of the end, we also have reason and revelation. Based on the premise of the conservation of Being, what God creates he does not annihilate. Things are rather transformed into a higher or lower form of being, such as a log burning in the fireplace. It is transformed into a pile of ashes and gases that are emitted in the process of combustion. On the other hand, in Jesus Christ we know that the faithful will be transformed into a higher form in the resurrection of the body. Or in terms of the Temple, Jesus says, "there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down" (vs. 6). But it will be raised up in three days by his resurrection (John 2:19). In God's time, our bodies will be transformed from dust and ashes to a higher level transcending the ordinary dimensions of this world. This is seen in the way the Risen Lord, although physical in appearance and in activity, was not restricted by material impediments. He could walk through doors, eat with the apostles and disappear at will.

The sacrament of the Eucharist gives us a foretaste of the transformation. The mineral nature of the bread and wine brought forward in the offertory are transformed at the altar into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Since the Body and Blood belong to his human nature, elements of the material world are drawn up to a higher level of being, united to the divinity, and no longer subject to earthly dimensional limitations. Likewise, when the Lord comes to fulfill all things and the bodies of the faithful are raised, they will have the same characteristics of the Risen Lord. What remains to be seen is whether the new world will be a "Garden of Eden.2." In any case, there will be a face-to-face intimacy with the Uncreated God, in which evils no longer threaten, and we will be free of all temptations to false happiness. Contrary to the dismal end of the universe that scenarios of astrophysics project, our fidelity to earthly worship here gives us a vision of the happy end of all that God has created, and that he does it with our eternal good in view.

~Fr. David

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Nov. 18:

12:15 pm Ceci Hoffman

Wednesday, Nov. 19:

8:15am Joseph "Freddie" Hancock

Thursday, Nov. 20:

12:15 pm Stanley Konopka

Friday, Nov. 21:

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 am Mary C. Kane

Saturday, Nov. 22:

St. Cecilia, *Virgin & Martyr*

7:30 am Frances D'Amato

5:00 pm Julie Ranatza

Sunday, Nov. 23:

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

8:00 am Cristeta Caday

11:00 am

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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., Ronnie Domingue Sr., 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, Mary Pyle, Harry Rogers, Jerry Thompson and Rosette Young.

RESPECT LIFE



WORD OF LIFE: For married couples considering adoption, may the Holy Spirit guide their discernment, grant them peace, and bring to fruition His holy will, let us pray to the Lord.



BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE: The community of St. Aloysius extends heartfelt condolences to the family of **Mrs. Wilda Raffensperger**, widow of the late Deacon Jeffrey Raffensperger who entered eternal rest recently. May the angels lead her into paradise. May the martyrs welcome her and guide her to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, bring comfort to her 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/>

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

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



ROSARY

Tuesdays/Thursdays after the 12:15pm Masses



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND WORSHIP NIGHT

Sunday, November 16 @ 6:00-7:30 PM

St. Aloysius Church

ADORATION, REFLECTION AND QUIET TIME



Parishioner *Ann Wyvill's* beautiful painting of St. Aloysius featured in our art show and Jubilee ornaments is being raffled off. Tickets are \$10 and available online or at the rectory. Proceeds benefit the parish.

Don't miss your chance to own this beautiful piece of parish history.



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.saintaloyuschurch.org/jubilee-2025-ornament

ORNAMENT PICKUP REMINDER

If you've purchased a ornament, you're welcome to stop by the office to pick it up during regular office hours:

Monday–Thursday: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Thank you for your support and participation



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.

Next meeting: **Dec. 9th**

For info, please email Pam Harms at harms2@mac.com

COMBAT VETERAN SUPPORT GROUP

TWICE A MONTH EVERY MONDAYS @ 6:30PM

Next Date: Nov 17 at St. Aloysius Parish Hall

Please contact: Chris Kotlinski, LtCol USMC (Ret)

OIF and OEF Veteran 240-572-5864 or

chris.kotlinski@gmail.com for more details



6:00 PM – Potluck Refreshments
6:30–7:30 PM – Presentation & Group Discussion

A Seven-Part Small Group Series is meeting every Tuesdays through Nov. 18 in the parish hall from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

Foretold: Finding Hope in God's Providence

Participation is free, but online registration is requested.

