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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent - November 30, 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

EUCARISTIC ADORATION Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Chapel.

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.

In case of an **emergency** requiring a priest, please call the parish office: 203-966-0020 and follow the prompts.

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The First Sunday of Advent

The Candle of Hope

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday -	December 1, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Nico Mallozzi
	St. Aloysius Parishioners
5:30 p.m.	Jim Carty
Tuesday -	December 2, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Gerald Toner
5:30 p.m.	Michael J. McDonagh
Wednesday -	December 3, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Michael Aldrich
5:30 p.m.	William Swain
Thursday -	December 4, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Michael McDonagh
5:30 p.m.	Eduardo Hauser
Friday -	December 5, 2025
7:00 a.m.	John Ward
5:30 p.m.	Lornza Palladino and the deceased members of the Palladino Family
Saturday -	December 6, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Patrick Kelly
5:00 p.m.	Jean DiPanni
Sunday -	December 7, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Mary Jane Richardson
8:30 a.m.	Katherine and Stephen Horan
	Rose and Leo Karl Sr.
	Leo Karl, Jr.
10:00 a.m.	Richard Ahern
11:30 a.m.	Salvatore Sciarretta
	Birsen Doruk
	Donald Brown
	Kenneth A. Fishman
	Michael McDonagh
5:00 p.m.	Bernard Kelly

We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:
Blaise Peter Jaros

~ 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, Margaret "Peg" Brewer, Anthony Burrows, Michael Buzzec, Nora Carbone, Tom Carty, Lois Cawley, Luz Celit, Brian Cristello, James Cristello, John Cristello, Tina Cusimano, Michael DeCarlo, Brooke D'Aleo, Audrey Dertinger, Matthew DeVaney, Caragh Dougherty, Gerald Dulski, Madeline Dwyer, Monique Elliot, Michael Fallon, Rinda Farnham, Pat Feeley, Mark Dale Ferguson, Grace Ferlito, Owen Fitzgerald, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Angela Franco, Maria Franco, Henry Frank, Ging Galindo, Alexandra Gagliardi, Karolina Gardocki, Ann Gehrich, Franco Gencarelli, Austin Gidge, Barrie Gonzalez, Andee Gravereaux, Kathy Grove, Douglas Hull, Olivia Hurley, Juan Invernon, Maria Invernon, Sarah Jessie, Sharon Kempf, William K., Katie Kennedy, Maryann Knag, Clare Kretzman, Merrily Krauser, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Al Latte, Jose Lavana, Vicki LeBris, Joanne Liscio, Joshua Liscio, Georgia Little, Tracee Lutes, Debbie B. Lyon, Alan Maguire, Dan Mao, Rachel Mawardi, Liz McKay, Martin McLaughlin, Sarah McNulty, Fabiola Mellio, Hudson Moore, Dell Murphy, Father Paul Murphy, Melissa Murray, Diane Oberander, Chris O'Connor, Martin O'Shea, Patrick M. Pantalone, Ana Paredes, Beverly Peck, Theresa Petrucci, Lily Pickering, Janine Pickhardt, Austin Jack Pieck, Cathy McClane Quiaoit, Noah Quiaoit, Nora Radocea, Matthew Raymond, Michael ReQua, Patricia Rezny, Massimo Scialetta, Karen Scigliano, Carol Selvin, Diane Silverio, Donna Silverio, Lynda Ann Slovik, Frank Smith, Paul Sorge, Sr., Fernando Spadaccini, Mike Szarpa, Ignatius Thompson, Margot Vaughan, Dominick Anthony Vento, Dorothy Voris, Peggy Wallace, 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; 2nd Lt. Jack Goetz; Senior Airman Chase Hyatt; SR Christopher Kouimanis; Spec. 3rd CL Thomas Lally; Lt. Col. Todd Polk; Lt. Col. Christopher Schilling; CPT Andrew Scott; Peter Sloan USN; CPT Jason Trischitta USAF; SSG Steven Vasko

SANCTUARY CANDLES burn this week in memory of

Mott Evans

Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle

Marlene Succi

Mary Sanctuary Candle

Anthony Grasso

Chapel Candle

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



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If you would like to receive our weekly parish e-mail, our digital bulletin plus other parish news, please sign up at:
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~ Parish News ~



Words from Monsignor Rob Kinnally

Praying in Advent

"Hallow" (hallow.com) is a popular Catholic online site that offers practical ways to pray and stay focused on our relationship with Christ in the midst of our busy lives. As we make room in our hearts for Christ who comes at Christmas, I found Hallow's short Advent prayers to be very helpful. I'm sharing them with you because I believe that they may provide a way to keep us centered and hopeful in these days when the world is so restless.

