

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.

December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!' - Mt 3:1

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.

EUCARISTIC 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 Szoch

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



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PASTOR'S CORNER

A Transformation of Hearts

Matthew 3:1-12

The calling of John the Baptist in the Advent gospels, urging us to acknowledge our sins, reminds us that there is a penitential dimension to the season. As expressed in the Penitential Rite, most every Mass begins with such an acknowledgement of sin. The presider invites the faithful present to reflect in their hearts on how they have fallen short of their calling as children of God, followed by sung or spoken responses imploring his mercy. In some Christian contexts, the presiding minister then pronounces God's word upon the congregation from Psalm 103:12: "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us." The comparable statement of the priest at Mass is: "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life."

We need to be clear about the important distinction between the acknowledgment of sin and where something more is needed. The baptisms by John at the Jordan River bring out the difference. People from the whole region were coming to John to be baptized by him "as they acknowledged their sins" (vs. 6). In this way, they were admitting their need of God's mercy in general without itemizing their sins.

When some Pharisees and Sadducees appeared, however, whom John recognized as needing to be confronted for hypocrisy, he called them out: "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance" (vs. 8). Such serious misdeeds led John to foretell a far greater baptism, which the coming Messiah would institute with the Holy Spirit and fire (vs. 11). When accompanied by true contrition, this baptism would transform hearts. The spiritual fire would purify the soul from sin, and the Holy Spirit would bestow sanctifying grace, a participation in God's life. Only through Jesus would there be made possible the actual forgiveness of sins.

For sins committed after baptism, in particular, serious sins that destroy sanctifying grace, the same fire and Holy Spirit are called forth in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus would institute this follow-up to baptism when he sent the Holy Spirit after his Resurrection and gave his apostles the authority actually to forgive sins in his name. Note the difference between the priest's response to the acknowledgement of sin at the beginning of Mass and the absolution prayer in Reconciliation: "May almighty God have mercy on us..." and "I absolve you from your sins, in the name of (+)...". While contrition for sin is called forth on both occasions, God's Holy Spirit and fire do their full purifying work in the latter.

Were the forgiveness of sins to have been only a limited offer for apostolic times, we should be a people of little hope all these centuries later. On the contrary, God has given us every reason for hope, that as we rise above our sins through the sacraments, we will be prepared joyfully to greet the Lord with open hearts and loving hands when he comes again.

~Fr. David

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Monday, Dec. 8:	The Immaculate Conception of (Holy Day of Obligation)	the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15 am	Pro Populo	
12:15 pm	Pro Populo	
7:00 pm	Pro Populo	
Tuesday, Dec. 9:		Emilio Balmaceda
12:15 pm		
Wednesday, Dec. 10:		Frances Quade
8:15 am		
Thursday, Dec. 11:		Thomas "Poke" Norris
12:15 pm		
Friday, Dec. 12:	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Matthew Henry Kandler
8:15 am		
Saturday, Dec. 13:	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	Barbara Mae Dotson
7:30 am		Edwin P. Johnson, III
5:00 pm		
Sunday, Dec. 14:		THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 am		Jean Raley Brown
11:00 am		Pro populo

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.

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.



BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE: The community of St. Aloysius extends heartfelt condolences to the families of *Katherine Bell Atlas, Agnes Pilkerton and Rev. Klaus Sirianni*, 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.



Lord of Peace, as we light the second candle of Advent, we remember your promise of peace through Christ. Calm our anxious hearts, guide our steps in gentleness, and teach us to be peacemakers in our families, our communities, and our world. May the light of this candle remind us that true peace is found in you alone. Prepare us to welcome your Son with joy, and let His peace reign in our lives. Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 / Confession / 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/>



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.saintalosiusschurch.org/jubilee-2025-ornament

ORNAMENT PICKUP REMINDER

If you've purchased an 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



*"...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@saintalosiusschurch.org

