



# SAINT ALOYSIUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT 06840**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent - December 10, 2017**  
203-966-0020 [www.starcc.com](http://www.starcc.com)  **Handicap Accessible**

## SUNDAY MASSES

**Saturday: Vigil for Sunday 5:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Family Mass),**  
**11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Teen Mass)**

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.**  
**& 5:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday/Thursday: 7:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday: 7:00 a.m.**

*For those who are homebound and unable to join us here at St. Aloysius, the celebration of the Eucharist is available daily at 8:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Cablevision Channel 137.*

## RECONCILIATION

**Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**  
*First Friday of the month one-half hour prior to each Mass or always by appointment with a priest.*

## ADORATION

Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
First Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Go to [www.starcc.com](http://www.starcc.com) to sign up.

## PRIESTS & DEACONS

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### **ST. ALOYSIUS MISSION STATEMENT:**

***We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ striving to proclaim the Gospel in word and in deed. Through worship, evangelization, formation and service we invite our brothers and sisters to know the Lord. Let us all strive to live out our mission each and every day!***

## ~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday - December 11, 2017

7:00 a.m. Assunta Buzzeo

9:00 a.m. Amy Malizia

5:30 p.m. Theodore Coppola

Tuesday - December 12, 2017

7:00 a.m. Susanne Braccia

5:30 p.m. Concetta & Salvatore Palermo

Wednesday - December 13, 2017

7:00 a.m. Elodia Jordan

9:00 a.m. Jeffrey DiRubio

5:30 p.m. John Roberts, Jean Marches, Peter McCormack

Thursday - December 14, 2017

7:00 a.m. Luigi DeCotiis

5:30 p.m. James Julian, Jr.

Friday - December 15, 2017

7:00 a.m. Annunziata Colella

9:00 a.m. Jane Birk

5:30 p.m. Annunziata Colella

Saturday - December 16, 2017

7:00 a.m. Peter Underhill

5:30 p.m. Elaine & Daniel Tiani

Sunday - December 17, 2017

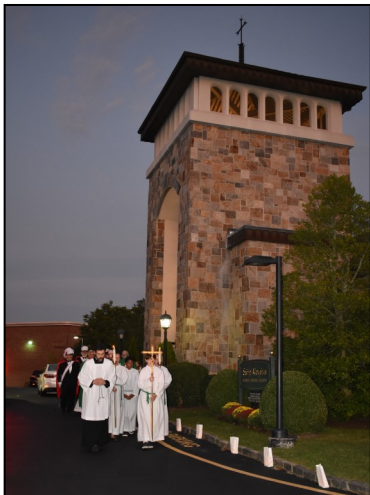
7:00 a.m. Bianco & Buzzeo Families

8:30 a.m. Angelina & Carmine DiFeo

10:00 a.m. Dominick DiFulvio

11:30 a.m. Angelo Zucaro

5:00 p.m. St. Aloysius Parishioners



## ~ Please Pray For ~

Please keep in prayer our sisters and brothers who are named below, and kindly inform the parish office of others that should be added to the prayer list.

Theresa Anderson, Eileen Apy, Gladys Borodich, Catherine Buonaiuto, Tony Cantone, Addison Jane Carestia, Fr. William Carey, Claire Carter, Jean Cerbini, Pamela Chatterton-Purdy, Pat (Pasquale) Conte, Lucia Cusato, Dorothy DeEttore, Anthony DeFeo, Deirdre Desmond, Sandy DiGilio, Frank DiMuzio, Jean DiPanni, Kathleen Dooley, Monique Elliot, Daniel Fitzgerald, Tommy FitzPatrick, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Paula Lynn Fuegner, Judy Garcia, Garo Garabedian, Angelo Gesualdi, Carol Gianattasio, Elizabeth Grottola, Dolores Haas, Joan Harmody, James Heffner, Jeanne Hersam, Carol Hollister, Cecile Howard, JoAnn Karagianes, Mary Katawa, Father Bernie Keefe, Joan Kelly, Carol King, Christopher Kotos, Mary Maher, Joellen Malmquist, Fanny Mao, Donald McQuid, Jon Morrison, Louis G. Nappi, Patrick O'Kane, Lori Paladino, Patrick Pantalone, Harrison Perley, Dorothy Pojasek, Iracema Galvani Quinete, Barton Rappaport, Pete Roux, Paul Ruddy, Maria Cielo Sanchez, Shirley Sapione, Viola Sharpe, Ali Simon, Lynda Ann Slovik, Joseph Squeglia, Jr., Walter Sramowicz, Georgia Sweeney, Szenasi Family, Christopher Tarzia, Jr., Joan Toppin, Anna Totaro, Rita Troshynski, Kathleen Turpin, Thomas Vitale, Ryan Joseph Willen, Alex Wood

