

Worship

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Jan. 5: 12:15pm	St. John Neumann, bishop Wally & Donna Bowles (L)
Wednesday, Jan. 6: 8:30am	Blessed Andre Bessette, religious Leonard F. Gray
Thursday, Jan. 7: 12:15pm	St. Raymond of Penafort, priest Frank Davis
Friday, Jan. 8: 8:30am	J. C. Norris James Abell Longmore, Jr.
Saturday, Jan. 9: 7:30am 5:00pm	Fred W. Breslin Laura Brown Edith Norris
Sunday, Jan. 10: 8:00am 11:00am	The Baptism of the Lord James Forrest, Sr. Frank T. Abell St. Aloysius Parishioners

Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound of our Parish Community: Let us remember in prayer: Marie Bassford, Wanda Butler, Mary Carrigg, Judy Cates, Sharon Catron, Bill Chubb, Norman Craely, Fran & Ray Dicus, Bill Dolan, Mary Dyson, Susan Fenwick, Pat Gibson, Denise Lacey, Charles Latham, Agnes Long, Richard Martin, Pat Norris, Jim O'Brien, Melvin Pilkerton, Isabelle Raley, Jim Raley, Amy Saul, Agatha Stokel, Donna Walker, Fr. Neal Ward, Melissa Wenzel and Woody Wheeler.

A Christmas Thank You: As we enter into the last week of Christmas and begin a New Year, we want to thank everyone in the parish who helped make our Christmas Masses prayerful and beautiful. Thank you to our Music Ministers, all three Choirs, the cantors and accompanists under the direction of Abby Sweeney and Georgia Harvey. All of the liturgies were beautifully enhanced by your musical talents and liturgical gifts; Thank you, as well, to Lori Murphy and the parent volunteers who directed and organized the Children's Pageant for the Christmas Eve Children's Mass, and thanks, too, to all the children who participated and did a wonderful job. Special thanks go as well to Jayne Rivers and Anne Bell and the many volunteers who decorated our church over a two day period (even in the snow). You did a great job! Thank you, too, to the Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Ministers of Hospitality and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion who volunteered their service; thank you to Regina Goldring, her family, all the volunteers and the St. Vincent de Paul Society for the Christmas dinner for the poor and homebound, what a wonderful sign of God's love for others. Finally, thank you to the office and maintenance staff: Denise Becher, Betty Williams, and Wally and Philip Bowles for their extra attention to details and hard work. Many hands helped to create a beautiful Christmas for all. Thank you.

The Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany

Dear Brothers and Sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial and his rising celebrated between the evening of the first day of April and the evening of the fourth of April. Each Easter, as on each Sunday the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the seventeenth day of February. The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on the sixteenth day of May. Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the twenty-third day of May. And this year the First Sunday of Advent will be on the twenty-eighth day of November. Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, the feasts of the Apostles and saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed. To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, forever and ever. Amen.

Born to Eternal Life: St. Aloysius extends our prayerful condolences to the family of John Frederick "Freddy" Spalding who passed away on December 21st, 2009. May the angels lead him to paradise; may the martyrs come and welcome him to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem; and may the peace of Christ which is beyond all understanding give his family comfort and consolation.



First Communion Liturgy: As we gather in prayer and praise next Sunday, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the community is asked to pray for the students and parents of our First Communion class who will begin their immediate preparations for the reception of the Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with a special rite at the 11:00 am Mass. These minor rites will be celebrated monthly between now and their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 15th.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Vocation Cross

Devotion to the Vocation Cross involves a designated parish household receiving the cross at Mass and taking the cross home for one week and praying for a few minutes every day for the gift of vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our parish. The

cross is given to at one of the three weekend Masses after Communion and it is asked that it be returned to the rectory by Saturday morning.

Please pray for Vocations this week with the Family of Jim & Cece Hoffman.

Stewardship

Sharing Our Treasure: Weekly Offertory Contributions

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1st Collection: \$2,271.00 1st Collection \$7,754.00
(weekend of Snowstorm)

2nd Collection: Building Fund- \$616.00

Due to early submission of the bulletin to our publishers, contributions for the weekend of December 26/27 will be noted in the bulletin for Jan. 9/10th.

2nd Collection Next Weekend: Our 2nd Collection for the weekend of Jan. 9/10 is the Building Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

Patron of the Week: J. F. Taylor, Inc. Please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

Offertory Commitments: Thank you, once again, to all who pledged a weekly offertory gift to the parish. Your commitment assures us that we will have sufficient income to meet our financial obligations during the coming year. Please remember that we are beginning those commitments this weekend.

