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Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th - Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Church with Children's Pageant

immediately following Mass

4:00 PM Stapleton Hall

5:30 PM Church

5:30 PM Stapleton Hall

7:30 PM Church

Midnight Church - Carols with the Choir

beginning at 11:30 PM

December 25th - Christmas Day

7:00 AM Mass in the Church Mass in the Church

8:30 AM 10:00 AM Mass in the Church

11:30 AM Mass in the Church

(No evening Mass on Christmas Day.)

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~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday - December 23, 2024 7:00 a.m. Anthony Principe,

St. Aloysius Parishioners

5:30 p.m. Kenneth Koch

Tuesday - December 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve)

7:00 a.m. Anthony Scandaliato

All Christmas Eve Mass Intentions for St. Aloysius Parishioners

Wednesday - December 25, 2024 (Christmas Day)

All Christmas Mass Intentions for St. Aloysius Parishioners

Thursday - December 26, 2024

7:00 a.m. Salvatore and Concetta Palermo

5:30 p.m. Jack Murray

Friday - December 27, 2024

7:00 a.m. Mary Aldrich

5:30 p.m. Fred Tiani, Jr. and Marlene Tiani

Saturday - December 28, 2024 7:00 a.m. Frank Palermo 5:00 p.m. John Spugani

Sunday - December 29, 2024

7:00 a.m. Q. Louis and Louise Pergiovanni

8:30 a.m. Paula Griffin 10:00 a.m. Michael Smith

11:30 a.m. Rita and Lucian Gerardi

Ed Millette Marion Mitchell Rose Ziliani Margaret Malone

5:00 p.m. Matthew Sean McCrann

Marriage Banns:

III - Laura McLaughlin and James O'Dwyer

Please Pray for the Deceased:

Anthony P. Grasso, Sr. Joseph John Somma, Sr.

We Welcome Our New Parishioners: Rusman Family



~ Please Pray For ~

Maria Alvarado, Michele and Kurt Babyak, Benjamin Barresi, Robert Blosio III, Deborah Bostic, Margaret "Peg" Brewer, Kathleen Butler Brown, Anthony Burrows, Michael Buzzeo. Tony Cantone, Addison Jane Carestia, Jim Carty, Tom Carty, Margaret Cavanagh, Lois Cawley, Luz Celit, Teddy Connolly, Brian Cristello, James Cristello, Tina Cusimano, Michael DeCarlo, Brooke D'Aleo, Rick Daniels, Audrey Dertinger, Matthew DeVaney, Lawrence DeVito, Mauro DiFulvio, Carach Dougherty, Madeline Dwyer, Monique Elliot, John Emert, Michael Fallon, Rinda Farnham, Mark Dale Ferguson, Grace Ferlito, Owen Fitzgerald, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Angela Franco, Maria Franco, Henry Frank, Paula Lynn Fuegner, Ging Galindo, Judy Garcia, Alexandra Gagliardi, Vilma Gaudio-Carollo, Ann Gehnrich, Franco Gencarelli, Carol Gianattasio, Austin Gidge, Barrie Gonzalez, Kathy Grove, James Heffner, Carol Hollister, Olivia Hurley, Juan Invernon, Maria Invernon, Sarah Jessie. William K., Mary Katawa, Carol King, Maryann Knag, Christopher Kotos, Clare Kretzman, Merrily Krauser, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Al Latte, Jose Lavana, Vicki LeBris, Joanne Liscio, Joshua Liscio, Georgia Little, Tracee Lutes, Debbie B. Lyon, Mary Maher, Fanny Mao, Dan Mao, Rachel Mawardi, Liz McKay, Martin McLaughlin, Sarah McNulty, Donald McQuid, Fabiola Mellio, Hudson Moore, Jon Morrison, Dell Murphy, Melissa Murray, Louis G. Nappi, Diane Oberander, Chris O'Connor, Patrick O'Kane, Martin O'Shea, Patrick M. Pantalone, Ana Paredes, Patricia Pastore, Harrison Perley, Austin Jack Pieck, Maggie Pierce, Cathy McClane Quiaoit, Noah Quiaoit, Iracema Galvani Quinete, Lily Pickering, Nora Radocea, Barton Rappaport, Michael ReQua, Patricia Rezny, Kelly Robb, Jeanne Ruddock, Maria Cielo Sanchez, Caroline Kontis Schneider, Massimo Sciaretta, Karen Scigliano, Carol Selvin, Diane Silverio, Donna Silverio, Lynda Ann Slovik, Frank Smith, Susan Leighton Smith, Paul Sorge, Sr., Fernando Spadaccini, Georgia Sweeney, Mike Szarpa, Szenasi Family, Christopher Tarzia Jr., Ignatius Thompson, Kathleen Turpin, Margot Vaughan, Dominick Anthony Vento, Dorothy Voris, 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; 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

Louise Germano
Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle
Sullivan & Dratch Families
Mary Sanctuary Candle
Ken Koch
Chapel Candle



Words from Monsignor Rob Kinnally

Christmas and a Year of Hope

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent with Christmas just two days away, I wish you a blessed Christmas Day and the days that follow. I will remember all of you at my Christmas Masses as I give thanks to God for the gift of His Son and the gift of every one of you!