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**Please pray for those serving in the military:** SSG Thomas Aldrich; CPT. Elizabeth A. Condon; Cadet Paul Corapi; 2nd Lt. Kevin C. Dwyer; CPT. Michael Howard; Spec. 3rd CL Thomas Lally; Lt. Col. Christopher Schilling; Jason Trischitta C3C; USAFA SSG Steven Vasko; Cpl Patrick Joseph Hussey; Lt. Col. Todd Polk; L.Cpl. Jacob B. Ready; 1st Lt. Brian Gerardi

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### SANCTUARY CANDLES

**burn from**

**12/8/17—12/15/17**

The **Sacred Heart Sanctuary** candle for  
Lory & Marion Koch

The **Mary Sanctuary** candle for  
John L. Patten

The **Chapel** candle for  
Anna & John Cyboski



**SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH****BAPTISM:**

Celebrated each Sunday at 12:45 p.m. Preparation for parents is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Maple Street Meeting Room. To schedule a Baptism and register for the class, please call the Parish Office. Please note that Godparents must demonstrate regular Mass attendance, be at least 16 years of age and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**MARRIAGE:**

Call the Parish Office at least nine months prior to the wedding date.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:**

If someone is ill at home or in the hospital, please call the parish office to arrange for Communion and administration of the Sacrament of the Sick. Our Parish Partners Ministry can also visit with those that are homebound. Contact Carrie Sindelar at [jsindela@yahoo.com](mailto:jsindela@yahoo.com) to arrange for a member of the ministry to visit them.

**ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL**

A diocesan school offering academic and values-based education for children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. Phone: 203-966-0786 Website: [www.sasncc.org](http://www.sasncc.org)  
Principal, Mr. Bardhyl Gjoka/ Secretary, Jeanne Bearden

**St. Aloysius – A Tithing Parish**

TITHING MEANS ONE-TENTH:  
FIVE % TO MY CHURCH + FIVE % TO CHARITY

**SUNDAY, December 3, 2017:** \$22,912

Online giving for the week: \$8,635

TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$31,547

LAST YEAR: \$33,173

Starting in early **January**, we will be using a **New Online Donation System**. Anyone that has a recurring donation set up, (weekly, monthly etc.), will need to re-input their credit card or banking information into the system again, through the website. But not until **JANUARY!** We will continue to inform you of these changes over the next few weeks.

*Words from Father Rob Kinnally*

As I grow more and more frustrated by running around we do at this time of year – or all the time for that matter – I am moved and consoled by Henri Nouwen's words from his work entitled "Turn My Mourning into Dancing:"

*We are whom God made us to be in His infinite love. We are the gifts we are given, not just the conquests we make. As long as we keep running around, anxiously trying to affirm ourselves or be affirmed by others, we remain blind to One who has loved us first, dwells in our heart, and has formed our truest self.*

May our Advent be a time where we slow down and love the One who has loved us first.

Father Rob

**Prepare the way of the Lord!**

We hear those words every year during Advent. But they have even deeper meaning for the candidates in RCIA, whom we welcome today.

The initial inquiry period for our group of RCIA inquirers moves this weekend into the second stage of their formation to become Catholics – the Catechumenate stage.

At the 8:30 Mass they participated in the Rite of Welcoming. This Rite signifies their commitment and they are officially welcomed by the Church. They are marked with the cross on their foreheads which signifies their desire to share their life and hope in Christ.

