

ANCIENT FAITH
Modern Message



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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)... RCIA 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. Helen Bowles in the school office Monday through Friday 8:00am - 3:00pm, 301-475-9795 for space availability.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION... Pre-K-8th Grade, 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, 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 25, 2018

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
8:30 am Wednesday & Friday
7:30 am Saturday

HOLY DAY MASSES:

As Announced inside the Bulletin.

FIRST FRIDAYS: Masses at 9:00 am (September through June) and 7:00 pm. Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 am till 6:45 pm followed by Benediction.

Confessions from 6:00 - 6:30 pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Thursday: 11:30-12 Noon
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. David W. Beaubien, ext. 14
Deacon.....Deacon Joe Vavrus
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper.....Denise Becher, ext.10
Receptionist/Bulletin EditorLauren Carney, ext.11
Religious Education/Youth Ministry.....Leonard Wathen, ext.16
Maintenance.....Wally Bowles
Principal, Father Andrew White SchoolHeather Francisco
Secretary, FAW School.....Helen Bowles

RECTORY HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8 am-4 pm
Friday 9 am-3 pm



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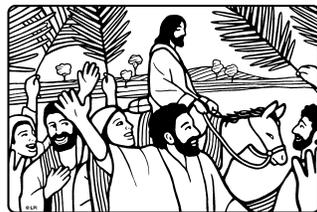
Pastoral Plan for: "The Joy of Love"

"Families of Faith" (from Part IV)

Here is another excerpt from Cardinal Wuerl's recent Pastoral Plan implementing Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation "The Joy of Love" (*Amoris Laetitia*, 2016):

Families are a school of human formation and so to the extent that there is a vibrant practice of the faith in the home, our children and young people will be formed as followers of Jesus. Parents also tell us that among the ways for them to teach their children about the beauty of Christian marriage and family life include:

- letting your youngsters see you praying – at Mass, before meals, before bed, etc. Pray with your children daily. Talk to your children about what your faith means to you. Tell them stories of important "faith moments" in your life;
- planning for Mass in your weekly schedule and make Sunday Mass the center of your family's prayer life;
- bringing the Church into your home. Invite your parish priest or religious women and men to dinner for conversation or a house blessing;
- teaching your children gratitude – offer a sincere "thank you" to God in your children's presence each day;
- modeling God's forgiveness in all family relationships by asking and offering forgiveness to one another – parents to each other, parents to children, children to parents and among siblings;
- going together to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation;
- reading and exploring as a family Bible stories and age-appropriate stories of the lives of the saints as models of virtue and perseverance in faith;
- volunteering to serve the poor together as a family year-round (e.g. mission trips, food pantry, soup kitchen); and
- continuing to schedule date nights and invest in your marriage, even as schedules get busier and more attention is focused on caring for children.



PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, March 27:

12:15 pm Josephine Samborski
Steven Fenwick

Wednesday, March 28:

8:30 am James H. Falkowski

Thursday, March 29:

8:30 am **Holy Thursday**
Morning Prayers
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Pro populo

Friday, March 30:

8:30 am **Good Friday**
Morning Prayer
7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, Mar. 31:

7:30 am **Holy Saturday**
Morning Prayer
8:00 pm Newly-Initiated Members

Sunday, April 1:

8:00 am **Easter Sunday**
Pro populo
11:00 am *Pro populo*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER the Sick and Homebound in our Community: John Barnett, Walter M. Bowman, Frank Brown, Judy Brown, Teresa Cusic, Charles Davis, Irene Dixon, Sr., Frances Duke, Jan Esler, Bishop David Foley, George Guy, Warren Guy, Jr., Howard Hensley, St. Clair Hill, John Holly, Kimberly Johnson, Paula Kidwell, Juliann Leginze, Max Long, George Nelson, Margaret Nelson, Mary Agnes Stewart, Ed Stokel, Richard & Sally Tomkinson, Nena Underwood, Stephanie Vallandingham.

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE: The community of St. Aloysius would like to extend our condolences to the family of Barbara W. Russell, who passed away recently. May the angels lead her into paradise; may the martyrs come and welcome her to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem; and may the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding give her family comfort and peace.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE for LENT

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat for those age 18—59. Seafood is permitted. In addition, Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence for those age 14 and up. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal.

(If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully in and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.)

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE



Daily Mass, Holy Week

Tuesday, March 27, 12:15 pm

Wednesday, March 28, 8:30 am

Holy Thursday, March 29

Morning Prayer: 8:30 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration until midnight
in the gym of Father Andrew White School

Good Friday, March 30

Morning Prayer: 8:30 am

Confessions: 1:30 pm

Stations of the Cross: 3:00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, March 31

Morning Prayer: 7:30 am

Confessions: 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1

Masses: 8:00 am and 11:00 am

DECORATING FOR EASTER: Saturday morning, March 31st, we will be decorating the church for the celebration of Easter. If your schedule permits, please be at the church by 9:00 am. A sign-up sheet is located in the church vestibule.

There will be NO FRIDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS class this Friday, March 30, due to Holy Week. Class will resume on Friday, April 6th.

