

New Canaan, Connecticut 203-966-0020 • www.starcc.com • ♂ Accessible First Sunday of Lent - February 18, 2024

#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday: Vigil for Sunday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. , 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and

5:00 p.m.

The **Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass** is live-streamed, recorded and available on the Parish Website: www.starcc.com

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Chapel

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

in the Chapel.

#### **PARISH OFFICE**

40 Maple St, New Canaan, CT 06840 Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

In case of an **emergency** requiring a priest, please call the parish office: 203-966-0020 and follow the prompts.

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# Lenten Activities This Week

Saturday, February 17th - Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> -

8:30 AM Healing Rosary in the Chapel 7:30 AM Adoration in the Chapel

3:00 PM St. Michael Prayer Group

Monday, February 19th - Rosary in the Chapel

12:15 PM Rosary in the Chapel 5:15 PM Benediction in the Chapel 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, February 20th -

7:30 AM Rosary in the Church

#### ~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday - 7:00 a.m.	February 19, 2024 Dahlia and Manny Claravall, Tess Hernandez Theresa Bohmer
5:30 p.m.	meresa boniner
Tuesday - 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	February 20, 2024 Fred Tiani Ludwig Bohmer
Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	February 21, 2024 Diana Palmer, St. Aloysius Parishioners Sam Cingari
Thursday - 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	February 22, 2024 Pasquale Valente Karen Flynn
Friday - 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	February 23, 2024 Robert Klingler Hank Potter
Saturday - 7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	February 24, 2024 Constance Basco Anthony Amoroso, Antonio Pelli
Sunday - 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	February 25, 2024 Jack Engel (D) and John Engel (L) Pasquale Valente, Jan Cuninka, Catherine Stevens, Jack Butler, Susan A. Knauf
10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Yorker Lars Ruben Nystrom Alessandro Recchia Joan M. Armelino

# We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:

Vivienne Patricia Laszlo

#### Marriage Banns:

III - Ashley Lynn Goss and Alex Michael Wolff

#### Please Pray for the Deceased:

Amanda Davies Helen M. Foy

#### We Welcome Our New Parishioners:

Maureen Davis, Doonan Family, Joe LaViola, Christopher & Karly Speros

#### ~ Please Pray For ~

Maria Alvarado, Michele and Kurt Babyak, Benjamin Barresi, Daniel Brenninkmeyer, Deborah Bostic, Margaret "Peg" Brewer, Anthony Burrows, Michael Buzzeo, Tony Cantone, Addison Jane Carestia, Tom Carty, Magaret Cavanaugh, Lois Cawley, Luz Celit, Tracy Champion, Brian Cristello, Tina Cusimano, Michael DeCarlo, Brooke D'Aleo, Rick Daniels, Audrey Dertinger, Matthew DeVaney, Lawrence DeVito, Caragh Dougherty, Madeline Dwyer, Monique Elliot, John Emert, Michael Fallon, Rinda Farnham, Mark Dale Ferguson, Owen Fitzgerald, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Angela Franco, Maria Franco, Henry Frank, Paula Lynn Fuegner, Ging Galindo, Judy Garcia, Garo Garabedian, Alexandra Gagliardi, Vilma Gaudio-Carollo, Ann Gehnrich, Franco Gencarelli, Carol Gianattasio, Austin Gidge, Kathy Grove, Ruth Gutt, James Heffner, Alan D. Hogan, D.J. Holland, Carol Hollister, Olivia Hurley, Juan Invernon, Maria Invernon, Sarah Jessie, Danny Jones, William K., Mary Katawa, Carol King, Maryann Knag, Christopher Kotos, Merrily Krauser, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Al Latte, Jose Lavana, Vicki LeBris. Sandra Lefler, Pam Libertiny, Joanne Liscio, Joshua Liscio, Georgia Little, Tracee Lutes, Debbie B. Lyon, Mary Maher, Fanny Mao, Dan Mao, Rachel Mawardi, Liz McKay, Sarah McNulty, Donald McQuid, Fabiola Mellio, Krissy Minogue, Jon Morrison, Dell Murphy, Louis G. Nappi, Diane Oberander, John O'Connor, Patrick O'Kane, Martin O'Shea, Patrick M. Pantalone, Ana Paredes, Andrew Parisi, Harrison Perley, Austin Jack Pieck, Iracema Galvani Quinete, Lily Pickering, Nora Radocea, Barton Rappaport, Michael ReQua, Patricia Rezny, Jeanne Ruddock, Maria Cielo Sanchez, Reggie Santella, Caroline Kontis Schneider, Massimo Sciaretta, Karen Scigliano, Diane Silverio, Lynda Ann Slovik, Frank Smith, Paul Sorge, Sr., Fernando Spadaccini, John Strba, Collum Sweeney, Georgia Sweeney, Mike Szarpa, Szenasi Family, Christopher Tarzia Jr., Ignatius Thompson, Kathleen Turpin, Margot Vaughan, Dominick Anthony Vento, Dorothy Voris, Mary Ward, Martha Wieber, Ryan Joseph Willen, Alex Wood, Marie Zapata

