



SAINT ALOYSIUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT 06840

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 31, 2017

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New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Mass Schedule

December 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - Masses at 5:30 p.m. (Saturday), 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Vigil, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Because the Solemnity falls on a Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation; however, all are encouraged to attend Mass on this beautiful feast of the Blessed Mother of God.

January 1 The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Masses at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.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 - January 1, 2018

7:00 a.m. Francis Gagnon

9:00 a.m. Christina Wadyka

5:30 p.m. Raymond A. Davis

Tuesday - January 2, 2018

7:00 a.m. James French

5:30 p.m. John Burns

Wednesday - January 3, 2018

7:00 a.m. Kalman Nemeth

9:00 a.m. Boris Pogacnik

5:30 p.m. Charles Edward Gross

Thursday - January 4, 2018

7:00 a.m. Roseanne McGuire

5:30 p.m. Barbara Moriarty Moschitto

Friday - January 5, 2018

7:00 a.m. Jeffrey DiRubio

9:00 a.m. Concetta Salvestri

5:30 p.m. Margaret Pike

Saturday - January 6, 2018

7:00 a.m. Peter and Josie McGlade

5:30 p.m. Arlene Kinnally Bucci & Eleanor Kinnally Will

Sunday - January 7, 2018

7:00 a.m. Ryan Nolan King

8:30 a.m. JoAnn Imholz

10:00 a.m. Pearl Kerin

11:30 a.m. Frank Porretta

5:00 p.m. Cecile Deegan (Living)

~ 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

12/29/17 - 1/4/18

The **Sacred Heart Sanctuary candle** for

David Ruksznis

The **Mary Sanctuary candle** for

Jean Desmond

The **Chapel candle** for

Olivia Engel



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 8:00 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 24, 2017: \$21,832

Online Giving for the week: \$8,195

TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$30,027

LAST YEAR: \$30,263

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.

We Welcome our New Parishioners:

Alberto, Virginia and Silvia Araya



Words from Father Rob Kinnally

Resolutions

So here we are at that annual crossroads where we reflect on the year gone by and resolve to do something better, nicer, greater (you name it) in the year ahead. I've come to believe that the best way to formulate a list of new year's resolutions is to begin with prayer and dedicate the list-making – and even the year – to Mary, the Mother of God. Think about it, who better than Mary? She probably never made big plans, but she submitted completely to God's plan for her. She likely never created a list of things she would work on the following year, because she dedicated her life to obedience of the list of God's commandments in Torah. She may never have looked back on the year gone by with an ounce of regret because she proclaimed "the Almighty has done great things for me!" And she was never at a loss for what to do in a day, a week, or a year because her life was spent in quiet resolution to give her Son to the world and remind us to "do whatever he tells you."

Let's go ahead and make those resolutions, but include with them our spiritual resolutions for the year: Mass more regularly, Mass every day; a decade of the Rosary, the Rosary every day; a prayer of thanksgiving in the morning, a prayer of thanksgiving morning, noon, and night; fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament, and hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Or maybe we should make a list of people for whom we need to pray more often, or a list of those we need to forgive. Perhaps we might pick a day each week where we make sacrifices (fasting, time before the Blessed Sacrament, giving from our treasure) for the intentions of our Pope, bishop, or friends. How about becoming part of one of our ministries, or getting involved in writing to our government leaders about life, health, and the dignity of the human person. (If you want to know your pastor's intention for the year it's that two hundred people return to weekly Mass attendance in our parish – and I'd so appreciate your prayer and action on this one!)

You get it. I'll be praying for you and you put together your resolutions, and watch for an amazing opportunity in our parish to take your prayer life to a new and exciting place. (Spoiler alert: it's the pilgrimage we will take right here at Saint Aloysius with the Center for Ignatian Spirituality of Fairfield University in February.) Other opportunities will arise also.

Finally, I'm grateful to God for the gift of each one of you. One year ago I was given the gift of being your pastor, and I am humbled by your faithfulness, love, and generosity. I Thank you for all of it, and I am looking forward – with the help of Mary, Our Mother and Saint Aloysius – to what God has in store for us in the years ahead!

Yours in Christ and Mary,

Father Rob

We Welcome our Newly Baptized Parishioner:

Stella Rose Giordano

~ Religious Education ~

Grades 1-6:

Happy New Year! We wish all of our students and their families a year filled with God's grace and blessings.

