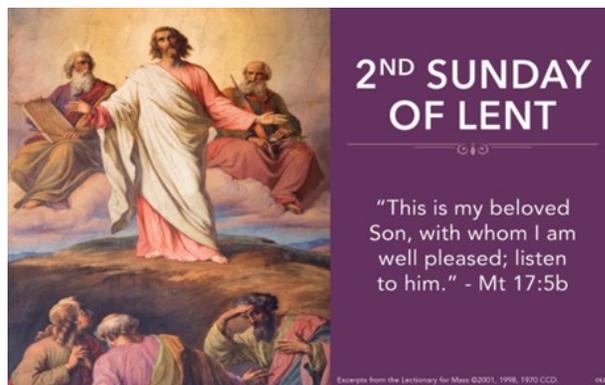


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March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent



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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.

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
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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 Light from Within

Matthew 17:1-9

At the Transfiguration, Peter, James and John were given a brief vision of the glory of God emanating from the body of Jesus. The experience gave them hope that the suffering and death Jesus was predicting (*Matthew 16:21*) would lead to a glorious resurrection. As odd as it may seem, there was no other appearance of his glory in the gospels than at this instance. One would have to wait until Saul's encounter on the road to Damascus with Jesus appearing to him in blinding light (*Acts 9:3*) calling him to conversion.

As unique a manifestation of the divine nature as it was, the Transfiguration is a typological fulfillment of instances of divine light in the Old Testament. For example, whenever Moses communed with the Lord on Mount Sinai or later in the tabernacle, "the Israelites would see that the skin of Moses' face was radiant," and they were afraid to come near him until he had veiled his face (*Exodus 34:30, 35*). This light was an afterglow from his meeting with God. But in Jesus, it was a light from within, from his very divine nature, revealing him, more than any Old Testament figure, as the pinnacle of beloved Sonship in God. Moreover, referring to his divine nature, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (*John 9:5*).

In its created form, light emanates from a luminous object and radiates outward through a medium, whether physical or through the space-time continuum. Notice, though, that when God initiated the universe with the creation of light (*Genesis 1:3*), it had neither a material source nor a medium through which to radiate. It simply was with no one yet to see it. The Hebrew writer must have known from the beginning, then, that light in itself is a sign both of God existing in himself and of creation dependent upon him. Likewise, the burning bush at which Moses encountered the God of his fathers, was an angelic sign of the Incarnation (*Exodus 3:2*), the bush physically mediating the divine light without being consumed.

Appropriately then, the light emanating from Jesus at his Transfiguration revealed who he was, both God and man. The light came from the Uncreated source, his divinity, mediated outward by his human nature. We too are called to be the "light of the world," which "must shine before others" (*Matthew 5:14, 16*) by our good works. Our light will never reach the level of the Lord's transfiguration, because his humanity is united substantially to his divinity, while ours is a sharing in it by sanctifying grace. Nonetheless, with varying intensity, the glory which the disciples saw in Jesus on the mountain will be ours as we follow him unreservedly during the Passion of this life in expectation of our own bodily resurrection.

~Fr. David

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Mar. 3: 12:15 pm	Ceci Hoffman
Wednesday, Mar. 4: 8:15 am	Libby Wathen Wood
Thursday, Mar. 5: 12:15 pm	Reni Jose
Friday, Mar. 6: 8:15 am	Deborah Johnson
Saturday, Mar. 7: 7:30 am 5:00 pm	Katherine Elizabeth Atlas Anna Borz & Francisco Borz
Sunday, Mar. 8: 8:00 am 11:00 am	Third Sunday of Lent William and Mary Jean O'Hara <i>Pro populo</i>

**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

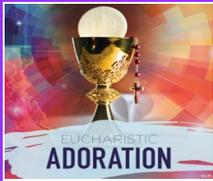
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence for all Catholics ages 18–59. On days of fasting, one full meal is permitted; two smaller meals may be taken if needed, but they should not equal a full meal. Abstinence from meat is required for everyone age 14 and older. Seafood is permitted. 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.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday: 12:45 pm
Saturdays: 3:00 pm
Good Friday, April 3: 1:00-3:00 pm
Holy Saturday, April 4: 3:00-5:00 pm

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

VOCATIONS CROSS – Sign-up and 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.**