As we move into 2025, the Church will celebrate a Holy Year of Hope, and I believe this is just what we need as a parish, a Church, a nation, and a community of brothers and sisters worldwide. On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis released the Papal Bull of Indiction formally announcing the Jubilee Year of Hope. Entitled *Spes non condfundit* – "Hope does not disappoint" – the document contains the reasons for the Holy Father's selection of hope as the theme of the Jubilee Year 2025:

In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years.... For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (1 Tim 1:1).

Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope.

The Jubilee will begin on Christmas Eve, when Pope Francis opens the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica. He will then proceed to open the holy doors of the remaining major basilicas of Rome between the Feast of the Holy Family and the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. The Ordinary Jubilee itself will close on January 6th, 2026.

Throughout the year, we will offer special prayers at Mass to mark this Year of Hope, and I invite you to pray the prayer below to ask for the transformational grace that will awaken our hearts to truly bring the joy and hope of the Redeemer to the world.

In Christ, our Hope,

Monsignor Rob

Prayer for the Holy Year of Jubilee 2025

Father in heaven, may the faith you have gifted us in your Son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds that make humanity and the cosmos rise unto the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth, when with the powers of Evil overcome, your glory shall be manifested eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer. To you, God, blessed in eternity, be praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Parish Offices will be closed starting at 1 p.m. on Friday, December 20th and will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

As always, a priest is available every day and night in case of emergencies.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

St. Aloysius – A Tithing Parish

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Sunday, December 15, 2024
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Religious Education ~

Grades Pre-K to 6th

Religious education classes are currently on Christmas break. Classes will resume on January 2, 2025.

Blessings to all of our First Reconciliation students who received the sacrament for the first time this past Saturday. May they continue to feel the presence of God in their lives and receive this sacrament over and over again. If your child missed this past weekend's First Reconciliation, Mrs. Sibilia will be in touch with you to reschedule.

Reminder: All religious education, students who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation should be going to Confession during this Advent season. You will find the times that we are holding confessions in the church bulletin and on the parish website.

Congratulations to our "Choir & Religion" and "Mass Through Music" students who sang in the beautiful Christmas concert put on by our Music Ministry this past Sunday. It was so uplifting and the perfect event to put us into the Christmas season.

We wish all our families, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2025.

Confirmation

Wishing all our Confirmation families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!



We are grateful for all the generous families that help feed the hungry!









A big thank you goes out to our Confirmation students that helped unload the Christmas STAR packages last weekend.

We were blessed to have so many students help out!

~ Youth Ministry ~



THANK YOU STAY TEENS!











As 2024 comes to a close. I would like to extend thanks from the bottom of my heart to all of our teens who have discovered the importance of staying connected to their faith through St. A's Youth Ministry. We have a beautiful community of passionate, committed missionary disciples of Christ who realize he importance of true personal encounter with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and the realization that God continuously calls them to prayer, worship and service. They are the face of Christ to so many and have made their faith an integral part of their lives where they truly encounter THE ONE, who is JESUS through truth, beauty and goodness!











Each time I witness them at the 5:00 p.m. Teen Mass. Teen Adoration, Teen Rosary, Before-School Masses, Teen Bible Study, Emmaus Retreats, on mission trips and pouring out their love in our many outreach opportunities to our brothers and sisters in need. I am in awe of how Christ is working in and through them! They embody what Bishop Caggiano is asking us to do and experience in "The One."











God bless you all and know that I will continue to pray for you. To our parents and adult mentors - thank you for encouraging our teens, coming to support our efforts as chaperones and mentors and for your continued prayers for our ministry!

Chris Otis

SAVE THE DATES!

Friday, January 3 - Before-School Teen Mass Sunday, January 5 - Never Too Young to Serve

Sunday, January 5 - Youth Ministry Dinner & Gathering

with Clergy

Christmas Mass Ushers & Greeters



Ushers are needed for all Christmas 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.

Ushers are asked to report to the church 30 minutes before your Mass begins.

