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*Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21, 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

EUCARISTIC ADORATION Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Chapel. Adoration will not take place on 12/26/25 & 1/2/26.

## 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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## ~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday -	December 22, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Michael & Donata Sillo, Anthony Sillo Sr.
5:30 p.m.	Howard Kopadt
Tuesday -	December 23, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Anthoney, Loretto & Donato Massarella
5:30 p.m.	Sullivan & Dratch Families
Wednesday -	December 24, 2025 (Christmas Eve)
7:00 a.m.	Ken & Ginny Koch
	All Christmas Eve Mass Intentions for St. Aloysius Parishioners
Thursday -	December 25, 2025 (Christmas Day)
	All Christmas Mass Intentions for St. Aloysius Parishioners
Friday -	December 26, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Salvatore & Concetta Palermo
5:30 p.m.	John Strba
Saturday -	December 27, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Christine Riccobene
5:00 p.m.	Manny Claravall Rita DiFiore Paul Yee
Sunday -	December 28, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Frank Palermo
8:30 a.m.	Giulietta Palladino Anthony DiFeo Rick Franco Linda Newton
10:00 a.m.	John & Virginia Spugani
11:30 a.m.	Persecuted Roman Catholic Church in China
5:00 p.m.	Fulgenzio Casinelli

### Please Pray for the Deceased:

Roger Colson  
Gary Cavanagh  
Sally Moynihan

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

**Friday, December 19th:** 11:30am - 12:30 pm  
**Holy Hour** 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

## ~ 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, 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 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 Sciaretta, 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**

Barbara Jean Lapolla  
**Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle**  
Sullivan & Dratch Families  
**Mary Sanctuary Candle**  
Brisley Reyes  
**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

#### As We Wait for Christmas

On Friday, December 12 my 98-year-old godmother, Sally, passed away. A cousin on my mom's side of the family, "Aunt Sally" held me on my baptism day, celebrated with me on my First Communion and Confirmation days, and prayed at my ordination where I was able to give her a "first blessing." I brought her Communion when she was homebound, anointed her when she was sick, and gave her the last rites of the Church the day before she died. She was faithful, kind, and strong. As I thought about those sacramental moments with Aunt Sally, my mind went back to my childhood and that Christmas spirit we experience in these days before the Nativity.

Sally always spent Christmas with me, and her stories and her smile contributed to the joy of the day. I know that my childlike anticipation of Christmas is nothing compared to Aunt Sally's anticipation of meeting the Lord Jesus face-to-face in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The holidays are difficult for those who have lost loved ones. Our faith helps us to heal as we consider the exquisite story of God loving the world and sending his own son to forgive our sins, teach us that death does not have the last word, sustain us with his sacramental grace, and walk with us through every joy and sorrow. Christmas restores our hope for a bright future because it reminds us that everything that is good and holy and hopeful came as a baby born in Bethlehem.

Just days after Sally's passing we had our parish annual Advent and Christmas concert. Dr. John selected the theme of "hope", and the concert and its message were exactly what we all needed. The program was truly splendid, thoughtful, and perfectly executed. A special treat was a new piece composed by Nancy Leville and some of her collaborators. (Nancy is one of our cantors and the director of our children's choirs.) Our adult choir and soloists were spectacular, and our "Choir and Religion" students truly demonstrated their musical gifts. The orchestra added the richness and drama that helped us to imagine that starry night in Bethlehem. On the same day, our Christmas Stars adventure was running smoothly, despite weather challenges. Your generosity lifted 300 stars from the trees in the narthex, creating joyful Christmas mornings for more families than ever in the history of this opportunity, while helping our brothers and sisters in need. Sunday was wrapped in the mantle of Gaudete (Rejoice!): our vestments were a light rose color, giving us a break from the dark violet of the other Sundays of Advent. Our rejoicing came from our anticipation of Christmas and the truth that Christ is ALWAYS in our midst.

