

Saint Aloysius

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

New Canaan, Connecticut 203-966-0020 • www.starcc.com • & Accessible Second Sunday of Lent - February 25, 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: <u>www.starcc.com</u>

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.

CLERGY & STAFF

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PARISH TRUSTEES

Christine Hussey, Trustee Stephen Schlegel, Trustee

Lenten Activities This Week					
Saturday, F	ebruary 24 th -	Wednesday	y, February 28 th -		
8:30 AM	Healing Rosary in the Chapel	7:30 PM	Teen Adoration: The Seven Last Words of Christ		
Monday, February 26 th -					
12:15 PM	Rosary in the Chapel	Friday, March 1 st -			
7:00 PM	Women's Holy Hour in the	7:30 AM	Adoration in the Chapel		
	Church	3:00 PM	St. Michael Prayer Group		
			Rosary in the Chapel		
Tuesday, Fe	bruary 27 th -	5:15 PM	Benediction in the Chapel		
7:30 AM	Rosary in the Church	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross - Mary's		
7:00 PM	Men's Holy Hour in the Chapel		Way of the Cross, presented by Our Lady's Guild		

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday -	February 26, 2024
7:00 a.m.	Andy Barada
5:30 p.m.	Alison McCusker Crocker
Tuesday -	February 27, 2024
7:00 a.m.	Rocco Cotoia
5:30 p.m.	Joe Pascarella
Wednesday -	February 28, 2024
7:00 a.m.	Ian Fuller
5:30 p.m.	Georgia Bloss
Thursday - 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	February 29, 2024 John F. McDermott, St. Aloysius Parishioners Pasquale Valente
Friday -	March 1, 2024
7:00 a.m.	Linda DeMarco
5:30 p.m.	Helen DiScala
Saturday -	March 2, 2024
7:00 a.m.	Giovanni Socci
5:00 p.m.	Rose DeLuca
Sunday - 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	March 3, 2024 Pasquale Valente Ernest Vogliano, Virginia Spugani, Giuseppe "Joe" Libertino, Francesca DeCotiis, Rudolfo Rivas
10:00 a.m.	Virginia Marie Sutto
11:30 a.m.	Grace Desmond
5:00 p.m.	Louis and George DiScala

We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:

Claire Williams Allen Jameson Rhodes DeMarzo

Please Pray for the Deceased:

Dolores Mathias Janice Morrison John J. O'Connor

We Welcome Our New Parishioners: Ciena Family DiCamillo Family Nicole & Brett Maloley

Bulletin and Eblast Submissions Deadlines

• Eblast submissions are due by Monday at 1 p.m.

Bulletin submissions are due by <u>Tuesday at 1 p.m.</u>
Email to: <u>bulletin@starcc.com</u>

~ 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 for

Carlotta & Garo Garbedian (L) Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle Nick Yanicelli (L) Mary Sanctuary Candle Susan McPadden Chapel Candle



K <u>Words from Monsignor Rob Kinnally</u>

Sacrifice

The story of Abraham's intention to sacrifice his son Isaac doesn't resonate well on first hearing. Would a father really take the life of his son because God asked him to? While a shining (though difficult) example of obedience to the will of God, the story makes sense only in light of the sacrifice of Jesus on Good Friday. We are consoled when the angel instructs Abraham to halt the slaving and what follows is praise from God for Abraham's faithfulness. But we might still go back to the moment when Abraham decided to carry out God's original instructions, and ponder God's intentions. Is this a test of loyalty? A lesson in trust? An example of mercy? What if we consider Abraham's intentions: Was he so in love with the one true God who was writing the story of salvation that he would ponder making a sacrifice of his own flesh and blood - another one he loved? I believe the answer is "Yes."

Abraham, Isaac, and Jesus are all part of the story of the history of salvation; that is, God working in the world to redeem the world. God's faithfulness to the human family comes alive because it involves flesh and blood. Abraham's faith is strong, but God's love is stronger and manifests in the sacrifice of His own flesh and blood. Isaac is spared, but God's beloved Jesus is not, and that's how the story was intended to be written. The sacrifice of Jesus is the *perfect* sacrifice; thus, Isaac lives, faithful Abraham is praised, and we can live *forever* in the crucified and risen Jesus.

The season of Lent affords us the opportunity to ponder the term "sacrifice." We can decide to make sacrifices of our own: fasting, forsaking personal time to get to daily Mass, or giving of time or treasure for the sake of others. Many bear crosses of sickness, pain, disappointment, loneliness, and fear – all of these a sacrifice of consolation. This grace-filled season should lead us to this understanding: all of our sacrifices and cross-carrying will not make sense unless we bring them to the Cross of Jesus. Once we are there, we should look up, and understand that those are *our* wounds, the sacrifice is for *our* sake, and God loves *us* through it all. In sum, we should not sacrifice joy because God has sacrificed His Son.

May the blessings of Lent continue for you.

Monsignor Rob

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



Eucharistic Adoration begins immediately following the 7:00 a.m. Mass and will conclude with Benediction at 5:15 p.m. prior to Mass. (There is 3:00pm recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by the Rosary.)

If you can spare 30 or 60 minutes to adore Our Lord please sign up at: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/</u> go/8050544AFAA23A4FE3-45849028-friday#/

For more information contact Mary Ellen Kranzlin at: mkranzlin@gmail.com



Blood Pressure Screening After All Masses This Weekend

The St. A's Parish Nurse Ministry will be taking blood pressure screenings after all Masses in the Quiet Room in the back of the church.

If you are a registered nurse and would like to help with this ministry please email: Kim McNamara at <u>kmcnamara3@me.com</u>



At times we can experience significant difficulties leaving us feeling isolated and alone. If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a difficult life situation such as: the loss of a loved one, a medical crisis, long-term illness or disability, divorce, family separation, or the loss of a job – please consider reaching out to a Stephen Minister.

