

# St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church

Celebrating 150 Years serving the Nation's Capital



**A faith community celebrating our cultural diversity and spiritual unity while striving to live Christ's teaching through service and action for social justice in this place and at all times.**

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## **Liturgy Schedule**

Saturday Vigil : 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

9:30 AM (Gospel Choir)

Daily 7 AM and 12:05 PM

**Confessions** 11:55 AM Monday –Friday

And by request

## **Parish Staff**

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**Choir** - Diane Dyson

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Monday Jan 9**

**7:00 AM** Halina Lukasweski+  
**12:05 PM**

**Tuesday Jan 10**

**7:00 AM**

**12:05 PM** David Cherry Jr ( special intention)

**Wednesday Jan 11**

**7:00 AM** Laura Bates+

**12:05 PM** Ellen Fletcher (special intention)

**Thursday Jan 12**

**7:00 AM**

**12:05 PM** Loretta Lydon Ritzuis (special intention)

**Friday Jan 13**

**7:00 AM** Dorothy Fletcher (special intention)

**12:05 PM** Jane Walter Gastilo+

**Our Sick & Homebound**



Marguerite Baker, Maeve Boylan, Shannon Brackett, James Chittams, LaShawn Clinkscale, Lois Connerley,

Juanitia Daniels, Ann Dennis, Mary Diggs, Patricia Diggs, Ellie Emerson, Doris George, Lenora Goldring, Margaret Grayson, Joanne Harvey, Eveleen Hines, Sandra Jackson, Lizelle Johnson, Carolyn Kennedy, Elsa Laster, Natalie Ledesma, Port Loreto, Mary Love, John McCarthy, Karen Putman, Victor Robinson, Christopher Rogers, John Ross, Paula Tyler, Ellen Washington, Bob Weis, Francis Williams

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Jan	8	Mary Sullivan, Ellen Hickson, Robert Boucher-Hogan, Owen Boucher
Jan	9	Debra Coppedge, Craig Higginbottom
Jan	10	Kevin Maresca
Jan	11	Alfreda Judd, Alice DeParres, Krystal Tilghman
Jan	12	Andrew Bucci, Desirin Pregillana, Paul Park
Jan	14	Phil Cooke

**Church Support**

12-31-2011	Sat.	4:30 PM	\$527.77
12-31-2011	Sun.	11:30 PM	\$171.00
1-1-2012	Sun.	10:00 AM	\$1720.00

**Second Collection**

Second Collection today is for Black and Indian Mission Collection

**Epiphany and Us**

If it is not a big enough challenge to believe that God loved us enough to become one of us and come into our world, we have to deal with why the world is still such a mess and how we should follow in our present day. Determining our course of action is made more difficult by the fact that we are not a tiny charismatic group in a largely hostile world. While it is good not to be persecuted and it is good to have influence, there was little modeling of that behavior in the early Church. Today we celebrate the Epiphany, the revelation of Christ to the nations, but how Christians relate to non-believers and how we act in nations where we are still persecuted or where we dominate policy requires both open honest inquiry and a loving commitment to God.

As we begin this very political year, we are being confronted with many different images and vision of how Christians act in the world. There are a number of quotes attributed to Mohandas Gandhi which indicate that he admired Christ and his teaching but didn't believe because he had never met a true Christian. His point was obviously the lack of love and peace among Christians and between Christians and others. It is easy to point out the hypocrisy of other Christians, but difficult to rid it from our own lives.

We have high ideals set for us by Christ and profound weakness in our human nature so we will always fall short. What makes us more Christian is if out of love for Christ and our own appreciation of God's mercy, we look more kindly on the failing of others. Perhaps if we could all love God and God loves us, we could complete the Epiphany in a way that create believers who in truth can say we know they are Christians by their love.

Fr. Tom Clifford, SJ Pastor

**Keep the Dream Alive****Honoring the Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. January 16, 2012 | Washington, DC**

Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington invite you to join us as we honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and contemporary heroes who keep his dream alive through their work to reduce poverty in America.

This year, Catholic Charities USA is proud to recognize Kevin Concannon, Under-Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services; Janet Valente Pape, former executive director of Catholic Charities Wichita; and Mayor Anthony Williams, former mayor of Washington DC, for keeping the dream alive.

Mass will start at 10am at St. Aloysius Church on the 900 Block of North Capitol Street, NW in Washington, DC.



