



SAINT ALOYSIUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT 06840
The Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 24, 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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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 25, 2017

7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

(All Christmas Day Masses for the intentions of St. Aloysius Parishioners)

Tuesday - December 26, 2017

7:00 a.m. Jack Engel

5:30 p.m. Elodia Jordan

Wednesday - December 27, 2017

7:00 a.m. Rafael Segura

9:00 a.m. John Sandstrom

5:30 p.m. Catherine Fallon

Thursday - December 28, 2017

7:00 a.m. Frank Palermo

5:30 p.m. Linda J. Phelan

Friday - December 29, 2017

7:00 a.m. Jean Desmond

9:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Q. Pergiovanni

5:30 p.m. Salvatore Coppola

Saturday - December 30, 2017

7:00 a.m. Frances & Andrew Henry

5:30 p.m. Richard Seltzer

Sunday - December 31, 2017

7:00 a.m. Assunta Buzzeo

8:30 a.m. Concetta & Joseph DiBarnaba

10:00 a.m. Mary Martino

11:30 a.m. Lorenzo Palladino

5:30 p.m. Jean Desmond

~ 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

12/22/17—12/28/17

The **Sacred Heart Sanctuary candle** for
Kenneth Pinder

The **Mary Sanctuary candle** for
Dratch & Sullivan Families

The **Chapel candle** for
Val Buonaiuto



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.sasnct.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 17, 2017: \$20,361

Online giving for the week: \$3,090

TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$23,451

LAST YEAR: \$24,968

Starting on **January 2nd**, 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 2nd!** Please pick up the flyer with instructions in the back of the church.

*Words from Father Rob Kinnally*

The very first few words of the Gospel of John are the very first words of the Bible: "In the beginning." In Genesis, the beginning is God creating; in John's Gospel, the beginning awakens us to the same Creator who breaks into our world:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:1,14).

The Season of Christmas is a sacred time for us to celebrate and give thanks for Christ, the Word-Made-Flesh who graces us into new beginnings of our own. Each time we contemplate God walking among as a human being named "Jesus" (in Hebrew Y'shua, "God saves"), we should be awed by God's decision to send his Son to teach us and to love us while living as one of us in all ways but sin. Each time we look back on Christmases past and recount our blessings and our challenges, we realize that all things new and wonderful, all moments when mercy was given, all times when grace abounded, all days when light lifted darkness, all of the opportunities to begin again – all of it came from God who, from the beginning, loved his Creation and sent his Son to be the "true light."

All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:3-5).

May this celebration of God's love come-down-from-Heaven bring you peace! Merry Christmas!

Father Rob

Please Pray for the Deceased:

Mary Butkowsky
Jane Keating Ryan

We Welcome our Newly Baptized Parishioner:

Emerson Charlotte Drexler

~ Religious Education ~

Grades 1-6:

Classes are not in session during the Christmas break. Religious Ed classes resume Sunday, January 7 at 8:45 a.m., Monday through Wednesday, January 8, - 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Merry Christmas to all our students and their families! May the love of the Baby Jesus fill your hearts and homes with peace and joy this Christmas season.

Enjoy your time together with family and friends.

Confirmation:

Thank you to our Confirmation Students for their great efforts with both the Catholic Daughters STAR Party for Special Needs Adults and Christmas Caroling with residents from our community. Great job all!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Confirmation Students and their families a happy and holy Christmas and a New Year filled with many blessings!



SAVE THE DATE!
Emmaus 75 March 2-4, 2018

Candidate application and team member registration will open on January 6. Sophomores through seniors who have not been a candidate in the past are welcome to apply. Registration Instruction can be done online <http://staemmaus.org/> Prior teen and adult team members and E74 candidates and their parents are invited to our Teen/Adult Kick Off on

Friday, January 5 from 7-9 p.m. in Stapleton Hall.

It's a Praise and Worship Coffee House featuring team members sharing their God-given talent of singing, plus sing-a-longs of your favorites, Emmaus trivia contests, fellowship, coffee, snacks and sweet treats.

Sign up at www.signupgenius.com.



~ 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

As 2017 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 with St. A's Youth Ministry. Each time I witness our teens at the 5:00 p.m. Teen Mass, Teen Adoration, Teen Rosary, and the many opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters in need through the Catholic Service Corps, I am in awe of the work Christ is doing through them! 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 that God continuously calls them to to prayer, worship and service. They are the face of Christ to so many and do, as our Holy Father shares, spread the joy of the Gospel! God bless you all, know that I will continue to pray for you and may God continue to bestow His grace upon you in 2018!

To our parents . . . thank you for encouraging your teens, coming to support our efforts as chaperones and mentors and for your continued prayers for our ministry!

Chris Otis

P.S. If you have not had the opportunity to join us, please pray on it ask God where He may be calling you in the new year! I will be praying for you too!