To Donate click here

If you, or someone you know, might benefit from speaking with a Stephen Minister, or to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Msgr. Rob at frrb@starcc.com.

St. Aloysius – A Tithing Parish TITHING MEANS ONE-TENTH: FIVE % TO MY CHURCH + FIVE % TO CHARITY

Sunday, February 18, 2024	\$23,765
Online Giving for the week:	<u>\$7,137</u>
TOTAL OFFERTORY:	<u>\$30,902</u>
LAST YEAR:	\$24,643

Thank you for your support!

~ Religious Education ~

Grades Pre-K to 6th

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

~ Parish News ~



The Respect Life Ministry supports the Diocese's efforts to promote and uphold the Church's teaching on the dignity of human life in all its stages. The ministry works to support parish efforts to educate the laity on life issues, which include Catholic teaching, legislative initiatives and public policies that impact the dignity and respect of the human person. It also supports parish efforts to promote peaceful prayer initiatives in the public square, which include supporting the 40 Days for Life Campaign as well as Holy Hours and Rosary Rallies throughout the year.

The Ministry provides pastoral care through the Project Rachel Ministry to address the wounds of abortion. These care efforts consist of Days of Prayer and Healing throughout the year and continued support with monthly gatherings for individuals suffering from past abortion experiences. The Ministry will expand its pastoral reach to mothers in need by providing resources to pregnant and parenting mothers. The Respect Life Ministry would welcome your gift to the Bishop's Appeal to help support the work of this vital ministry. Thank you for your support.



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 ~



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





What a great start to Lent! Over 100 teens gathered at the 7 am Mass ... Thank you Fr. Flavian for an inspirational homily to ask ourselves to open our hearts to God during the upcoming season! Teens...please dive in and make this a great Lent! Mrs Otis has a few Teen Lenten bags left in her office if you did not get one!



~ Parish News ~



Monday, February 26th at 7:00 PM in the Church

For more info. contact: Tricia LaValle: 203.536.0237

RCIA Journey In Faith



Last Sunday our RCIA catechumen and candidate along with their sponsors went before Bishop Caggiano for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport. All RCIA

participants in parishes throughout the diocese of Bridgeport participated. In fact, Bishops throughout the world welcomed those sent by their parishes.

To send a candidate to the bishop means that a parish and their sponsors have discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Since late September, they have been attending weekly formation classes to help them understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. We all participate in their formation through witness, support and prayer. We ask you to please pray for them as they continue their journey.

Presented by The St. Aloysius Adult & Youth Choirs, Soloists and Instrumentalists

A Musical Celebration of

St. Patrick & St. Joseph

Featuring festive Irish and Italian musical selections

Saturday, March 9th 6pm

St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT Please join us for a reception immediately following the concert in the narthex of the church. Raffle tichets will be avaiable for \$20 each.



lickets go on sale in mid-February

\$50 general seating

Click or Scan

to Sign Up

~ Parish News ~

OUR PARISH FAMILY WILL COME TOGETHER





SATURDAY MARCH 2 2:30-4:30 PM

NEW CANAAN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: we work together to hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and the meals are shipped around the world to nourish starving children!

Come help out during the St. Aloysius shift! Meet in the cafeteria of New Canaan High School at 2:20 pm! We will work together to assemble meal packets that will feed thousands of hungry children!

You MUST sign up on the link below. This is a parent/child or Family opportunity for those who are not high school teens! For safety reasons, children under the age of 5 are not allowed to participate in packing sessions.

http://www.fmsc.org/join-group? joincode=NKKWXO

QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP REGISTERING? REACH OUT TO CHRIS OTIS AT YOUTH@STARCC.COM

All who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome to join us for the

Journey to Light Bereavement Ministry

The next Meeting is Wednesday, February 28th at 7:15 p.m. in the Maple Street Room (at 40 Maple Street).

Any questions contact Patricia Pagano at Bereavement@starcc.com



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.

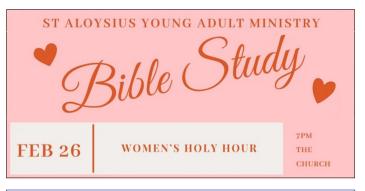
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New Zoom Bible Study
The Book of Psalms Live

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

<u>Click here is the Join the Meeting</u> (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!

To schedule an appointment between February 26 - March 10, please contact Debby McIntosh at deborah3868@yahoo.com or call 203-554-8572.

Project Rachel

The Diocese of Bridgeport Project Rachel project rachel Ministry - Are you suffering from the wound of abortion? Do you feel guilt, shame, regret? Begin the healing journey. Come to an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion on Saturday, March 16, 2024. For confidential registration or more information contact Maureen at

203.416.1619 or email projectrachel@diobpt.org.

God's love and mercy are waiting for you!

Loaves & Fishes Click or Scan A Lenten Offering to Feed Our Neighbors in Need

Will you and your family consider the Lenten sacrifice of a "meager meal" once a week during Lent and donate the money you would have spent on a more substantial meal to feed local families who can't afford to put food on their table?



boxes are located in the Narthex

Please consider supporting Catholic Charites Loaves and Fishes Lenten campaign to feed our most vulnerable neighbors. Food insecurity continues to be the number one issue impacting people in our community and your family's Lenten sacrifice can make a significant impact! Donations can be made online via the Catholic Charities website at www.ccfairfield.org/loaves. Checks made out to Catholic Charities may be mailed to: Catholic Charities ATT: Finance Dept/L&F Campaign 238 Jewett Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06606.

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