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

VOCATIONS CROSS –Lisa Kohut will take the cross home and pray for vocations this week. <https://saintalosiusschurch.org/vocations-cross>



St. Aloysius CHRISTMAS DINNER 2025

St. Aloysius Church will be hosting a community Christmas dinner on Christmas Day 2025 from 1pm to 4pm in the church hall located at 22800 Washington St, Leonardtown, MD 20650. All are welcome! Please help spread the word and celebrate with us the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! If you would like to volunteer either in preparation for this event or during the event itself, please sign up for a volunteer position using the sign-up genius link:

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

STEWARDSHIP

ParishSoft online giving:

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

SHARING OUR TREASURE– November 22/23 2025

1st Collection

2nd Collection: Debt Reduction

Offertory Basket: \$ 3,771.00 Offertory Basket: \$ 1,208.00

Direct Debit: \$ 1,190.00 Direct Debit: \$ 612.50

Total \$ 4,961.00 **Total** \$ 1,820.50

SHARING OUR TREASURE– November 29/30 2025

1st Collection

2nd Collection: School Support

Offertory Basket: \$ 3,648.00 Offertory Basket: \$ 1,203.00

Direct Debit: \$ 1,190.00 Direct Debit: \$ 390.00

Total \$ 4,838.00 **Total** \$ 1,593.00

Thanksgiving \$ 1,204.00

Online Giving for November: 13,017.00

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - Maintenance Funds

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Hugh C. Gardiner, Inc.

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



Mount 2000
Registration

Registration opens October 14
and closes December 15, 2025

First
Fridays

First Friday Adoration
& Game Nights

6:30 to 8:30 pm, the first
Friday of each month



**FAMILY OF FAITH CHILDREN'S
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM-**
For details go to <https://saintalosiusschurch.org/>

DECEMBER 7, 2025

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. THANK YOU for your generosity, helping the SVdP help others!



The St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring the **ANGEL TREE**. *The Society has obtained names of families within our community that are in need of assistance and will be providing gifts for their children.* Each family will receive \$75 in food cards at a minimum and each child in the selected families will receive two (2) gifts. There will be two separate angels for each child. *The angel will provide suggestions to help you choose an appropriate gift. It is important that all gifts and food cards be returned by the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 14th.*

Contact Ellen Johnson: 301-919-0160



FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL

Did you know you can help support Father Andrew White by simply buying your Christmas gifts? Please consider purchasing 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

COMMUNITY

APOLOGETICS- MONDAY, 12/8 at 7:00-8:15pm

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

The topic will be: **Preferential Option for the Poor**
Google Meeting: Apologetics 2025-26
<https://meet.google.com/woq-fmef-djg>



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.



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 McGinn (240-298-7645)

ALL ARE WELCOME
ST. ALOYSIUS SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY FRIENDS OF FAITH

Celebrates the gifts of people living with disabilities and their families

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Dec 7 at 11:00 AM Mass



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
THE AUXILIARY OF THE LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



SATURDAY, DEC. 20 AT LEONARDTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AT 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
SANTA FROM 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM
***PICTURE WITH SANTA *CHILDREN'S CRAFTS *PHOTO BOOTH**

• Adults: \$13.00/ 10 & under \$6.00/ 3 and under: FREE
• Pancakes * Bacon & Sausage *Eggs *Hashbrown *Applesauce
*Coffee *Juice *Milk



HEAVENLY PRESENTS
CATHOLIC GIFTS AND BOOK STORE
22697 WASHINGTON STREET
(LEONARDTOWN SQUARE)
LEONARDTOWN, MD
301-475-9770



Christmas

*Advent Supplies *Books *Framed Art *Rosaries
*Children Section



LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC
Ignatian Weekend Retreat at Faulkner, MD
Jesuit Retreat House

Date: Dec 12-14

Features presentations and prayers that embrace the movements of the Spiritual Exercises. This year's theme reflects what Scripture teach about Jesus being the living water.

Register online at www.loyolaonthepotomac.com