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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.

February 15, 2026
6th 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
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RECTORY HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm
Friday 9 am-3 pm



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PASTOR'S CORNER

The Law that Saves

Matthew 5:17-37

What is so striking in our readings today is that it seems that the Law saves! “If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you” (*Sirach 15:15*). The writer goes on, that obeying or disobeying the commandments is like the difference between fire and water, a life or death choice (*vs. 16*). Our Responsorial Psalm has an Old Testament beatitude: “Blessed are they who walk in the law of the Lord” (*119:1*). And as we continue in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, “Whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments...will be called least in the kingdom of heaven” (*Matthew 5:19*). Maybe this is why the Ten Commandments end by forbidding coveting, that is, sins of intention or thought. The choice to obey or disobey God begins in the heart and is not just indicated by external actions.

Speaking as the new Lawgiver, something only God can do, Jesus teaches that something more than the Law itself is necessary to bring one to life. It takes the Holy Spirit working from within to help us do the Law. Thus, without the power of the Spirit, the Law itself is powerless to save. Far from abolishing the Law, then, Jesus provides the way to fulfill it.

By his taking upon himself the Law’s condemnation on behalf of all humanity, Jesus himself fulfilled the Law. Then, by giving us his Holy Spirit, he draws us into his very life to share in the divine nature. In Christ, by the law of love, we can fulfill both the letter and the spirit of the Law. We live in Christ by frequently joining ourselves to him in Word and Sacrament, that bestow and enhance sanctifying grace. If we fail in some way to live up to our call, God’s reconciling mercy is readily available.

We should all be on guard against a temptation to oppose law and grace. Jesus is the New Law. Too often we hear it said that the Catholic Church is fixated on the Law, whereas other Christian churches preach the grace of Christ. Thus it might seem to Christians who have sadly set themselves apart from apostolic succession and the sacraments, which would otherwise vitally connect them to Christ and his Church. To be sure, faith is pre-eminent, but only a beginning for our life in God’s good graces and the living of his Law transformed by our Savior.

~Fr. David

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Feb. 17:
12:15 pm Michael T. Bell

Wednesday, Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday
8:15 am *Pro populo*
12:15 am *Pro populo*
7:00 pm *Pro populo*

Thursday, Feb. 19:
12:15 pm Betty Shepherd

Friday, Feb. 20:
8:15 am Andrew & Nettey Mattingly and Family

Saturday, Feb. 21:
7:30 am Ceci Hoffman
5:00 pm *Pro populo*

Sunday, Feb. 22: First Sunday of Lent
8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Wm. R. Thompson, Sr.
11:00 am David Farrell

PLEASE REMEMBER



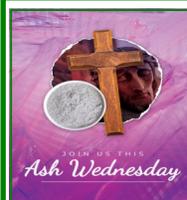
IN PRAYER

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, Evelyn Candelaria, Fr. Rory Conley, Donna Corcoran, Susie Crocco, Selma Curtis, Ann Davis, Charles Davis Sr., Nolma Diamond, Jr., Beth Domingue, 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 and Jerry Thompson.



Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence for all Catholics ages 18–59. On days of fasting, one full meal is permitted; two smaller meals may be taken if needed, but they should not equal a full meal. Abstinence

from meat is required for everyone age 14 and older. Seafood is permitted. All Fridays during Lent are also days of abstinence for those 14 and up. *If possible, the Good Friday fast is encouraged to continue through Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, in keeping with the paschal fast, a way of honoring the Lord’s suffering and death and preparing our hearts to celebrate his Resurrection with deeper joy.*



Fridays: 7:00 pm
Good Friday, April 3: 3:00 pm

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The office will be closed Monday, 2/16 and will reopen Tuesday, 2/18

"Grieving with Great Hope"
Bereavement Workshop-
Sundays: 1:30-3:30pm, 3/1 and 3/8

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE



Join us for **DAILY AM and PM Holy Hours** for adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer in the Sacred Heart Chapel. 7 days a week: **6:30-7:30 AM and PM** *Come for all or a portion of the hour as your time allows.*

MORNING PRAYER on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at **7:30 AM** in the Sacred Heart Chapel.
FLOCKNOTE- To receive email and/or text updates from St. Aloysius Church, please visit our website at www.saintaloyuschurch.org, and sign up for Flocknote. Scroll down to bottom of home page under Receive Flocknote Updates.

