

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](http://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.

May 13, 2018

## The Ascension 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 Editor* .....Lauren Carney, ext.11  
*Religious Education/Youth Ministry*.....Leonard Wathen, ext.16  
*Maintenance*.....Wally Bowles  
*Principal, Father Andrew White School* .....Heather Francisco  
*Secretary, FAW School*.....Helen Bowles

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



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**Scripture Corner**

**SAINT LUKE AND THE ASCENSION**

Saint Luke is responsible for about one fourth of the entire New Testament. He wrote his Gospel (24 chapters) and also the Acts of the Apostles (28 chapters), the only inspired account devoted to the history of the early Church. Interestingly, Luke ends his Gospel and also begins Acts with an account of the Ascension of Jesus.

In the Acts of the Apostles Jesus makes a very important promise and prophecy for his followers: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (1:8) The prophet Isaiah had already prophesied the universal thrust of the Kingdom of God: "I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." (49: 6)

This promise of bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth provides the outline for the content of the Acts of the Apostles. The Gospel has told of Jesus' Ascension to the Father on Easter Sunday (Luke 24: 50 – 53). The Ascension that occurred after the forty days of apparitions by Jesus is the message of today's first reading. (Acts 1: 1 – 11)

Luke gives a simple description of the Ascension itself: "He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight." (1: 9) The cloud in both the Old and New Testaments symbolizes the presence of God. In the Old Testament Elijah said to Elisha who had asked for a double portion of his spirit: "If you see me taken up from you, your wish will be granted; otherwise not." (2 Kings 2: 10) The apostles who see Jesus being taken up at his Ascension will receive the gift of the Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. (Acts 2: 1 – 4)

The angels promise that this Jesus "will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (1: 11) This is a clear reference to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. The book of Daniel says, "I saw coming with the clouds of heaven one like a son of man." (7: 13) During his public life our Lord had prophesied, "Then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." (Luke 21: 27)

~Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner



**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK**

<b>Tuesday, May 15:</b> 12:15 pm	<b>St. Isidore</b> Ellen Mattingly
<b>Wednesday, May 16:</b> 8:30 am	Kim Simmons (L)
<b>Thursday, May 17:</b> 12:15 pm	Robert E. & Mary Wigginton
<b>Friday, May 18:</b> 8:30 am	<b>St. John I, Pope &amp; Martyr</b> Bernie Norris William Bernard Young
<b>Saturday, May 19:</b> 7:30 am	Tom Connelly
5:00 pm	Sr. Julia Clare Fontaine, SCN
<b>Sunday, May 20:</b> 8:00 am	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> John "Judson" Alvey Hope Obar <i>Pro populo</i>
11:00 am	

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

**THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY** is recited on Wednesdays after the 8:30 am Mass. Come and pray with Mother Mary, Patron Saint of the Americas; our country needs our prayers. Please join us. Questions call Gerda at 301-475-009 or 860-558-6476.

**FRIDAY NIGHT APOLOGETICS:** The next topic: "Contraception: why not?" Classes will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lexington Park from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, on Friday, May 18th, led by Ken Scheiber, faculty member at St. Mary's Ryken.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

St. Aloysius would like to wish all our mothers a Happy Mother's Day!



EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents.....

**Chorus Reginae Angelorum**

*under the direction of Mr. Jonathan Hellerman*

Date: Sunday, May 20  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Place: St. Aloysius Church



*Beautiful sacred and secular music of Josquin De Prez, William Byrd, Anton Bruckner, David Beaubien, Jonathan Hellerman...and more!*

**Chorus Reginae Angelorum** is a volunteer choir based in St. Mary's County that specializes in the performance of polyphonic music from the Renaissance period.

*Concert is free.*

For more information, contact [keyofgmh@gmail.com](mailto:keyofgmh@gmail.com).

**Are you interested in learning more about the Bible or about the Catholic faith?** Join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, and 8-part video to help you make sense of the Bible and how it relates to your everyday life. This particular series is specially designed for non-Catholics who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, but all are welcome. The series will be offered on the following Monday nights from 7-8:30 PM, June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, July 30, August 13, August 27, September 10. Register online at [www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/bible](http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/bible).

**QUO VADIS? High School Young Men: Where are you going?** Quo Vadis Camp - July 15-18, at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Run by priests and seminarians of the archdiocese, Quo Vadis Camp includes Mass, great talks, sports, Eucharistic Adoration, games, food and time to relax with other young men discerning God's will in their life. Register now at [dcpriest.org](http://dcpriest.org). For more information, contact Fr. Mark Ivany at [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202-636-9020.

**VOCATIONS CROSS**

**and message from the Serra Club**

Jesus commanded us to pray for vocations with his words, "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.

*Let us invoke the intercession of St. Junípero Serra for priestly and religious vocations and pray this week with Stanley Konopka, who has the Vocations Cross!*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**FATHER JEFFREY SAMAHA**

Father Jeffrey Samaha was a resident priest at St. Aloysius Church from 1986-1993. He served as parochial vicar from 1986-1990 and as the hospital chaplain from 1990-1993. Father Samaha celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> priestly anniversary on May 6. He sends greetings and thanksgiving to all at St. Aloysius who assisted him during his 8 years in Leonardtown. Please keep him in your prayers, as he will pray for us.

