



SAINT ALOYSIUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT 06840

The First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 2017

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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.

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!

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday - December 4, 2017

7:00 a.m. Muriel Tracy

9:00 a.m. Amy Malizia

5:30 p.m. Dorothy Bunting Duffy

Tuesday - December 5, 2017

7:00 a.m. Assunta Buzzeo

5:30 p.m. Jane Burgess

Wednesday - December 6, 2017

7:00 a.m. Assunta Buzzeo

9:00 a.m. David Nardelli

5:30 p.m. Hugh Winters Sr.

Thursday - December 7, 2017

7:00 a.m. Assunta Buzzeo

5:30 p.m. (Vigil) Russell Schaller

Friday - December 8, 2017

7:00 a.m. Assunta Buzzeo

9:00 a.m. St. Aloysius Parishioners

12:15p.m. Luigi DiMuzio

5:30p.m. Salvatore Coppola

7:30p.m. John Leibell

Saturday - December 9, 2017

7:00 a.m. Assunta Buzzeo

5:30 p.m. Lorenzo Palladino

Sunday - December 10, 2017

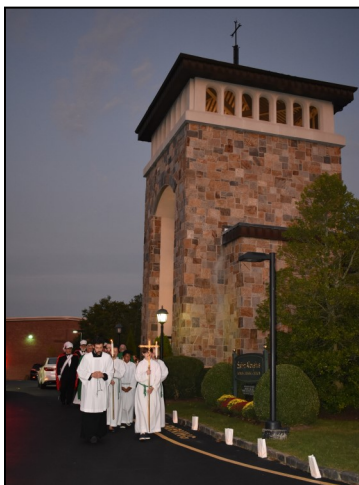
7:00 a.m. Annunziata Colella

8:30 a.m. Lorenzo Palladino

10:00 a.m. Richard A. Franco Sr.

11:30 a.m. St. Aloysius Parishioners

5:00 p.m. Frank & Camilla Luberti



~ 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

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

SANCTUARY CANDLES

burn from

12/01/17—12/07/17

The **Sacred Heart Sanctuary** candle for
James G. Palma Sr.

The **Mary Sanctuary** candle for
James French Sr.

The **Chapel** candle for
Thomas O'Brien



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

*The Second Collection next week is for
the Retirement Fund for Religious.*

St. Aloysius – A Tithing Parish

TITHING MEANS ONE-TENTH:

FIVE % TO MY CHURCH + FIVE % TO CHARITY

SUNDAY, November 19, 2017: \$19,490

Online giving for the week: \$2,850

TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$22,340

LAST YEAR: \$23,391

SECOND COLLECTION: \$6,054

SUNDAY, November 26, 2017: \$19,215

Online giving for the week: \$3,360

TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$22,845

LAST YEAR: \$22,605

**Words from Father Rob Kinnally**

The best Advent experience is one that is spent in prayerful anticipation of the wonder of Christmas, reflecting on the immensity of God's love for us made real in Jesus being born in time. How might we spend our Advent days and nights so as to get caught up in the gift of Love-come-down-from Heaven? Here are some ideas:

Practice silence: sit quietly outdoors on a clear night and look at the stars. Let each star seen represent a blessing you have received and notice the countless stars (and blessings) that are before you.

Read the Scriptures of Advent weekdays and Sundays and notice how God's plan to save us unfolds with prophets, saints, and sinners as key figures in that spectacular story.

Pray the Saint Andrew Novena (it started on November 30, but begin whenever you can). It keeps us focused on the essentials of Christmas. The tradition is to pray the prayer 15 times a day, but do whatever you can. Here's the prayer:

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, [mention your intention here] through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

Attend weekday Mass and hear the stories that point to Christmas and see Christ before you – each morning or evening. It's 30 minutes of prayer, worship, and grace!

Offer your struggles, pain, anxiety, frustrations for the sake of others. The coming of Christ means that our suffering is united in a unique way to His suffering where we are enfolded in mercy and love.

Give to the poor. Jesus was born in poverty and that should humble us to offer what we can to those who can't imagine themselves beyond their present challenges.

Participate in our parish Advent Events of prayer, service, and music. The details are in the bulletin and on our website.

I wish you a blessed Advent!

