

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.

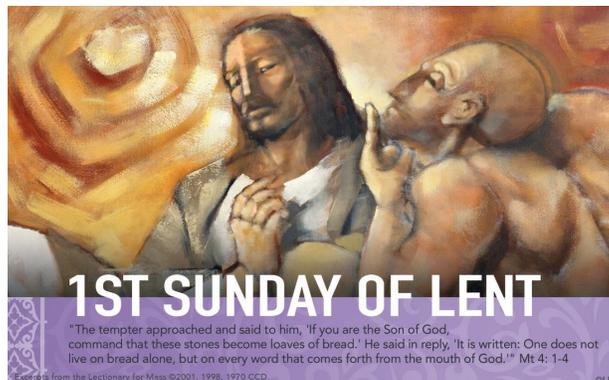
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE... Couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with the pastor six months to one year in advance of their intended wedding date, in order to allow time for marriage preparation. At least one of the engaged should be a registered and practicing member of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

February 22, 2026
1st Sunday of Lent



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
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Religious Education/Youth Ministry.....Leonard Wathen, ext.16
Coordinator of Music.....Beth Domingue
Custodian.....Robert Barger
Principal, Father Andrew White SchoolJanet Soch

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



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PASTOR'S CORNER

A Prayer of Waiting

Matthew 4:1-11

The period of “forty days and forty nights” (*vs. 2*) that Jesus spent in the desert tempted by Satan sets the pattern for our own experience of the Lenten season as we prepare for the glory of Easter. A period of forty days and forty nights is mentioned for the first time in Genesis 7:12, as Noah, his family and all the animals in the Ark endured the flood. If the story of the Ark had been told in a realistic way, one would expect much work to be done on board. But as it was, all were presented in a state of waiting patiently until the rains subsided. Lent in comparison then is a kind of ordeal and a waiting until God brings forth his salvation. After all, Noah had not so much a destination in mind, but rather a call to perseverance in faith and hope.

The fasting and abstinence we observe during Lent helps with the kind of prayer suggested here, to focus on the centrality of God’s work in our lives and to deepen our trusting faith. The irony of special liturgical seasons is that they are too often spent in preparation for a major feast day with a sense of urgency to get things done. I hope the opposite can be true during Lent and that quiet time can be included. During this time of “waiting-prayer,” we should examine the kinds of temptations that beset us in general. While Jesus immediately challenged the temptations and the one presenting them, we should recognize our susceptibility to similar false promises, ask why we should find them so attractive, and reject them.

Call to mind, too, that Moses spent “forty days and forty nights” (*Exodus 24:18*) in communion with God on Mount Sinai in preparation for receiving the commandments. During that time, the people lost patience waiting for him to reappear and fell to the temptation of fashioning their own god and worshipping the Golden Calf. Over the course of forty years, the desert experience underlined for Israel that they were to trust in God alone, follow his commandments and thereby truly be his holy people.

As the Exodus played out, however, Israel failed in their fidelity to God. In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses reminded the people of God’s Law before they crossed over to the Promised Land. How appropriate then that Jesus quoted passages from the same book to fend off the devil’s temptations, for example, “One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” (*vs. 4/Dt 8:3*)

In no way should we consider that God was testing Jesus during the forty days and nights to see if he would remain faithful. He is the exemplar for redeemed humanity. One would expect that, as Son of God, Jesus would be ministered to by angels (*vs. 11*). Nor had Israel lacked the benefit of angelic forces in the desert, appearing as the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Along our Lenten journey through life, we surely fail at times through sin, but we have access to the sacraments of God’s mercy and to the true Bread of Life.

Jesus is our starting point, he is the way and the end point. May we wait upon Jesus with confidence especially this Lent and prayerfully deepen our communion with him!

~Fr. David

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Feb. 24:

12:15 pm

George Nelson, Sr.