**Save the Date**  
Monday, January 16, 2012

For More Information, Contact:

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Keep the Dream Alive Mass & Awards  
*A Liturgy & Celebration*

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Washington, D.C. 20001

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**Thank You's**

Thank you to everyone who made **Christmas cards for our sick and/or homebound parishioners** and residents of the **JB Johnson Nursing Center**. Thank you also to those who brought gifts for **JB Johnson, and the Angel Tree and Giving Tree children**. We continue to receive thank you notes from several of the recipients. An incarcerated parent wrote, "Thank you for making my kids happy..." May we too continue to follow the stars that God gives us.

**From the Parish Council**

The Parish Council is asking all parishioners to put the uncertainty of our parish in daily prayer. One suggestion would be to pray the following prayer each day. In the coming weeks prayer cards will be available.

**Prayer of St Ignatius**  
*O Christ Jesus,  
when all is darkness  
and we feel our weakness and helplessness,  
give us the sense of Your presence,  
Your love, and Your strength.  
Help us to have perfect trust  
in Your protecting love  
and strengthening power,  
so that nothing may frighten or worry us,  
for, living close to You,  
we shall see Your hand,  
Your purpose, Your will through all things.*

The prayer can now be found at  
[www.stalschurchdc.org/wepray.php](http://www.stalschurchdc.org/wepray.php)  
Bookmark it and add it to your morning ritual.

**Prayer cards are now available at the entrance to the church.**

**St. Al's Parishioner Survey**

**UPDATE - The deadline for filling out the survey has been extended thru January 8th. Also, the survey is now online and can be linked to from the St. Al's home page. To go directly to the survey, click here:**

**<http://lisakoubou.wufoo.com/forms/z7x3q1/>**

"As a result of the October parish meeting, a steering committee was formed. They are asking everyone's input on what works well in our parish - what activities people are involved in, what parts of the mass and parish people feel connected to and why, and what binds us together as a parish. During Advent we have been distributing and collecting surveys to gather this information. The surveys are located at the entrance to the upper church on the table below the statue. Please be sure to complete one and place it in the box for completed surveys at the entrance of the church. We hope to use this information to better understand the interests and needs of our parish as well as to inform conversations with the diocese and others who need information about our community during this time of transition."

**FRIDAY NIGHT PRAYER (7-8 pm, Lower Church)**

resumed meeting this week. Join us for prayer, song, and sharing led by Deacon Willis Daniels. Please contact Deacon Daniels (202-489-9063), Diane Dyson (ccdysen@hotmail.com), or Lisa Missenda (lmissenda@aol.com, 202-215-5906) before you come so we know to expect you.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT AT ST. ALOYSIUS**

Join us for a monthly book discussion at St. Aloysius Church. We will meet at the rectory door on Thursdays at 7 p.m and again on the following Friday after the 12:05 Mass (you don't have to attend both sessions) and discuss the following:

**Jan. 12/13** A Hope in the Unseen, Ron Susskind

All titles are available at your local bookstore or public library. Reading list is subject to change .

Those who have not read or finished the books are welcome to attend.

Questions? Contact James Caparas (240-350-7418 /madmissionarydc@yahoo.com)

**The Bulletin is available as a weekly email sent during the week.** The digital bulletin includes many fantastic events that space just doesn't allow us to include in the printed bulletin. A sample is posted on the bulletin board in the social hall. If you are interested in receiving the bulletin by email just send an email to [lmisenda@gonzaga.org](mailto:lmisenda@gonzaga.org). Or signup on the Bulletin Subscribe tab on the St Aloysius Catholic Church Facebook page

**SOCIAL BENEFITS Committee**

After consultation between Ms. Barbara Hill and Angela Johnson, it was realized that the missions of the Social Benefits and the Fund Raising Committees overlapped, therefore it was agreed to merge the Fund Raising Committee with Social Benefits.

DINNER/DANCE - SAVE THE DATE **April 21, 2012** More info to come.

FOOD TASTING - DINNER /DANCE - There will be a food tasting for the **January 14, 2011** for the April Dinner/ Dance. If you are interested, please contact Karen Oliver at 301-742-7423.

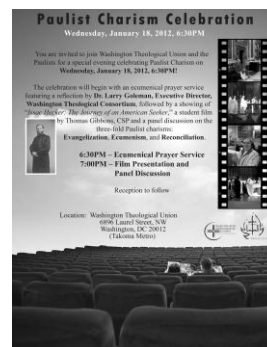
Through your Baptism, you became a member of God's family. You are called to live out your baptismal commitment by your active membership in His Church. **If you are not a registered member of St. Aloysius Parish** and you are interested in becoming a member, please fill out a registration form found in the back of the church and return it in the collection basket or mail it to us at:  
**St. Aloysius Church, 19 Eye Street NW , WDC 20001**  
 (A registration form can also be found on our website)

**Having Unresolved Feelings After Abortion? Do you feel like God could never really forgive you and you surely cannot forgive yourself?**

Support groups are forming to help you overcome this pain, in your life. Spend time with others who faced an unplanned pregnancy and found themselves having an abortion. In this support group, you will experience the safety and encouragement you need, to heal and become whole.