As I was completing this column, Gregg and Judy and the team at Gregg's Landscaping were putting their finishing touches on our beautiful church decorations. Wait until you see! As I beheld all that beauty, I took a big sigh and gave thanks to God for the gift of Aunt Sally, for the gift of music, for the generosity of so many of you who love the poor, and for God's tremendous love for all of us in sending his Son to bring hope and healing to our world. And from my heart, I am truly grateful for the gift of all of you. May you have a joyful and blessed Christmas!

Yours in Christ,

*Monsignor Rob*

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#### Matching Donor Challenge Update

As we celebrate the joy of the Christmas season and approach year-end, we carry that spirit forward with hearts full of gratitude for the many blessings shared within our Saint Aloysius parish community.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our parish family, the Matching Donor Challenge is nearly fully funded, and our shared vision is becoming a reality. We eagerly anticipate this new space where faith will be formed, families will gather, and parish life will grow for generations. With the Preschool website now live, applications being accepted, and the building preparing to open its doors in 2026, we are closer than ever to completing this important chapter.

Please consider making a gift or completing a pledge before year-end. Gifts received by December 31 help us finish strong, reduce borrowing costs, and ensure that resources are directed toward ministry rather than interest expense. Your participation now helps us cross the finish line together and celebrate this milestone as one parish community.

Please contact Maria Molloy at [mmolloy@starcc.com](mailto:mmolloy@starcc.com) if you would like to make a gift, join a tour of the facility, or have any questions regarding year-end giving for tax purposes.

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### St. Aloysius Offertory

Sunday, December 14, 2025	\$11,013
Online Giving for the week:	<u>9,675</u>
<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY:</b>	<b><u>\$20,688</u></b>
LAST YEAR:	\$28,092
Second Collection - Retirement Fund for Rel.	\$6,502



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~ Religious Education ~

**Grades Pre-K to 6th**

Wishing all our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Our last day of classes for 2025 will be Sunday, December 21. There will be no classes from December 22 through January 3. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 4, 2026.

**Confirmation**

In the spirit of giving, one of our Confirmation students and his brother played joyous music for the residents at the New Canaan Inn.



Confirmation students came together to fill Christmas Stockings for our friends in need at the Thorpe Family residence in the Bronx. They are hoping to spread Christmas cheer to many!



**Emmaus 88**

*"And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" Luke 24:30-32*

**Our next Emmaus Teen Retreat will be  
March 6-8**

Candidate application and team registration will open soon.  
Visit <https://starcc.com/emmaus-2/> for more information and links.

Teens in grades 10-12 who have never attended an Emmaus will APPLY as Candidates

Questions? Please contact the Rector/Rectora Spencer & Sara Schubert at  
[saintalosiusemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:saintalosiusemmaus@gmail.com)

~ Youth Ministry ~



**THANK YOU STAY TEENS!**



As 2025 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 the 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*

**Coming Up in January!**

**Dinner with Pope Leo**

**Sunday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> - Immediately Following the 5 pm Teen Mass**  
Teens in grades 8-12 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!

Sign up at:



**High School Teen Mass - Friday, January 9 at 7am**  
Make a new year's spiritual resolution to attend Mass every Sunday and our once a month Before-School Teen Masses! Sign up for our first one of the year at:



~ 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.

## CHRISTMAS STARS

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

- ✿ St Charles ~ St. George in Bridgeport
- ✿ St Joseph ~ St Ladislaus in South Norwalk
- ✿ St Peter's Church in Bridgeport
- ✿ St Mary's Church in Bridgeport
- ✿ Blessed Sacrament Church in Bridgeport
- ✿ Children's Community School in Waterbury (CCS)
- ✿ St. Mary's Parish in Stamford
- ✿ Holy Spirit in the Bronx
- ✿ You helped over 300 FAMILIES have a wonderful Christmas!

