



SAINT ALOYSIUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT 06840

The Third Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2017

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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. in Church with Children's Pageant immediately following Mass, (overflow 4:00 p.m. Mass in Gym),
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.

PRIESTS & DEACONS

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A priest is always available in an emergency.

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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!***

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 to sign up.

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday - December 18, 2017

7:00 a.m. Rose Lynch

9:00 a.m. John Sandstrom

5:30 p.m. Anthony J. DiBarnaba

Tuesday - December 19, 2017

7:00 a.m. Andrew O'Neill

5:30 p.m. Edmund Westfal

Wednesday - December 20, 2017

7:00 a.m. Assunta Buzzeo

9:00 a.m. Claire Kostic (Living)

5:30 p.m. Kenneth Pinder & Antoinette Socci

Thursday - December 21, 2017

7:00 a.m. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Scull

5:30 p.m. Werner Meyer

Friday - December 22, 2017

7:00 a.m. John O'Brien

9:00 a.m. Grace Grasso (Living)

5:30 p.m. Sullivan Family

Saturday - December 23, 2017

7:00 a.m. Assunta Buzzeo

5:30 p.m. Frank Luberti

Sunday - December 24, 2017

7:00 a.m. Angelina DiFeo

8:30 a.m. St. Aloysius Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Jacqueline R. Cahill

11:30 a.m. Jacqueline R. Cahill

All Christmas Eve Masses are for the intention of 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.

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

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; CIC Jason Trischitta USAFA; USAFA SSG Steven Vasko; Cpl Patrick Joseph Hussey; Lt. Col. Todd Polk; L.Cpl. Jacob B. Ready; 1st Lt. Brian Gerardi

SANCTUARY CANDLES

burn from

12/15/17—12/21/17

The **Sacred Heart Sanctuary candle** for
Joseph Jaykus

The **Mary Sanctuary candle** for
Eileen Palma Smith

The **Chapel candle** for
Elizabeth Grottola (Living)



SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH**BAPTISM:**

Celebrated each Sunday at 12:45 p.m. Preparation for parents is held the 2nd 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 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.sasncct.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 10, 2017: \$22,969

Online giving for the week: \$4,516

TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$27,485

LAST YEAR: \$29,196

SECOND COLLECTION: Retirement Fund for Religious \$7,663

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*

I wish I could talk to every person who is on a search for meaning and purpose in life. I would offer today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah as a "go-to" guide because I believe it contains the answer to these important questions: Who takes care of those who can't take of themselves? Who rescues peoples from darkness and despair? Who offers lasting freedom? Who exercises true justice? How do I thrive in a challenging world?

The questions come from our anxiety about present and future things, our need for a sense of security, and a desire to make a difference – somewhere, somehow. Isaiah proclaims his mission to the exiles returning to Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity. He paints the picture of a new era of hope. Economic and social injustice will become a thing of the past and all will be restored by the Spirit who will instill a transforming love for those who need it (i.e., everyone).

Fast forward to Luke's gospel (Luke 4:16-20) where Jesus reads these same words of Isaiah and it becomes clear that the answers to those large questions are found in the Lord Jesus himself, the One promised by Isaiah. If we are searching, we are searching for a life with Jesus. If we observe a world that is unfair, we pray that Emmanuel be proclaimed more widely and break into the hearts of those who formulate policy. If we are restless, we are longing for Jesus, the "Dear Desire of Every Nation." If we are "anxious about many things" as Martha was, then we have to find our place this Christmas season at the stable, watching our just and loving God sleeping "in heavenly peace." It is there that our search for meaning and purpose comes to an end because it is there that we realize that Love has come down from Heaven – for us!

Advent Blessings,

Father Rob

We Welcome our New Parishioners:

Elaine M. Suda
Lardizabel Family
Vicent Papolla

We Welcome our Newly Baptized Parishioner:

Elisabetta Santina Lupinacci

~ Religious Education ~

Grades 1-6:

Classes will be held on December 17, 18, 19, 20. We have prepared a musical program so we hope all of our students will be in attendance this week!

This is the last week of class of the year 2017. Religious Education classes resume on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

As we come to the third week in Advent, we continue to pray for all of our families and encourage everyone to set time aside to prepare their hearts for the birth of Our Lord Jesus through prayer and giving.

This year at Advent, our parish is supporting Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem. These babies of Bethlehem are in need of medical care. No child is ever turned away! Your gift can make a difference. Please take information and an envelope from the back of the church and return it to our collection basket or mail directly. At Religious Education classes this week, we will ask our students and families to donate what they can for this very worth cause. Just think: Only \$5 will provide a blanket to a newborn in need. Thank you for your generous hearts!

Confirmation:

Level 2

Our parish's Confirmation retreat is January 20th. Please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545aba822a2fd0-confirmation6>.

All Level 2 paperwork is now overdue. Please submit all missing work & forms directly to Marie Osterndorf in the parish office. Your child should have turned in their Sponsor Form, Sponsor Certificate, (if sponsor is not from St. Aloysius), Robe Order Form with a \$20 check, and their Saint Report. If you have questions, please contact Marie at 203-652-1173 or confirmation@starcc.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

Emmaus 75 will be March 2-4, 2018.