#### Please pray for those serving in the military:

Sgt. Tiernan Christopher Brady; 1st Lt. Morgan Carson; CPT Elizabeth A. Condon; 1st Lt. Paul Corapi; 1st Lt. Vienna Corapi; Lt. Col. Neil Dolan; Captain Brian Gerardi; Sgt. Patrick Joseph Hussey; Spec. 3rd CL Thomas Lally; Lt. Col. Todd Polk; Lt. Col. Christopher Schilling; 1st Lt. Andrew Scott; CPT; E3 Peter Sloan USN; Jason Trischitta USAF; SSG Steven Vasko

# SANCTUARY CANDLES burn this week in memory of

Rocky-Joe Cotoia
Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle
Ralph Tosone
Mary Sanctuary Candle
Michael Musilli
Chapel Candle

#### St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT



## 🦰 Words from Monsignor Rob Kinnally

#### Of many things...

As we begin this Lenten Season, I want to take some time to reflect and to update you on happenings in the parish. First of all, a long overdue thank you to everyone who made our Advent and Christmas season a truly lifegiving experience of prayer, song, and beauty. Our choir concert was spectacular, uplifting, and drew one of the largest crowds ever! Thank you Dr. John Michniewicz, Nancy Leville, our children's and adult choirs, soloists, instrumentalists, and our wonderful music patrons who helped us to celebrate the Newborn King on that day and all of our December days of worship together. To our Knights of Columbus and other volunteers who put up our creche in its new (temporary?) location: thank you for always stepping up these many years, no matter what the weather. What a crowd we had for the living nativity! Our Confirmation candidates did a great job of drawing us into the peaceful scene in Bethlehem. The church Christmas decorations were very special this year, and we received so many compliments. John, Judy, and Gregg Strba of Gregg's Landscaping created an environment of wonder and awe that evoked so much joy. Thanks also to Trisha Albus and her merry and dedicated band of helpers who fashion flower arrangements, tend to the watering and trimming, and ensure that our altar coverings are adjusted to the proper season, cleaned and pressed. As you can tell, it takes a bit of a village to maintain a sanctuary!

Ash Wednesday saw very large crowds all day long. My apologies if you encountered parking challenges; the company that manages the commuter parking in our lot experienced a glitch and did not inform the customers that the lot was not available. We have a guarantee that the lot will be all ours on Good Friday. In case you didn't know, "Boxcar" manages commuter parking in our lot and it is a good source of income for the parish. When we have a large funeral or other event, we can "turn off" the parking so the lot is for parish use exclusively.

If you haven't picked up your copy of "Ashes to Easter" (our parish guide to all that is going on in our parish and nearby to draw us more deeply into the suffering dying, and rising of Jesus), read it online or grab a copy from the back of the church. The "Little Black Books" daily devotionals were very popular and we ran out. We ordered an additional 250 copies, and they should be here in about a week.

The campus project is on schedule. Some of the steel framing will arrive next week and concrete pouring will begin the week after. It will be wonderful to see the buildings going up! We have raised \$19.8 million toward our goal of \$26 million. If you haven't had a chance to participate in this exciting endeavor, send me a message directly (<a href="frob@starcc.com">frob@starcc.com</a>), and I'll supply all the info you need. Please continue to pray for the success of the project.

The Saint Aloysius Catholic Preschool will become a reality in 2025. When you receive a questionnaire about preschool needs, please respond; you'll be contributing to the success of a thorough and essential feasibility study. The preschool study committee is a group of knowledgeable, experienced, and energetic parishioners. They will provide the guidance I need to make the preschool a true success that does the best job possible of bringing Christ to very young hearts and their parents.

That's enough for now, except to say that Father Bob, Father Dave Franklin, Father Flavian, and I pray for you every day. May the Lord bless you throughout the grace-filled Season of Lent!