### —A SPECIAL THANKS to those—

- ✿ who helped with the sign ups & prepared the stars!
- ✿ who greeted, carried, wrapped, loaded gifts!
- ✿ who delivered the gifts as our starship drivers!

And to our partners: the Knights of Columbus, the Confirmation Candidates, youth volunteers and parents, and parishioners and friends who came to help!



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

Your Stars Leadership Team: Hope, Sue, Carroll & Liz

## 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 [sscannel@optonline.net](mailto:sscannel@optonline.net)



The Parish Offices will be closed starting at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and will reopen on Monday, January 5, 2026.

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### December 24th - Christmas Eve

- 4:00 PM in the Church with Children's Pageant following Mass
- 4:00 PM in Stapleton Hall
- 5:30 PM in the Church
- 7:30 PM in the Church

Midnight in the Church - Carols with the Choir begins at 11:30 PM

### December 25th - Christmas Day

- 7:00 AM Mass in the Church
- 8:30 AM Mass in the Church
- 10:00 AM Mass in the Church
- 11:30 AM Mass in the Church

(No evening Mass on Christmas Day.)

## 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.

~ Parish News ~

Music Notes for the Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Dr. John Michniewicz

- The music for the Fourth Sunday of Advent centers on themes of preparation, prophecy, and the roles of Mary and Joseph, aligning with the readings from Isaiah, Romans, and Matthew.
- The processional hymn, "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn" (Marty Haugen), is a joyful, energetic call to prepare for Christ's coming, echoing the prophetic fulfillment in the readings.
- At the 11:30 Mass, the Choir will sing "Gabriel's Message" (Nancy Grundahl), a contemporary arrangement of the beloved Basque carol "The Angel Gabriel" detailing the Annunciation and incorporating text from the Magnificat.
- The Communion Meditation at the 11:30 Mass features "Angelus ad Virginem" (arranged by David Willcocks), a direct narrative retelling of the Annunciation using a Medieval Irish chant melody.
- The final hymn, "O Come Divine Messiah," is a French-originated text and tune from the early 1700s that serves as a powerful prayer and petition for the Messiah's swift arrival.

For more information, click or scan: 



Our Lady's Guild

invites all ladies to our  
first event of 2026!!!

Thursday, January 8th

9:00am Mass and Rosary in Church  
10:00am Brunch and Speaker in Stapleton Hall



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World Council of Churches

Since 1908, Christian communities worldwide have united in prayer for the visible unity of the Church during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18–25), following Christ's prayer "that all may be one" (John 17:21).

The 2026 theme, from Ephesians 4:4—"There is one body and one Spirit"—was developed by Armenian Christians from the Oriental Orthodox, Catholic, and Evangelical traditions.

Join Christians of many traditions for this prayer service on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Noroton Presbyterian Church, followed by a light lunch and fellowship.

For more information or to serve as a reader, contact Maryann Knag at 203-213-4809 or mmknag@aol.com.



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



~ Faith Formation ~

St. Aloysius Women's Bible Study

Winter 2026 Program

Registration Is Now Open!

Tuesdays, January 13<sup>th</sup> - March 10<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in Stapleton Hall

Luke - The Story of Salvation Fulfilled, by Ascension Press

This study explores the life and teachings of Jesus as told by St. Luke the Evangelist, and shows how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecies and everything that Scripture foretold about the promised Messiah. All are invited!

Registration is required: <https://forms.gle/w1Vp8Di8ggjLJbJT8>

Study materials (workbook and online access) are available at <https://tinyurl.com/Luke-study> and should be purchased in advance.

Questions? Email the WBS Leadership Team at:  
[wbsstalloysius@gmail.com](mailto:wbsstalloysius@gmail.com)

## St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

**Mother Teresa's Closet is closed  
for the Christmas Holidays  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 4<sup>th</sup>.**



**We are thankful for your continued support!**

## Eucharistic Adoration

Will not take place Friday  
December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
We invite people to come back to  
Adoration on Friday, January 9, 2026.



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