



SAINT ALOYSIUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT 06840

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 30, 2018

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: Vigil for Sunday 5:00 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.

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.*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Go to www.starcc.com to sign up.

PRIESTS & DEACONS

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PARISH OFFICE

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Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
A priest is always available in an emergency.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Our teens recently took to the streets of New York and distributed much needed clothing and food to the homeless. They even had a surprise visit from Santa!

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday - 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	December 31, 2018 St. Aloysius Parishioners Edwin & Richard Ahr William Tonry
Tuesday - 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	January 1, 2019- The Solemnity of Mary Frank Palermo Greg Smith Virginia Dillon
Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	January 2, 2019 Kevin Shaw Sidonie Schmidt (Living) Jean DiPanni
Thursday - 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	January 3, 2019 Teresa McManus Robert Amen Jr.
Friday - 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	January 4, 2019 Henry Joseph Sodaro Christopher McDonagh Mario Fanone
Saturday - 7:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	January 5, 2019 Mario Benedetto St. Aloysius Parishioners
Sunday - 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	January 6, 2019 Angie Gargiulo Marie Vandall (Living) Souls In Purgatory John M. Burke Jean Marie McLaughlin

Marriage Banns:

Bann I - Andrew Ward and Monica Rowett



*Come to Me, all you that
labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest,
says the Lord.” (Mt 11:28)*

*He dwells in our chapel during
Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday, January 4th
7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

~ 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.

Toni Recchia Allende, Eileen Apy, Laura Batch, Tony Cantone, Addison Jane Carestia, Fr. William Carey, Claire Carter, Lois Cawley, Jean Cerbini, Georgie Chapman, Pamela Chatterton-Purdy, Pat (Pasquale) Conte, John James Corrigan, Sr., Lucia Cusato, Dorothy DeEttore, Deirdre Desmond, Matthew DeVaney, Frank DiMuzio, Kathleen Dooley, Monique Elliot, Rinda Farnham, Vic Ferrante, Daniel Fitzgerald, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Angela Franco, Henry Frank, Paula Lynn Fuegner, Judy Garcia, Garo Garabedian, Carol Gianattasio, Elizabeth Grotola, Kathy Grove, Joan Harmody, James Heffner, Jeanne Hersam, Carol Hollister, Cecile Howard, JoAnn Karagianes, Mary Katawa, Father Bernie Keefe, Carol King, Christopher Kotos, Sandra Lefler, Georgia Little, Tracee Lutes, Mary Maher, Joellen Malmquist, Fanny Mao, Rachel Mawardi, Sarah McNulty, Donald McQuid, Jon Morrison, Brennan Mulhern, Louis G. Nappi, Carey Cattrell Ogden, Patrick O’Kane, Patrick M. Pantalone, Harrison Perley, Frank Perna, Iracema Galvani Quinete, Nora Radocea, Barton Rappaport, Patricia Rezny, Jeanne Ruddock, Maria Cielo Sanchez, Reggie Santella, Viola Sharpe, Lynda Ann Slovik, Josephine Socci, Judy Johnson Spadaccini, Diane Spuecheli, Joseph Squeglia, Jr., Georgia Sweeney, Szenasi Family, Christopher Tarzia, Jr., Ignatius Thompson, Joan Toppin, Anna Totaro, Rita Troshynski, Kathleen Turpin, Hernandez-Van Vleet Family, Ryan Joseph Willen, Alex Wood

Please pray for those serving in the military:

CPT. Elizabeth A. Condon; Cadet Paul Corapi; 2nd Lt. Kevin C. Dwyer; CPT. Michael Howard; Spec. 3rd CL Thomas Lally; Lt. Col. Christopher Schilling; 2nd Lt. Jason Trischitta USAF; SSG Steven Vasko; Cpl Patrick Joseph Hussey; Lt. Col. Todd Polk; Cpl. Jacob B. Ready; Captain Brian Gerardi

SANCTUARY CANDLES

burn from

12/28/18 - 1/3/19

The Sacred Heart Sanctuary candle for

Father Rob Kinnally (Living)

The Mary Sanctuary candle for

Concetta DiBarnaba

The Chapel candle for

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Pergiovanni

**The parish offices will be closed
on Monday, December 31, 2018, and
Tuesday, January 1, 2019.
Happy New Year!**

 Words from Father Rob Kinnally

It's All in the Family

I've been thinking a lot this Advent and Christmas season about the Holy Family and the spiritual and physical logistics of bringing the Christ Child into the world. The announcements to Mary and Joseph by angels start the whole adventure, and I can't imagine what those two God-believing saints were thinking when God reached out to them in such a mysterious and wonderful way. How did they get to saying "yes" when God asked them to raise the Son of God? How did they muster the strength to persevere when the road to Bethlehem was rough, when the plans for the inn were squashed and a feeding trough became the place where God slept his first day on the earth? There was no GPS, no "Alexa" to help with reservations, no concierge to bring up a crib to the room. How did they celebrate a birth in a far-away place without the usual family helpers to pitch in. There was no nanny, no grandma or grandpa to step up, no app on the phone to order food or diapers.