VOCATIONS CROSS – Shirley Jones will take the cross home and pray for vocation this week: <https://saintaloyuschurch.org/vocations-cross>

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

ROSARY
Tuesdays/Thursdays after the 12:15pm Masses



SUSTAIN THE FLAME: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT This Lenten Season, we are encouraging all parishioners to participate in a new program called "Sustain the Flame: Life in the Spirit". The program is free and designed to give participants a greater knowledge of, and openness to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. For those who participated in the Life and the Spirit seminar we did 8 years ago, the program will be a tune-up. For newcomers, it will be a fresh opportunity to grow spiritually. The program will be on six Monday evenings beginning **Feb. 23 from 6:30 to 8:30** and will include potluck refreshments. The first time we offered the Life in the Spirit Seminar we had a tremendous turnout, and it was life-changing for many people. We hope to see similar fruit from this effort. You can sign up on the parish website, link below or in the vestibule of the church. To sign up: <https://saintaloyuschurch.org/mission>. Please Note: **Space is limited to the first 100 people.** If you have any questions about it please contact **Leonard Wathen or Deb Vavrus.**

Contribution letters are available for pickup at the parish office during regular business hours. Parishioners who require their letter to be mailed or emailed may contact the office at 301-475-8064

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council #1470
Fridays at 6:30pm in the FAW School gym

Eucharistic Adoration & Worship Night

Sunday, February 15th
5PM to 6:30PM
St. Aloysius Catholic Church
Leonardtown, Maryland

Blessed
are they who follow the law of the Lord! Psalm 119

Adoration Reflection Prayer & Quiet Time

Music provided by: *Feat.*

This event is offered to you through the Bread of Life Center for Peace, serving our Catholic community. Contact us at: (301) 475-7139 www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org

PEACE in the STORM
MAUREEN PRATT

The Peace in the Storm Project is here at St. Aloysius! Our parish hosts a faith group for caregivers and individuals living with chronic pain and illness. *Through inspired books and discussion guides by Maureen Pratt, we pray, reflect, and grow closer to Jesus and each other.* Please join us monthly in person meetings are held in the Parish Hall on the First Friday of each month.
2:00-3:00 PM.
Dates: Mar. 6, Apr. (tbd), May 1, & Jun. 5
Contact Liz Tomaszeski
Email: liz.tomaszeski@gmail.com

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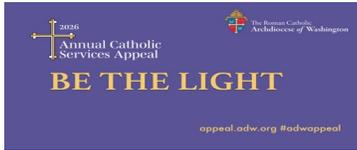
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1st Collection	2nd Collection: Debt Reduction
Offertory Basket: \$ 5,073.00	Offertory Basket: \$ 5,439.00
Direct Debit: \$ 1,170.00	Direct Debit: \$ 597.50
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2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK—

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The next open pantry is Sat., Feb. 21 9-11AM.

Community Sunday.

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RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY



FAMILY OF FAITH CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM-

For details go to <https://saintloysiuschurch.org/familiesoffaith>.



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

Contact Leonard Wathen

at lwathen@saintloysiuschurch.org for info.

RESPECT LIFE



We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you. God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" respectlife.org/navigating-infertility*

COMMUNITY

APOLOGETICS— MONDAY, 02/23 at 7:00-8:15pm

Where: St. John Francis Regis Parish
 (St. Jude Room in Msgr. Harris Center)
 The topic will be: **Does Science Disprove God?**

Google Meeting: Apologetics 2026
<https://meet.google.com/woq-fmef-djg>

Friday Lenten Carryout Shrimp Dinner

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus St. John Francis Regis Council 7914



\$20.00

Includes: 12 large Spiced Shrimp (appx. 1/2 lb.), French Fries, Coleslaw, Cocktail Sauce and a Bottle of Water

Where: St John's Church, Hollywood, Md. Msgr. Harris Center
Time: 4PM to 6:15PM

Dates: Feb. 27th, Mar. 6th, Mar. 13th, Mar. 20th and Mar. 27th
Stop by and pick up your dinner.
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Laura Roland

Saturday, Mar. 7
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St. Mary's Newport
 Parish Hall



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Sign up now - Registration has begun and slots will fill quickly so mark your calendar and purchase the ticket early! Share with others and encourage them to take time to attend as well. **Cost per person- \$55.**



LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC

Ignatian Weekend Retreat at Faulkner, MD
 Jesuit Retreat House

Date: Mar. 6-8

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

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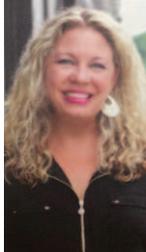


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