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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 24, 2024

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, March 24th

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Monday, March 25th

3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Confessions in the Chapel 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Men and Women

Wednesday, March 27th

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Holy Thursday, March 28th

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose in the Chapel

Good Friday, March 29th

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Confessions in the Chapel
12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's

Passion

7:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross, presented by Youth Ministry

The Church will remain open for silent prayer until 9:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 30th

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church
12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Food - Church
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Confessions in the Chapel

8:00 p.m.

The Vigil of Easter

Blessing of the New Fire

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Blessing of Water

Sacraments of Initiation for New Catholics

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

Please note: There will be no 6:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Masses on Easter Sunday

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday - 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	March 25, 2024 Jaime Miranda Catherine Buckley
Tuesday - 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	March 26, 2024 Lorenzo Claravall, In thanksgiving - Mario DiFiore (L Jack Cook
Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	March 27, 2024 Patrick Grosso, St. Aloysius Parishioners Kenneth Koch
Thursday - 7:00 p.m.	March 28, 2024 - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday - 3:00 p.m.	March 29, 2024 - Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday - 8:00 p.m.	March 30, 2024 - Holy Saturday The Vigil of Easter
Sunday - 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday and Easter Mass intentions are for Saint Aloysius Parishioners

We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:

Cashton Robert Cooper Oliver George Nicholas Dorsey

We Welcome Our New Parishioners:

Grace Desiderio Maureen Lane Kathryn and John Quirk Spisso Family



The Parish Offices will be closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Monday.

They will reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

~ Please Pray For ~

Maria Alvarado, Michele and Kurt Babyak, Benjamin Barresi, Daniel Brenninkmeyer, Deborah Bostic, Landis Branham, 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, Mauro DiFulvio, 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, 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 Minoque, Jon Morrison, Dell Murphy, Louis G. Nappi, Diane Oberander, Patrick O'Kane, Martin O'Shea, Patrick M. Pantalone, Ana Paredes, Harrison Perley, Austin Jack Pieck, Maggie Pierce, 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, Carol Selvin, Diane Silverio, Donna 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; Major Brian Gerardi; Staff 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

Jessie & Eugene LeBrun
Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle
Barbara Jean Lapolla
Mary Sanctuary Candle
Leo E. Karl Jr.
Chapel Candle

~ Parish News ~



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

Holy Week Humility

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself. taking the form of a slave. coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself. becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

~Phillipians 2:6-8

In order to embrace the Paschal Mystery - the suffering, dying, and rising of Jesus - we have to embrace the humility of Jesus. His entrance into Jerusalem which we celebrate on this Palm Sunday is nothing like that of a king. He rides on a donkey without any entourage or fanfare. He lives out his kingship on this earth in humble obedience to the will of His Father and dies for the sake of sinners.

The humility of Jesus that marks his suffering and dying challenges us to examine our own humility, especially when it comes to submission to the will of God. As we begin Holy Week, we might ask ourselves, "Has my Lenten observance of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving helped me to die to self and begin to live for others?" "Has my contemplation of the words of Scripture throughout these 40 days brought me to a better understanding of what God has done for me by sending His Son into the world and humbling Himself for my sake?" "Has my desire to make plans without God been tempered by a stronger desire to let God take the lead?" "Has my heart been healed by the gift of mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation recently?" "Has my posture toward others been changed so that I listen in love so as to be humbled by the presence of Christ in others?" "Has God challenged me to give up what prevents me from keeping it simple?"

If we answered "no" to any of these questions, it's not too late. Let us ask the Lord Jesus who "humbled himself" for our sake, to give us the gift of humility and walk with Him through the events of Holy Week so that we may empty ourselves of what prevents us from experiencing the overwhelming gift of His sacrificial love.

I invite you to join in the beautiful liturgies of Holy Week. Take the time to watch and pray as this great mystery of our faith unfolds before our eyes. Trust me, you will be humbled and strengthened by what you experience.

Yours in Christ, Monsignor Rob

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. Click Here to Sign Up.

Questions? Contact Mary Ellen Kranzlin at: mkranzlin@gmail.com

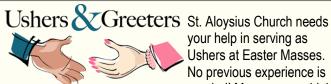


Lenten Parish Supper Friday, March 22nd

Please join us for Lenten Parish Supper on Friday, March 22nd from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Stapleton Hall

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your help in serving as Ushers at Easter Masses. No previous experience is needed! Men, women, high

school teens and college students can volunteer. Our Masses are attended by many and help is needed in greeting people at the door, helping some to find seats and taking up the collection.