- *Dear Lord, please allow me to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends: as a way to prepare for Your arrival. May everything I do—every gift I send, every party I attend, every meal I share—remind me to prepare space in my heart for You. Amen.*
- *Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen.*
- *Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide me during Advent this year. May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and led me when I feel lost. I may stumble at times, but I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on earth—a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure. Amen.*
- *I pray for focus today, dear God, because during Advent, my mind and attention tend to wander. There are so many distractions, many of them well-meaning. But nothing gives my heart rest like resting in You. I pray that I keep You at the focus of my day today, because I know the peace that only You offer. Amen.*

May our Advent prayers help us to welcome Christ at Christmas and every day.

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Rob

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 BUILDING CORNER

Fulfilling our Sacred Mission



During this season of Thanksgiving, we pause to reflect on the extraordinary blessings God has poured upon our parish—most especially the tremendous progress we have made together on the Education and Faith Center. This new Center will be a gift to every family in our parish: a warm and welcoming home for our preschoolers, a place for our young people to grow in faith, and a vital gathering space for ministries that bring hope, service, and fellowship to our community.

We have had a strong response to our Matching Donor Challenge. If you have been meaning to participate, Thanksgiving is a fitting moment to consider making a sacrificial gift. Your generosity today will have double the impact, helping us finish Phase I and set the foundation for what comes next.

A reminder of how it works:

- If our parish raises \$500,000 in new gifts and pledges by the end of December...
- AND **at least** 50 new pledges are received from first-time campaign contributors...
- ...then the \$1 million Challenge Fund goal will be met, bringing our total impact to **\$1.5 million!**

Please contact Maria Molloy at mmolloy@starcc.com if you would like to make a gift, join a tour of this wonderful facility, or have any questions.

Scan or Click to Donate



St. Aloysius Offertory

Sunday, November 23, 2025	\$20,927
Online Giving for the week:	<u>5,090</u>
TOTAL OFFERTORY:	<u>\$26,017</u>
LAST YEAR:	\$23,915
Second Collection - Retired Priests D of B	\$9,430



~ Religious Education ~

Confirmation

Some of our Confirmation students recently gathered to pray for souls of the faithful departed at Lakeview Cemetery.



A group of Confirmation students enjoyed an afternoon of bingo with our friends at the Schoolhouse Apartments. A good time was had by all.



~ Parish News ~



Please note: The Saint Aloysius Church parking lot will soon be patrolled for parking violators.

Parishioners are always welcome to park in the lot while attending church activities such as Mass or Funeral attendance, Adoration or Religious Education.

Full-Day daily parkers are asked to use the Boxcar app and park in the designated spaces. Those who are not attending church activities or properly using Boxcar will be asked to move their vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

- Saturday, December 6th: 4pm - 4:45pm in the Chapel
- Saturday, December 13th: 4pm - 4:45pm in the Chapel
- Monday, December 15th: 7pm Praise and Worship Holy Hour for **Young Adults** with Confessions
- Tuesday, December 16th: 7pm Praise and Worship Holy Hour for **Teens** with Confessions
- Friday, December 19th: 11:30am - 12:30 pm in the Church with Confessions
- Saturday, December 20th: 4pm - 4:45pm in the Chapel
- Monday, December 22nd: 7pm - 8pm **Family** Holy Hour in Church with Confessions
- Tuesday, December 23rd: 9am - 11am and 3pm - 5pm in the Chapel

~ Youth Ministry ~



WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU THIS ADVENT?

