

**ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND**

***A Word from the Pastor***

Dear Friends,

In the conclusion of his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul writes: “*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (6:14). Paul’s point is well taken. It is through the cross of Jesus Christ that we have been reconciled to God and to one another. It is through the cross of Jesus Christ that God’s love has been poured out for us. Boasting, then, only in the cross as the source of all our life, as Paul instructs, is only wise for without the cross we would be lost.

That said, I do need to brag, just a bit, in regards to last weekend’s 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. From the preludes sung by our 49 member choir to the last shovel of dirt thrown on our time capsule, we could not have asked for a better celebration. The 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee of Anne Bell, Jo Ann Choporis, Anne Davis, Judy Hayden, Palmer Lacey, Sarah Lacey, Ed Lawrence, Loretta Norris, Jayne Rivers and Rose Wilson did not miss a detail. For those of you able to participate you know they thought of everything, and working with the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Liturgy Committee, there were able to unite our Eucharistic celebrations, dinner-dance and burial of the 100 year time capsule into one great event. To each and every one of them I offer my deepest gratitude for their hard work, dedication and love.

To Abby Sweeney and the Anniversary Choir I also want to offer my profound gratitude. I know you worked very hard, as well, to prepare for last weekend, and it was quite evident. From the archbishop to everyone else I spoke with, your praises were sung. Your voices blended beautifully as you led us in song praising God for 300 years, and the sounds of the accompanists and instrumentalists joined with your voices helped create a little bit of heaven on earth. Thank you, too, to Bruce and Georgia Harvey for the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass setting. What a wonderful gift you gave to our parish for this Eucharistic celebration.

To the church environment committee and those who graciously donated our Anniversary Altar Linens and Sanctuary Curtain I also offer my many thanks and that of the parish’s. The church was beautiful. Joined with our liturgy, the environment helped to create a fitting house in which to praise and thank the Lord for the many blessings he has bestowed on us and for the works he has accomplished through us over 300 years.

To our Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality, Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion I also offer my thanks for carrying out your ministries prayerfully and efficiently.

I also thank Kathy Bell for undertaking the task of compiling the Anniversary Dinner Program. Like all tasks I have asked of her, Kathy put in 110% and the outcome was professional and superb. Thank you, too, to Al Gough for updating our parish history to include the activities of the

past three years. Al has a great way of recoding words for posterity.

I want to thank, as well, some of our extended community who gave of themselves and their businesses for our celebration: David Mattingly of *David’s Flowers*, Jeanie Bean of *Jeanie’s Flowers*, George Guy of *Guy Distributing Co.*, Dan & Suannie Guenther of *Guenther’s Wine & Spirits*, Josh Fraunfelder of *Barefoot Graphics*, Kerry Klear of *The Printing Press*, Paul Choporis of *International Beverage*, John Spalding of *Catholic Cemeteries*, Isabelle Williams, Scott Johnston, the photographer, Gary Bell and the *Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department*, Commissioner Tommy Mattingly and the *Board of County Commissioners*, Senator Roy Dyson, Roy Johnson and “*For Friends*” *Jazz Ensemble*, D.J. Brown’s Entertainment and Sonja McKenzie and *Scrumptious Entrees*.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank the rectory staff of Denise Becher, Betty Williams, Wally Bowles and Leonard Wathen for the hours of work they did behind the scenes for both our Mass and Dinner. They had to handle a lot of the little details – and some big ones – working with almost every group involved in the celebration, and they did it all very well. Thank you for your commitment and dedication.

Maybe I did more than brag here, maybe I boasted, but I think the Lord and St. Paul would find this boasting acceptable because everything that was done was done as an act of thanksgiving to him who formed us and saved us through the Cross. Everything that was done was ordered towards giving God our glory and praise. To him who loved us to his death, I offer my greatest thanks and pray that we will always and everywhere boast of his great deed done on our behalf. To him be glory and praise forever.

