

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND

A Word from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Judgment Day comes for us all, for some it comes a little earlier than for others. It appears that it will be coming for me soon. As you can see by the enclosed wanted poster, I will soon be standing before a judge pleading my case for life, the lives of unborn children, that is, and so I need your help. I am participating in the 2nd annual *Jail & Bail* fundraiser hosted by the Sheriff of St. Mary's County, Tim Cameron, and the Care-Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland. On Monday, September 20th, the Sheriff is sending a 1950 black & white police car to Father Andrew White School where I'll be arrested, handcuffed and taken to the Old Jail Museum here in Leonardtown. Once there, I'll be brought in front of *Judge Ment* with my court-appointed attorney, *Ben Slick*.

For me to be bailed out, I need to raise \$1,500.00. This is where I can use your kind support and help. I have until September 20th to raise the bail money, and I'm asking those of you who don't want to see me left rotting in jail, who care about life, to help raise my bail. You don't want to see me in jail, do you? Any amount toward making my bail would be greatly appreciated.

Proceeds raised from my bail will benefit Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland, a crises pregnancy center that helps women explore their options when facing an unplanned pregnancy. The center serves over 4,000 clients annually and all of their services are free of charge. The \$1500.00 will pay for one mom and her family to receive all of the services Care Net provides – pregnancy test, ultrasound, peer counseling, pre-natal education, parent training and more.

Should you care to bail me out and support Care Net, please send your donation to me in care of the rectory (P.O. Box 310, Leonardtown, MD 20650). Checks should be made out to Care-Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland. Thank you for your support, generosity and caring heart for moms in crisis and their unborn children.

Gratefully,
Fr. John



Worship

Mass Intentions

Tuesday: Aug. 31:

12:15pm

Thomas Laurie Gibson, Jr.

Wednesday, Sept. 1:

8:30am

Mary Ann Taylor

Edith Norris

Thursday, Sept. 2:

George Jones

Joseph P. Russell

Friday, Sept. 3:

St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor of the Church

Margaret Stolmeier

Paul & Ann Pilitt

Saturday, Sept. 4:

7:30am

Massey Connelly

J. C. Norris

5:00pm

James Michaud

James M. Raley

Sunday, Sept. 5:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am

Robert & Lillian Miedzinski

11:00am

Parishioners of St. Aloysius

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration & Mass

Eucharistic Adoration – adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist - begins again this Friday, September 3rd.

What is Eucharistic Adoration? It is when the Eucharist is displayed on the altar in a special vessel called a monstrance, and people come to pray and worship Jesus continually throughout the day. Christ's great love for us was shown when He was crucified on the cross to pay the price for our sins and give us eternal life. He loves us without limit and offers Himself to us in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Eucharistic Adoration is our time to spend with the Lord to return His love.

Adoration will be held in the church from 10:00 am till 6:45 pm with Benediction at 6:45 pm. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm, and confessions will be heard from 6:00 pm till 6:30 pm. A sign-up sheet for Adoration is in the vestibule of the church.

Sunday and Daily Mass Readings: Interested in finding the texts for the Sunday and weekday Mass online? Go to www.usccb.org/nab/

Please Pray for the Sick and Homebound of our Parish Community: Let us remember in prayer: Dorothy Able, P.J. Aldridge, Sheerie Breeden, Mary Agnes Buckler, Ron Buckler, Wanda Butler, Mary Alice Brennason, Mary Agnes Burroughs, Bill Chubb, Barbara Dodson, Susan Fenwick, Margaret Johnson, Denise Lacey, Agnes Long, Ellen Mattingly, Melvin Pilkerton, Sam Spalding Jr., Agatha Stokel, Meredith Taggart and Donna Walker.

