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Second Sunday of Easter - April 27, 2025



Pope Francis

Jorge Mario Bergoglio

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025



April 21, 2025

My Dear Friends,

With hearts full of sorrow and at the same time with gratitude and hope, we join the Church and many others around the world in mourning the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

His life was a luminous witness to the Gospel—a shepherd who led with tenderness, a prophet who called us to conversion, and a father who embraced the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized and the wounded with the love of Christ.

From the moment he stepped onto the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in 2013 and humbly asked for our prayers, Pope Francis invited us to a renewed encounter with Jesus. He reminded us that the heart of our faith is mercy, that the Church is a "field hospital" for sinners, and that no one is beyond the reach of God's love. His tireless advocacy for the marginalized, his insistence on the joy of the Gospel, and his call to care for our common home challenged and inspired us all.

Pope Francis prayed and called for a world where we recognize our shared humanity and work together for justice, peace, and solidarity. He frequently spoke about overcoming divisions, welcoming migrants, and fostering a culture of encounter, all of which contribute to making the world a true home for all.

Even in this time of sorrow, we take comfort in the hope of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Pope Francis lived for Christ and labored tirelessly as his vicar on earth for over 12 years. He now goes to meet Him, the Lord he served so faithfully. Let us pray for his soul, entrusting him to the loving embrace of God the Father, and let us honor his legacy by striving to live as missionary disciples—bringing the light of Christ to a world so in need of it.

May our Blessed Mother, whom Pope Francis so deeply loved, intercede for him and for the Church he led with wisdom and courage. And may we remain steadfast in our faith, knowing that Christ is always with His Church, guiding us forward in love.

With every blessing,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday -	April 28, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Raechelle Freeman
5:30 p.m.	Alberto B. Araya
Tuesday -	April 29, 2025
7:00 a.m.	John Forsythe
5:30 p.m.	Lorry and Paul Whelan
Wednesday -	April 30, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Maria, Julia and Johnny Palermo
5:30 p.m.	Special Intentions
Thursday -	May 1, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Andres Rojas, St. Aloysius Parishioners
5:30 p.m.	Cellucci Family
Friday -	May 2, 2025
7:00 a.m.	James Flaherty
5:30 p.m.	Domenic Sammarco
Saturday -	May 3, 2025
7:00 a.m.	James Flaherty
5:00 p.m.	Jean DiPanni
Sunday -	May 4, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Patricia Hanley
8:30 a.m.	Mary & Dan Head Fulgenzio Gerard Casinelli Joseph Somma Sr. Angela Rose Valone Bangert John "Doc" Doherty
10:00 a.m.	John Strba
11:30 a.m.	Nick Yanicelli
5:00 p.m.	Elsie Rahrig

We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:

Molly O'Shea Lynn
Theodore Wells Hodgson

Marriage Banns:

I - Elizabeth Miller and Ryan Walsh

Please Pray for the Deceased:

Pope Francis
Krysty Brink
Jim McPartlan
Edna Toner

We Welcome Our New Parishioners:

Carmen Alba, Mary & Rob Campbell,
Gould Family, Halasz Family, Paschall Family,
Ludovica Pincione & Justin Podlesak, Terpening Family

~ Please Pray For ~

Please let us know if you see a name that should be removed from this list because their circumstances have changed.

Maria Alvarado, Michele and Kurt Babyak, Benjamin Barresi, Robert Blosio III, Dave Borgeson, Margaret "Peg" Brewer, Anthony Burrows, Michael Buzzeo, Tom Carty, Margaret Cavanagh, Lois Cawley, Luz Celit, Brian Cristello, James Cristello, John Cristello, Tina Cusimano, Michael DeCarlo, Brooke D'Aleo, Rick Daniels, Audrey Dertinger, Matthew DeVaney, Mauro DiFulvio, Caragh Dougherty, Madeline Dwyer, Monique Elliot, John Emert, Michael Fallon, Rinda Farnham, Mark Dale Ferguson, Grace Ferlito, Owen Fitzgerald, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Angela Franco, Maria Franco, Rick Franco, Henry Frank, Ging Galindo, Alexandra Gagliardi, Karolina Gardocki, Ann Gehrich, Franco Gencarelli, Austin Gidge, Barrie Gonzalez, Kathy Grove, Olivia Hurley, Juan Invernon, Maria Invernon, Sarah Jessie, Sharon Kempf, 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, Msgr. William Scheyd, Caroline Kontis Schneider, Massimo Sciarretta, 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, Peggy Wallace, 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; Senior Airman Chase Hyatt; 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

