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The Presentation of The Lord - February 2, 2025

#### **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.

#### 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.

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Today we celebrate the presentation of Jesus in the Temple and the purification of Mary.

### ~ Mass Intentions ~

	mass micondiscine
Monday -	February 3, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Gino Berratta (L)
5:30 p.m.	Donata Pompa
Tuesday -	February 4, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Wille Stackpoole
5:30 p.m.	Margaret Staudt
Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	February 5, 2025 Harry and Wilma Babineau, St. Aloysius Parishioners Patrick and Christopher Polley (L)
Thursday -	February 6, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Mary Dennis Murphy
5:30 p.m.	Nick Yanicelli
Friday -	February 7, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Richard Seltzer
5:30 p.m.	Daniel Tiani, Sr.
Saturday -	February 8, 2025
7:00 a.m.	James G O'Donohue
5:00 p.m.	Bert Liebelt
Sunday - 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	February 9, 2025 Peter Riccobene Rose DeLuca Garo Garabedian Mary & Dan Head Arlene Ann Carlon Gregory Carlon
10:00 a.m.	Hernan Bohorquez
11:30 a.m.	Jerry Shallo
5:00 p.m.	Zaida Rivera

## We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:

Charlie Nicholas Basso Archer Ralph Kondrup

Please Pray for the Deceased:
Patricia Marie Hussey White

#### We Welcome Our New Parishioners:

Borea Family
Horn Family
Mailhot Family
Quinones Family
Ryan Ricci and Cassie Gallo

## ~ Please Pray For ~

Maria Alvarado, Michele and Kurt Babyak, Benjamin Barresi, Robert Blosio III, Margaret "Peg" Brewer, Kathleen Butler Brown, Anthony Burrows, Michael Buzzeo, Jim Carty, Tom Carty, Margaret Cavanagh, Lois Cawley, Luz Celit, Brian Cristello, James 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, Grace Ferlito, Owen Fitzgerald, Angela Franco, Maria Franco, Henry Frank, Ging Galindo, Alexandra Gagliardi, Karolina Gardocki, Ann Gehnrich, Franco Gencarelli, Austin Gidge, Barrie Gonzalez, Kathy Grove, Olivia Hurley, Juan Invernon, Maria Invernon, Sarah Jessie, William K., Katie Kennedy, Maryann Knag, Mary Jane Kopal, Clare Kretzman, Merrily Krauser, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Al Latte, Jose Lavana, Vicki LeBris, Joanne Liscio, Joshua Liscio, Georgia Little, Tracee Lutes, Debbie B. Lyon, Dan Mao, Rachel Mawardi, Liz McKay, Martin McLaughlin, Sarah McNulty, Fabiola Mellio, Hudson Moore, Dell Murphy, Melissa Murray, Diane Oberander, Chris O'Connor, Martin O'Shea, Patrick M. Pantalone, Ana Paredes, Patricia Pastore, Austin Jack Pieck, Cathy McClane Quiaoit, Noah Quiaoit, Lily Pickering, Nora Radocea, Michael ReQua, Patricia Rezny, Kelly Robb, Jeanne Ruddock, 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, Mike Szarpa, Ignatius Thompson, Graziella Tullio. Margot Vaughan, Dominick Anthony Vento, Dorothy Voris, Martha Wieber, 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

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- 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

## St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT



## Words from Monsignor Rob Kinnally

## The Presentation of the Lord: A Reflection for Young (and Not-So-Young) Disciples

My column this week is written for young followers of Jesus, but I think everyone can find something helpful!

Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. This feast, which occurs 40 days after Christmas, reminds us what it means to trust God with our whole lives. Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple, offering Him to God as the law required. They were humble and obedient, even though they knew Jesus was the Son of God. They didn't need the law to tell them who He was, but they chose to follow God's ways. This shows us how we, too, can live in obedience to God, even when it doesn't make sense to others. Mary and Joseph's faithfulness is an example of trusting God completely.

Simeon and Anna are also part of this story. They waited their whole lives to see God's promise come true. They spent years praying and hoping in the Temple, even when there was no sign of the Messiah. When Jesus finally arrived, they saw Him and understood who He was immediately. Their patience and faith remind us to keep trusting in God's promises, even if it takes a long time to see them fulfilled. They were able to recognize Jesus because they stayed close to God.

This event also teaches us about offering our own lives to God. Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple, and we are invited to present our lives to God, too. This doesn't just mean going to church but offering our hearts, minds, and actions to Him each day. Like them, we are called to be humble, open, and ready to do God's will. This can mean making sacrifices, choosing what's right over what's easy, or simply asking God to lead us.