Father Rob

Pray for the Deceased

James W. Turner, Bernard Rafferty,
Elizabeth Basso, Sharon Carr

We Welcome our Newly Baptized Parishioners:

Harper Jane Ikeda, Harrison John Mah
Conrad Burton Welly, Taylor James Joyce
Harrison Thomas Callahan



~ Religious Education ~

Grades 1-6:

Classes resume the regular schedule this week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Practice

Friday, December 8, 2017 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
In the Church

OPTIONAL practice with the Religious Ed Staff available and **VALUABLE** for all 2nd graders. Individual assistance provided for each child. **PLEASE COME!**

**THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION
WILL BE CELEBRATED ON
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

All second graders have been assigned a specific time to arrive. Times have been staggered to minimize waiting time. Please call the office 203-652-1170 if you are unsure.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. This is the time for us to prepare for the coming of our Savior. Prayer, acts of kindness, forgiveness are the hallmarks of this special season. Our generosity to those in need opens our hearts to receive the Christ Child in a meaningful way. This year, we are asking our Religious Education community to join with our entire parish in supporting:

The Babies of Bethlehem

Decades of conflict have resulted in extreme hardship in the Bethlehem region. The Babies of Bethlehem are served by Holy Family Hospital located just 1,500 steps from the birthplace of Jesus. This hospital serves the poorest of infants, providing healthcare, NICU for preemies and pediatric care. No one is ever turned away. Let us make way for the Baby Jesus by making it possible for these babies, born in His home town, to live a good and healthy life.

Information and envelopes are provided in the back of the church.

Confirmation:



A big thank you to all the Confirmation students who participated in the Love Your Neighbor Parish Food Drive. The New Canaan Food Pantry is well stocked thanks to your great efforts!

Level 2

Your child's Saint Report and Confirmation Robe Order form were due December 1st. Please have your child turn them in to their Catechist or the office ASAP. Please contact Marie Osterndorf at Confirmation@starcc.com with any questions.

Level 1

Please continue working on your service hours.

~ 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



Advent Dinner with St. Nicholas:

High school teens - you are never too old to take a selfie with St. Nick! Grab a friend and join the rest of our parish family for a mac and cheese/chicken nugget supper on Wednesday, December 6 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.! Just \$5 per person. Sign up at sign up genius to attend!

Join us for our before school Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass on Friday, December 8: Meet in the Maple Street Room above Stapleton Hall at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast bags will be served after Mass and you will be on your way to school by 7:05 a.m.! This is a Holy Day of Obligation. VIRTUS trained adults are also needed to make the breakfast!

December 10 . . . High School teens needed for TWO Catholic Service Corps opportunities:

Join the children of Breakthrough Options for the special benefit showing of The Nutcracker at New Canaan High School. Arrive at the high school at 12:30 p.m. to greet our guests!



Also on December 10th, we will be partnering with the Knights of Columbus for another Service to Seniors afternoon of giving. Come help seniors of our parish put up their Christmas decorations and bring them holiday cheer! Meet in the Youth Room at 12:45 p.m. We will be back and finished in time for our 5:00 p.m. Teen Mass!



~ Parish News ~



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 wwpstalloysius@gmail.com
 for more information.*

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 needed:

Mary	7th or 8th grade girl
Joseph	7th or 8th grade boy
Star - K	8th grade girl or boy
Wise Men	4th-8th grade boys
Angels	K-5th graders
Shepherd	K-5th graders
Inn Keeper	4th - 8th grade boy or girl
Narrator	5th-8th grade boy or girl
Baby Jesus newborn	to three months 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.

December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses will be held:

Thursday, December 7th - 5:30 p.m. (Vigil)
 Friday, December 8th 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.,
 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



SAINT ALOYSIUS CHURCH

PARISH PARTNERS AND MUSIC MINISTRY
 INVITE ALL PARISHIONERS TO A

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FEATURING BECKY CRAIG
ACCOMPANIED BY DR. JOHN MICHIWICZ

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Please Join Us for a Simple Social Gathering in the Front Vestibule of the Church
 From 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 a.m. Our Concert Will Begin At 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS STAR PROGRAM

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

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

OR

Coffee and Donuts

Sunday, December 17

return ALL gifts BEFORE 11:00 a.m.