Our high school teens and Santa brought Christmas joy to the children at Thorpe at our Breakfast with Santa last weekend.



Congrats to our teen parishioners Matthew Butler, Riley Mottolese, and Logan Otis for the beautiful C4Y Arise and Shine Concert performance!

~ 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.

Christmas Stars

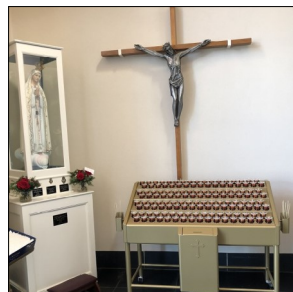
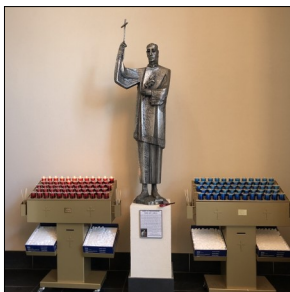
You are amazing!
You brought your gifts
to Christ
in the 400 families in
Bridgeport, Waterbury, Stamford, Norwalk
and the Bronx

Thanks to
ALL
who cooked and served the delicious dinner
who filled family gifts,
who checked in the gifts, who wrapped gifts
who loaded cars and delivered gifts

May the Christ Child bless you and your families!!!

Thank you!

St. Aloysius has new votive candle stands in front of the church. We would like to thank the Cicalese, McCormack and Queally families for donating the votive candle units!



ADVENT
Eucharistic Adoration



Friday Dec. 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!

Thank you again to all who participated in the Christmas Star Program this year! It was a great success and filled the hearts of those in need with love and kindness!



The Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2017

~ Parish and Other News ~

Welcome...to church! A Special Message from Fr. Rob

Christmas draws so many to church, even those who are not regular church-goers. Whether it's the beauty and wonder of the season, the music, the delight of the children's pageant, the fun of seeing old friends at Midnight Mass, we find ourselves sitting (or standing), in church on Christmas. The fact is that God draws us in whether we acknowledge that or not, and God's invitation continues long after Christmas Mass is over.

I want to extend that same God-initiated invitation to all who don't visit us regularly on Sunday. Saint Aloysius is a lively community of faith. We meet people where they are, engage them in conversation about life and faith, teach them how to converse with God in prayer and find God in Scripture and in the everyday experience. We stay with you when you are sick, stand by you when you are alone, grieve with you, celebrate milestones with you, and give you opportunities to put your faith into action by serving those in need.

We don't judge, charge admission, or make you join so you can drop an envelope in the basket. We simply care about you, your soul, and the people you love. We want you to know Christ and the Church that He loved into being. We want you to have the life-giving grace of the Sacraments. We want you to experience what Jesus said about why he came to walk among us: "that they might have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). In short, we want everyone to meet up in Heaven one day.

If you have been away from church or The Church, I'd love to hear from you. I promise to do more listening than talking. If you have been hurt or frustrated by the Church or confused about something the Catholic Church teaches, let me hear that and we will start to sort through things. I had a million questions before I could make a true commitment to truly living my Catholic faith.

I am certain we would be better by having you here each Sunday (or Saturday evening), but I owe it to you to explain why I think that. Let me know when you want to talk by sending me an email: frrob@starcc.com.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Merry Christmas!

Father Rob
Pastor



A caregiver is needed for a woman in Greenwich, CT. The caregiver should be skilled and fluent in Italian. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The home is located near Greenwich Hospital. For more information, please contact Ryan Ventura at First Light Home Care. 203-636-0991.



SAVE THE DATE!

The March for Life in Washington D.C. is Friday, January 19, 2018. Once again, St. Aloysius will have a bus that will travel down for the day. The Knights of Columbus have underwritten part of the \$3,000 bus rental and we are so grateful for their continued annual support of this very important life mission! We are looking for another individual or individuals who might be willing to be Bus Angels to underwrite the remaining cost of the bus. If you are willing to share some of your "treasure" and help with this effort, please contact Sue Lione at slione@optonline.net or at 203-966-5961. Watch for information in January on how to join us for this very special and powerful day of witness and love!



Knights of Columbus Museum Presents: Peace on Earth: Crèches of the World November 18, 2017 - February 19, 2018.

This Christmas season, the Knights of Columbus Museum is pleased to exhibit crèches from around the world, celebrating the diversity of cultures that created them and the history of Christianity in their regions. The majority of the exhibition features crèches from the museum's own collection, including its recent acquisitions of Polish szopki, stone sculptures from Zimbabwe, and Hummel figurines. Also included are crèches on loan from Glencairn Museum (Pennsylvania), the International Marian Research Institute at the University of Dayton (Ohio), the Loyola University Museum of Art (Illinois), and Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal (Québec).

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!