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First Sunday of Advent- December 1, 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.

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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.

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The First Sunday of Advent

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday - December 2, 2024
7:00 a.m. John James "Jack" Butler
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Tuesday - December 3, 2024
7:00 a.m. Lorenza, Dablia, Manny C

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Bishop Honesto Pacana

5:30 p.m. William Swain

Wednesday - December 4, 2024

7:00 a.m. Leah Lacsamana and Emma Yanko,

St. Aloysius Parishioners

5:30 p.m. Paglialunga Family

Thursday - December 5, 2024
7:00 a.m. Juan Manuel Pablos
5:30 p.m. Robert Sirabella

Friday - December 6, 2024 7:00 a.m. Joseph Martinoli

5:30 p.m. Filomena and Francesco Pompa

Saturday - December 7, 2024 7:00 a.m. Carmelo Gennaro 5:00 p.m. Bernard Kelly

Sunday - December 8, 2024 7:00 a.m. Linda Gabriel

8:30 a.m. Rosemary LoRusso

Danny Jones Marion Mitchell John Strba Nick Yanicelli

10:00 a.m. Salvatore Sciarretta 11:30 a.m. Rita Zimbaro

5:00 p.m. John James "Jack" Butler

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We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:

Peter Kevin Sposato Kensley Lynn Wolff Declan John Casale

Marriage Banns:

I - Amanda Kirby and Thomas Nelson

We Welcome Our New Parishioners:

Calvi Family Fiordalis Family

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~ Please Pray For ~

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Please pray for those serving in the military:

Sgt. Tiernan Christopher Brady; 1st Lt. Morgan Carson; CPT Elizabeth A. Condon; CPT Paul Corapi; CPT 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; E3 Peter Sloan USN; CPT Jason Trischitta USAF; SSG Steven Vasko

SANCTUARY CANDLES burn this week in memory of

Dominick Rosa
Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle
Dominick Rosa
Mary Sanctuary Candle
Melissa Baskay

Chapel Candle

St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

~ Parish News ~



Words from Monsignor Rob Kinnally

How to Have a Happy Advent and a Merry Christmas

Advent (a new Church Year) begins this weekend, and I've put together some recommendations to have a great Advent and truly prepare for Christmas. The list is inspired by the challenge to fast from our cell phones in order to strengthen relationships, wait in silence for Christ to enter our hearts, and reduce distractions from good prayer.

- Make more room for Christ in your busy life. Create space in your heart for receiving the wonder of the Incarnation (God breaking into the world). Fast from what keeps you from prayer. Put your phone aside for a pre-determined amount of time each day.
- 2. Spend time daydreaming about God loving the world so much that he sent his Son to save us.
- 3. Talk to one another. Have dinner as a family; put your phones in a basket in the next room. The first one to take his or her phone out of the basket has to do the dishes.
- 4. Play board games often.
- 5. Bake cookies together and tell stories about your favorite Christmas.
- 6. Figure out who's lonely on your street, visit that person, and bring them the cookies you baked, let them tell their stories.
- 7. Invite someone outside your comfort zone to a Christmas party.
- 8. Give to the New Canaan Giving Box, then call someone you haven't talked to in a while, just listen, then put down your phone, pray for that person and all those in need.
- 9. Pray for our teens and adults going to Kentucky to distribute our "Project 1,000" Christmas stockings; imagine the joys and smiles of the children receiving their gifts.
- 10. Heal a wounded relationship with the help of Jesus.
- 11. Don't spend a lot of time shopping; buy gift cards instead and use the time you saved to attend weekday Mass.
- 12. Have coffee with anyone who will go with you and share funny stories only.
- 13. If you shop, shop local your chances of running into friends and neighbors and saying "Merry Christmas" increase tenfold.
- 14. Smile at strangers.
- 15. Invite friends or neighbors who haven't been to church in a while to come with you to Mass at Christmas. Keep inviting them after Christmas.
- 16. Count your blessings. Thank God for everything even the messy things in life.
- 17. Put down your phone and look up at the stars and the sky and imagine you're in peaceful Bethlehem the night Jesus was born.
- 18. Pray for peace.

I'm praying that you will have a blessed Advent.

