

# 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.

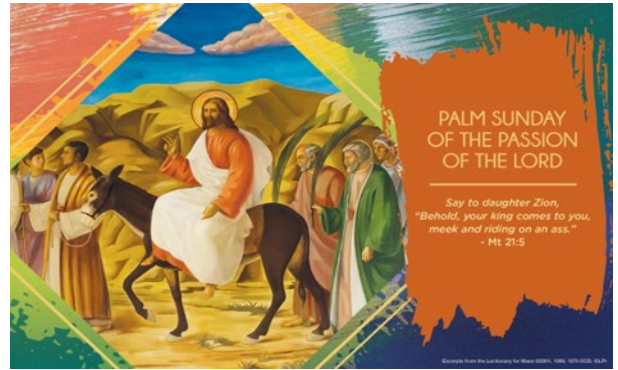
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE...** Couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with the pastor six months to one year in advance of their intended wedding date, in order to allow time for marriage preparation. At least one of the engaged should be a registered and practicing member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

## March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



### 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 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

### Palm and Passion

*Matthew 21:1-11 and 26:14-27:66*

Prior to the reform of the Holy Week liturgy in the last sixty years, the Palm Sunday entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem was recited as the "Last Gospel" at the end of Mass. Now we place the entrance with the palms in its proper chronological order at the beginning of Mass with the extended recitation of the Passion and Death of Christ following in the course of the liturgy of the Word. Then too in times past, "Passion Sunday" with its allusion to the gathering storm of opposition to Jesus preceded "Palm Sunday" by a week. Now, Palm and Passion are brought together at one commemoration as "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord." Moreover, in the course of the 3-year cycle of Sunday readings, we get to experience each of the Passion narratives, Matthew (this year), Mark and Luke.

Palm/Passion Sunday begins the holiest week of the year, culminating on Easter with the Resurrection of Jesus from the tomb. Of all the weeks, we focus here on almost a day-to-day chronology of events. The Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorates the Institution of the Eucharist, the commissioning of the disciples to "Do this in memory of me," and the Washing of the Feet, which Jesus performed as a sign of his mission "to serve and not to be served" (*Matthew 20:28*). On Good Friday, the Passion according to St. John is recited each year, the only day when Mass is not celebrated. Instead, the Cross is venerated by the people and Holy Communion is received from hosts consecrated from the day before.

The Great Vigil of Easter is truly the unique liturgy of the Church's year. The liturgy begins with the blessing of the Easter fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle as then the deacon leads the people into the church. This is the Passover of the Lord from death to life when the old covenants are recalled leading to the Easter Gloria, Alleluias and the story of the empty tomb. Typically each year neophytes are brought into the Church through the sacraments of initiation and all renew their baptismal promises. Better than describing the events of this liturgy or those of Holy Week is actually to experience them.

We are a people called to emerge from the darkness of sin and death into the glorious splendor of Christ's light. By assisting at the liturgies of Holy Week, you will place a perfect cap on your Lenten sacrifices and deepen your experience of Easter joy at the victory of Jesus.

~Fr. David

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

**Tuesday, Mar. 31:**

12:15 pm

Sarah Fenner Gambrill

**Wednesday, Apr. 1:**

8:15 am

Edna Becher

**Thursday, Apr. 2:**

7:00 pm

**HOLY THURSDAY**

*Pro populo*

**Friday, Apr. 3:**

7:00 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Saturday, Apr. 4:**

8:00 pm (*incense*)

**HOLY SATURDAY**

*Pro populo*

**Sunday, Apr. 5:**

8:00 am (*incense*)

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE  
LORD**

11:00 am (*incense*)

*Pro populo*

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**PLEASE  
REMEMBER**



**IN  
PRAYER**

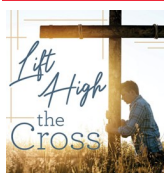
*The Sick and Homebound in our Community*

**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, 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, Harry Rogers and Jerry Thompson.

## RESPECT LIFE



With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses.

With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth (*The Gospel of Life* 95).

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday: 12:45 pm

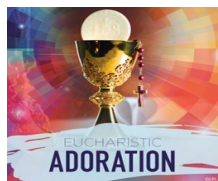
Saturdays: 3:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3: 1:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4: 3:00 pm

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### 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.saintalloysiuschurch.org](http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org), and sign up for Flocknote. Scroll down to bottom of home page under Receive Flocknote Updates.

### Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

Good Friday is a day 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.*



**Daily Mass, Holy Week**  
**Tuesday, March 31, 12:15 pm**  
**Wednesday, April 1, 8:15 am**

**Holy Thursday, April 2**  
Morning Prayer: 7:30 am – Chapel  
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00 pm  
—Parish Hall

### Good Friday, April 3

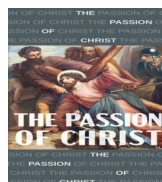
Morning Prayer: 7:30 am - Chapel  
Confessions: 1:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross: 3:00 pm  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 7:00 pm

### Holy Saturday, April 4

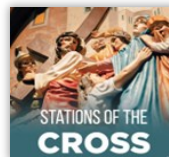
Morning Prayer: 7:30 am - Chapel  
Confessions: 3:00 pm  
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 pm

### Easter Sunday, April 5

Masses: 8:00 am and 11:00 am



In observance of Holy Week, the parish office will be closed from **Thur., 4/2** and will reopen on **Tues., 4/7**



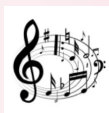
**Good Friday,**  
**April 3: 3:00 pm**

**VOCATIONS CROSS** – Chris Guy will take the cross home and pray for vocation this week: <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/vocations-cross>

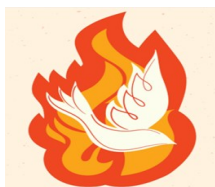


**First Wednesdays of the month**  
**at 9:30am in the Parish Hall.**  
**Contact Chris Guy at 301-481-1502**

### Kalnasy Concert Series at St. Aloysius 2026 Season



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Sunday, April 19 at 3:00 pm**  
**Voice and Piano Recital**  
**Fr. David Beaubien**  
with **Janis Nowlan**, piano  
and visiting **Riverside Brass Quartet**



**SUSTAIN THE FLAME:**  
**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT–**  
**Next meeting for those signed up:**  
**Monday, March 30 from 6:30-8:30pm**  
and will include potluck refreshments.



**Contribution letters** are available in the parish office. To have yours mailed or emailed, please call 301-475-8064.

## St. Aloysius Gonzaga Cemetery: Care & Decoration Guidelines

No memorials may be erected without the approval of the pastor. Planting of shrubs or plants is not permitted. Glass containers and wreaths with metal stands are not allowed, as they pose a danger to those maintaining the grounds. During mowing season, from the week following Easter through October 31st fresh or artificial flowers in containers are not permitted, except on holidays. Fresh flowers without containers may be placed at graves. Flags are permitted on national holidays, and both flowers and flags placed at the monument must be removed after two weeks. From November 1 through the week following Easter, fresh and artificial flowers in containers are permitted. Please write the family name on the underside of headstone saddle arrangements so they can be returned if blown off during storms. All decorations will be removed by the grounds crew when conditions or appearance warrant it, in order to maintain the beauty of the cemetery.

Thank you for helping us care for St. Aloysius Cemetery  
*May perpetual light shine upon all who rest here*



## STEWARDSHIP

ParishSoft online giving:

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

## SHARING OUR TREASURE— 03/21 and 03/22, 2026

### 1st Collection

Offertory Basket: **\$5,217.00**

Direct Debit: **\$1,170.00**

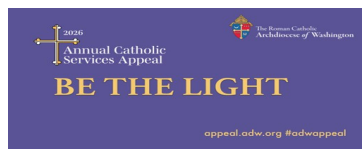
**Total \$6,387.00**

### 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services

Offertory Basket: **\$ 1,421.00**

Direct Debit **\$ 465.00**

**Total \$ 1,886.00**



## 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK— None

**PATRON OF THE WEEK: Brinsfield Funeral Home —**  
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## POOR BOX



**RECIPIENT WILL BE:**  
**St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**  
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The next open pantry is **Sat., April 18 9-11AM**. Food will be collected after all Masses, **April 18/19 Community Sunday**. **THANK YOU** for your generosity, helping the SVdP help others!

## RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY



**INTERESTED** in learning more about the Catholic Faith or becoming Catholic?  
*Contact Leonard Wathen*  
at [lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org](mailto:lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org) for info.

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

## COMMUNITY

### APOLOGETICS— MONDAY, 3/30 at 7:00-8:15pm

Where: St. John Francis Regis Parish  
(St. Jude Room in Msgr. Harris Center)  
The topic will be: The Plot to Kill Jesus  
Google Meeting: Apologetics 2026  
<https://meet.google.com/woq-fmef-djg>

### A Heartfelt Thank You!



We had a tremendous outpouring of support once again for our Lenten Food drive that supports the Servants of the Lord Sisters (SSVM). The Sisters were full of joy and gratitude upon delivery of all the wonderful items you donated. Thank you so much for your continued support. Be assured that the Sisters are keeping you and your families in their prayers. Please remember to pray for them! May God bless you!

**9th Annual "WALK IN THE PARK-** at **St. Francis Xavier Church** on **Saturday, April 25th** for the **5K Fun Run/Walk** to benefit our parish's **Newtowne Manor House Preservation/Restoration Fund**. Registration is **8am-noon** and run/walk participants start at **8:30 am**. *The registration fee of \$20 includes a custom t-shirt*. Kids 12 and under are free. Donations are always welcomed. *Information on registration:* [www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org](http://www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org). Questions-please contact Sarah Matisick at **301-247-7416**.

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