Sign Up Here

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Sunday, March 17, 2024 \$14.024 Online Giving for the week: \$11,402 TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$25,426

LAST YEAR: \$24,659

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~ Religious Education ~

Grades Pre-K to 6th

3rd Grade Homeschool families - Paschal candle-making supplies are ready to be picked up. You all received an email this week with those details.

Reminder for all students and families who have made their First Reconciliation - you are encouraged to go to Confession during Lent. Your options are: any Saturday at 4pm, Monday March 25th from 3pm to 9pm, Friday, March 29th from 11am to noon or Saturday March 30th from 3pm to 5pm. All confession are held in the Chapel.

There will be no classes on Easter Sunday, March 31st.

Our last day of classes is April 7th.

Our 3rd graders Paschal candle-making













Our Choir and Religion students received their new robes. The students have learned so much about music and religion and we are proud of how far they have come from the beginning of the

year. If your child likes to sing, you might want to consider this option for next year. It is open to grades 3 - 6.



~ Youth Ministry ~



HOLY WEEK IS HERE -- WE INVITE OUR TEENS TO WALK WITH JESUS. We welcome you to join us here at St. Aloysius for our beautiful liturgies as we journey with Jesus to Calvary and celebrate His resurrection on Easter! If you are going away, please make sure to find a Catholic Church wherever you may be. It's so easy now with your smartphone!

Wednesday, March 27 - 7:00pm Girl's Bible Dinner ... Prelude to the Triduum



Girls in 7th-12th grades ... Join our young adults Danielle and Charlotte for our Mediterranean Bowl Supper & a faith discussion with a Road Map for Holy Week! Sign up at: GirlsBibleSt



Thursday, March 28 - 7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

A beautiful Mass, beginning with the washing of the feet, commemorating the institution of the Eucharist and then time with our Lord at the beautiful Altar of Repose in the Chapel.



Friday, March 29 - 7:00pm The Living Stations

Join us as our parish High School teens present the Stations of the Cross through costumed actors, readings and music. These interactive Stations are Middle School and High School oriented, designed to challenge and invite us all to reflect and join Christ on His journey to Calvary. Adults of all ages are also encouraged to attend.

Team members and candidates and their parents are invited to join us for the Emmaus 84 Reunion Mass and Slide Show, on Sunday, March 24 starting at 5pm in the church. Please sign

up at https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/10C084DAFAD2CAAFB6-48526874-emmaus

~ Parish News ~



Holy Hour for Men & Women

St. Aloysius, New Canaan

Monday March 25th at 7:00 PM in the Church

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



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land where they

represent less than 2% of the population. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools and preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, and many other locations.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



Tenebrae - Wed., March 27 at 7pm

Tenebrae ("shadows" or "darkness") is a Holy Week service that is at least 1,000 years old.

Tenebrae would be sung each day of the Triduum in a church lit only by 15 candles. These were extinguished one by one until the church was left in darkness. At that point, a loud noise ("strepitus") would be produced – sometimes by slamming a hymnal or other book shut, sometimes by stomping on the floor – symbolizing the earthquake after Christ's death.

Like the "lessons and carols" services familiar at Christmas, Tenebrae consists of hymns and readings, the ones proper to Lauds and Matins for the days of the Triduum. Until the mid-1950s, when the Easter Vigil had been revived, nearly every parish in the United States sung Tenebrae on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today, churches with Tenebrae services usually sing them once, on a Lenten evening – this year we will have Tenebrae at St. A's on Wednesday of Holy Week.

Bulletin and Eblast Submissions Deadlines

- Eblast submissions are due by Monday at 1 p.m.
- Bulletin submissions are due by Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Email to: bulletin@starcc.com



CLICK TO DONATE TODAY

We are hopeful that 100% of our registered households will respond to the 2024 Bishop's Appeal. While the level of sacrifice will differ from parishioner to parishioner, an Appeal gift this year is within the reach of the majority of our people. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal with a pledge, an automatic recurring gift, or one-time gift as your means allow.

Your support is much needed and will be greatly appreciated!

To make a gift - please scan, click or call (203) 416-1470

St. Aloysius Parish, New Canaan		
2024 Bishop's Appeal as of 3/15/2024		
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$694,300	
Total Pledged:	\$129,320 (19%)	
Donors to Date:	78 Donors	



Living Stations of the Cross

GOOD FRIDAY March 29 7 p.m.