Monsignor Rob

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The second collection next weekend will be for

Retirement Fund for Religious

The Retirement Fund for Religious helps more than 24,000 senior religious who have dedicated their lives to service. Donations will provide for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have served for decades — usually for little or no pay. Please show your appreciation by supporting those who have given a lifetime.

~ Religious Education ~

Grades Pre-K to 6th

There are no Religious Education classes on Sunday, December 1st due to the Thanksgiving Break.

~ Parish News ~

The Christmas Giving Box

The Christmas Giving Box is located on a column in the narthex of the church. Donations are collected to help those in need in our community. Please write a check, payable to "Saint Aloysius Church" and note the words "Giving Box" in the memo.



Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need.

The Saint Aloysius Parish 2025 "Feasts & Saints"

Calendars are now available on the tables
by the side entrances to the church.

Many thanks to *Fessler Family Dentistry* who was our generous sponsor once again this year for the calendars.



Please take one per family.

Mother Teresa's Closet IS OPEN FOR DONATIONS! (by appointment)



For donation guidelines, please refer to our website at https://starcc.com/mother-teresa/

To schedule an appointment between December 2 - 8, please contact Valerie Franco at francovalerie10@gmail.com or 912-658-8580.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

~ Youth Ministry ~



The message proclaimed throughout Advent is this: Prepare your hearts, for our God is sending a Savior, Emmanuel, a name which means, God-with-us. God is ready to give us a fresh vision and the grace we need to lose self and find God. God wants to work in and through us for the greater honor and glory of God. That is why God expects great things from us, which are in fact possible by the grace of God at work in our lives.

Where is God calling YOU to PRAY, SERVE & WORSHIP to prepare for the birth of Jesus?

Enter email youth@starcc.com in the "Search for A Signup" at: https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup

Monday, Dec. 2 - Advent Teen Rosary Monday, Dec. 9 - STAR Holiday Party for

Adults with Special Needs

Wednesday, Dec 11 - Holiday Gift Boutique for Malta Moms

Thursday, Dec. 12 - Before-School Teen Mass Friday, Dec. 13 - Advent Girl's Bible Dinner

Saturday, Dec. 14 - Breakfast with Santa at Thorpe Saturday, Dec. 14 - St. A's Buddies Holiday Party Sunday, Dec. 15 - Breakfast Run into NYC

Monday, Dec. 16 - Christmas Caroling to Seniors Tuesday, Dec. 17 - Advent Teen Adoration

Saturday, Dec. 17 - Advent Teen Adorat





GIFT ITEMS NEEDED





Our teens will be helping to host a Holiday Boutique for the Malta House moms where they can select gifts for their family and friends and we will wrap them up for them! We need donations of gently-used or new accessories (costume jewelry, scarves, gloves, hats, small totes, purses/wallets, sunglasses, etc.), new candles, scrubs, body products, fuzzy socks, and other things you might have gotten as gifts and have no use for. Please drop them off in the bin at the garage door

(985 New Norwalk Road) by December 9th

~ Parish News ~

The St. Aloysius Parish Confirmation class presents:

The Living Nativity

Friday, December 6th
Performances at 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Location:

In Front of the Church on Cherry Street



Come see our live animals! Suitable for the entire family.

CHRISTMAS STARS

Thank you for preparing Christmas for a Star family! Choose a star in the narthex.



Please place wrapped gifts in a sturdy box, seal, and tape star to the outside.

Please bring your Christmas Star to Stapleton Hall and join us for a

STAR SOCIAL - Saturday, December 14, 4:00 - 6:30 PM or

COFFEE & DONUTS - Sunday, December 15, BEFORE 11 AM

To register your star or sign up to be a Starship Driver

Hold the camera of your phone up to this QR code & click the notification to go to the Google form.



For assistance contact: Liz & Hope liztamarkin@gmail.com 203-895-4994 or 203-918-1018



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Our Lady's Guild

Please join us on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
The Immaculate Conception of
The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. Mass - followed by Rosary - followed by fellowship and brunch in Stapleton Hall at 10 a.m.

Our Speaker: : Kathleen Leitao Topic: Mary as a Young Mother in Art

The Guild mission is to learn and educate others about the life and beauty of our Mother Mary. Please join us!

Dues cover brunch and speaker fees.

