

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

Worship

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Jan. 26: 12:15pm	Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops J. Berkman Norris Jeanne Mattis (L)
Wednesday, Jan. 27: 8:30am	St. Angela Merici, virgin Agnes Baldwin Elizabeth "Betty" Sterling
Thursday, Jan. 28: 12:15 pm	St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the church Patricia Anne Norris
Friday, Jan. 29: 8:30am	John F. Spalding, Sr.
Saturday, Jan. 30: 7:30am	Rose Marie Mattis (L) David Donnell (L)
5:00pm	Joseph & Alma Wathen
Sunday, Jan. 31: 8:00am	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Parishioners of St. Aloysius
11:00am	Lauren Latham Edward Sheerin

Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound of our Parish

Community: Let us remember in prayer: Wanda Butler, Gerald Campbell, Mary Carrigg, Judy Cates, Bill Chubb, Fran & Ray Dicus, Mary Dyson, Susan Fenwick, Pat Gibson, Denise Lacey, Charles Latham, Agnes Long, Jim O'Brien, Isabelle Raley, Jim Raley, Amy Saul, Agatha Stokel, and Donna Walker.

Born to Eternal Life: St. Aloysius extends our prayerful condolences to the family of Patricia Norris who passed away last week. May the angels lead her to 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 their family comfort, peace and consolation.

Parish Mission

Mark your calendars. Reserve Sunday, February 21st through Wednesday February 24th for our Annual Parish Lenten Mission. Father Jude Winkler, OFM, Conv., nationally known author and retreat leader will lead our Mission this year. More information on the Mission will follow in later bulletins.



Scout Sunday

The Boy Scouts of America celebrate the month of February as the Anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scout program by Lord Baden Powell in England. Scout Sunday was added to the scout celebration around the middle 1940s. The Scout Sunday tradition was started to help people in church become aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out parts of what is pledged each week.

The Boy Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and boys of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". The Girl Scout Promise, which includes "to serve God", is the way Girl Scouts agree to act every day toward one another and other people. These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.

This year's Scout Sunday Mass will be celebrated February 7th during the 8 am Mass. Members of the parish registered in Scouting (girls, boys and adults) are invited to participate wearing their Scout uniform. If you are interested in participating, please contact Matt Allen at 301-997-0014 or at allenmjbj@hotmail.com. Please note that there will be a brief rehearsal for the Mass on Saturday morning, February 6th.

Special Choir Forming for Easter Triduum – A special choir is forming for the Easter Triduum liturgy and all are invited to join. The choir will sing the most beautiful and moving music of the liturgical year for Holy Thursday (4/1), Good Friday (4/2) and the Great Easter Vigil (4/3). All voices are needed – new and experienced are welcome. The first rehearsal is Wednesday, Jan. 27th at 7:30pm. All other rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings during Lent. If you are considering joining the Triduum Choir please contact Abby Sweeney by Tuesday, Jan; 26h at 240-925-5804 or Sweeney@md.metrocast.net.



HOSPITALIZED

Please notify the Parish Office when a loved one is hospitalized: Caring for the sick is an important ministry here at St. Aloysius. In this ministry the Church prays for the sick, visits the sick and provides the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Please remember to call us so that visits may be arranged and prayers offered.

Stewardship

Sharing Our Treasure: Weekly Offertory Contributions

January 16/17, 2010 January 17/18, 2009
1st Collection: \$8,902.50 1st Collection: \$8,624.50
2nd Collection: Black & Indian Missions: \$1,358.50
Donations for Haiti: \$4,121.00

2nd Collection Next Weekend: Our 2nd Collection for the weekend of Jan.30/31 is for the Archdiocesan Assessment. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

Patron of the Week: True Value. Please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

2010 ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

"I will give you thanks, O Lord."

(Psalm 138:1)

Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop Wuerl asking for a pledge to the 2010 *Archbishop's Appeal*. The Appeal not only funds the operations of the archdiocese, it funds services that are of help to parish ministries. This year, the theme of the Appeal is, *"I will give you thanks, O Lord."* Clearly, we have many reasons to give thanks to God for all He has given us. Our contributions to our parish and our archdiocese multiply the thanks that we give to our God by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2010 Archbishop's Appeal.

Parish Life & Evangelization

Finance Council Meeting: Members of the parish's Finance Council are reminded of their meeting this Tuesday evening, January 26th at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Regional Ministry Day: A Southern Maryland Regional Ministry Day is planned for this Saturday, January 30th at St. Francis Xavier Church in Newtowne. The day begins at 9:15 am and runs through 12 noon. A keynote address will be given on **"Recruiting, Training and Keeping parish Ministry Leaders"** followed by three breakout sessions: *Developing Pastoral Council Leadership; Evangelization 101; Becoming a Young Adult Relevant Parish without starting a Young Adult Group* and *RCIA Update*. To register for the event please e-mail FLM@adw.org or call 1-301-853-5337.

