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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

*New Canaan, Connecticut*

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*Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2026*

## 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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## Lenten Activities This Week

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> -

8:30 AM Healing Rosary in the Chapel

6:30 PM Misa en Español

Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> -

12:15 PM Rosary in the Chapel

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> -

7:30 AM Rosary in the Church

7:00 PM Faith on Tap  
(Topic -Forgiveness)  
White Buffalo

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> -

7:30 AM Adoration in the Chapel

11:00 AM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - led by  
Peace in the Storm Ministry

March 27 - 29

St. Aloysius Men's Lenten Retreat  
Holy Family Retreat Center

## ~ Mass Intentions ~

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Monday -	March 23, 2026
7:00 a.m.	Adeline Seltzer
5:30 p.m.	Mary Hennigan
Tuesday -	March 24, 2026
7:00 a.m.	Tom Gilroy
5:30 p.m.	David Cogswell
Wednesday -	March 25, 2026
7:00 a.m.	Jacques Moutran
9:00 am	Paolo Marotta
5:30 p.m.	Margaret Falco
Thursday -	March 26, 2026
7:00 a.m.	Janet McMahon Mustion St. Aloysius Parishioners
5:30 p.m.	Maureen Klebaur
Friday -	March 27, 2026
7:00 a.m.	William Darrow
5:30 p.m.	Paolo Marotta
Saturday -	March 28, 2026
7:00 a.m.	Kim Steers
5:00 p.m.	Lorenzo Clarvall (Vigil)
Sunday -	March 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday)
7:00 a.m.	Buddy vanderHeyden
8:30 a.m.	Katherine Buckley Mary B. Ward Mary Margaret DeCarlo Nico Mallozzi Lucy Pastore
10:00 a.m.	Virginia Pierce
11:30 a.m.	Mark Pjetri
5:00 p.m.	Paolo Marotta

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### *We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:*

Keegan Kenneth Passero  
Chase Regan Taylor Ferreira

### *Please Pray for the Deceased:*

Gregory Neville

### *We Welcome Our New Parishioners:*

Devon Brooks  
Reichert Family  
Zavadska-Tkac 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, 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 Invernon, Maria Invernon, Sarah Jessie, Nancy Jean, 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, Amy Uva, Margot Vaughan, Dominick Anthony Vento, Dorothy Voris, Peggy Wallace, Kelly Wevley, Alex Wood

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### **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; 2nd Lt. Jack Goetz; Senior Airman Chase Hyatt; SR Christopher Kouimanis; Spec. 3rd CL Thomas Lally; Lt. JG Katherine Mackle; Lt. Col Todd Polk; William Racz USN; Lt Col Christopher Schilling; CPT Andrew Scott; Peter Sloan USN; Luke Stice USN; CPT Jason Trischitta USAF; SSG Steven Vasko

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### **SANCTUARY CANDLES**

#### **burn this week in memory of**

Louise Andronaco

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

Betty McKenna

#### **Mary Sanctuary Candle**

Rodney Harmon Hawkins

#### **Chapel Candle**

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### **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

## ~ Parish News ~



Words from Monsignor Rob Kinnally

### The Cross as Tree of Life

One of the many beautiful features of Saint Aloysius church is the larger-than-life crucifix that hangs in our sanctuary. So many have remarked about how much that wonderfully imposing cross means to them: how it helps them pray, how it gives them peace, how it reminds them of God's love made manifest in the suffering and dying of His Son. In my own reflection on the Cross of Christ, I have always been struck by a verse from the Liturgy of the Hours: "See how the Cross of Christ becomes the tree of life." It makes sense: the suffering and dying of Christ is the sacred path to Resurrection. Good Friday is not the end of the story; Sunday is coming. Therefore, the cross, an instrument of death during the Roman occupation of Palestine, becomes the means for a profound hope and glory on Resurrection Day.

St. John Chrysostom, a fourth century priest, wrote eloquently about this, referring to the Cross as "The Tree:"

*The Tree is my eternal salvation. It is my nourishment and my banquet. Amidst its roots, I cast my own roots deep. Beneath its boughs I grow. Flying from the burning heat, I have set up my tent in its shadow and have found there a resting place, fresh with dew. I flower with its flowers. Its fruits bring perfect joy, fruits which have been preserved for me since time began, fruits which now I freely eat. This tree is food, sweet food, for my hunger and a fountain for my thirst; it is clothing for my nakedness; its leaves are the breath of life. If I fear God, this is my protection; if I stumble this is my staff; this is the prize for which I fight, the reward of my victory. This is my straight and narrow path; this is Jacob's ladder, where angels go up and down, and where the Lord himself stands at the top.*

If you are looking for an image that speaks eloquently to this understanding of the Cross, I recommend the mosaic in the apse of the Basilica of San Clemente in Rome. The Crucified Christ rests on a cross that is decorated with doves, and the roots at the foot of the cross extend far and wide. The suffering of Christ is not diminished, but the life-giving truth of the Cross is beautifully portrayed. Here's a link to the image and a great explanation of its meaning: <https://english.op.org/godzdogz/art-of-the-redemption-5-the-mosaic-of-san-clemente/>

As we look ahead to Holy Week, I pray that the Cross of Christ may fill your heart with the knowledge of Christ's mercy and redeeming love. I pray also that the Cross may be a Tree of Life that leads you to a glorious Easter.