Wednesday, Feb. 25:

8:15 am

Elizabeth Ann Murphy

Thursday, Feb. 26:

12:15 pm

Randy & Michael Oswald

Friday, Feb. 27:

8:15 am

Deborah Johnson

Saturday, Feb. 28:

7:30 am

Thomas Johnson Farrell

5:00 pm (*incense*)

Katherine Bell Atlas

Sunday, Mar. 1:

8:00 am (*incense*)

Second Sunday of Lent

11:00 am (*incense*)

Jean Raley Brown

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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.

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.*

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday: 12:45 pm

During Lent after all Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses

Saturdays: 3:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3: 1:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4: 3:00 pm

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.saintaloyiuschurch.org, and sign up for Flocknote. Scroll down to bottom of home page under Receive Flocknote Updates.

VOCATIONS CROSS – Redmond and Dionne Saul will take the cross home and pray for vocation this week:
<https://saintaloyiuschurch.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



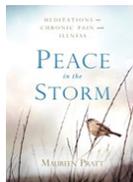
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council #1470
Fridays at 6:30pm in the FAW School gym



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



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



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 Tomaszkeski

Email: liz.tomaszkeski@gmail.com



First Wednesdays of the month
at 9:30am in the Parish Hall.
Contact Chris Guy at 301-481-1502

STEWARDSHIP

ParishSoft online giving:

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

SHARING OUR TREASURE– 02/14 and 02/15, 2026

1st Collection

Offertory Basket: \$ 4,222.00

Direct Debit: \$ 1,170.00

Total \$ 5,392.00

2nd Collection: Fuel

Offertory Basket: \$ 1,328.00

Direct Debit: \$ 510.00

Total \$ 1,838.00

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK– School Support

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Knights of Columbus #1470—Please patronize our sponsors.



RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

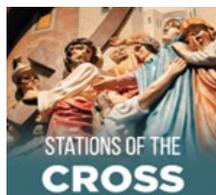
First Fridays **First Friday Adoration & Game Nights**
6:30 to 8:30 pm, the first Friday of each month

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



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

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



ST. VINCENT de PAUL



The next open pantry is Sat., Mar. 21 9-11AM. Food will be collected after all Masses, March 14/15 Community Sunday. THANK YOU for your generosity, helping the SVdP help others!

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER MEETING, Saturday, March 7 at 9 AM, OR Tuesday, March 10 at 5:30 PM. Please plan to attend this biannual meeting for pantry volunteers — either one of the two days — same meeting, two opportunities to attend. We will meet in the church hall for approximately an hour. Anyone interested in volunteering or just learning more about the pantry are welcome!

Please email foodpantry@saintalovsiuschurch.org if you have questions or would like additional information. THANK YOU!

POOR BOX



RECIPIENT WILL BE: St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to help stock the shelves for the monthly distribution

RESPECT LIFE



The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished." USCCB

Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent uscbb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

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>

SoMd, MASS WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Monday, February 23, at 7:00pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park.

Inviting all to come and receive healing prayer.

Come with expectant faith. Confessions begin at 7:00PM

Mattress Sale to Feed Hungry Children St. John's Summer Program will host a Mattress Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, February 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Church Hall/Gym. Shop top-name brand mattresses at significant savings, with financing available.



The Call to be Peacemakers at Camp Maria Retreat Center

Every Wednesday

Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25

5:30-6:30pm

Free to attend.

Come to one or all

Register Online at campmaria.org

This weekly gathering is an invitation to be together in prayer for peace and non-violence for our country and world. Our time together includes reflections on the call to be peacemakers, silent prayer, and sharing. Registration not required, but to help us plan, please let us know if you foresee attending at sistechris@campmaria.org



Virtual Prayer Series for Lent

Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House

Join us online every Tuesday evening from 7 - 8 p.m.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89248407493>



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.

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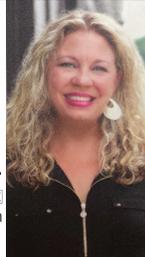
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