Youth Mass Returns in September

Beginning on Sunday, September 12th, and on every 2nd Sunday of the month, the parish, in conjunction with our Junior High and High School Youth Groups, will be celebrating once again a 6:00 pm Mass. The Mass, focused on our teens and their families, will involve the gifts and talents of our youth as leaders of song, lectors, Ministers of Hospitality/Ushers and altar servers. Following the Mass members of the youth groups will meet at FAW School for faith-based activities and social time. All Junior High and High School youth of the parish (and their friends), as well as their families are invited as is anyone young at heart. For more information or to be a part of this ministry in the parish please contact either Mrs. Paula Wood, Junior High Ministry Coordinator at 301-472-4272 or Mr. Leonard Wathen, High School Youth ministry Coordinator at 301-475-8064, ext. 16.

Stewardship

Summer Appeal Reaches Goal! Workers Needed.

Thank you to everyone in the community who donated so generously to this year's Summer Appeal. Our goal was to raise \$15,000.00 for the Appeal and as of this past week we exceeded that goal with \$15,707.21. Thank you. Now that the money has been raised, volunteer workers are needed. Work will begin Labor Day weekend and continue through the first weekend of October, weather permitting.

The work schedule is as follows:

Saturday, September 4, 8am-5pm

Sunday, September 5, 12pm-5pm

Monday, September 6, 8am-5pm (Labor Day)

Saturday, September 11, 8am-5pm

Sunday, September 12, 12pm-5pm

Saturday, September 18, 8am-5pm

Sunday, September 19, 3pm-5pm

Saturday, September 25, 8am-5pm

Sunday, September 26, 12pm-5pm

Saturday, October 2, 8am-5pm

Sunday, October 3, 12pm-5pm

Please contact Dakota Allen at 301-997-0014 or at allenmjbj@hotmail.com if you can assist on any of these days. Cancellations due to weather will be posted on the parish website.

Sharing our Treasure: Weekly Offertory Contributions

Aug. 21/22, 2010

Aug. 23/24, 2009

1st Collection: \$8,519.50 1st Collection: \$8,582.50

2nd Collection: Assessment: \$1,561.50

2nd Collection Next Weekend: Our 2nd Collection for the weekend of September 4/5 is for FAW School. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

Patron of the Week: Rita B. Catering. Please remember to patronize our bulletin sponsors.

Parish Life & Evangelization

Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's 3rd Annual Walk for the Poor! Hit the pavement and support your community! The Walk for the Poor will be held in Leonardtown on Saturday, September 18th. at 9:00am, rain or shine. Same day registration begins at 7:30am. For more information and to register, make a pledge or be a sponsor of the Walk, go to our website at [www.walkfor the poor.com](http://www.walkforthe poor.com). Active conferences in the So. MD District includes St. Peter's (Waldorf), St. Joseph (Morganza), Immaculate Conception (Mechanicsville), Our Lady of the Wayside (Chaptico), and St. Aloysius (Leonardtown). The SVdP Society is a group of dedicated volunteers responding to the Gospel message to care for the poor. All funds raised by the Walk go directly to assist those in need in our community. If you have any questions, call Patty Belanger, 301-904-7990 or Vicki Wenke 301-904-2369.

Are you being called to a deeper walk of Faith? Is God calling you to something more, a greater involvement in the life of the Church? Then make it a point to drop in at our annual Ministry Fair on the Sunday, September 19th. The fair offers an excellent opportunity to learn about the many ways you can respond to God's call and share your time and talent through participation in the many ministries of our parish: Worship Education, Faith Formation and Evangelization, Family and Vocation, Parish Life, Social Concerns, and Youth.

COME ONE, COME ALL ... ANSWER THE RCIA CALL!

Do **you** have questions about the **Catholic faith**? Do **you** want a closer walk with God? If you have **never been** baptized in any Christian faith (a Catechumen), **or have** been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to come into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church (a Candidate) **or** you have been baptized Catholic and have not completed all of your sacraments of initiation and wish to walk the full journey to complete your sacraments, **then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) may be for you!** Through this journey into the Catholic Church you will learn all the parts of the Roman Catholic faith and eventually be baptized, receive Eucharist for the first time or receive adult Confirmation. The starting date for RCIA this year is September 21st. Please call Fr. John at 301-475-8064, ext. 14 or Leonard Wathen at 301-475-8064, ext. 16 or email them at jdakes@saintaloyuschurch.org or lwathen@saintaloyuschurch.org if you would like to learn more about RCIA.