In Christ Crucified,

*Monsignor Rob*

### Easter Ushers & Greeters Needed!

St. Aloysius Church needs your help in serving as Ushers at Easter 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.



Click or Scan to sign up today: 

Note: Volunteers must be over the age of 18 and VIRTUS compliant.

### St. Aloysius Offertory

Sunday, March 15, 2026	\$16,154
Online Giving for the week:	<u>9,595</u>
TOTAL OFFERTORY:	<u>\$25,749</u>
LAST YEAR:	\$27,498

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# St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

## ~ Religious Education ~

### Confirmation

Our Confirmation students are hard at work doing wonderful Corporal Works of Mercy by feeding the hungry at New Covenant Center.



## ~ Parish News ~

### Holy Week

#### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

#### Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass at 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

#### Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Confessions in the Chapel

#### Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

#### Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose (Chapel)

#### Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Confessions in the Chapel

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

*The Church will remain open for silent prayer until 9:00 p.m.*

#### Holy Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church

12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Food - Church

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Confessions in the Chapel

8:00 p.m. The Vigil of Easter

Blessing of the New Fire  
Lighting of the Paschal Candle  
Blessing of Water  
Sacraments of Initiation for New Catholics

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 5<sup>th</sup>

Masses at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,  
11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

*There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday*

## ~ Youth Ministry ~

Bishop Caggiano invites HIGH SCHOOL teens to -

### FOLLOW ME TO THE CROSS

— LENTEN YOUTH DAY —

**MARCH 28**

11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Registration opens February 2

- + Live Stations of the Cross
  - + Youth Witness Talk
  - + Eucharistic Procession
  - + Rosary and Confessions
  - + Bishop Caggiano Reflection
  - + Lenten Service Project
  - + Praise & Worship Adoration
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- Lunch Included | Confessions Available

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Join Mrs. Otis and the St. Aloysius contingent for  
"Follow Me to the Cross" Lenten Youth Day

Registration Information & Sign Up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAFAD2CAAFB6-62299549-follow>

### Lenten Opportunities

**Before-School Teen Mass - Wednesday, March 25**

*Best way to start your day with Mass & Liz Sue BEC!*

**Breakfast Run into NYC - Sunday, March 29**

*Feed and clothe the homeless on the streets of the city*

Sign up for these and other opportunities at <https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>, locating the signups under [youth@starcc.com](mailto:youth@starcc.com).



**Summer Faith Night**  
Sunday, March 29 at 6:15 pm  
Stapleton Hall



Rising freshman - graduating seniors and their parents are invited to an info session on our summer opportunities! Young people will share their witness as to the impact these trips have made on their lives!

*StAY Kentucky Mission Trip*  
*Our Lady's Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France*  
*Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference*

Sign up to join us at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAFAD2CAAFB6-63022986-summer>

~ Parish News ~

 ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC PARISH

 **FAITH ON TAP** 

**Topic: FORGIVENESS**

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

[Learn more here](#)

**Tuesday, March 24th**  
**7:00 - 8:00 PM at**  
**The White Buffalo**  
**72 Park Street, New Canaan**



All are welcome and entry is free.  
Keynote speaker: Msgr. Kinnally



**Our Lady's Guild**  
invites all ladies to our  
next event ...

*Wednesday, March 25th*

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

*Feast: "The Annunciation"*

*Guest Speaker:*  
Kathleen Leitao (Museum Educator)



**Blood Pressure Screening**  
will take place in the  
Quiet Room at the  
back of the church after  
All Masses This Weekend

**New Parish Platform:**  
**Update Your Information Today**

Our parish will be transitioning to a new database platform in May 2026. To ensure we stay connected, please take a moment to click or scan the QR code to input your most up-to-date contact information.

Please submit **one form per family**. If multiple adults would like to receive parish communications, be sure to include each person's email address and cell phone number.





On Good Friday, our parish will take up the Pontifical Good Friday Collection to support Christians in the Holy Land. Your generosity helps sustain parish ministries, Catholic schools, and preserve the sacred shrines of our faith. Please consider giving to support Christians in the land where Jesus walked. Thank you for your generosity.

**St. Aloysius Parish Men's Lenten Retreat**  
**March 27- 29, 2026**

 **Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford**

Faith is a journey! We can never know exactly where it will take us, but we are intentional about the trek, and we have hope that it will lead us to something good.