Starships will begin deliveries Sunday at about 10:30 a.m.



Come Pray the Patriotic Rosary

Monday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.

In the Chapel . . . All are Welcome!

The Knights of Columbus Members Meeting will
 follow in Stapleton Hall at 8:00 p.m.

The Bereavement Support Group will meet on Tuesday,
 December 5th (and every First Tuesday) from
 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Maple Street Sitting Room.
 The group offers prayerful community support for anyone and
 everyone who has lost a loved one - whether the loss was
 yesterday or many years ago. The group is facilitated by Fr.
 Cyrus and Melanie Barnard. If you have questions or need a
 ride, call Melanie at 203-561-3050.

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~ Parish and Other News ~

Thank you to all of our parishioners who contributed to our mission of mercy in our Love Your Neighbor food drive, Turkey Truck donations and Thanksgiving Food Baskets to families in need. Thank you also to Karl Chevrolet for the use of their truck and our Knights of Columbus for overseeing the food drive efforts. All of your generosity was overwhelming!



Catholic Daughters Meeting

Thursday, December 7th - 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Speaker: Susan Engel on Adoration
Christmas Party to follow.

All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

RSVP to Susan Socci 203-561-3461
or email susansocci@hotmail.com.



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!

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! Cookies will be sold by the pound with many different holiday favorites from which to choose. Boxed cookies will be sold in the Narthex after the Dec. 9, 5:30 mass. 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 or contact Mary Ann DeFelice at maevitti@gmail.com.



Evening Prayer and Praise

Join us for Vespers, the evening prayer of the Church. "Evening Prayer and Praise" will be held in the Chapel on December 5th at 7:00 p.m. Deacon Steve Pond and Angelo Natale are coordinating this new ministry.

RCIA

Advent is the beginning of our preparation for the coming of Jesus. It is no coincidence that next week we also celebrate the Rite of Welcoming for baptized inquirers in the RCIA program. This is the beginning of the Catechumenate stage of the RCIA program. It is the 2nd of 4 stages and a time of serious and dedicated formation.

Next Sunday, at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, our RCIA participants seeking to be in full communion with the Church will proclaim their desire and become a "Candidate". The Candidates are signed with the cross as a sign of their readiness to bear witness to Christ with their whole lives. We ask you to please pray for them as they continue their journey and for the success of our RCIA program.

ADVENT Eucharistic Adoration



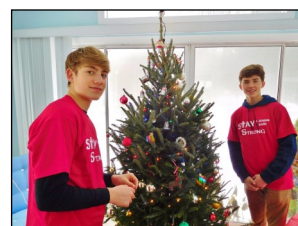
Fridays Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29

7:30am-5:30pm

O Come Let Us Adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Signup: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a49aea62ca0fa7-spring/9470182>
or call Gretchen at 203-247-2739.

Our Catholic Service Corps high school teens and Knights of Columbus will be partnering together for another Service to Seniors Day on **Sunday, December 10th** in the afternoon. We are looking for 4 or 5 seniors in our parish who need help putting up Christmas decorations. First come, first served by contacting Chris Otis at 203-652-1154 or via email at youth@starcc.com by Tuesday, December 5th. If you do not have a tree, the teens are happy to bring you a small table top tree, along with LOTS of Christmas cheer!





***All are invited to join your parish family
Wednesday, December 6th , 5-7pm in the
St. Aloysius School Gym***

***as we usher in Advent and our new liturgical year with the
start of the Christmas season and **celebrate** the***

Feast of St. Nicholas

With:

Dinner of macaroni and cheese, chicken nuggets and salad!

Personal appearances by St. Nicholas!

Advent craft tables for kids hosted by St. Aloysius School!

Advent carols performed by our youth choir!

