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*Third Sunday of Advent - December 14, 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](http://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

EUCCHARISTIC 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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## *Third Sunday of Advent* *This Week's Calendar of Events*



Saturday, December 13th 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Reconciliation in the Chapel

Sunday, December 14th 2:00 p.m. Christmas Concert in the Church

Monday, December 15th 7:00 p.m. Praise and Worship Holy Hour for Young Adults with Confessions

Tuesday, December 16th 7:00 p.m. Praise and Worship Holy Hour for Teens with Confessions

## ~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday -	December 15, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Jane Ryan
5:30 p.m.	Carole E. Greeley & Pauline Rouvalis Schlim
Tuesday -	December 16, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Patricia Donovan
	St. Aloysius Parishioners
5:30 p.m.	Claudia Monaco
Wednesday -	December 17, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Giulietta Palladino
	Eric Shaw
5:30 p.m.	Meghan & James Rump (L)
Thursday -	December 18, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Giulietta Palladino
5:30 p.m.	Frank Luberti
Friday -	December 19, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Paolo (D) & Elviro (L) Marotta
5:30 p.m.	Gene LeBrun
Saturday -	December 20, 2025
7:00 a.m.	John F. Osterndorf
5:00 p.m.	Jay Dougherty
Sunday -	December 21, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Lucia Cusato
8:30 a.m.	Fulgenzio Casinelli
	Giulietta Palladino
	Msgr. William Scheyd
	Tina Marie Kinol
	Nora Huff
10:00 a.m.	Jane Ryan
11:30 a.m.	Linda Buzzeo
5:00 p.m.	Debbie Hall

### ***We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:***

Ray Anthony Martinez  
Joan Audrey Sheehan

### ***Please Pray for the Deceased:***

Jerome Crea

### ***We Welcome Our New Parishioners:***

Mary Ann Cannilla, Filip Family,  
Kapp Family, Scull Family,  
White Family

### **Parish E-Mail Notifications**

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## ~ 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 Buzzeo, 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, 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, Patrick Joseph Hannon, Douglas Hull, Olivia Hurley, Juan Invernion, Maria Invernion, 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 Sciarretta, 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**

Paolo Marotta

#### **Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle**

Hugh F. Winters Sr.

#### **Mary Sanctuary Candle**

Anna & John Cyboski

#### **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](mailto:bulletin@starcc.com)

## St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT



### Words from Monsignor Rob Kinnally

#### **Last Weekend: A Cause for Rejoicing**

As we head into the third week of Advent, I am feeling great joy (appropriate as the Third Sunday is Gaudete ["rejoice"] Sunday). Last weekend was a marathon of joyful events in the life of our parish. I want to share some highlights so you can know how we celebrate God at work in the Saint Aloysius family of faith.

Our teens and chaperones headed down to Kentucky with Chris Otis, our youth minister and Father Flavian for our annual "Project 1,000." Your generosity filled stockings, helped with transportation costs, and made it possible for 1,000 children in one of the poorest communities in the country to have Christmas presents. The weekend was an experience of true Gospel living.

Friday night was very chilly, but our hearts were warmed by the Living Nativity. Big crowds watched the three presentations narrated by John Patrick Walsh, with our Confirmation students taking on the various roles in the scene in Bethlehem. Loretta Buzzee and her team created a beautiful creche scene decorated with lights and greens. The Knights of Columbus erected the structure, and Dr. John, Jeffrey, and Allison from our music ministry joined student singers. All of it was organized by Marie Osterndorf, our director of Confirmation formation. Thanks to all for the smiles on the faces of the crowd that night!

On Saturday morning, our second graders made their First Reconciliation. Our catechists were on hand to welcome and guide the children to a life-giving moment of mercy. We can't wait for First Communion day in the spring! St. A's Buddies met on Saturday afternoon. Our teens and parents did a great job creating some Christmas fun for their special needs young adult buddies. I'm so proud of our teens!

The Sunday 8:30 Mass was so special because our Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) were officially welcomed into the process of full initiation into the Catholic Church. Deacon Bill and Joanne Santulli are accompanying all of them with great love. Please pray for them.

Many of you will remember Herley Mendez who spent this past summer with us. He was ordained a transitional deacon on Saturday and had a Mass of Thanksgiving at Saint Aloysius at 11:30. He preached his first-ever homily, and it was excellent. His message was an invitation to a conversion of heart as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas and every day. Deacon Herley has been assigned to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Fairfield where Father David Roman is the pastor. Please keep Deacon Herley in your prayers as he prepares for his priesthood ordination in June 2026.