Misa en Español Sábado 14 de Diciembre a las 6:30 p.m.

Para más información póngase en contacto con el Padre Flavian - frflavian@starcc.com

SAINT ALOYSIUS PARISH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Calling all children who would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. There are two mandatory rehearsals for the pageant. Both rehearsals will be held in the church as follows:

First Rehearsal Friday, December 13th 4 - 5 p.m. Second Rehearsal
Saturday, December 21st
9 - 10:30

The following parts are still needed:

Joseph: 7th or 9th grader

Mary: 7th or 8th grader

Star: K-8th grader

Angels: K-5th graders

Shepherds: K-5th graders

Inn Keeper: 4th - 8th grader

Wise Men: 4th-8th graders

If your child would like to participate, please call Cristiana Barrato at 917-463-7711.

Spaces are limited, first come, first served.

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

Journey to Light Bereavement Ministry

The next Meeting is Wed, December 4th at 7:15 p.m. in the Maple Street Room (at 40 Maple Street).

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PRAY THE ROSARY THIS ADVENT

Our Monday Lunchtime Rosary Group invites you to join us in the Chapel at 12:15 p.m. to share intentions and pray together! The Rosary is also on Facebook Live if you cannot be with us in person ... contact Katie at katie.oneill.nc@gmail.com to be added to our Facebook group!



"If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes and in your country, assemble to pray the Rosary..."

December 15th Breakfast Run into NYC



We are headed back into NYC for our annual December Breakfast Run (with Santa) to feed and clothe our homeless brothers and sisters on the streets of New York.

starcc.isecuresites.com/product/YouthMinistry noting it is for the "Breakfast Run".

Toiletry Kits Needed

Fill a gallon-sized Ziploc bag with travel-sized shampoo, conditioner, body soap, body lotion, Kleenex, toothpaste, a toothbrush, razor and deodorant. Please also enclose a note of inspiration, encouragement and cheer!

Items can be dropped in the bin in the narthex before Dec. 13th.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

- Saturday December 7th: 4pm 4:45pm in the Chapel
- Saturday December 14th: 4pm 4:45pm in the Chapel
- Monday, December 16th: 7pm Praise and Worship Holy Hour for **Families** with Reconciliation
- <u>Tuesday, December 17th</u>: 7pm Praise and Worship Holy Hour for **Teens** with Reconciliation
- Saturday December 21st: 4pm 4:45pm in the Chapel
- Monday December 23rd:
 9am 11am in the Chapel
 2:30pm 4:30pm in the Chapel

~ Faith Formation ~

St. Aloysius Women's Bible Study

2024 - 2025 Program

Registration Is Now Open!

Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:30 am
(Due to construction at St. A's, the program will be held at the Meeting Room at First Presbyterian Church, 178 Oenoke Ridge)

Are you curious to learn more about Mary?

Join us in our study of: *A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother*, by Edward Sri. Using the book and videos to encounter Mary and grow our faith through her self sacrificing and unflinching love. All are invited!

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, Edward Sri. https://tinyurl.com/Biblical-Walk

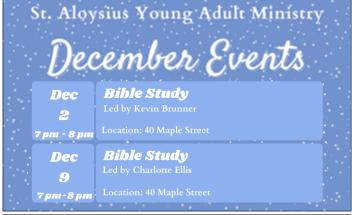
Registration: http://forms.gle/FLtTRSKsySsYC5fh9
Questions? Email the WBS Leadership Team at:
wbsstaloysius@gmail.com



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. Doors open at 7:30. Enter through the kitchen door off Maple Street. For more info. contact Bob Mantilia at 203-414-1500 or Robert.R.Mantilia@gmail.com





St. Aloysius Zoom Bible Study Monday's at 10 a.m.

We continue our reading of the Book of Psalms with Psalms 60-65, studying 5-6 psalms per week. Meetings are every Monday 10-11:30 A.M. All are welcome Bible beginners to Bible scholars. Just log in on Zoom using link before or phone in to 646-558-8656.

Click here is the join the meeting (on computer or phone): Meeting ID: 811 8752 9235 Passcode: 509623

~ Parish News ~

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THANK YOU RECEPTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 OR SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025 1:00PM - 3:00 PM STAPLETON HALL

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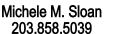
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