Scan or Click Here to Sign Up:

Questions? Reach out to Chris Ayoub at cddcnm@aol.com or 203-856-3374.



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 Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday December 21st: 4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Monday December 23rd: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. 2:30pm - 4:30pm

CHRISTMAS STARS

This past weekend Stapleton Hall glowed with the true spirit of Christmas! God bless you for the joy, the love, and the enthusiasm with which you prepared and delivered Christmas for families from

- ್ಷ್ St Charles ~ St. George in Bridgeport
- $\label{eq:standard} \begin{tabular}{ll} $x_{\mu}^{\mbox{\scriptsize MS}}$ & St Joseph \sim St Ladislaus in South Norwalk \\ \end{tabular}$
- St Peter's Church in Bridgeport
- ಸ್ಥೆ St Mary's Church in Bridgeport
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} \sharp Blessed Sacrament Church in Bridgeport \\ \end{tabular}$
- ™ Children's Community School in Waterbury (CCS)
- X St. Mary's Parish in Stamford
- You helped 193 families have a wonderful Christmas!

——A SPECIAL THANKS to those—

- who helped with the sign up & organized
- ☆ who greeted, carried, wrapped, loaded gifts
 ☆ and who delivered the gifts as our starship drivers

May these Christmas blessings be with you throughout the coming year!

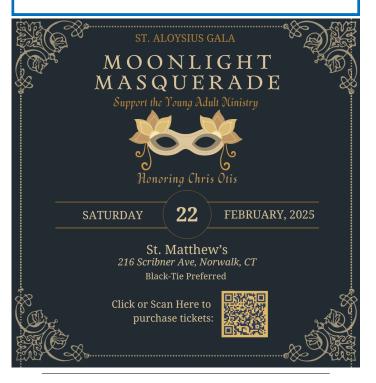


SAINT ALOYSIUS VOLUNTEER
THANK YOU RECEPTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 OR

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

If you volunteered for anything at Saint Aloysius this past year please join us at one of the receptions!



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



Our Lady's Guild

The Executive Board of OLG would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed 2025. "Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child". Remember to Thank Her for saying YES!!

The OLG January 23, 2025 meeting is a Book discussion. This year:
"I Heard God Laugh" by Matthew Kelly

Emmaus 86

Our next Emmaus Teen Retreat will be March 7-9

A Catholic retreat, where through friendship, community, liturgies, laughter, music, reflection and personal witnessing, participants are offered a unique opportunity to experience spiritual growth, to better appreciate their Catholic faith, as well as to recognize, understand and more fully appreciate God's close and constant presence, every day of their lives.



Emmaus Adult Social

Friday, January 3 6:30pm in Stapleton Hall

Sign Up and Info at https://tinyurl.com/EmmausAdultSocial

Candidate application and team registration will open in January!

Teens in grades 10-12 who have never attended an Emmaus retreat

will APPLY as Candidates

Mother Teresa's Closet is closed for the Christmas Holidays December 23rd - January 5th.



We are thankful for your continued support!

Eucharistic Adoration



Will not take place on Friday, December 27th.

We invite people to come back to Adoration on Friday, January 3, 2025.

~ Faith Formation ~



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 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: https://tinyurl.com/WBS-WS25
Questions? Email the WBS Leadership Team at:
wbsstaloysius@amail.com



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

What Are You Waiting For? Study Bible from the comfort of your own home! A Great New Year's Resolution!

The St. Aloysius Monday Morning ZOOM Bible Study will resume after the Holidays on Jan. 6th. We meet from 10-11:30 AM online. All are welcome — Bible scholars to Bible beginners! The class is led by Maryann Knag MAT MAR, a trained Catholic Bible scholar who has been leading Bible studies in the diocese of Bridgeport for 20 years. She teaches under the Magisterium.

We are currently reading, praying and discussing The Book of Psalms, Pss 110-150. Then we will take up the Book of Genesis.

Jan 1st is just around the corner. There is no better New Year's Resolution than to take up the study of the Bible with a guide to answer all your questions! No registration

necessary—just email Maryann at mmknag@aol.com for the Zoom Invitation and Link.

For more information, contact Maryann at 203.213.4809

"LISTEN TO HIM"

A DAY OF ENCOUNTER FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Join other college young adults for a listening session and lunch with Bishop Caggiano where he will answer any questions you may have. Afterwards, stick around for talks on living the Christian faith on campus and keeping truth, beauty, and goodness in your hearts and on your minds. Finally, spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration and confession followed by an end of day vigil Mass.

Saturday, January 11 | 12-6 PM

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