Monsignor Rob

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# **Eucharistic Adoration**

Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

If you can spare 30 or 60 minutes to adore Our Lord.

<u>Click Here to Sign Up.</u> Questions? Contact

Mary Ellen Kranzlin at: mkranzlin@gmail.com

## ~ Religious Education ~

#### Grades Pre-K to 6th

There will be no classes from Sunday, Feb 18th through Sunday, Feb 25th.

Religious Education now has a calendar on the website specifically for our program. Please check it out at <a href="mailto:starcc.com/reled-calendar/">starcc.com/reled-calendar/</a>.

#### Confirmation

The Joy of Giving!

Thanks to our generous Confirmation families, so many beautiful children living in transitional housing in the Bronx, were treated to a wonderful birthday celebration.









#### ~ Parish News ~

# Emmaus 84

#### Our Emmaus Teen Retreat is March 8-10

#### **Candidates**

Teens in grades 10-12 who have never attended an Emmaus may create an account and JOIN OUR WAITLIST as Candidates at https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/408190

#### Team Registration has closed!

For those on our team, the next Team Meeting is Monday, February 26 at 6:15 pm in Stapleton Hall

We are in need of adults over 21 to help out as **NIGHT ANGELS!**Even if you do not have a teen, please consider supporting the retreat in this way!

More information and sign up at:





#### ~ Youth Ministry ~

# TEEN LENTEN TO DO LIST

Wednesday, February 28

Teen Adoration Seven Last Words of Christ

7:20 pm in the Church

#### Friday, March 1

Before School Teen Mass 6:50 am in the Church

Where's the Bacon? Breakfast Bags

#### Tuesday, March 12

Teen Adoration Special Lenten Mission Guest Presider Deacon Art Miller

7:20 pm in the Church

#### Saturday, March 16

Walk the Outdoor Stations of the Cross with Father Flavian

> 11am at LaKota Oaks in Norwalk

#### Thursday, March 21

Supper n' S'mores with Mary Teen Rosary The Sorrowful Mysteries with Video Depictions

7:00 pm in Maple Street Room

#### Good Friday, March 29

#### The Living Stations

Our high school teens bring Jesus' walk to the cross to life with costumed actors, contemporary music & teen friendly reflections

7:00 pm in the Church

#### ST. ALOYSIUS YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Every Sunday at 5pm

Join us at the Teen Mass! Give up something you love during the week and bring S5 or S10 cash to put into the collection!

Sign up for all of our youth ministry offerings at Find A Sign Up (signupgenius.com) and enter the email "youth@starcc.com"

In town for the Break?
Help out at FOODSHARE on Saturday, Feb 24

Sign up at: FoodShare 2-24

Join in on Co-Ed Pick-Up Soccer with the Teens of St. Matthews: Sunday, February 25 at 1pm

A gathering where we will take a halftime break and look at Faith, Hope & Love in our lives! Sign up at: Soccer2-25











Our teens prayed the Rosary, served at our Married Couples Dinner, brought JOY to the children of Thorpe Family Residence in the Bronx and taught some of our religious ed students that they are Never Too Young to Serve!

#### ~ Parish & Other News ~



# Women's Holy Hour

St. Aloysius, New Canaan

Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Church February 26<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 29<sup>th</sup>

For further information contact: Tricia LaValle @ 203-536-0237



The Institute for Catholic Formation offers parishes resources throughout the year so that leaders can focus on what they do best: engaging with the faithful in the pews. From book clubs to reading groups to workshops to posters in Lent and Advent, the Institute provides free resources to make parish life better, a pastor's life easier, and the faithful more engaged. When you make a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, you support the ministries that continue faith formation. Thank you for your gift.

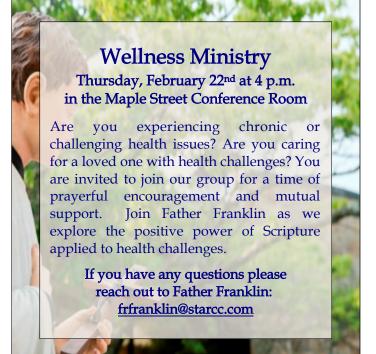






## We are Never Too Young to Serve!

Our Never Too Young to Serve high school teens led religious education students in performing a Corporal Work of Mercy last week during their class time. After a discussion on answering the call to serve others with the love of Jesus and a saint-like heart, the students decorated bags with inspirational messages and filled them with snacks. The bags will be distributed by *Filling in the Blanks* to school children who might otherwise not have food at home on the weekends. Our teens also shared the story of St. Teresa of Calcutta and led the students in prayer! The project was made possible by a grant from *Foundations in Faith*.