The first phase of the journey of initiation has been a time to learn and ask questions about the tenets of our faith ... the Creed. As the new RCIA Candidates begin the second stage they continue their formation to be members of the Body of Christ. The entire parish is needed to participate in this formation through witness, support, and prayer.

We ask you to please pray for them as they continue their journey and for the success of our RCIA program.

***Please Pray for the Deceased***

Sharon A. Powers, Florence Lynch, Michael S. Franco  
Betty Evans, Theresa Anderson

***We Welcome our Newly Baptized Parishioners:***

George Peters Greene  
Hadley Belle Morgan



~ Religious Education ~

Grades 1-6:

Classes follow the regular schedule this week.

Saturday, December 9 was a day of great blessing for our parish community. 130 second graders experienced God's unconditional love as they came to the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. Please pray for our students and their families that they will grow in God's grace each and every day.

During this second week of Advent, our students in grades 3,4,5 will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation during class time.

**Family Faith Formation:** 6th graders in our Family Faith Formation program are invited and encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this week. A priest will be available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the chapel. Reminder: This Thursday, December 14 there will be a review of the Bible readings that were recently assigned. Catechists and staff will be available to answer questions and prepare students for the next survey/questionnaire. Please report to Stapleton Hall at 4 p.m. The session is for one hour.

**REMINDER:** As snow predictions become more numerous, we remind our families we follow the NCPS for cancellations due to weather. We do the same also if after-school activities are cancelled. Safety is the first priority, so always use your best judgement, if you are unsure about cancellations.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The week of December 17th is the last week of classes for 2017. Classes resume the week of January 7, 2018.

Confirmation:

Thank you to all the students and parents who were part of the Living Nativity. It was a fantastic evening where our Confirmation students spread the true meaning of Christmas to our community!



~ Youth Ministry ~



**High School Teens in Fellowship, Prayer, Service and Worship!**  
Sign up at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com), locating the sign ups under youth@starcc.com

**Teen Rosary for Newtown on Thursday, December 14:**



This time, due to space constraints, our Rosary will be offered just for our high school teens. Please come together in the Youth Room at 7pm on this anniversary of the Newtown tragedy to offer a Rosary to our Lady for the intentions of all those in Newtown. A light supper will be offered before we pray the Rosary.

**Breakfast with Santa at Thorpe Family Residence on Saturday, December 16th:**

High school teens needed to bring breakfast, Christmas cheer and stockings to the children in the Bronx. We will be meeting in the Youth Room at 7:45 a.m. and will be back by noon!



**C4Y Arise and Shine Concert on Sunday, December 17th:**



Please come support our teen diocesan choir members Matthew Butler, Riley Mottolese and Logan Otis as they sing with the Bishop's Youth Choir. Rides will be provided. There is a cost of \$20 for your ticket - Sign up at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com).

**Mission Accomplished! Catholic Service Corps delivers Stockings & Hams in Kentucky!**



Our team of 30 had a grace-filled weekend down in Kentucky delivering stockings, hams, clementine oranges and Tates Cookies to a homeless shelter, a home for children who are not able to live with their families and to hundreds of children living in extreme poverty. The children we visited were filled with JOY as our teens brought the light of Christ into their homes! Watch for our Mission Trip Witness Night in January where you will be able to come hear the personal witness of our teens as they share their reflections of their time spent being the face of Christ to these precious children of God!



~ Parish News ~

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**



Calling all children interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Two mandatory rehearsals for the pageant are required. Both rehearsals will be held in the church as follows:

**Saturday, December 9, 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 16, 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

The following parts are still needed:

- Joseph      7th or 8th grade boy
- Star          K-8th grade girl or boy
- Angels      K-5th graders
- Narrator    5th-8th grade boy or girl

If your child would like to participate, please call Cristiana Barrato at 203-594-1462. Spaces are limited, first come, first served.



For the remainder of December and the very beginning of January, Mother Teresa's Closet will be closed for the Christmas holidays starting Monday December 18th and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd. We thank all of the kind donors who have supported our ministry so generously and wish them a blessed Christmas. We look forward to accepting donations of gently used winter clothing for babies through adults when we reopen in the New Year.