**Project Rachel Ministry**, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, is hosting support groups for women who have feelings of shame, guilt, sadness and other difficult emotions, over their abortion experience. The support groups are forming in two locations: one in DC and one in So MD. The meetings will be on Sunday afternoon or Thursday evening, depending on which group you join. For additional information, call or e-mail Julia Shelava 301-853-4565 [ProjectRachel@adw.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@adw.org) All contacts are confidential.

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**Save The Date**  
**Archdiocese of Washington Liturgy**  
to celebrate the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
*"Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will"*



**Saturday, January 14, 2012**

**Concert: 6:00 PM**  
**Featuring the Archdiocesan Mass Choir**  
**Nova Tate, Director**

**Mass: 7:30 PM**  
**Reception immediately following**

**St. Jerome Church**  
**5205 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Hyattsville, MD**  
**Father James Stack, Pastor**



**SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLICS**  
**DEACON AL DOUGLAS TURNER, DIRECTOR**  
**INFORMATION: 301/853-5371**

FR. MICHAEL BRIESE IS GIVING A TALK AT HOLY NAME CHURCH  
ON: THE DARK NIGHT AND THE NEW DAY.

920 11<sup>TH</sup> STREET, N.E. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002

THE DATE IS SATURDAY, **JANUARY 14, 2012**. THE TALK WILL BE FROM  
9:30 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. IN THE LOWER CHURCH. LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED. A DONATION OF \$30.00 CAN BE  
MADE AT THE DOOR AND CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO HOLY NAME  
CATHOLIC CHURCH. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR REGISTRATION AT  
202-397-2525.

# Paulist Charism Celebration

Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 6:30PM

You are invited to join Washington Theological Union and the Paulists for a special evening celebrating Paulist Charism on  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 6:30PM!**

The celebration will begin with an ecumenical prayer service featuring a reflection by **Dr. Larry Goleman, Executive Director, Washington Theological Consortium**, followed by a showing of "*Issac Hecker: The Journey of an American Seeker*," a student film by Thomas Gibbons, CSP and a panel discussion on the three-fold Paulist charisms:

**Evangelization, Ecumenism, and Reconciliation.**

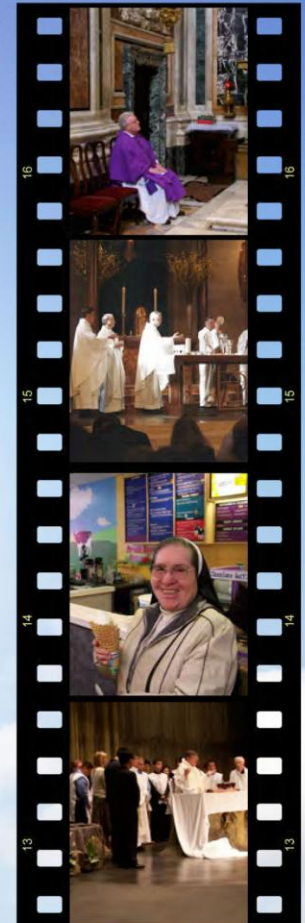


**6:30PM – Ecumenical Prayer Service**

**7:00PM – Film Presentation and  
Panel Discussion**

Reception to follow

Location: Washington Theological Union  
6896 Laurel Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20012  
(Takoma Metro)



# “Save the Date”

**Saturday, February 25, 2012**

Enjoy an evening of historical reflection, gospel music, liturgical dance, and delicious food.

**Attend the African-American History Month Celebration and Dinner**

Sponsored by: Saint Columba Church African-American Ministry

6:30 to 9:30 PM

Saint Columba Catholic Church

7804 Livingston Road Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745

Father Dewan Hall

## All are Welcome!



*Early Arrival by Thomas DuVall (used with permission)*

Original work, ca 2007, Early Arrival is one of the many artworks by the artist Thomas DuVall, now residing in Austin, Texas. This painting depicts parishioners entering their place of worship at Saint Columba Catholic Church in Oxon Hill, Maryland. This painting was created especially for the African-American History Month Celebration at St. Columba Church.

**Tickets \$20 (Children 12 and under, \$15)**

**For more information contact:**

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