

# 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.

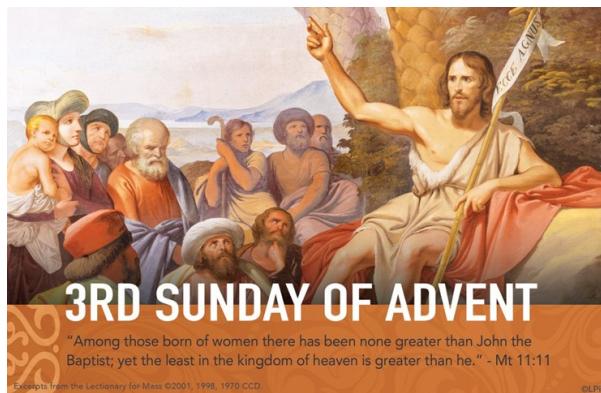
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**...Couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with the pastor six months to one year in advance of their intended wedding date, in order to allow time for marriage preparation. At least one of the engaged should be a registered and practicing member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

December 14, 2025  
Third Sunday of Advent



## 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 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 Szoch

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



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## PASTOR'S CORNER

## Evidence of the Kingdom

Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist sent disciples to Jesus inquiring whether he was “the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” (vs. 3), he responded with evidence of the advent of the kingdom. The miracles of Jesus on behalf of the sick, the poor, the possessed, the blind and the lame, and even the dead were the fulfillment of prophetic signs put forth by Isaiah centuries before, which were to accompany the Messiah’s arrival.

Two millennia later, as we look around, do we still see signs that the kingdom of God is here? True, miracles of healing occasionally occur. The contemporary process of the canonization of saints usually requires evidence of healing miracles from their intercession. Perhaps in the minds of many, though, the sense of expectation and newness of the Christian faith and its gospel have long since worn off, leading to lukewarm hearts and indifference to faith practice—“Been there; done that.”

Yet arguably, the bright light of God’s glory in the coming of the God-man has forever illuminated the human psyche and has led to the “miracle” of modern science and technology. The one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church, founded by the Savior and enlivened by his Spirit, which is the only institution to have perdured over these centuries, gave birth to the universities and research institutions that have produced these “miracles” and the hospitals where countless marvelous healings take place.

Most especially, the love of Jesus has remade a fallen world in the image of its Creator. The more that God’s love is persecuted around the world, the more it is germinated in the hearts of the faithful and spreads. This is as true in lands where the political order suffers chaos, violence, and a lack of social justice as it is in our own country, which has its own related problems.

John the Baptist’s inquiry revealed a shortcoming in the Old Testament notion of the Messiah—a military strongman to throw out oppressing powers and cast judgment on the world. Judgment will surely come, but in the meantime, we who see deeply into the signs of the Spirit of Jesus at work in the world today receive his “beatitude,” meant as a fraternal admonition to his cousin the Baptist: “Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me” (vs. 6). We are citizens of the kingdom of Jesus, still here, sometimes appearing in the likeness of a small, beleaguered community, but nonetheless thriving in faith, love, grace and good works!

~Fr. David

## PRAYER &amp; WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Dec. 16:

12:15 pm

Meta Wilt

Wednesday, Dec. 17:

8:15am

Eduardo Caday

Thursday, Dec. 18:

12:15 pm

Frances D’Amato

Friday, Dec. 19:

8:15 am

Steven Fenwick

Saturday, Dec. 20:

7:30 am

Joseph “Freddie” Hancock

5:00 pm

Ceci Hoffman

Sunday, Dec. 21:

8:00 am

Eleanor M. Guy

11:00 am

*Pro populo*PLEASE  
REMEMBERIN  
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.