**DO YOU WONDER  
DOES GOD HEAR ME?  
DOES HE SEE ME?**

Please come hear the electrifying spiritual journey of

**Frank Kelly**

**BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND CHILDREN**

You will leave with peace and joy in your heart!

FRIDAY December 15, 2017

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT  
Frank Kelly's witness & healing service to follow.



**CHRISTMAS STAR PROGRAM**



**NEXT Weekend**

Please bring all Christmas Star gifts to the St Aloysius Gym and join us for the

**Star Supper**

Saturday, December 16 from 5:00 p.m.~ 8:00 p.m.  
a simple supper and a glass of cheer  
or

**Coffee and Donuts**

Sunday, December 17th  
return ALL gifts  
BEFORE 11:00 a.m.

Starships will begin deliveries Sunday at about 10:00 a.m.



**Open House and Connect Coffee  
Tuesday, December 12, 2017  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Stapleton Hall**

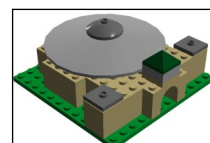
*Want to know what Walking With Purpose is all about?  
Please join us for our Open House/Connect Coffee.*

*Morning session special guest speaker  
Fr. John Connaughton*

*All ladies are welcome! **Come as you are** for coffee, refreshments, video and conversation. **Moms: we have free babysitting for our morning session!***

*Please contact us directly at [wwwpstalloysius@gmail.com](mailto:wwwpstalloysius@gmail.com) for more information.*

**St A's Church Lego Kits:** Lego kits of St. Aloysius Church, including all pieces and fully illustrated, step-by-step building instructions, will be available after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on December 17th. These kits were created and donated by a St. Aloysius fourth grader! They are free but donations to St. Aloysius are welcome!



~ Parish and Other News ~

Get homemade Christmas cookies and support St. A's Catholic Daughters and Our Ladies Guild ministries! Come to the St. Aloysius Parish Christmas Cookie Shoppe in the St. A's School Gym on Dec. 10 after all of the Masses! If you have a favorite homemade cookie that you'd like to bake and donate please sign up at: [www.signupgenius.com/go/904084eaaaa2ba31-volunteer](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084eaaaa2ba31-volunteer) or contact Mary Ann DeFelice at [maevitti@gmail.com](mailto:maevitti@gmail.com).



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### December 24th

Sunday Morning Masses (The Fourth Sunday of Advent)  
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Masses (The Nativity of the Lord)  
4:00 p.m. with Children's Pageant immediately following  
Mass, 5:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., Midnight

### December 25th

Christmas Day Masses  
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.  
(There is no afternoon Mass on Christmas Day).



## ADVENT Eucharistic Adoration



Fridays Dec. 15, 22, 29  
7:30am-5:30pm  
**O Come Let Us Adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.**

**"We have come to do him homage."** Those words, spoken by the Magi from the East as they searched for the infant Jesus, resound through the centuries to be echoed in the heart of every person who makes a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. **The presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is as real today as the infant Jesus was to the Wise Men.** Eucharistic Adoration is a special time to talk to Jesus just like you talk to your best friend. Please consider spending a holy hour with Our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as you prepare for Christmas this Advent.

Use <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a49aea62ca0fa7-spring/9470182> or call Gretchen at 203-247-2739. Don't have an hour? Use the memo section to specify your availability. Any advance commitment is greatly appreciated!

### Couples Ministry

We are taking a break for December to allow the elves to get all their work done. Looking forward to seeing everyone Thursday, January 11th. Details to follow!



A local family's daughter and her 2 children have relocated to New Canaan due to the hurricane in St. Thomas. They are in need of housing until the end of the school year, both children being enrolled at East School. If a possible solution comes to mind, please call **Kathy Flynn at 203-554-0777**. Thank you!



**December 12 is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, patroness of both The Americas and the Pro-Life movement.

Please join us after the 5:30 Mass, (on her feast day), to pray the Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe as we invoke her Maternal Protection for our country and the unborn.