Remember nothing happens until you take the first step of faith.

Religious Education, Youth Ministry & School

Blue Crabs and Father Andrew White School

The Southern Maryland Blue Crabs are teaming up with Father Andrew White to support our school and you can too. This Thursday evening, September 2nd is FAW Spirit Night with the Blue Crabs. For every FIELD BOX TICKET SOLD, FAW will receive \$3. Here's how it works: Go to the Blue Crabs website, www.somdbluecrabs.com, select this Thursday's date and your seats, hit the "Buy Tickets," button, type our code FAW2010 in the "Enter Promotion Code" box and hit the apply code button next to it. The ticket description should change from a \$13 field box ticket to a \$13 fundraiser ticket. It's that easy. Join us this Thursday evening for a fun time with the Blue Crabs while supporting our school.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Do you wish that you knew more about the Bible and the things that Jesus and the Apostles did back in the first century? Do you have a hunger for God but are unsure of how to become closer to Him? Do you strive to be a person who is known for spiritual knowledge? Our daytime, evening and Sunday Bible studies meet weekly and dig into the Scriptures at a grass roots level. Small Group Bible Studies will be resuming in the fall, and now is the time to sign up. The following are scheduled:

- *The Great Adventure Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation* – Wednesdays, 7 – 9 PM, beginning 9/8, call Cece Price (301-475-2265)
- *The Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* – Sundays, 9:15 to 10:30 AM, beginning 9/19, in FAW Library (contact Cece Price)
- *The Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom* – Thursdays, 1:00 to 2:30 PM, beginning 9/16, in Rectory (contact Leonard Wathen)
- *That Man is You! The Revelation of the Father* (Men's Bible Study) – Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 AM, beginning 9/16, in KofC Hall (contact Leonard Wathen)

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 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 your child is receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion for the first time of Confirmation and was not baptized at St. Aloysius. Religious Education for our children meets on Sunday mornings, beginning September 12th 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@saintaloyuschurch.org.

Community

Sunday Concert Today: The Southern Maryland Community Gospel Choir will perform its "Praise Is What We Do!" Concert today, August 29th at 3:00 p.m. here at St. Aloysius. All are invited to attend this free concert. The SMC GC is a non denominational gospel choir whose members include Redmond and Dionne Saul. This concert assists in fulfilling the choir's mission to glorify and praise God through music. Newcomers are always welcome to attend practice on Monday nights at 7:00 pm here at St. Aloysius.

St. Francis Xavier Parish will host a reception for Fr. John Mattingly on Sunday, August 29th beginning at 5pm in the parish hall to thank him for his years of service in St. Mary's County as he leaves us. Please be with us if time permits.

Stay Connected with Your Teen: The Department of Human Services is offering a parenting education program on five Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 pm beginning Sept. 2nd through the 30th. Sessions teach parents of children, ages 12 to 17, communication and family management practices. The curriculum focuses on strengthening family bonds and establishing clear expectations for behavior, resulting in substance abuse prevention, violence prevention and enhancing positive character development. The free sessions will be held at the Governmental Center, Potomac Building, Meeting Room 14 Leonardtown and are open to all. For more information call 301-475-4200, ext 1847 or e-mail them at walter.biscoe@co.saint-marys.md.us

Readings and Questions for Faith Sharing

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: *Give as God gives - in humility and love.*

Reading I: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Conduct your affairs with humility.

Reading II: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
You have drawn near to the city of the living God.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Whoever exalts self shall be humbled and whoever humbles self will be exalted.

Question for Children:

Jesus tells us that we should treat everyone as a guest. Who do you tend to shun or not be nice to? Why? What can you do to change the way you treat others?

Questions for Teens:

God asks us to do for others without hope of repayment. This past week, what did you do for someone else for which you won't be repaid? Who are the people most in need of your generosity?

Questions for Adults:

Discuss the fact that Jesus experienced all our human pain along with us in order to help us get to the banquet feast of heaven. Do you feel any responsibility to help other people get there?

Next Sunday's Gospel, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Luke 14:25-33