Fast forward to the present moment. Parenting is not easy. Family life is not easy. But family is gift – from God and for one another. The physical and logistical differences between Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus and today are striking. Yet the spiritual differences between Bethlehem now and New Canaan are non-existent: God is always announcing to us that his Son Jesus wants to be a part of our lives, a part of our families, and our "yes" comes from contemplating the simple response of Mary and Joseph – "yes; I will do what God asks." So whether we are a family of many, a family of one, we are all a family of believers/parishioners who should always be inspired by the "yes" of the Holy Family. One more time...why did Mary and Joseph say "yes"? They said "yes" because God asked. They said "yes" because they knew God would give them everything they would need to get it all done. They probably didn't think it would look like it did, but they knew it was what God wanted and that's all that mattered.

Pray to the Holy Family for all the kinds of families out there. Pray that we all accept the invitation from God to put God at the center of our family life. Pray that each of us, as part of a wonderful family always talk to each other, forgive each other, care for each other, encourage each other, laugh with each other, and pray for each other. Say "yes" to being a holy family of believers.

Yours in Christ,

Father Rob

~ St. Aloysius School News ~

School Pageant: Last week, we enjoyed a beautiful night of the Nativity story told by the students of St. Aloysius School. This annual event is one full of song and a reflection of Jesus' birth.



8th Grade Field Trip:

In the middle of December, the 8th Grade took a field trip to NYC to see the Christmas Spectacular. A great time was had by all!

St. Aloysius – A Tithing Parish
TITHING MEANS ONE-TENTH:
FIVE % TO MY CHURCH + FIVE % TO CHARITY

SUNDAY, December 16, 2018:	\$25,807
Online Giving for the week:	<u>\$3,950</u>
TOTAL OFFERTORY:	<u>\$29,757</u>
LAST YEAR:	<u>\$23,451</u>

Sunday, December 23, 2018
Amounts not available at press time.

~ Religious Education ~

Grades 1-6

Grades 1 - 6 Classes will resume next Sunday, Jan 6th.

Confirmation

Level 2

Important Events to put on your 2019 Calendar:

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat - January 12th. Please make sure you have secured a spot at either the 9:00 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. session. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Osterndorf at Confirmation@starcc.com.

Mandatory Rite of Enrollment Mass - January 27th
5:00 p.m. Mass.

Level 1

Continue working on your service hours. Wishing all our Confirmation families a Happy New Year filled with Joy and God's Everlasting Peace!



James Roberts, pictured above with his parents, was filled with God's grace and joy after he came to the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. What a wonderful gift he received during Advent!

~ Parish News ~

SAVE THE DATE!

The March for Life in Washington D.C. is Friday, January 18, 2019. 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 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 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.

~ 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

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events. All DETAILS and sign up information can be found on www.starcc.com/Youth_Ministry

SAVE THE DATE!

We have just 12 tickets available for high school teens to go down to the March for Life and Youth Rally! We leave the evening of January 17th and return the evening of January 18th. Email Chris Otis at youth@starcc.com if you are interested or sign up at www.signupgenius.com! First come, first served!



Kentucky Mission Trip Parish Witness Night:

All parishioners, especially confirmation students and high school teens, are invited to join us on Sunday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m. after the Teen Mass. Listen to the teens share stories of our mission and present our Mission Trip Video. Our summer mission trip site will be unveiled as well as information on the Steubenville East conference!



December was a month of many grace-filled moments. Our teens answered God's call and they were the face of Christ to so many of our brothers and sisters!

~ Parish News ~

Mass Schedule for The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God:

Vigil Mass - Monday, December 31, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
 Masses - Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.,
 9:00 am and 5:30 p.m.

The first Our Lady's Guild Meeting of 2019 will be held on Wednesday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m. We will honor the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God with Mass and the rosary followed by a meeting at Stapleton Hall. There will be a video, discussion and work session at this meeting. Coffee/tea and muffins will be served. Please join us as we begin a new year devoted to our Blessed Mother, Mary.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

All members are invited to our first meeting of the New Year on **January 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in Stapleton Hall.** Joan Howard of Malta House will be our guest speaker. Evaluations of Spring events will be on our agenda. For information call Sue Socci 203-561-3461 or Jeanne Piscitello 203-273-7637.