**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to all who receive their First Holy Communion this weekend. May you continue to grow as disciples of Jesus, nourished every Sunday by His most holy Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

**May 12, 5:00 PM:** Keira Anderson, Ethan Doran, Caroline Ferris, Gabriella Fichter, Robert Gretton, Madeleine Guerre, Jack Johnson, Kate Kelly, Audrey Kirchner, Matthew Nonnemacher, Nathan Raley, Kaden Rawlings, Aubrey Rossignol, Grace Urtz, Sam Wathen

**May 13, 8:00 AM:** Aiden Bockey, Liam Bockey, Cadence Lowe, Cora Pilkerton, George Thompson

**May 13, 11:00 AM:** David Atlas, Amari Berry, Isaac Bowers, Gabriel Cacko, Jamyah Carter, Zachary Greer, Luke Harms, Madelyn Joy, Ahmiya Riley, Jake Selk, Eileanor Snyder, Abigeal Snyder, Paula Stewart, Logan Tomaszewski, Joel Wathen, Emma Weaver, Thomas Weaver

**Family of Faith** - join us as we conclude the year with a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, May 20. See details and sign up at [www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/pilgrimage](http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/pilgrimage). 2018-2019 Registration for Family of Faith is now open online on our parish website.

**YOU. A Small Group Series for High School Teens** - Wednesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, beginning May 16, at the home of the Roell family - Identity. Gender. Love. Chastity. The world is a difficult place for teens, and it has become increasingly hard for teens to discover the truth about their bodies, their sexuality, and their unique call to love. **"YOU: Life, Love, and the Theology of the Body"** introduces teens to the truth that life is about going out of ourselves to be a sincere gift for others. **To sign up, text YOU to 84576 or contact Leonard Wathen.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018** is scheduled for July 9 to 13. Online registration is open on our parish website. Teen and VIRTUS-trained adult volunteers are needed to help make the week a success. VBS is open for children age 4 to Grade 6. Additional information can be found on the parish website at [www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/vbs](http://www.saintalloysiuschurch.org/vbs).

**STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

Weekly Offertory Contributions  
May 5/6, 2018

<b>1st Collection</b>	<b>2nd Collection: School Support</b>
Offertory Basket: \$ 5,636.00	Offertory Basket: \$ 1,372.00
Direct Debit: \$ 4,613.00	Direct Debit: \$ 537.00
<b>Total: \$10,249.00</b>	<b>Total: \$ 1,909.00</b>

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** Will be for the **Building Fund**.

**PATRON OF THE WEEK: The Greenery Nursery & Landscaping.** If in need please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

**RESPECT LIFE**

**CARENET PREGANCY CENTER'S  
BABY BOTTLE BLITZ**



Help us Change Lives and Save Babies! Bottles will be available at the Masses this Sunday, Mother's Day. Parishioners take a bottle home and use it as a bank to raise funds for the Center's ministry to women and babies. Bottles are to be returned during the Masses on Father's Day Weekend.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "We can all help encourage our government and other institutions to support life. They must always aid and support mothers and children, and never offer to pay for the destruction of life as a 'solution' to the challenges women face. The call to uphold women's dignity and well-being, and that of their unborn children, is one and the same."

**COMMUNITY**

**HEAVENLY PRESENTS CATHOLIC BOOKSTORE**

Heavenly Presents provides many affordable gift ideas to meet your First Communion and Confirmation needs, so be sure to visit us at: 22697 Washington Street, (on the Square) in Leonardtown. Operated by volunteers our store hours are: Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am until 5pm; Wednesday and Friday. 10am until 6pm and Saturday 10 am to 3 pm. For more information call us at: (301) 475-9770.

Also, Heavenly Presents is looking for additional volunteers. Our Volunteer hours are flexible in that you can volunteer once a week to once a month! Please call or stop by if you are interested!

**The Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary (LVRSA)** will be holding following May fundraising event.

Mod Pizza in California, MD LVRSA Fundraiser. Join us anytime ALL DAY on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, for delicious food and to support our volunteer organization. Please present the flyer (paper or digital) found in our website at [www.lvrs.org](http://www.lvrs.org) so the Leonardtown Rescue Squad can credit for your visit. Hope to see you there and thank you all so much for your support!

**Tri-County Memorial Walk – Death by Addiction – Planting Hope & Growing Awareness**

Join us on Saturday, May 19, 9:00 am at Farming 4 Hunger, 6932 Serenity Farm Rd. Benedict, MD. This event brings our community together to honor and remember those who have lost their lives to addiction and to plant seeds of hope for those who still suffer. There will be free refreshments, free helpful resources, a speaker, a seed planting, a serene farm walk, photos, families, and much more. For more information, please visit our site at [tricitymemorywalk.org](http://tricitymemorywalk.org).

**MEMORIAL YOUTH MASS**

Come join in a Mass remembering the deceased youth of our County, on Saturday, May 26, at the St Mary's County Youth Memorial in Great Mills (on Route 5 just south of Great Mills Road). Praying the Rosary will begin at 10 am, followed by a Catholic Mass. All are welcome. Refreshments will be available after Mass. In case of bad weather, Holy Face Church will host the Mass.

**Saint Mary's Co. Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage Tour**

St Francis Xavier Church and Newtowne Manor House have been selected to participate in the 81<sup>st</sup> annual **Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage Tour** on Saturday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain or shine. This popular and highly regarded event also features waterfront homes and/or gardens in Breton Bay, Compton and Newtowne Neck; includes the Port of Leonardtown Winery. We are pleased to announce Newtowne Manor House has been chosen by the St. Mary's Co. Garden Club to be their "special project"; all proceeds will benefit The Manor House Restoration Fund.

For more information or advance ticket sales visit [mhgp.org](http://mhgp.org). Tickets are \$35 online, \$40 at the door (cash or check only at door). Advance tickets (\$35) may also be purchased by calling call 301-861-6112.

**Camp Maria Retreat Center Swimming Pool**

This summer the Camp Maria Retreat Center swimming pool is available for use by local churches. A certified lifeguard will be on duty. Pool times can be scheduled for up to three consecutive hours. Please contact Theresa at [admin@campmaria.org](mailto:admin@campmaria.org) to schedule and to reserve your spot.