Details at <https://saintaloyuschurch.org/foretold>



"... 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@saintaloyuschurch.org

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

STEWARDSHIP

ParishSoft online giving:

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

SHARING OUR TREASURE– November 8/9 2025

1st Collection	2nd Collection: Arch. Priest Retirement
Offertory Basket: \$ 6,330.00	Offertory Basket: \$ 300.00
Direct Debit: \$ 1,190.00	Direct Debit: \$ 670.00
Total \$ 7,520.00	Total \$ 970.00

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK –Debt Reduction

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Guy Brothers Marine Inc.

Please patronize our sponsors.



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

Online Giving for October: 12,625.00

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., Dec. 20th
9-11AM. Food will be collected after all
Masses, **December 20/21**, Community
Sunday.

Please email foodpantry@saintalloysiuschurch.org for more
information. **THANK YOU** for your generosity, helping
the SVdP help others!

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Did you know you can help support Father Andrew White by
simply buying your Christmas gifts? Please consider purchas-
ing your gift cards through our **RaiseRight** program! There are
hundreds to choose from. A percentage of the cards purchased
will go to benefit our school. Please email
fawraiseright@gmail.com to purchase.

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?

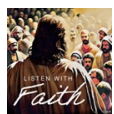
Please consider becoming a member of our Aftercare Team!
Hours: Monday - Friday 2:30 - 5:30 Contact: Mrs. Shedd
at shedd@fatherandrewwhite.org

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

 <p>First Fridays First Friday Adoration & Game Nights 6:30 to 8:30 pm, the first Friday of each month</p>	 <p>Feb 6-8 Mount 2000 Registration Registration opens October 14 and closes December 15, 2025</p>
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FAMILY OF FAITH CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM-
For details go to <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/>



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

COMMUNITY

APOLOGETICS— MONDAY, 11/24 at 7:00-8:15pm
Where: St. John Francis Regis Parish
(St. Jude Room in Msgr. Harris Center)
The topic will be: *Outside the Church There is No Salvation*
Google Meeting: Apologetics 2025-26
<https://meet.google.com/woq-fimef-djg>

Pray for Priests

Pray for Peace

An Olde fashioned Christmas Bazaar

Historic St. Francis Xavier Church
Saturday, November 22, from 10 am to 3 pm
21370 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown, MD
20650

*Featuring Traditional & Unusual Hand-Crafted
& Homemade Arts & Crafts*

Bake Table, Café-style Luncheon & Carry-out
“Cooler Full of Cheer” Raffle * 50/50 Raffle
Win a beautiful Queen-size Quilt!
Made by St. Francis Xavier Parish Quilters



2025-26 WARM at Camp Maria

28 December 2025—04 January 2026
Warm is a winter sheltering program hosted by
faith communities of St. Mary's County on a
rotational basis from November to March

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:

- * Monitors
- * Meal Providers
- * Supplies
- * Site Setup/Breakdown Help



To learn more or signup: visit <https://campmaria.org>
Contact: Mary McGlenn (240-298-7645)

Peace in the Storm Project— Small groups will
meet Friday, Dec. 5th at 2:00-3:00 PM in the
Parish Hall.



Books are available, along with optional in-person support
groups, studies, Zoom prayer meetings, and online retreats
led by author Maureen Pratt. For more information, please
contact Liz Tomaszeski at liz.tomaszeski@gmail.com



THANKSGIVING DINNER *Immaculate
Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park*

will host a **free Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving
Day from 11:30 am until 2 pm.**



2026 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MASS Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will
celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary
Mass honoring the Vocation of Marriage on
Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 10:00 AM
at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception. This special Mass celebrates the
enduring witness of all couples who reflect the beauty of
the Sacrament of Matrimony through their commitment and
love. Couples wishing to attend the Mass and/or receive a
commemorative certificate from Cardinal Robert McElroy
in recognition of their anniversary year must register with
the parish office by Friday, February 6, 2026.