Parish Life & Evangelization



March for Life 2010: St. Aloysius Pro-Life Committee is sponsoring a bus to the Right to Life March on Friday, January 22, 2010. We invite you to spend a day of fellowship with your family and friends as we once again "march" the streets of our Nation's Capital to stand for life. A sign up sheet is in the vestibule of the church for you to reserve a space on the bus. We are asking for a donation of \$10 per person to reserve your space on the bus. If you would like further information concerning the March, please contact Chris Guy at 301-475-2166 or Fr. John at 301-475-8064.

Religious Education, Youth Ministry & School

Come One and All!

Everyone is welcome to visit Father Andrew White S.J. School and see the wonderful things happening in Catholic education today! The staff and students will host visitors during Catholic Schools Week on February 4, 2010 from 9:30 – 11:00 am and we will also host a Sunday Open House on February 21 from 12:00 – 1:30 pm. Registration of new students for the 2010 – 2011 school year will begin on Monday, March 1. At Father Andrew White S.J. School we are "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living Our Faith".

School Board to Meet: Members of Father Andrew White School Advisory Board are reminded of their next meeting this Tuesday evening, January 5th at 7:00 pm in the faculty room of the school.

Sunday Breakfast at FAW School: Today is Sunday Breakfast at *Father Andrew White School* from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. The menu features eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits with gravy, pancakes and more. Stop in and enjoy a great breakfast after Mass with your family and friends!

Scrapbook Day: This Saturday, January 9 from 9 am - 4 pm Father Andrew White School is having a Scrapbook day. The day includes lunch, dessert, and drinks plus door prizes & seat favor. Scrapbooking vendors will be available on site with products to purchase to help you get started. Here's your chance to learn to scrapbook or to have a day away to work on your albums. Cost is \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. Contact Kim Norris at 301-475-0147 or cmlady@md.metrocast.net to reserve your seat.

High School Youth are invited to go snow-tubing at Ski Liberty on Saturday, January 16th. Email Leonard Wathen by January 4th to sign-up (lwathen@saintaloysiuschurch.org).

Community

Thank You: A warm thank you to all the parishioners who stopped by the rectory with gifts for Denise, Betty, Leonard, Fr. John and even Toby. The tins of cookies, the homemade candies, cakes, meats and other gifts (including the dog treats) are greatly appreciated and are being enjoyed daily. Thank you.



Living Memories

How do I, through the power of the Holy Spirit, live my faith as a Christian today? How will I continue living it tomorrow?

Now that I have been confirmed, I will live my faith through the Holy Spirit by doing the will of my parents. I wonder how that can honestly be living my faith, but when I remember that I'm just a kid, and that honoring my father and mother is a commandment, it gives my declaration a new meaning.

If I form a habit of honoring my parents, I will be forming a habit of obeying God. But, not only will I strengthen my faith, I will also be learning how to sacrifice myself for others. It's so easy to think only about me, but it doesn't do anything for me. When I give time, money or effort, I'm helping others, and gaining grace from God. Through simply helping and obeying my parents, I will be strengthening my faith in God, and forming habits of working for the greater good of those around me.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, I will live my Christian faith by doing what I know is right, no matter what the consequences are, or how unpopular it is.

The world we live in today has many faults, and many people seem to uphold dishonesty and cheating as a doctrine. I will stand up for myself and whoever may be at stake by simply saying "No". I will pray to the Holy Spirit for strength to do this, because there's always an easy way out, and the hard way holds true to its name.

I see acts of bullying daily, and sometimes I don't say anything, because I may agree that someone's annoying, but I know how it feels to be bullied. If I can't stand up to bullies, how can I stand up for my faith? The answer is that I can't. I can't be half and half. I either do what's right, or what's wrong. And now that I've been confirmed, I know that I have the Holy Spirit available for me.

I will pray for the strength to stand up for what is right, if that means being ignored and shunned because I said bullying was wrong, that's fine. I would rather be hated by sinners and kind to innocents that be friends with sinners and evil towards good people.

I know what I'm saying will be hard to do, but I know that God is with me, and I can always all upon Him for guidance and grace.

Submitted by Joseph Cavanaugh



Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

Epiphany of the Lord

Theme: Christ is the Light of the World.

Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The Gentiles are coheirs and copartners in the promise of Christ

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

We saw his star rising and have come to do him homage.

Question for Children:

Christ is the light of our lives. How does he show you the way to live?

Question for Teens:

As the eyes of your heart become enlightened to Christ and his teachings, how does it change the way you live?

Question for Adults:

As children of God, we are called to be light, just as Christ was. What is one way you let the light of Christ shine through you?

Next Sunday's Gospel, The Baptism of the Lord: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Don't Forget to Save the Date:
Saturday, June 26th, 2010: 300th Anniversary Mass with
Archbishop Wuerl – 5:00 pm
followed by our Anniversary Dinner at the LVFD.

Leaving a bequest in your will to the Church, your Parish or School allows you to leave your legacy to an institution that has meant so much to you and thousands of others.