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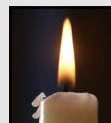
of CHRISTMAS STARS

have brought Christmas joy to 350 families in Norwalk, Bridgeport, Waterbury, and the Bronx.

Thank you to all for the great love and to those who prepared and delivered the gifts. May the blessings of Christmas be with you throughout the coming year!



Joe Pisani, writer and editor for the Fairfield County Catholic and Catholic Transcript, recently spoke about "Mary: Mother of the Eucharist" on Wednesday. Members of OLG gathered for a festive celebration of Advent and enjoyed his inspiring message. Members also generously donated gifts of clothing that were delivered to the St. Camillus Health Center in Stamford.



The Bereavement Support Group will meet on **Tuesday, January 8th** (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. Grief has no timetable, and support from others who share the loss helps immeasurably along the journey. No need to register ahead - just come. The group is facilitated by Fr. Cyrus and Melanie Barnard, but it is our God who leads us all on the journey toward comfort and hope. If you have questions or need a ride, call Melanie at 203-561-3050.

Emmaus 77 Kickoff All prior Emmaus teen and adult team members, E76 candidates and their parents are invited to our E77 combined Teen/Adult Kick-Off Trivia night on **Saturday, January 12th from 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. in Stapleton Hall.**



Our evening will feature Chik-fil-A dinner, dessert, trivia and prizes! Sign up at www.signupgenius.com. Information on team registration will also be shared at the kick off.

Emmaus 77 is March 1-3, 2019 Rector and Rectora Tim and Chris Butler invite sophomore through senior teens who have not yet been a candidate on an Emmaus retreat to apply to join us. The weekend will be filled with vibrantly enriching faith, guided by the powerful Emmaus story conveyed in Luke's Gospel. They thought the man was just a traveler on the road to a town called Emmaus. Through their discussions with Him on that road, however, their hearts were profoundly changed. Just like their journey, the Emmaus Weekend Retreat helps teens discover the joy of knowing who they really are and the gifts that God gives them. Candidate applications will open on January 5th at www.staemmaus.org.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 30, 2018

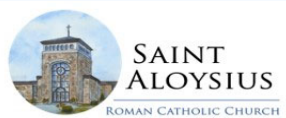
~ Parish and Other News ~

Thank you to all who have donated to the St. Aloysius Church Music Ministry in support of the 2018 Advent-Christmas Concert. Your generosity and support of our ministry is greatly appreciated!



Mother Teresa's Closet will be closed for the Christmas holiday from **December 17th - January 2nd**. We are so thankful for the extraordinary

generosity of the Parish and wish everyone a blessed and Merry Christmas.



St. Aloysius Parish and Catholics Returning Home

extend an invitation to all non-practicing Catholics to join us for listening sessions and an update on our faith.

Tuesday evenings, 7:30-8:30 pm, parish office, 40 Maple Street.

January 8, 2019 Welcome, why am I here?

January 15, 2019 Video, sharing stories of faith

January 22, 2019 The Church today, changes since Vatican II

January 29, 2019 Explanation of the Mass

February 5, 2019 Explanation of Reconciliation

February 12, 2019 The Creed: What Catholics believe

Come **home** to a real sense of *community*.

Come **home** to a real sense of *connection*.

Please, let us welcome you **home**.

All are welcome.

For more information contact Joe Damore
phone: 914-218-3401

email: catholicsreturnhome@gmail.com

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!

Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Competition



SUNDAY, JANUARY 13th ~ St. Aloysius School Gym
11:00 a.m. Open to boys and girls ages 9-14
NO ENTRY FEE

All competition starts at the local level. Winners move on to the district, regional, and state levels. Register at the event

For more Information, contact Ted Graham at tededwardgraham@gmail.com or (646) 831-5467.



Want to get more out of the Sunday gospel?

Go to <https://starcc.formed.org> before Mass to watch a short video of: "Opening the Word"

Father Rob's December recommendations:

Adults Watch: "Mary of Nazareth," a great HD movie on the life of Mary from her childhood through the Resurrection.

http://bit.ly/watch_formed

Adults Listen:

 Bishop Robert Barron's

A "Journey Through Advent"

http://bit.ly/formed_listen

Children Watch "Brother Francis: O Holy Night"

http://bit.ly/children_watch

and

"The Story of Christmas"

<http://bit.ly/thestoryofchristmas>

Not signed up for Formed yet?!

Sign up at <https://starcc.formed.org> then watch a brief tutorial

<https://vimeo.com/180804716>

to get started with life-changing content!

Have a blessed Christmas!

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