Watch for details on candidate application and team registration which opens on January 5th!

~ Youth Ministry ~




High School Teens in Fellowship, Prayer, Service and Worship!
Sign up at www.signupgenius.com, locating the sign ups under youth@starcc.com



Teen Dinner n' Adoration for Advent & Decorating the Priest's Tree on Wednesday, December 20: All high school teens are invited to our Teen Dinner n' Adoration to prepare for Christmas! We will begin with a drop in dinner in the Youth Room beginning at 7:00 pm. At 7:30 p.m., we will head to the church a Holy Hour in a teen-friendly format led by your teen peers,

with music provided by Caroline Callahan and Logan Otis. Our reflections will help you prepare your hearts and minds for Christmas! The sacrament of reconciliation will be offered during Adoration. How better to be prepared for the birth of Jesus than to come to our Lord through the sacrament asking for forgiveness and receiving His grace in this season of Advent!

Afterwards, all teens are invited to the rectory where we will decorate the priests two trees and have chocolate fondue!

Save God's Kids Holiday BRITE Box Packing Event on Friday, December 22: 

This is a half-day for NCHS and we will be partnering with St. Joseph's Church in Norwalk in the afternoon to pack healthy food boxes for their parishioners in need. We ask all participating teens to sponsor a BRITE box for \$45. If your teen cannot help, but you would like to sponsor a box, you can send a check made out to **Save God's Kids** to the attention of Chris Otis in the parish office no later than Tuesday, December 19th.



Catholic Service Corps partners with the Knights of Columbus to bring Christmas Joy to retired priests at Queen of the Clergy Retirement Home in Stamford, CT.

~ Parish News ~



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.

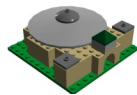
We thank all of the kind donors who have supported our ministry so generously and wish them a blessed Christmas. We look forward to accepting donations of gently used winter clothing for babies through adults when we reopen in the New Year.



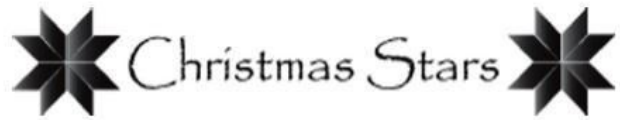
Today, Gaudete Sunday, we use the rose color candle and clergy wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation.

This encouragement and continued spiritual growth has even deeper meaning for our new Candidates in our RCIA program. Our RCIA inquirers have moved into the second stage of their formation to become Catholics, the Catechumenate stage. Last Sunday they participated in the Rite of Welcoming. This Rite signified their commitment and they were officially welcomed by the Church.

Candidates are being formed to be members of the Body of Christ, and it is the responsibility of the entire parish, not just a few people, to participate in this spiritual 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.



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!



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

Star Supper
Saturday, December 16
5:00 ~ 8:00 pm
a simple supper and a glass of cheer

or
Coffee and Donuts
Sunday, December 17
return ALL gifts
BEFORE 11:00 am

Starships will begin deliveries Sunday at about 10:30

Over 250 of our parish family, young and old gathered together for our Advent Dinner with St. Nicholas last week. Members of our parish family enjoyed fellowship, a visit from St. Nicholas on his feast day, Advent songs sung by members of our Youth Choir and everyone left with a box filled with a "recipe" to help prepare families spiritually for Christmas. Priests were on hand to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Blessed Sacrament was exposed in the church for those that wanted to spend some quiet time with our Lord. We thank our chair, Brooke Buccieri who brought the idea to life, Father Cyrus for his lively portrayal of St. Nicholas, Dr. John and the Youth Choir, Carroll Yanicelli and our "E" Team, our confirmation students, our Never Too Senior to Serve Ministry and everyone else who helped out to make the night a success! There are a few Advent recipe boxes in the church if you were unable to join us and need some ideas for the last week of Advent!



~ Parish and Other News ~

The parish nurses will be taking blood pressure screenings after all masses this weekend. This will take place in the Quiet Room in the back of the church. Also, if you are an RN and would like to help with this ministry please email Kim McNamara at kmcnamara3@me.com.

ADVENT
Eucharistic Adoration



Fridays Dec. 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!

The members of the St. A's Our Lady's Guild and Catholic Daughters of America ministries wish to thank the parishioners who joined in support of our First-ever Christmas Cookie Shoppe last weekend! Happy bakers and eager cookie eaters joined together in fellowship...take a look at these smiles!



Please join us for the Women's



December Day of Recollection---in the Chapel

ORGANIZED BY THE PRELATURE OF OPUS DEI

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

10AM* TO NOON**

ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH

21 CHERRY STREET

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

* CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT 9:30AM

** FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS IN STAPLETON HALL

Reminder: Submissions to the bulletin are due each week before Tuesday at 12:00 noon. All submissions should be sent to bulletin@starcc.com. Thank you!