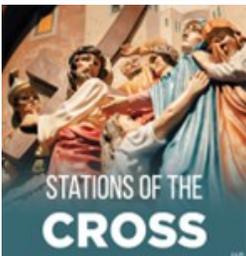


ROSARY

Tuesdays/Thursdays after the 12:15pm Masses



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



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

Pray for our Seminarians- Stop by our **"Vocations Tree"** and choose a card for one or more of the seminarians of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Pray for your chosen seminarian(s) each day during Lent. *Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church.*



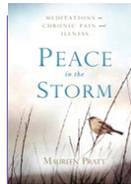
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, **St. Mary's Council #1470**
Fridays at 6:30pm in the FAW School gym



First Wednesdays of the month at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall.
Contact Chris Guy at 301-481-1502



MOMS (of all ages)-St. Aloysius Mothers' Group
Mar. 11 every 2nd Wed. of the month 7pm
StAloysiusMoms@CatholicMomsGroup.com



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 Tomaszewski
Email: liz.tomaszewski@gmail.com



Behold the Lamb of God Eucharistic Adoration and Worship Night
Sunday, March 15th, 5:00-6:30 pm
St. Aloysius Church
ADORATION, REFLECTION AND QUIET TIME



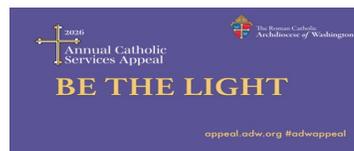
Contribution letters are available for pickup at the parish office during regular business hours. Parishioners who require their letter to be mailed or emailed may contact the office at 301-475-8064

STEWARDSHIP

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

SHARING OUR TREASURE– 02/21 and 02/22, 2026

1st Collection	2nd Collection: Ch in the Developing World
Offertory Basket: \$ 5,139.00	Offertory Basket: \$ 1,315.00
Direct Debit: \$ 1,170.00	Direct Debit: \$ 360.00
Total \$ 6,309.00	Total \$ 1,675.00



2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK– Debt Reduction PATRON OF THE WEEK: ADT Monitored Home Security—Please patronize our sponsors.

POOR BOX



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

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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@saintaloyiuschurch.org if you have questions or would like additional information. THANK YOU!

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE, Community Sunday, March 14/15. Please help our parish food pantry provide food to those in need in our community with your donations of food items. Food will be collected in the church foyer and hall breezeway after each Mass. To assist the pantry in providing a variety of needed non-perishable food, here are *suggested* items by the first letter of last names. Please, no items stored in glass or expired.

Thank you for your generous support!

A-E: cereal, oatmeal, crackers (boxes of saltines), pancake mix, syrup

F-J: juice (shelf stable 100% juice), canned fruit, applesauce, peanut butter, jelly

L-Q: soup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese

R-T: baked beans, beef stew, canned meats: tuna, chicken, ham

U-Z: mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, cooking oil

FOOD PANTRY OPEN HOUSE: In celebration of the 5-year anniversary of our parish food pantry, the pantry will be open after all Masses on Community Sunday, March 14/15 for parishioners to browse the pantry! If you have any questions, please send an email to foodpantry@saintaloyiuschurch.org

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY



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

RESPECT LIFE



The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (*The Gospel of Life* 5).

COMMUNITY

APOLOGETICS – MONDAY, 03/02 at 7:00-8:15pm
Where: St. John Francis Regis Parish
(St. Jude Room in Msgr. Harris Center)
The topic will be: **Problem of Evil**
Google Meeting: Apologetics 2026



**The Call to be Peacemakers
at Camp Maria Retreat Center
Every Wednesday, Mar. 4,11,18,25
5:30-6:30pm**

Free to attend. Come to one or all weeks
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

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.
Cash, Check, or Credit Cards accepted

The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary
Monthly Ledos Fundraiser will be held on Wednesday **March 4th** from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a dine in or carry out option. Be sure to write LVRSA on your receipt and hand it to your Server/Cashier! 20% of your bill's profits will be donated to LVRSA!"

Spring Drive-Thru Dinner—On Sunday, **March 22** from 11:00 a.m. until sold out **Holy Angels Church** in Avenue, MD. The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Beets and Dinner Roll. The cost of the dinner is \$30.00. There will be a delicious homemade Bake Table. For more information, please call the rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy01angels@aol.com



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Ignatian Weekend Retreat at Faulkner, MD
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Date: Mar. 6-8

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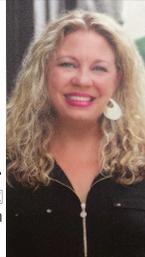
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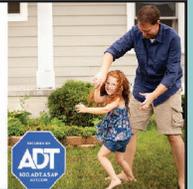
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