Our Married Couples Valentines Dinner was a grace-filled evening attended by 80 people who enjoyed a reception and a bountiful dinner served by some of our Youth Ministry teens. Our couples had intimate conversation as they sat at candlelit tables for two! Our special guest, Father Peter Adamski presented thoughts that were filled with inspiration and wisdom. He spoke from the place of a spouse who was once married before his wife lost her battle with cancer and then discerned to follow his youth dream of becoming a priest! Our couples left with shared marriage advice and a Lent for Couples booklet to guide them through the upcoming season! Special thanks to our confirmation students for their help in setting up the room, Erin Hedley of La Dame du Fromage for her beautiful cheese and charcuterie board, Sue Scott in the kitchen, our high school teens, Sarah and Tony Leopold for helping to organize and host and to our priests and Deacon Bill for being with us!







~ Parish News ~

# March SOCIAL for Life Saturday, March 2, 6:00 PM Stapleton Hall

Guest speaker Tom O'Dea NC State Rep

- Meet Father Flavian, St A's new priest!
- Invite your friends!
- Learn more about the bus from St A's on March 20 for the CT March for Life!

Enjoy wine and cheese!





Blood Pressure Screening
will take place in the Quiet Room
at the back of the church after
all Masses next weekend February 24th & 25th

# Almsgiving this Lent



Almsgiving, or charitable giving, is an important aspect of the Lenten season ... WHAT CAN I DO? HOW CAN I love my neighbor during Lent?

#### Feed the Hungry

Make sandwiches for New Covenant. Sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAFAD2CAAFB6-feed36

Donate to the NC Food Pantry by leaving non-perishable goods in the baskets by the Chapel entrance.

#### Help our Brothers & Sisters in Need

Supply the families in need at St. Charles Borromeo in Bridgeport with diapers, wipes, formula and travel size toiletries

Drop in the crib in the narthex.

Help our with Book & Blankets effort by dropping NEW and GENTLY USED children's books and NEW blankets in the bin in the narthex for the children of Malta House, Thorpe Family Residence in the Bronx and The DCF in Norwalk.

Contribute to Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl or Catholic Charities
Loaves and Fishes ... Collection Boxes/envelopes available in the church.

#### ~ Faith Formation ~

# St. Aloysius Women's Bible Study Winter - Spring 2024 Program

Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.at First Presbyterian Church

This session, *No Greater Love*, is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. We will be guided through the last hours of Christ's life, from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary, in order to experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for us.

#### ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

Registration is required.- Click Here

Any questions, please contact the leadership team at wwpstaloysius@gmail.com.

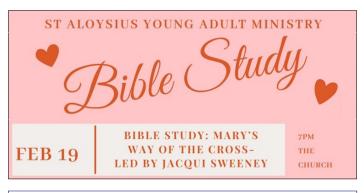
# St. Aloysius New Zoom Bible Study STUDY The Book of Psalms Live

The Monday 10 AM Zoom Bible Study will take up the Book of Psalms for the Winter/Spring semester. Don't miss this! This book is a key part of every Mass as well as Universal Prayer of the Church. It was also the prayer book of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and of all devout Jews right up to today.

This group is led by Catholic Bible scholar Maryann Knag MAT MAR who teaches under the Magisterium. For more info contact Maryann at 203.213.4809 or mmknag@aol.com.

There is no need to register—just grab a Bible

Click here is the Join the Meeting (on computer or phone):
Meeting ID: 836 2835 5716 Passcode: 994892



# Bible Study Fellowship

#### Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

All Men are welcome, whether you have a degree in Scripture or you've never opened the Bible outside of Mass.

7:30 a.m. - Doors open for light breakfast and fellowship. 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.- Scripture study

Maple Street Dining Room of the Parish Center Please enter through the kitchen door off Maple Street.

For more information contact Bob Mantilia at 203-414-1500 or Robert.R.Mantilia@gmail.com

#### ~ Parish & Other News ~

### **Mother Teresa's Closet**

IS OPEN, by appointment, during construction.

#### It's Winter Closet Cleanout Time!

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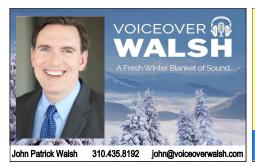


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