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St. Aloysius Church Offertory

Sunday, April 20, 2025	\$68,340
Online Giving for the week:	<u>4,415</u>
TOTAL OFFERTORY:	<u>\$72,755</u>
LAST YEAR:	\$75,799
Easter Offering	\$15,695
LAST YEAR:	\$20,427



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Second Collection this weekend is for
Catholic Home Mission Appeal and
Black and Indian Missions



Last Saturday, at the glorious Easter Vigil Mass we had 7 adults receive the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. After many months of studying, they were fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

What happened at the Easter Vigil? It was the night that "shall be as bright as day" as we joyfully anticipated Christ's Resurrection. It began with the Service of Light, which included the blessing of the new fire and Paschal candle symbolizing Jesus, the Light of the World. The next part consisted of the Liturgy of the Word with several readings from the Old and New Testament.

After the Liturgy of the Word, the OCIA candidates were Confirmed by Msgr. Rob and at Communion they received the Eucharist. Please joyfully welcome our new members of the Catholic Church.

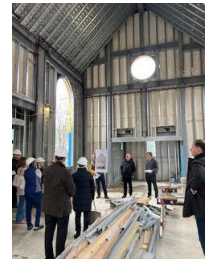


L to R 1st row:
Ashley Vaccaro,
Cameron Hodgson,
Gail Teymourin
2nd row:
Malcolm Willis,
Stefan Sigurdsson,
Dietrich Moor,
Chris Anderson



Stained Glass Windows in the New Chapel

As we contemplate our options for stained glass windows for the new St. Carlo Acutis Chapel, we are considering vintage windows because they are known for their fine craftsmanship, rich color, and inspiring depictions of Christ and the Saints. Our search took us to Europe (via the internet only!), but we are now exploring windows from Holy Rosary Church in Bridgeport because the artistry is breathtaking and the size is right! Holy Rosary Church was closed several years ago and the contents and windows were placed in storage. Michael Tribe, our architect, and a small group of us will soon be able to see the windows "in-person" and determine whether they are a good fit. I'll report back to you. In the meantime, please continue to pray – perhaps to Blessed Carlo Acutis – for a splendid finish to our project. - *Msgr. Rob*



For more information, contact the Parish Office: (203) 966-0020
Maria Molloy: mmolloy@starcc.com • **Msgr. Rob:** frrob@starcc.com

Are you an adult who is Roman Catholic, received your First Holy Communion but never the Sacrament of Confirmation?

If you would like to learn more about joining other adults in the Parish who are receiving this sacrament on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th, 2024, please contact Deacon Bill Santulli at santulliw@starcc.com.



The group will meet for 3 evening sessions - Wednesday May 7, Monday May 12 and Monday June 2. Makeup sessions will be available should you have a conflict.

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



To schedule an appointment between April 28 - May 4,
please contact Debby McIntosh at
deborah3868@yahoo.com or call 203-554-8572.

St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

~ Parish News ~



LITTLE SISTERS of the POOR

On May 3rd & May 4th, the Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting the St. Aloysius Parish. The collection taken for them will be exclusively for the care of the elderly poor who reside with them at St. Joseph's Residence in Enfield. The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving the needs of the elderly poor in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts for over 100 years. They are most grateful for your generosity. Please consider supporting their annual appeal by making checks payable to: **Little Sisters of the Poor-St. Joseph's Residence**



SAINT ALOYSIUS SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY ALL ARE WELCOME

Join Special Needs Parents with their Children,
Caregivers, Teachers, Family & Friends
to Pray the Rosary

Wednesday April 30th at 7:00PM in the Church

Led by Michelle Lavelle, Spiritual Director
and a Stephen Minister

Light a candle and pray for a special intention for the evening.