Finally, the Presentation shows us how to be a light in the world. Simeon called Jesus a "light for revelation." Jesus is the Light of the World, and we are called to share that light by following His example. Our words and actions can bring hope, peace, and love to others. Every small act of kindness, every time we forgive, or help someone in need, we are reflecting Jesus' light.

### **Reflection Questions:**

- How can I show more obedience to God in my daily life?
- Are there any promises or prayers I am waiting on God to answer?
- What sacrifices can I make to grow closer to God?
- How can I be a light to others in my family, work, or community?

May Christ, Our Light, bless you abundantly!

Monsignor Rob



This Monday, February 3rd we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats will be offered after all Masses this weekend and at 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Monday.



# SAINT ALOYSIUS Building Campaign

2024 Contribution Statements for the St. Aloysius Building Campaign are sent separately from the Parish Statements and are being mailed out this week.

Thank you for your patience and continued support!

## St. Aloysius Church Offertory

 Sunday, January 26, 2025
 \$11,779

 Online Giving for the week:
 7,150

 TOTAL OFFERTORY:
 \$18,929

LAST YEAR: \$19,759

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## ~ Religious Education ~



#### SAINT ALOYSIUS PARISH

Faith and Education Center

This fall we will be welcoming our Religious Education and Confirmation Formation students back to campus!



Faith and Education Center

Please join Monsignor Rob at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, February  $2^{nd}$  to hear more about what the 2025-2026 Religious Education year will look like!





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## ~ Parish News ~



#### Teens ... Apply to be a Candidate!

Teens in grades 10-12 who have never attended Emmaus APPLY as Candidates
Teens must complete the application together with a parent or guardian.

To APPLY as a teen candidate, please apply at https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/465636

#### Emmaus 86 Webinar - What's all the buzz about?

Wednesday, February 5th at 7pm

Why should Emmaus 86 top every 10th-12th grader's must-do list?

Join us for a 30 minute webinar to learn about our upcoming 86th Emmaus Teen
Retreat. You'll learn what it's all about, hear directly from teens who have
attended, and have the opportunity to ask questions. RSVP to
saintaloysiusemmaus@gmail.com and we will send you the zoom link.

\*\*\*Registered Team members, our remaining team meetings are the following Sundays, February 2, 23 & March 2 at 2:45 pm in Stapleton Hall, followed by Mass.\*\*\*

## ~ Youth Ministry ~



# Never Too Young to Serve Sunday, February 2

Mentor our younger Religious Education disciples in the call to serve! Sign up at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/nev2you">https://tinyurl.com/nev2you</a>

Before-School Teen Mass Friday, February 7 Sign up at https://tinyurl.com/BefSMass

## Married Couples Dinner Servers Friday, February 7

Come help out at our very special Valentine's event for married couples! Sign up at: https://tinyurl.com/ValTeenSer

## Bowling with the Boys of The Covenant School Saturday, February 8

High School Boys needed to mentor students on a fun morning of bowling! Sign up at: https://tinyurl.com/BowlMent

SAVE THE DATE ... Teen Adoration Wednesday, February 12







Thinking about Summer? Make sure it has a Faith Plan! Information and Registration Forms for our two annual summer events COMING NEXT WEEK!

Watch for the email and check on our youth page at Youth – Saint Aloysius Parish: Welcome! – New Canaan

The 2025 Summer Mission Trip
AND

Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference July 26-28 in Springfield, Massachusetts

#### ~ Parish News ~



Dear Friends.

We begin the *One in Christ, 2025 Bishop's Appeal* this coming weekend, a vital effort in our journey of spiritual and pastoral renewal. Together, as *The One*, we stand united as a family, transforming lives through faith and service.

Your support of the Bishop's Appeal is an investment in hope, healing, and renewal. It enables us to:

- Launch transformative ministries, including the Stephen Ministry, which offers care for individuals facing life's challenges, and the Diocese of Bridgeport Guilds, which deepen Christian discipleship and provide networks of support around common professions and interests.
- Support pastoral care and outreach, such as chaplains and ministers who bring Christ's mercy and love to the sick and suffering.
- Empower future generations through seminarian and diaconate education, youth and parent formation programs, and the Bishop's Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition assistance for Catholic education.
- Provide critical assistance through Catholic Charities, delivering food, shelter, and hope to those in need.

I invite you to consider a gift to this year's Appeal prayerfully. Together, we are *One in Christ* and we can make a difference that no single parish can achieve alone.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

May God bless you and your loved ones.



Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano



**Make Your Gift Today** 

For information please visit <u>2025BishopsAppeal.org</u> or call 203-416-1470



## TAKE TIME TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Let's Help our St. Joseph High School Youth Ministry Members in their guest to feed the hungry this week only!