Heavenly Father, we rejoice in you this day, for you are near. As we light the third candle of Advent, fill our hearts with the joy of your presence. Grant us patience as we await the coming of Christ, courage to share your love with others, and hope that shines even in the midst of darkness. May our lives reflect the light of your Son, so that all may see and believe in the promise of salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## RESPECT LIFE

**WORD OF LIFE:** “O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”  
USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”



EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE



**The Jubilee Year will close on Sunday, Dec. 28, 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/>

**VOCATIONS CROSS – Neale Family (Kelly & Jason)**

will take the cross home and pray for vocations this week.  
<https://saintaloysiuschurch.org/vocations-cross>



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.



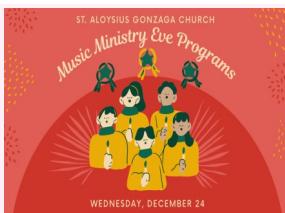
In celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, St. Aloysius Church is designated as a Jubilee Pilgrimage site and its offering special commemorative ornaments. Each ornament is \$20, with proceeds directly supporting our parish. Ornaments purchased online will be available for pickup at the parish office during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

Order online at

[www.saintaloysiuschurch.org/jubilee-2025-ornament](https://www.saintaloysiuschurch.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. Thank you for your support and participation!



Please arrive early on **Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve** to enjoy our special Prelude Programs, beginning 30 minutes before each evening Mass. At 4:30 PM is The Cross Generation Youth

Choir and Student Pianists will perform prior to the 5:00 PM Mass. Then 7:00 PM - The Grateful Heart Adult Choir and Handbell Ensemble will join together prior to the 7:30 PM Mass. If your student would like to participate in singing for the Prelude Program and the 5:00 PM Mass, please contact **Beth at music@saintaloysiuschurch.org**.

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

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



**ROSARY**  
**Tuesdays/Thursdays**  
**after the 12:15pm Masses**



**St. Aloysius CHRISTMAS DINNER 2025**

St. Aloysius Church will be hosting a community Christmas dinner on Christmas Day from 1pm to 4pm in the church hall located at 22800 Washington St, Leonardtown.

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](mailto:harms2@mac.com)*



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in this year's Boxes of Joy project. Your outpouring of generosity provided 253 boxes filled with donations, bringing hope and joy to children in need. Your kindness is a true reflection of Christ's love and the spirit of giving that Advent calls us to embrace. May the joy you have shared return to you abundantly, and may God bless each of you for your compassion and support.—Gordon Stellway, c/o Kof C, St. Mary's Council #1470

**STEWARSHIP**

ParishSoft online giving:

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

**SHARING OUR TREASURE – December 6/7 2025**

**1st Collection**

*Offertory Basket: \$ 5,098.00 Offertory Basket: \$ 1,729.00*

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

**Total \$ 6,288.00 Total \$ 1,729.00**

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK – Retired Religious Funds**

**PATRON OF THE WEEK: J.F. Taylor Inc.**—Please patronize our sponsors.



<https://adw.org/ways-to-give/annual-appeal/> [give.adw.org](http://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 &amp; YOUTH MINISTRY

Feb 6-8

Mount 2000 Registration

Registration opens October 14 and closes December 15, 2025

First Fridays

First Friday Adoration &amp; 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://saintaloysiuschurch.org/>

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!

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord. As you give your gift to St. Vincent de Paul, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord. In the month of October, the St. Aloysius St. Vincent de Paul Conference provided 12 families (31 persons) with assistance for rent (\$1,342) and electric (\$585). Additionally, the Food Pantry assisted 69 families comprised of 137 adults and 44 children. These totals include delivery to 15 Cedar Lane residents, 49 families who came to the pantry on Saturday, October 18 and 5 families which SVdP members made home visits to in the month of October.



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](mailto: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](mailto:shedd@fatherandrewwhite.org)

## COMMUNITY

## APOLOGETICS- MONDAY, 12/22 at 7:00-8:15pm

Where: St. John Francis Regis Parish (St. Jude Room in Msgr. Harris Center)  
The topic will be: **Our Duties to Immigrants**  
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)



 **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**



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