

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 21, 2025
Fourth 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.

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 Szoch

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



www.SaintAloysiusChurch.org
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www.twitter.com/stalloysius20650

SCAN ME

PASTOR'S CORNER

Mary at the Intersection

Matthew 1:18-24

In Jesus, we see the extent to which God approaches man, so much so that Jesus bridges the gap, having both a human and a divine nature. A true Christian, however, recognizes the essential role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. If Jesus is the bridge to God, Mary is the gateway.

In Mary we see the greatest possible extent since the fall of man to which the human being is united to God. Recapitulating the creation of our first parents in Original Justice, free of sin, God prepared Mary with the fullness of grace by her Immaculate Conception at the beginning of her existence. If Christ is the New Adam, then Mary is the New Eve, the exemplar for our participation in the divine nature.

Or, to put it in Cartesian terms, while remaining human, she is at the X-Y intersection between God and man. If the Son of God is the vertical Y axis, he intersects the horizontal X axis by taking upon himself a particular human nature. Mary is there at the origin where the two axes intersect by giving her human nature to the Son of God, whom she named Jesus.

While the scope of sacred scripture details God's continual stooping down to our level with care and mercy, nowhere else is there seen such an intimate bonding between God and a human person than in the Virginal Conception. Whereas the Immaculate Conception of Mary took place without her consent, we know from Luke's version of the Virginal Conception—the Annunciation scene (1:26-38)—that God elicited her freely given agreement to become the mother of the Savior. Moreover, in Matthew's version which we have as our gospel reading today, as the angel indicated to Joseph in a dream, God took care also to probe Mary's betrothed for his consent in bringing his plan to fruition.

Mary is the sign and guarantee that God has supreme respect and value for our human nature and love for every person. If God takes such an initiative with a member of the human race in the likeness of Mary, without neglecting her spouse, how much more should we turn to God and be energized to move toward him! Our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is simply a recognition that she is the essential signpost at the intersection, directing us toward her son.

~Fr. David



CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Wednesday, Dec. 24

5:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 25:

9:30 am

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Dec. 23:

12:15 pm

The Camalier Family

Wednesday, Dec. 24:

8:15am

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30pm

Thomas "Ricky" Long

7:30pm

Pro populo

Thursday, Dec. 25:

9:30am

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Friday, Dec. 26:

8:15 am

St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Saturday, Dec. 27:

7:30 am

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

5:00 pm

Fr. Andrew White, S.J.

(anniversary of death, 1657)

Sunday, Dec. 28:

8:00 am

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

11:00 am

For our Families

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.



Heavenly Father, As we light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath, we rejoice in the gift of love. You sent your Son into the world, not to condemn, but to save, to bring light into our darkness and hope into our waiting. Fill our hearts with the love that Mary showed in her "yes," the love that Joseph revealed in

his quiet faith, and the love that Christ embodies in His coming among us. May this love guide our words, our actions, and our lives, so that we may be bearers of peace and joy to all we meet. Prepare us, Lord, to welcome your Son with open hearts, and to share His love with the world. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



**The office will be closed
Wednesday, 12/24 and will reopen
on Monday, 12/29**

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 –Chris Guy will take the cross home and pray for vocations this week.

<https://saintalloysiuschurch.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.saintalloysiuschurch.org/jubilee-2025-ornament

QPR (QUESTION, PERSUADE REFER) SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Saturday, Jan 24 9:00 AM -NOON in St. Aloysius Parish Hall
If you have any questions email: liz.tomaszeski@gmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration
Worship & Night

Sunday, December 28th
6pm to 7:30pm
St. Aloysius Church
Leonardtown, Maryland

PEACE
Be With You!

Adoration
Reflection
Prayer & Quiet Time

Music provided by: Fiat

Let it be done...



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@saintalloysiuschurch.org**.



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



*"...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@saintalloysiuschurch.org

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

STEWARDSHIP

ParishSoft online giving:

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

DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN TO OUR PUBLISHERS, contributions for Sat./Sun., December 13/14 will be noted at a later date.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - Debt Reduction
PATRON OF THE WEEK: James Moran-First Home Mortgage 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., Jan 17th 9-11AM**. Food will be collected after all Masses, **January 17/18 Community Sunday**. **THANK YOU** for your generosity, helping the SVdP help others!



Thank you to all who helped support the **ANGEL TREE**. If you can assist with the distribution of gifts 12/21, after the 11:00am Mass, Contact **Ellen Johnson: 301-919-0160**

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

Feb 6-8
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://saintalloysiuschurch.org/>

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

Contact **Leonard Wathen**

at lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org for more info.

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



RESPECT LIFE



"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations.

Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity* (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

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—4 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 McGlinn (240-298-7645)



Explore **SOMD Catholic** www.SOMDCatholic.org, created to help unite and support our Catholic community in Southern Maryland. From Mass times and parish events to Bible studies and spiritual resources, everything you need is gathered in one easy-to-use site. Stay connected join our Flocknote for weekly updates on Catholic events and opportunities near you!