And as if all the above was not enough, we launched a ministry for seniors on Sunday with a cookie swap and tea. Seniors, watch the bulletin and your email for future events. I'm grateful to Angel Bodine and Caroline Greisen for coordinating the events.

In sum, God is truly present in our lively parish. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let's rejoice together as we do our best to encounter Christ in the truth, beauty, and goodness of our Faith.

Yours in Christ,

*Monsignor Rob*

#### **St. Aloysius Offertory**

<b>Sunday, December 7, 2025</b>	<b>\$18,889</b>
Online Giving for the week:	<u>9,200</u>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>	<b><u>\$28,089</u></b>
<b>LAST YEAR:</b>	<b>\$28,550</b>

**Second Collection** this weekend is for  
**Retirement Fund for Religious**



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#### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

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



## St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

### ~ Religious Education ~

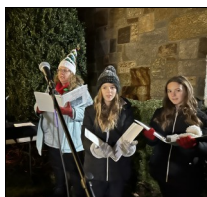
#### Grades Pre-K to 6th

Congratulations to the more than 100 students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last weekend!

A reminder to all families: please be sure to read the Pre-K through 6th newsletters. If you are not receiving them by email, they are available on our website, and you can also sign up there to be added to the mailing list.

#### Confirmation

Last Friday evening, our Confirmation students did a wonderful job bringing the true meaning of Christmas to our town. with our Living Nativity.



### ~ Parish News ~

## 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

### 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.



### ~ Youth Ministry ~

## Advent Teen Adoration & Rosary

**Tuesday, December 16 at 7:30 pm**

*Advent is a time of waiting and preparation, a season where we focus on the light that will enter the darkness.*

*Let's prepare alongside each other by sitting in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.*

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available!



Teens in Grades 7-12 Welcome

Click or Scan to sign up:



Our November Teen Rosary group prayed and meditated on the Glorious Mysteries. We figured out that praying in community together, we sent 1,600 Hail Marys up to our Blessed Mother! Our December Teen Rosary will be prayed during our Teen Adoration! Teens in grades 7-12 ... come join us!

### SAVE THE DATE!



#### Dinner with Pope Leo

**Sunday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> - Immediately Following the 5 pm Teen Mass**  
High School teens are invited to Stapleton Hall for dinner and a broadcast of Pope Leo's conversation with the teens of the United States at the National Catholic Youth Conference. Facilitated by our clergy ... the perfect way to start your new year with advice from our Holy Father!



## Advent Holy Hour Dates

St. Aloysius, New Canaan

Are you seeking peace and quiet during the hustle and bustle of Advent?

**Join us for Eucharistic Adoration**

### Daytime Holy Hour

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Church

### Family Holy Hour

Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Church

For more info. contact: Tricia LaValle: 203.536.0237





~ Parish News ~

## CHRISTMAS STARS

### DROP OFF GIFTS THIS WEEKEND

Please bring your Christmas Star to Stapleton Hall with your wrapped gifts in a sturdy box, seal, and tape star to the outside



Saturday, 4:00 - 7:00 PM  
or  
Sunday, BEFORE 11 AM

**Starships, please arrive between 10-10:30 AM**

To sign up to drive, hold the camera of your phone up to this QR code & click the notification to go to the form.



For assistance contact: Liz & Hope [liztamarkin@gmail.com](mailto:liztamarkin@gmail.com)  
203-895-4994



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

# Hope



**Sunday, December 14th, 2:00 PM**  
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Reserve your complimentary  
concert tickets today!

Scan the QR code or visit  
[www.starcc.com/musicministryconcert](http://www.starcc.com/musicministryconcert)



Our new Senior Get Together Ministry Leaders Angel Bodine and Caroline Greisen hosted a cookie exchange last weekend. Attended by over 30 young-at-heart seniors, they enjoyed fellowship, shared ideas and went home with a box of cookies! Watch for the January event in the bulletin! To be added to their mailing list, please send your home address to Angel Bodine at [angelbodine63@gmail.com](mailto:angelbodine63@gmail.com) or Caroline Greisen at [carolinegreisen7@gmail.com](mailto:carolinegreisen7@gmail.com).

## THE BUILDING CORNER

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### Matching Donor Challenge – There's Still Time to Participate!