Church Bathrooms: Recently the two bathrooms in the church have been found to be in deplorable conditions following the weekend Masses. In one situation, if not two, it appears that deliberate vandalism took place, one of which – in the girls' bathroom - could have caused harm to someone using the bathroom at a later time. We do not know who choose these actions, but we are asking everyone to be considerate of one another and to remember that where you are. We are also asking parents to please accompany children to the bathroom. Thank you.

What is an Annulment?

There has been much misinformation circulated about marriage annulments. Much of it is based on misconceptions, misunderstandings and ignorance. Unfortunately that misinformation has prevented many a Catholic from participating in the sacramental life of the Church. The Church teaches that the Sacrament of Marriage, by its very nature, is ordered towards the good of the spouses as well as towards the procreation and education of children. It is during the marriage ceremony when a couple exchanges their vows that the Sacrament of Marriage officially begins. The Church also presumes that all marriages of all other faiths to be valid until proven otherwise. An annulment is granted only when an essential component of the sacramental consent is found to be missing, when something in the spiritual relationship between the man and woman is found to be lacking. An annulment does not mean that "in the eyes of God, it was not a marriage," nor does an annulment mean that the marriage "never existed." After all, the couple wed, lived together and possibly had children. They have a "history" as husband and wife. It also does not mean that children born of the marriage are illegitimate

That statement cannot be farther from the truth. The main effect of an annulment is that the former marriage no longer has legal recognition or standing in the community of the Catholic Church and, generally, that the parties are now free to marry again in the Church if they so choose. If you have any questions regarding an annulment or would like to learn more about the process, then you are invited to join Fr. Michael King, JCD, on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2010 from 7:00 pm till 8:30 pm in the library at Father Andrew White School to learn about and ask questions regarding the annulment process. Fr. King will explain the Church's teaching regarding marriage and divorce as well as help any individual wishing to seek an annulment. Please note as well, that divorced and civilly remarried Catholics are still a part of the Church, loved by the Church, and loved by Christ. The snow date for this presentation will be Thursday, February 4th, 2010.

Religious Education, Youth Ministry & School

MEETING



Confirmation Meeting – Parents: There is a meeting for all parents of our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation today, January 24th, beginning at 9:15 am in the gym at Father Andrew White 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”.

Italian Dinner and Brown Bag Auction – FAW School: On Saturday, February 6th, from 4-8 pm, Father Andrew White School is hosting its annual Italian Dinner and Brown Bag Auction as part of our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Enjoy spaghetti with your choice of sauces, bread, salad, and dessert. Beer and wine available. There will be chances to win a wide variety of themed auction baskets.

Are you an adult Catholic who has never been confirmed? Many baptized Catholics have received their First Holy Communion, but “missed” Confirmation because they were away from the Church or did not feel ready as adolescents. *It’s not too late.* Each year, adult Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese of Washington prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation at their parishes and then gather at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in D.C. on the Feast of Pentecost to be confirmed by the Archbishop. If you are an adult who is interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2010, please contact Leonard Wathen, Director of Religious Education at 301-475-8064, ext 16 or at lwathen@saintaloysiuschurch.org

Community

St. John’s School, Hollywood, is hosting a “Casino Night” on Friday, January 29th. Adults 21 and over are welcome to attend. Doors open at 6:00pm, tables open at 7:00pm, dinner and drinks available for purchase. For more details, please contact Patrick Dugan at 301-672-1925 or Patrick.Dugan@obrienrealty.com.

The Restorers of Mount Carmel are sponsoring a mini-retreat on Saturday, March 20th at Mt Carmel, 5678 Mt. Carmel Road, LaPlata, MD. The retreat will begin with Mass at 8am and will end by 3pm. Cost is \$30 per person and includes Mass, quiet time, confessions, rosary, benediction, exposition, breakfast snacks, beverages, lunch and lots of hand outs. Father Matt Buening will be the retreat master and the theme will be “The Raising of Lazarus – Prelude to the Joy of the Resurrection of Christ. Call Suzanne Carr at 301-645-5203 for more information or to make reservation. Send check payable to Suzanne Carr, 12944 Waldorf Forest Road, Waldorf, MD, 20601-2145. Lunch choices are Tuna Sandwich, Steak/Cheese Sandwich, Chicken Breast/Cheese Sandwich or Ham/Cheese Sandwich.

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Jesus is the one sent by God to save us.

Reading I: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

The Word of God speaks to all who hear it

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

We are the body of Christ and each is a different part.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Jesus is the fulfillment of scripture.

Questions for Children:

Jesus is present to each of us in a different way. When was there a time you knew Jesus was with you? How did you know?

Question for Teens:

Name a moment or situation in your life where Jesus was present. What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible?

Questions for Adults:

Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the poor and set free the enslaved. How has this mission of Christ in the world affected you personally?

Next Sunday’s Gospel, 4th Sunday in ordinary Time:

Luke 4:21-30



**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.