St. Aloysius Church



Join us as our parish High School teens present the Stations of the Cross through costumed actors, readings and music. These interactive Stations are Middle School and High School oriented, designed to challenge and invite us all to reflect and join Christ on His journey to Calvary. Adults of all ages are also encouraged to attend.

Mother Teresa's Closet

IS OPEN, by appointment, during construction.



Time for Spring Cleaning!

To schedule an appointment between March 25 - March 30, please contact Debby McIntosh at deborah3868@yahoo.com or call 203-554-8572.

~ Parish News ~

Our Lady's Guild



A popular Marian devotion related to Our Lady of Sorrows is the Seven Sorrows Rosary, which was originally revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden in the 14th century. The devotion regained popularity with the apparitions of Our Lady of Kibeho in

Rwanda in 1981, where Mary urged people to pray this Rosary. Our Lady promised, "If you say the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows and meditate on it well, you will find the strength you need to repent of your sins and convert your heart. Pray my Seven Sorrows to find repentance."

The devotion consists of praying seven sets of an Our Father and seven Hail Marys while meditating on the Seven Sorrows of Mary:

- 1. The prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
- 2. The flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-14)
- 3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple (Luke 2:43-45)
- 4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross
- 5. The Crucifixion
- 6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross
- 7. The burial of Jesus.

How To Give Alms This Lent

Everyone is invited to join in these Corporal Works of Mercy during our Lenten Season!

Donate to Saint Charles Borromeo Parish in Bridgeport

Help us supply St. Charles with baby formula, diapers, wipes or travel-sized toiletries. These items may be dropped off in the Baby Crib in the Narthex during Church hours.

Make Sandwiches for New Covenant Center

Make sandwiches or purchase snacks and cases of water and drop off in the front of the Church in our coolers on Monday mornings between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Find the sign up with complete instructions and to participate at www.signupgenius.com under youth@starcc.com

Books and Blankets

We are helping Malta house, Thorpe Family Residence and DCF with donations of children's books and blankets. Drop off items in the basket in the Narthex during church hours.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Click Here to Donate

Loaves and Fishes

To Support Catholic Charities of Fairfield County

Collection Boxes/Envelopes for these almsgiving opportunities are available in the Narthex. We ask you to bring your contributions to any of the Masses beginning the weekend of **March 23-24.**



Our young at heart seniors were treated to our annual Trinity Tea, thanks to some of our Emmaus teens! Our afternoon was full of smiles, friendship, music and a little bit of corned beef!







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 Wed, March 27th at 7:15 p.m. in the Maple Street Room (at 40 Maple Street).

~ Faith Formation ~

zoom St BIBLE STUDY

St. Aloysius New Zoom Bible Study

The Book of Psalms Live

The Monday 10 AM Zoom Bible Study is studying the Book of Psalms.

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

St. Aloysius Young Adult Ministry

Mar 25 **Men's & Women's Holy Hour**Confessions will be available in the Chapel

Location: 21 Cherry Street

7 pm - 8 pm

Men's Bible Study & Fellowship Saturday Mornings 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

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

In the Maple Street Dining Room of the Parish Center. Please enter through the kitchen door off Maple Street. For more info. contact Bob Mantilia at 203-414-1500 or Robert.R.Mantilia@gmail.com

~ Parish & Other News~



Blood Pressure Screening will take place in the Quiet Room at the back of the church after all Masses this weekend.

Interested in becoming a host family for ABC New Canaan?

Join us for the Host Family open house on

Monday, April 8th 11:00 am at ABC House, 64 Locust Avenue.

A Better Chance exists to provide opportunities not available to high school boys in their home communities. Eligible families must have at least one child attending New Canaan High School when the ABC scholar begins his freshman year and must be committed for all four years. This is the perfect opportunity to give an ABC scholar and your family the gift of a lifetime. Interested in joining us or if you have questions, please email Nancy Shullman at mrshullman@aol.com.

Foundations in Education's Gala April 25, 2024



Foundations in Education invites you to join in celebration of Catholic education on Thursday, April 25, 2024. Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano and celebrate our honorees – Michael Shea and M&T Bank. Proceeds support Foundations in Education's mission to strengthen and transform the mission of Catholic education in the Diocese of Bridgeport by providing tuition assistance to families in need, supporting innovation in academic

programs, and fostering opportunities for the professional development of school leaders. To purchase tables, tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please call 203-416-1671 or visit www.foundationsineducation.org

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