What an exciting moment for our parish! **The Saint Aloysius Catholic Preschool website is now live, and applications are officially being accepted for our opening on September 1st.** This new Preschool, located in the Education and Faith Center, will provide a joyful and faith-filled start for our youngest parishioners. We are thrilled to begin welcoming families into this new chapter of parish life next year.

At Mass this past weekend, Monsignor Rob shared that the fundraising effort for the Education and Faith Center is now very close to completion, news that was met with enthusiastic applause. While a few final commitments are still needed to officially cross the finish line, it is remarkable how far we have come thanks to the tremendous generosity of our parish family. This is the moment we have been working toward: the vision coming to life, and the Preschool becoming real. Thank you for everything you have done to make this possible.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate in this effort, your gift today will help ensure we can fully celebrate success together as one parish community. If you have already given, the prepayment of your pledge can ease our loan costs.

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

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## MISSION TRIP TO KENTUCKY

Our team of 31, including Fr. Flavian, travelled to Kentucky last weekend to deliver some of the Project 1,000 Christmas stockings. It was a weekend of grace-filled encounters with the very poor, the old, tornado victims, homeless adults, and teens. This was only possible with your unwavering and bountiful generosity! This year, we were able to give every family a \$100 gift card in addition to their stockings and hams. The infusion of \$5,000 in gift cards to those in need in the community was so appreciated and will make a difference in their lives. **THANK YOU FROM OUR MISSION TEAM!** See our pictures at [www.starcc.com](http://www.starcc.com).



## St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

### ~ Parish News ~

#### 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](mailto:cddcnm@aol.com) or 203-856-3374.



#### Music Notes - Third Sunday of Advent Dr. John Michniewicz



The Third Sunday of Advent, is known as Gaudete Sunday. This Sunday is a kind of joyful pause within the penitential focus of Advent, with the name Gaudete meaning "rejoice."

- The readings highlight hope, comfort, and the coming of God's kingdom—Isaiah 35 promises healing and restoration, while Matthew 11 shows Jesus fulfilling these prophecies.
- Our Entrance and Final hymns emphasize rejoicing: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* and Marty Haugen's *Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn* ("REJOICE, REJOICE").
- At the 11:30 Mass, the Choir will offer selections of anticipation and joy, including Paul Manz's *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* and Allan Robert Petker's *Prepare the Way*.
- Sunday's Communion hymn, Marty Haugen's *My Soul in Stillness Waits*, reflects patient waiting for Christ, with each verse naming a title of the One to come.



For more information, click or scan:

#### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE HOMELESS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



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. They made a bulk purchase of hats, sweatshirts and sweatpants to distribute and still need to collect funds to cover the purchase.

Can you please sponsor a bag for \$30?

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".



After several months of study, last Sunday our OCIA inquirers moved into the second stage of their formation to become Catholics, the Catechumenate stage.

At the 8:30 Mass they participated in either the Rite of Welcoming (for those already Baptized and seeking to be in full communion with the church) or the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (for those seeking Baptism into the Catholic Church). These Rites signify their commitment as they were officially welcomed by the Church. Msgr. Rob marked a cross on their foreheads which signified their desire to share their life and hope in Christ. For the unbaptized in particular, this foreshadows their Baptismal anointing with the Oil of Salvation, and expresses the strength received in the name of Christ our Savior to live as a child of God.

Candidates and Catechumens are being formed to be members of the Body of Christ, and it is the responsibility of the entire parish to participate in this formation through witness, support and prayer. We ask you to please pray for them as they continue their journey.

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Looking for knitters and crochet people who would be able to assist in making prayer shawls for those in need.

If interested, please contact Sue Scannell at [sscannell@optonline.net](mailto:sscannell@optonline.net)



#### WOMEN'S MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

Thursday, December 18, 2025

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CHAPEL AT ST. ALOYSIUS

Schedule:

- 9:30 Priest available for confessions
- 10:00 Meditation by Priest
- 10:30 Examination of Conscience, Confessions and Private Prayer
- 10:45 Meditation by Priest
- 11:00 Spiritual Formation Talk in Stapleton Hall Followed by light refreshments and fellowship

event schedule



ST. ALOYSIUS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

MON  
15

ADORATION & CHRISTMAS PARTY

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
40 Maple Street, New Canaan



## St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

### Mother Teresa's Closet

IS OPEN, by appointment

To schedule an appointment between December 15 - 21  
please contact Valerie Franco at  
francovalerie10@gmail.com or 912-658-8580.



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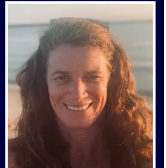
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