**VOCATIONS CROSS
and message from the Serra Club**

A misconception among some Catholics is that the priest has an ideal job: he works one day each week, Sunday. They forget that the other six days a week, the priest works long and hard behind the scenes: bringing communion to the sick and elderly, counseling troubled families, visiting school classes, preparing individuals for sacraments. Often the job is frustrating, exhausting and thankless, but always of vital importance. Take some time this week and express appreciation to your priests for the difficult work they do.

Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junipero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with the Carney Family, who has the Vocations Cross!

**ST. ALOYSIUS
REDESIGNED WEBSITE**

Check out our redesigned website!

(<http://www.saintaloyiuschurch.org>)

Special thanks to parishioners Emily

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The Servants of the Lord (SSVM) Food Drive

During the Lenten season of almsgiving please consider supporting our missionary religious sisters The Servants of the Lord (SSVM) with much needed items. Bags will be distributed this weekend and should be **returned the weekend of April 7 & 8th**. A wish list of recommended items will be provided with the bags. We will deliver items to the 3 convents in the DC area Sunday, April 15th. If you would like to participate in the delivery effort please contact the Madden family at 207-837-5845 for details. It is always a joyous and rewarding day visiting with the sisters. A big thank-you in advance for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Weekly Offertory Contributions

March 17/18

1st Collection	2nd Collection: Easter Flowers
<i>Offertory Basket: \$ 5,773.00</i>	<i>Offertory Basket: \$ 2,165.60</i>
<i>Direct Debit \$ 1,293.00</i>	
Total: \$ 7,066.00	Total: \$ 2,165.60

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: Holy Land/Good Friday. We are asked to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Let us be generous!

PATRON OF THE WEEK: Boothe's Heating & Air Conditioning. If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY



All Graduating High School Seniors are invited to our 2018 Graduation Dinner on Saturday, April 14 at 6:00 PM in the rectory. Each attendee will receive a small graduation gift and will discuss practical tips on how to continue to live out your Catholic faith in college. Please RSVP to Leonard Wathen.

Family of Faith meets next on April 8 (Teaching Sunday) and April 15 (Community Sunday). Our topics for April are 1) the Communion of Saints and 2) the Second Coming of Christ. Please notice that we are meeting on the second and third Sunday of April, because of Easter Sunday.



Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 8 after the 11:00 Mass. Please sign up in the vestibule or online at www.saintalloysiuschurch.org if you plan to participate.

RESPECT LIFE

WORD OF LIFE: Respect for the human person proceeds by way of respect for the principle that everyone should look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as "another self," above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity.

Care Net Volunteer Training

Care Net is offering Client Advocate Training this April. Training will take place over the course of 7 sessions (3 ½ hours each). Morning and evening sessions will be offered on the following dates: 4/3, 4/5, 4/10, 4/12, 4/17, 4/19 and 4/24. Meet other volunteers and make new friends or bring a friend with you and train and work together. Put your faith into action, be a part of your community and see God change lives! Call today to sign up: 301.737.4604 or 410.326.6866. Visit us on the web at www.friendsofcarenetsomd.org.

COMMUNITY

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fr. Andrew E. Royals, Pastor of St. Joseph in Morganza, will lead the devotion of the Way of the Cross in the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, Helen, Md. The devotional will begin **12:00 p.m. on Good Friday, March 30**, and all are welcome to participate. For more information or directions, please call the Catholic Cemeteries Southern MD Regional office at (301) 475-5005 or (301) 932-1766 or email at gop@ccaw.org.

Mulch Sale to Feed 1,000 Children

For a year! That's right. For every 15 bags of mulch you buy, you have just fed a hungry child for a year. Please consider helping teens from all over St. Mary's County, who work at St. John's Summer Program, feed 1,000 children in Malawi for a year by purchasing mulch. All proceeds will be donated to Mary's Meals, a nonprofit whose mission is to provide one daily meal to hungry children in their place of education. Mulch must be ordered by March 27th and will be delivered/picked up April 7th. Bags are \$4.00-4.25 depending on quantity.

For more information and to order online, visit www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com/Mulch. We thank you for your support!

Spirit-Filled Mission led by internationally known Catholic evangelists, Peter & Michelle Moran, (as seen in The Gift: Life in the Spirit Series).

St. Mary's, Bryantown will be hosting a Spirit-filled Mission.

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8 - Prayer Service for Healing

2:00-2:30 pm - Confessions

3:00 pm - Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Healing Prayers

Monday, April 9 through Wednesday, April 11

11:00 am - Daily Prayer Service & Teaching

6:00-6:30 pm - Confessions

7:00-9:00 pm - Evening talks

For more information email frconley@comcast.net.

Quo Vadis Hiking Trip

On Sunday, April 15, all high school aged men who are interested in learning more about the priesthood are invited to go on a Quo Vadis hiking trip on Sugarloaf Mountain in Montgomery County. The day will include Mass, lunch, Eucharistic adoration, dinner, and the opportunity to spend time with priests, seminarians, and other high school aged men who are open to the priesthood. The day will run from 10:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m., and the meeting location is St. Mary's Parish in Barnesville, Maryland. Bus transportation is available from throughout the archdiocese. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org! Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.