Fr. John

***Mass Intentions***

<b>Tuesday, July 6:</b> 12:15pm	<b>St. Marie Goretti, virgin &amp; martyr</b> Mary Magdalene Dyson James M. Raley
<b>Wednesday, July 7:</b> 8:30am	Daniel E. O’Connell George M. Beavan
<b>Thursday, July 8:</b> 12:15pm	Dorothy J. Wood Mary Catherine Bell
<b>Friday, July 9:</b> 8:30am	<b>St. Augustine Zhao Ron, priest &amp; martyr &amp; his companions, martyrs</b> Elsie Higgs Woodburn James Abell Longmore, Jr.
<b>Saturday, July 10:</b> 7:30am 5:00pm	Paul Gallagher & John O’Malley Steve Fenwick Glenn Edward Lawrence
<b>Sunday, July 11:</b> 8:00am 11:00am	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Derrek Donnells (L) Mary Edith Wood Parishioners of St. Aloysius

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound of our Parish**

**Community:** Let us remember in prayer: P.J. Aldridge, Paul Bolden, Mary Agnes Buckler, Wanda Butler, Mary Alice Brennason, Mary Agnes Burroughs, Bill Chubb, Robert Cooper, Richard Edwards, Susan Fenwick, Molly Guy, Richard Hendel, Margaret Johnson, Mary Catherine Kane, Denise Lacey, Emily Latham, Agnes Long, Loretta Norris, Jerry Price, Donna Walker, and Mary Wathen.

**A Reminder to EMCs, Lectors and Altar Servers:** With the arrival of summer comes vacations and many of us will be leaving town for some well deserved rest and relaxation. Prior to departing, please review the Ministry Schedule. If you are assigned to a ministry during your vacation, please remember to secure a substitute to replace you. Also, please keep in mind our dress code when ministering at the altar. Shorts, jeans, t-shirts or flip-flops are not allowed. Thank you.

### Sick or Hospitalized?

Caring for the sick is a very important ministry of the Church. In this ministry the Church prays for the sick, visits the sick, provides the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum (one's last Communion) if a person is dying. In order to ensure that no one who is sick will be neglected, we are asking that a family member notify the parish office as soon as possible when a family member is sick, hospitalized or homebound. To notify, pray, visit and anoint is an essential part of the healing process, and every one in the parish can be a part of this vital caring ministry by simply picking up the phone. Hospital information can be left on either Fr. John's line (ext. 14) or on Denise Becher's line, the parish secretary (ext. 10).

### Stewardship

#### **Sharing our Treasure: Weekly Offertory Contributions**

**June 26/27, 2010**

**June 27/28, 2009**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$7,623.50

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2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Peter's Pence - \$1,396.50

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Weekend:** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the weekend of July 10/11 is for the Building Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

**Patron of the Week: Chris Guy, Silpado Sterling Silver Jewelry.** Please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

**Please Note:** When preparing your contribution envelopes, **please remember to record your contribution amount on the space provided on the front of the envelope.** Doing this makes the job of our volunteer offertory counters much easier. It also ensures that your donation is recorded appropriately for your year-end tax reporting. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

### Parish Life & Evangelization

**Independence Day Holiday:** Please note that the parish offices are closed, tomorrow, July 5<sup>th</sup>, for the federal holiday in observance of Independence Day. Offices will re-open on Tuesday morning at 9:00am. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

### Meals for Friends...

...is looking for volunteers and recipients! Are you or someone you know recovering from a hospital stay/surgery, grieving the loss of a loved one, or welcoming the arrival of a new baby? Meals for Friends is here to support our parishioners and community members. To request meals or become a volunteer you can contact: Jody Cacko 301-904-2362 [jacacko@msn.com](mailto:jacacko@msn.com) or Mary Jo Geisz 240-538-6207 [mary.jo.geisz@comcast.net](mailto:mary.jo.geisz@comcast.net)

### 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorabilia

We still have available in the rectory memorabilia to commemorate our 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Available for purchase is the painting of the church by local artist George McWilliams, as well as glass etchings of the church and key rings.

Prints by George McWilliams, ready for framing and numbered, are \$45.00.

Glass etchings with stands are \$20.00.

Key rings sell for \$5.00

If you pay by check, please make the check payable to *St. Aloysius Church.*

**Check out our Website:** If you haven't had the opportunity, make sure to visit our website, [www.saintaloyuschurch.org](http://www.saintaloyuschurch.org) to view pictures from our 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. New pictures are being added regularly.

**300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pictures:** If you took pictures during any of our 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events last weekend, we would enjoy receiving copies of them and adding them to our website. You can either drop them at the rectory or e-mail them to our webmaster, Jamie Thomas at [jamie@jamiethomas.com](mailto:jamie@jamiethomas.com) Thank you.