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>

Saturday, Dec. 6 - St. A's Buddies Holiday Party
 Mon, Dec. 8 - Holy Day of Obligation Before-School Teen Mass
 Wednesday, Dec. 10 - Matt Maher Concert
 Thursday, Dec. 11 - STAR Holiday Party for Adults with Special Needs
 Saturday, Dec. 13 - FOODSHARE
 Saturday, Dec. 13 - Breakfast with Santa at Thorpe
 Sunday, Dec. 14 - Breakfast Run into NYC
 Tuesday, Dec. 16 - Advent Teen Adoration with Rosary
 Wednesday, Dec 18 - Holiday Gift Boutique for Malta Moms



GIFT ITEMS NEEDED



SIP AND SHOP HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE FOR MALTA HOUSE

Our teen leaders are collecting the following items for their free holiday boutique for the Malta House moms! They are looking for new or gently-used items. Perhaps you have unused hostess gifts that you would be willing to share!

Please donate:

Accessories: scarves, hats, gloves, costume jewelry, purses, wallets, new fuzzy socks

Men's accessories: belts, socks, gloves, hats

Small Room Décor: baskets, seasonal items, room sprays, candles

NEW Body Products: lotions, body sprays, bath salts

Items can be dropped off in the bin by the garage at the Bell's House at 985 New Norwalk Rd now through December 11th.

~ Parish News ~

The St. Aloysius Parish Confirmation Class presents:

The Living Nativity

Friday, December 5th

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.

Need gift suggestions (new items only)? Here are a few favorites: pajamas, coat, hat, gloves, scarf, socks, toy, game, book, toothbrush... There are usually a few items for each family member.



Please place wrapped & labeled 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 13, 4:00 - 7:00 PM or

COFFEE & DONUTS - Sunday, December 14, 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 liztamarink@gmail.com
203-895-4994 or 203-918-1018



Misa en Español
Sábado 13 de Diciembre
a las 6:30 p.m.

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

ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC PARISH

FAITH ON TAP

Ask A Priest

Theme: FORGIVENESS

What does forgiving entail?
How many times shall I forgive?

Tuesday, December 2
7-8:00 PM
The White Buffalo
72 Park Street, New Canaan

Free entrance – All are welcome to attend
Keynote speaker: Msgr. Kinnally

QR code for calendar invite



Advent by Candlelight

Wednesday, December 3rd
6:45 p.m. in Stapleton Hall



Click or Scan for Complete Details and Reservations

December 14th Breakfast Run into NYC



Our high school teens are headed back into NYC for our annual Santa Breakfast Run to feed and clothe our homeless brothers and sisters on the streets of New York.

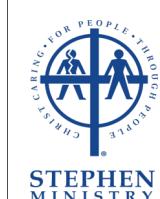
We will be distributing hoodies and sweatpants, along with socks, underwear and hats. Please sponsor a bag of clothing for \$30 as we are doing a bulk purchase. We need donations of warm men's and women's socks. To be a sponsor, please send a check (made out to St. Aloysius Church) for \$30 to the attention of Chris Otis or go to Youth Ministry. Donations online giving by scanning or clicking here. Please enter a note 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. 10th.



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 frob@starcc.com.

FORGIVENESS

What does forgiving entail?
How many times shall I forgive?

SOME QUOTES FROM THE BIBLE

Is there a duty to rebuke? A duty to forgive?

"Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he wrongs you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times saying, 'I am sorry,' you should forgive him." (Lk 17:3-4)

Should I take the initiative and seek reconciliation?

"Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him. Otherwise, your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison." (Mt 5:25)

What if the offender doesn't repent?

"If your brother sins [against you], go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector." (Mt 18:15-17)

"Love your enemies, and do good and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful." (Lk 6:35-36)

What if after being forgiven, the offender resumes sinning?

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

What if the offendee doesn't forgive?

"His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart." (Mt 18:32-35, conclusion of the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant 18:21-35)

What if I have offended God?