Religious Education classes will not be held this week. Religious Ed classes resume Sunday, January 7 at 8:45 a.m., Monday through Wednesday, January 8, - 10 at 4:00 p.m.

6th graders in our Family Faith Formation Program are encouraged to come to our next review on Thursday, January 11 at 4 p.m. Please go to the parish website at www.starcc.com/religious_education and sign up to attend.

As we begin 2018 and look ahead, please note these upcoming dates:

- Monday January 15 - HOLIDAY/NO CLASSES
 - Saturday, January 20 - Confirmation Retreat
 - Sunday, January 21 - 6th grade students with parents at 11:30 a.m. Mass
 - Saturday, January 27 - Family Reconciliation Day
- Any questions or concerns, please contact Marie Pascale Vandall at 203-652-1170.

Confirmation:

Level 2

Important Events

Our parish's Mandatory Confirmation retreat will be held on January 20th. Please make sure you have secured a spot by signing up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0545aba822a2fd0-confirmation6>. If you cannot attend this retreat please contact Marie Osterdorf at Confirmation@starcc.com ASAP.

The Rite of Enrollment Mass is scheduled for January 28th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please make sure it is on your calendar.

Wishing all our Confirmation families a Happy New Year filled with Joy and God's Everlasting Peace!



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

~ 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



Emmaus 75 Kickoff: Prior Emmaus teen and adult team members, E74 candidates and their parents are invited to our E75 combined Teen/Adult Kick Off Coffee House on Friday, January 5th from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Stapleton Hall. Our evening will feature team members sharing their God-given talent of singing, plus sing-a-longs of your Emmaus favorites, Emmaus trivia contests, fellowship, coffee, snacks and sweet treats. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com. Information on team registration will be shared at the kick off!

Emmaus 75 is March 2-4, 2018: Rector and Rectora John and Chris Otis invite sophomore through senior teens who have not yet been a candidate on an Emmaus retreat to apply to join us for a weekend of vibrantly enriching faith and personal discovery, guided by the powerful Emmaus story conveyed in Luke's Gospel. To His unsuspecting companions, 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, their eyes were forever opened, and their lives burned with the meaning of God's love for each of us. Just like their journey, the Emmaus Weekend Retreat helps teens to discover the joy of knowing who they really are, the gifts that God gives them, including the gift of Himself and the heightened meaning this brings to the way they are called to live and the help that our God provides. Candidate application will open on January 6 and can be done online at <http://staemmaus.org/>. Candidates will be advised of their acceptance mid February.



Welcome in the New Year with the children of Breakthrough Options: High school teens are needed to host the children of Breakthrough Options on Sunday, January 7th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. We will host them for a late lunch, games in the gym and facilitate New Year's resolutions of kindness and love!

~ Parish News ~

Thank you!

Special thanks to Rosemary Carugan, Rosemary Gillespie, John and Eileen Lydon, Bianca Romano, Willie Roeder, Gilmar Recinos and the people at Greggs Garden Center for preparing and decorating the church, chapel and the gym for Christmas. We are so grateful for your help. Thank you very much!



Are you new to the Parish?

Meet the members of the Parish welcome team in the church Narthex after the 10:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, January 21, 2018, and pick up our gift to you!

We hope you will then join us as we *step on over to Stapleton Hall* together for fellowship and a cup of coffee.



Come join us and get to know the many smiling faces of the St. Aloysius Parish family. We are so glad you are here! Please email Christina Altier with any questions at caltier52@gmail.com.



Catholic Daughters

Our January meeting will be held on Thursday January 4, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Stapleton Hall. Please join us as Fr. Ignacio speaks to us on Mama Mary our Patroness. All women of the parish are invited. Questions contact Susan Socci, Regent 203-561-3461 or 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!

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.



Mother Teresa's Closet 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.

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!

~ Parish and Other News ~

Centennial Anniversary of Fatima



If you are participating in the First Five Saturdays devotion, as requested by both Jesus and Our Blessed Mother at Fatima, (or if you would like to begin the devotion), the next first Saturday is January 6th.

To participate, please do the following (for 5 consecutive months) and offer up each act in reparation for sins committed against the

Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- 1) Pray the Rosary
- 2) Go to Confession (going the day before is acceptable too)
- 3) Go to Mass (offer up your Holy Communion in reparation)
- 4) Meditate for 15 minutes on a mystery of the Rosary in Scripture (a simple to use meditation sheet will be available in the chapel next to the statue of Mary)

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!

St. Aloysius Christmastime Photo Gallery