And:

***Each family will receive a **recipe box** filled with ideas for how to
celebrate an **Advent season** of quiet hope, joyous anticipation,
penance and preparation for our great **Christmas feast**.***

***Sacrament of Reconciliation 6-8 pm in the Chapel
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6-8 pm in the Church***

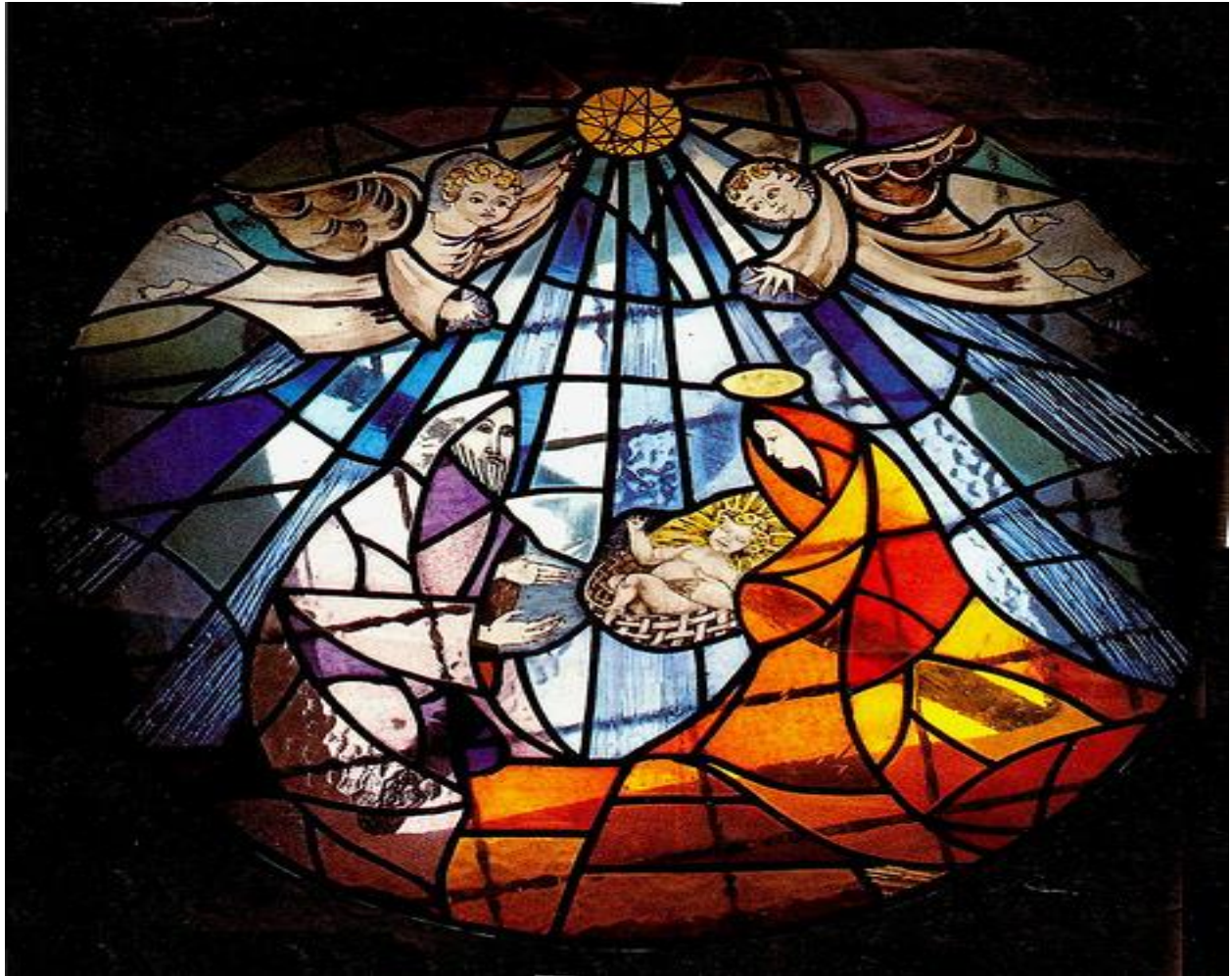
***In the **spirit of the season**, a portion of the \$5 per person
admission **payable at the door** will benefit***

Babies of Bethlehem.

Please RSVP by signing up today at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084dafad2caafb6-advent>

The Saint Aloysius Music Ministry
Presents our Fourteenth Annual
Advent-Christmas Concert
with Choirs and Orchestra



December 17, 2017 2:00 PM
Saint Aloysius Church
Freewill Offering Accepted

Reception immediately following performance at Stapleton Hall