OUR DONATIONS WILL GO TO BRIDGEPORT RESCUE, MERCY LEARNING CENTER, ST. JAMES PANTRY, ST. VINCENT DEPAUL, AND THE THOMAS MERTON FAMILY CENTER.

Please drop donations in the back entry of the church on the left hand side of the Chapel by this FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7th.

- CANNED TUNA FISH, CHICKEN, BEANS, SOUP, VEGETABLES
- SMALL JARS PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY
- SMALL BAGS FLOUR, SUGAR, RICE
- BOXED MASHED POTATOES, PASTA, OATMEAL, CHICKEN BROTH
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In addition, New Covenant Sandwich Making/Donations
Please sign up at:



# The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes & World Day of Prayer for the Sick

All, especially the sick, frail and the handicapped, are invited.

Saturday, February 8th at St Aloysius Church.

Welcome will begin at 1:30 p.m. Mass & Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m.

Refreshments will follow in Stapleton Hall.



PLEASE REGISTER by clicking or holding your phone up to this QR code:





Questions? Contact Liz at <u>liztamarkin@gmail.com</u> or Sally at <u>sallysweeney21@icloud.com</u>
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## Catholic Parents Connect Love n' Care College Care Packages



We will gather on Wednesday, February 26th at 7pm in Stapleton Hall to assemble the packages and write notes to the college students. Let your college student know that their parish family misses them!

To register your college student for this mailing, please send a check for \$20 (made payable to St. A's) and your college student's name to the attention of Chris Otis no later than February 19th. Then sign up at https://tinyurl.com/love-n-care

If you participated in the fall mailing, just sign up - you have paid for the year. Please just need to sign up to attend and let us know what you are bringing for the packages!

## ~ Parish News ~



## **Our Lady's Guild**

## Friday, February 14th - Valentine's Day!

We have an impressive lineup this month!

- Our Headliner is: Deacon Bill Santulli, discussing Marian Apparitions and Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Monsignor Rob Kinnally will give a Parish update
- Christine Altier will discuss Our Lady of Fatima Statue World Tour

Mass at 9 a.m. in the Church followed by our meeting in Stapleton Hall at 10 a.m.

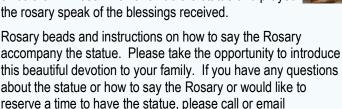
All are welcome!!!



Are you, or someone you know, experiencing a difficult life situation - such as the loss of a loved one, medical crisis, divorce, family issues, job loss, or caregiving challenges? Please consider reaching out to a Stephen Minister by contacting Msgr. Rob at <a href="mailto:frrob@starcc.com">frrob@starcc.com</a>.

#### Invite Our Blessed Mother into YOUR home

Our Lady appeared to three children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. She asked them to tell the world to pray the Rosary for world peace. Her request is as important now as it was then. The beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother was brought back from Fatima to St. Aloysius in 2005 and has been traveling to families in our parish since then. Those who have had the statue and prayed the rosary speak of the blessings received.



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

Sue Lione, (203) 966-5961 or slione@optonline.net.



For donation guidelines, please refer to our website at <a href="https://starcc.com/mother-teresa/">https://starcc.com/mother-teresa/</a>

To schedule an appointment between Feb. 3 - 9, please contact Debby McIntosh at deborah 3868 (@yahoo.com or call 203-554-8572.



## ~ 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 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: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/WBS-WS25">https://tinyurl.com/WBS-WS25</a>
Questions? Email the WBS Leadership Team at:
<a href="https://wbsstaloysius@amail.com">wbsstaloysius@amail.com</a>



## St. Aloysius Zoom Bible Study Online - Monday's 10 - 11:30 a.m.

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.

For more information, contact Maryann at 203.213.4809 or at <a href="mailto:mknag@aol.com">mmknag@aol.com</a> for the Zoom Invitation and Link.

### ~ Parish and Other News ~

## Sunday, February 9th is Scout Sunday around the world.



Please look for our Scouts and Cub Scouts at the 10 a.m. Family Mass and join the Scouting program leaders and Scouts for coffee, donuts and munchkins (of course) after the mass at Stapleton Hall! Families with pre-K and K-5th grade boys and girls are enthusiastically encouraged to attend!

#### St. Alovsius Cub Scout Pack 45

Open to boys and girls in K-5th grade. Pack meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at the New Canaan Nature Center.

Cubmaster Scott Roe: (475) 399-4126 or escottroe@gmail.com

## St. Aloysius Scouts BSA Troop 45



Open to 6th grade and older boys. Troop meetings are held weekly on Tuesday nights from 7-8pm in the Sturgess Room at the New Canaan Nature Center.

Contact Scoutmaster (& Eagle Scout) Keith Duggar at (617) 270-4535 or Scoutmaster@newcanaan45.mytroop.us.



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