"If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father also will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions." (Mt 6:14-15)

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What are your questions? Bring them on December 2, 7-8 pm

Looking forward to a great conversation with Msgr. Kinnally at **The White Buffalo, 72 Park St.**

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St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

~ Parish News ~

St. Aloysius Music Ministry presents the
22nd Annual Advent - Christmas Concert
with the Adult and Youth Choirs, Soloists, and Orchestra



Sunday, December 14th, 2:00 PM
St. Aloysius Church | New Canaan, CT



Reserve your complimentary
concert tickets today!
Scan the QR code or visit
www.starcc.com/musicministryconcert

FEED THE HUNGRY THIS ADVENT AT NEW COVENANT CENTER

DROP THESE FOOD ITEMS BY THE CHAPEL DOOR THIS MONTH

**CANNED TUNA FISH/JELLY/DRY BAGS OF BLACK BEANS /DRY BAGS OF MACARONI
SUGAR - SMALL BAGS/FLOUR - SMALL BAGS/SMALL OIL BOTTLES
CHICKEN BROTH/SARDINES/OATMEAL (SMALL PACK)
INSTANT COFFEE/HOT CHOCOLATE /CANNED EVAPORATED MILK**

SANDWICH MAKERS NEEDED...

**HELP YOUR FAMILY PREPARE THEIR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS
BY GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED ... SIGN UP AT THE QR CODE!**

**MAKE 20 SANDWICHES & DROP IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH
9-10AM ON MONDAYS! WE ALSO NEED WATER & SNACK DONATIONS**



Music Notes - First Sunday of Advent (Year A) Dr. John Michniewicz

- Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 prophesies universal peace; Romans 13:11-14 urges believers to "wake up" and "put on the armor of light"; and Matthew 24:37-44 calls us to "stay awake" for the Lord's unknown coming.
- "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel": This beloved Entrance Hymn adapts the ancient "O Antiphons," whose initials (read backward) form Ero cras—"I will be present tomorrow"—a hidden reference to Christ's coming.
- "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending": Presented at the 11:30 Mass, this Wesley hymn highlights Christ's Second Coming, echoing the readings' theme of watchfulness. John Rutter's setting adds brass and a soaring soprano descant.
- Other Music: The Communion Meditation, "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide," is a 17th-century prayer for Christ's return. The Final Hymn, "Savior of the Nations, Come," attributed to St. Ambrose and adapted by Martin Luther, is a direct plea for Christ's Incarnation.

For more information, click or scan: 

Our Lady's Guild

invites all ladies in to our next event!

Feast Day: "The Immaculate Conception"

Monday, December 8th

9 a.m. Mass and Rosary in the Church

10 a.m. Potluck and Speaker in Stapleton Hall

Guest Speaker: Pamela Shilling (Malta House)

~ Faith Formation ~

DECEMBER

ST. ALOYSIUS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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BIBLE STUDY *led by Kevin Brunner*
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
40 Maple Street, New Canaan



Women's Bible Study 2025-26

Tuesdays from 9:30 -11:45 a.m. in Stapleton Hall

Refreshments Included - All are invited!

Our Study this year is:

True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation

This study explores the saints, including St. Ignatius, St. Thomas More and St. Theresa of Avila.. Registration is required so we can purchase your book.

Registration: <https://forms.gle/zH9Y2qxqUWVfYzq5>

For more information: www.starcc.com/WBS

Questions? Email: wwpstalloysius@gmail.com

Zoom Bible Study

St. A's Zoom Bible Study meets Monday's 10-11:30 a.m.

Come and join us as we answer these and many questions about the first Book of the Bible! No need to register, just grab your Bible and join us online.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/StAsZoomBible> for all the details



Men's Bible Study & Fellowship

Saturday Mornings 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship and Bible Study is studying the Letters of St. Paul.

We meet in the Maple Street Dining Room of the Parish Center. Doors open at 7:30 for a light breakfast, coffee and fellowship.

Enter at the Maple Street stairs. For more info. contact Bob Mantilia at 203-414-1500 or Robert.R.Mantilia@gmail.com

St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

Mother Teresa's Closet

IS OPEN, by appointment



To schedule an appointment between December 1 - 7
please contact Judi Anders at
judianders@sbcglobal.net or call 203-858-1412.



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Start your planning now by contacting Angel Bodine
one of our Family Advisors and a St. Aloysius parishioner
at 475-422-6015 or angel.bodine@ctcemeteries.org


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