Last year, just months before his passing, Pope Francis called for a jubilee year, and he announced the theme would be "Pilgrims of Hope." The Holy Father stated: "Faith is a pilgrimage, and we on this Earth are pilgrims, not tourists or wanderers: we are pilgrims!"



Join us on our journey! Complete details here:

**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, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, please contact Deacon Bill Santulli at [santulliw@starcc.com](mailto:santulliw@starcc.com).

 *Adult Confirmation*

The group will meet for 3 evening sessions, with makekeup sessions available should you have a conflict.

**Parish E-Mail Notifications**

If you would like to receive our weekly parish e-mail, our digital bulletin plus other parish news, please sign up at: [bit.ly/StA-email](https://bit.ly/StA-email)

# St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

## ~ Parish News ~

Our Lady's Guild Special Event ... Open to ALL ladies

# Women's Retreat

"Pilgrims of Hope"

**May 29-31**

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center West Hartford

Join us for a weekend getaway to an idyllic setting where, together as women, we will explore the dimensions of hope. All meals included. Car pools are available. Questions, contact MARYANN@themarks.com

Register at the QR code:



Join us for a time of prayer, reflection and peace.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

There is an old saying that our hands are God's hands. By praying for the person who will receive the shawl, we enter into a sacred journey of knitting (or crocheting) with the Holy One and our hands become instruments of God's love. People who wear prayer shawls have said they feel a contentment and peace they have never felt before. If you know someone who has a particular concern or need that words cannot fill, you may request a shawl by calling Sue at 203-940-0278.

### Music Notes for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Dr. John Michniewicz

The readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2026, (Ezekiel 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45) focus on God's promise of life over death, culminating in Jesus raising Lazarus and declaring, "I am the resurrection and the life."

- The Entrance Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives: reflects the Gospel's promise of eternal life. The Presentation Hymn: What Wondrous Love Is This? is an American folk hymn in the somber Dorian mode reflecting Christ's sacrifice and the triumph of eternal life.
- At 11:30 Mass the Choir will sing Bob Chilcott's contemporary setting of When I Survey the Wondrous Cross by Bob Chilcott, setting the last verse triumphantly, reflecting what is true eternal life. At the Mass Meditation, the choir will sing Drop, Drop Slow Tears. Philip Stopford's anthem captures the quiet reflection and repentance of Lent, mirroring the mourning at Lazarus's tomb and Jesus's human compassion.
- Sunday's Final Hymn: Lift High the Cross serves as a dramatic affirmation that highlights the cross as a "glorious tree" and a "triumphant sign" that secures "life eternally."

Additional info. at:



For further information, click here:

### Mother Teresa's Closet

IS OPEN, by appointment, throughout the construction process.



Spring is here and it's Time to Tackle Those Closets!

We are accepting adult and children's clothing and gently-used linens.

To schedule an appointment between March 23 - 29, please contact Valerie Franco at [francovalerie10@gmail.com](mailto:francovalerie10@gmail.com) or 912-658-8580.

## ~ Faith Formation ~

### St. Aloysius Women's Bible Study Spring 2026 Program

Tuesdays beginning March 31<sup>st</sup>  
9:30 – 11:45 a.m. in Stapleton Hall

**Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgment**  
By Jeffrey Morrow & Edward Sri, Ascension Press

A five-session study designed to help you understand what the Church teaches about death, judgment, heaven, and hell, and why these truths are meant to fill you with hope. **All are invited!**

Study materials (study book and online access) should be purchased in advance by clicking or scanning QR:



Questions? Email the Our Leadership Team : [wwwpstalloysius@gmail.com](mailto:wwwpstalloysius@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:Robert.R.Mantilia@gmail.com)

### Zoom Bible Study

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

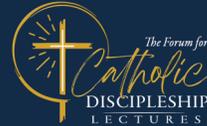
Come and join us as we answer these and many questions about the first Book of the Bible! No need to register, just grab your Bible and join us online.

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

~ Parish & Other News ~



More than 30 Cub Scouts from St. Aloysius Pack 45 took part in last week's Town Council meeting, leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law—followed by a well-earned stop at Gofer.



Thursday, April 16, 2026  
At St. Aloysius Church  
Time: 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30)

**Lecturer: Maureen Pratt, FTS, MFA, GIA GG, Gem-A FGA**

In this special evening of reflections on prayerful song, award-winning Catholic author, ministry leader, and cantor Maureen Pratt will offer insight on the ages-long tradition of faith-song, encouragement for even the most timid to "raise a joyful noise," and examples of how carrying two-fold prayer throughout difficult days can bring immense comfort, joy, and peace.

Please RSVP to [bishopslecture@diobpt.com](mailto:bishopslecture@diobpt.com)

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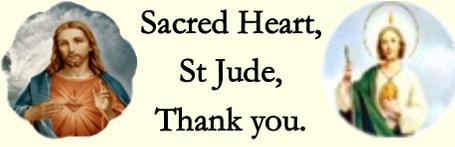


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