**Summer Office Hours:** Summer office hours for the rectory are now in effect. Please note that summer office hours are M-Th 9 am till 4 pm and 9 am till 3 pm on Fridays. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Religious Education, Youth Ministry & School

#### **Religious Education Registration for 2010-2011:**

Registration for the 2010-2011 religious education year is currently taking place. Registration forms can be obtained from our website, [www.saintaloyuschurch.org](http://www.saintaloyuschurch.org) or by calling the rectory (301-475-8064, ext. 16). The registration fee must accompany the registration form, along with a certificate of baptism if this is your child's first year in faith formation. Religious Education classes meet on Sunday mornings, beginning September 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 - 10:30 am. For questions or inquiries, contact Leonard Wathen at the

phone number above or by e-mailing him at [lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org](mailto:lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org).

**Register for VBS.** Vacation Bible School will be held at Father Andrew White School from **July 12 – 16<sup>th</sup>** for children Age 4 to Grade 6. Registration forms are available at the parish website. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Leonard Wathen.

## HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A CATECHIST?

*“The apostolic work of the catechist springs from the Sacrament of Baptism through which all believers come to share in the prophetic ministry of Christ and the evangelizing mission of the Church. The call to the ministry of catechist is a vocation, an interior call, the voice of the Holy Spirit.” NDC #54*

We are currently in need of a few people who are willing to give their time once a week to bring our young people to a deeper understanding and love of their Catholic Faith. If you would like more information, please contact Leonard Wathen at 301-475-8064 or e-mail him at [lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org](mailto:lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org)

### Community

**Archdiocesan E-Mail Collection:** Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ amid the challenges of our society requires the use of new communication technology. In light of this, an archdiocesan email system will be introduced during the coming months. This new system will enable timely communications with parishioners to inform them of the Church’s perspective on current events and media coverage. E-mail addresses will be used only for these special messages and will not be given to anyone else. After addresses are submitted, parishioners will receive a message from the Archdiocese welcoming them to the system and providing a link for them to manage their profile. Parishioners can, if they choose, opt-out at any time. An in-pew registration process took place at all Masses last weekend. If you were not present last weekend and would like to register for archdiocesan e-mail notices, registration cards can be found in the vestibule of the church. Please complete the card and hand it to an usher. Thank you

**U.S. Bishops Launch Vocations Website:** A new website, [www.ForYourVocation.org](http://www.ForYourVocation.org) was recently launched by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on April 24. The website has two objectives: to help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, and to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations. The site offers resources for men and women who may have a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, aids for promoting a vocation-culture within the home,

and tools for educators, youth leaders and vocation directors including prayers, videos, best practices, lesson plans and vocation awareness programs.

**Finding a Mass when Vacationing:** Traveling soon? Don’t miss Mass! Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to search for Mass schedules around the world.

**Register to Vote in Maryland for the 2010 Elections:** In order to vote in this Fall’s elections, which will include races for governor, U.S. House and Senate, and the Maryland General Assembly, you must be registered to vote. Basic requirements include being an American citizen, a Maryland resident and at least 18 years of age by the next general election. The deadline to register to vote in Maryland’s primary election is Tuesday, August 24. Visit [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us) or [www.mdcathcon.org](http://www.mdcathcon.org), or call the Maryland State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-8683 to learn more.

**St. Francis Xavier Church, Compton, MD** will hold its annual Yard & Bake Sale on Saturday, July 10 from 7am until Noon. There will be a variety of items for sale and a delicious variety of homemade baked goods fresh from the oven. For more information, call Betty Ann Spalding at 301-475-9747 or the rectory at 301-47-9885.

### Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

#### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme:

**Reading I:** Isaiah 66:10-14c  
The Lord's power shall be known.

**Reading II:** Galatians 6:14-18  
I boast of nothing but the cross of Jesus Christ.

**Gospel:** Luke 10:1-12, 17-20  
I am sending you as lambs.

#### Question for Children:

How do your friends know about your faith?

#### Questions for Teens:

Jesus sent the disciples out into the world, but told them that it wouldn't be an easy job. How have you shared your faith with others this past week? What were the risks for you?

#### Questions for Adults:

To what part of the harvest are you being sent? What are you being called to do for the Reign of God?

**Next Sunday’s Gospel, 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:**  
**Luke 10:25-37**

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.