For many of our children, the tactile and repetitive nature of praying the Rosary may resonate not only as a beautiful offering of petition and thanksgiving, but also as a calming source of connection for our families.

Please bring your own Rosary or we can provide one. The St. A's Special Needs Ministry seeks to raise awareness, compassion and support of parishioners with special needs and their families. We are all God's children and this Ministry celebrates our differences, individual gifts and creates opportunities to bring us all together as a community. For more information, please contact specialneedsministry@starcc.com.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets

Spiritual Bouquets are now available in the Narthex for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th. Please fill out the information on the larger envelope and drop it in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. These names will remain on the altar for the month of May and the mothers will be remembered at Mass. The card with the smaller matching envelope is yours to keep or give to your loved one.



~ Youth Ministry ~

SUPPER & S'MORES WITH MARY TEEN ROSARY

Wednesday, April 30th
7PM in the Maple Street Room



Teen Rosary
Sign up at:
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IN THE HOLY SPIRIT GARDEN
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Cinco de Mayo Dinner for the Malta House Moms - Friday, May 2

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YOUTH MINISTRY SPRING GATHERING WITH MSGR. ROB - SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

5PM Teen Mass, followed by dinner and a special program with
Msgr. Rob. Rising Freshmen are especially encouraged to
join and meet our current high school teens!

Parents are invited for an informational session about the new
buildings and chapel and a brief welcome program for parents
of our newly confirmed with advice from our seasoned high
school parents. This evening is not to be missed!

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The Knights of Columbus are proud to announce our Annual Essay Contest for the Kevin Johnson Memorial College Scholarship and Father John H. Stapleton Council College Scholarships. Council 2287 shall offer multiple, one-time cash scholarships to deserving high school seniors who are entering an accredited college. Interested seniors should fill out and submit the application as set out in the instructions.

The deadline for submissions 5 pm on May 17, 2025.
Questions? Contact Robert Schott 203-972-0507.

Applications and instructions can be found at
<https://tinyurl.com/KofC25Scholar>



**The High Cost of Waiting:
Effective Long-Term Care Steps To Take Now**
Tuesday, April 29th 7- 8pm in Stapleton Hall

Families are often shocked to learn that long-term care costs can exceed \$240,000 per year and regret missing opportunities to protect assets and avoid court involvement. Come learn from Michael LaMagna (LaMagna McKenna Attorneys at Law) and Joe Boscia F.I.C. (Knights of Columbus Field Agent) about:

- Essential legal documents everyone should have
- Using a Medicaid Asset Protection Trust to shield your home and assets
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RSVP requested but not required: kofc2287@gmail.com




Our Lady's Guild



**Thursday, May 1st -
Pilgrimage to Lourdes in Litchfield**
Carpools please meet in Church lot at 9:30AM.

**Tuesday, May 13th -
Luncheon at One Twenty Three Restaurant**
Guest Speaker: Deacon Arthur Miller
Please reply with a \$60 check to the OLG mailbox in Stapleton Hall by May 7th. Beverages - cash only.




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Rosary Walkers



SPRING WALKS STARTING APRIL 30TH

WEDNESDAYS 8:00 AM-8:45AM
WALK JUST FOR THE ROSARY OR JOIN US FOR OUR WHOLE LOOP ... WHATEVER WORKS FOR YOU!
BRING YOUR ROSARY & MEET ON MAPLE STREET IN FRONT OF THE STAPLETON HALL PARISH CENTER

Just an informal group of us gathering together once a week on Wednesdays to walk in town and pray the Rosary! Different Day/time better for you?
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