



SAINT ALOYSIUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT 06840
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 11, 2018
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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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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 - February 12, 2018

7:00 a.m. Marianne Walsh
9:00 a.m. Thomas J. Cleary
5:30 p.m. Lorenz Koch

Tuesday - February 13, 2018

7:00 a.m. Patricia Moriarity
5:30 p.m. Connie Fennessey

Wednesday - February 14, 2018 (Ash Wednesday)

7:00 a.m. Frances Smolak
9:00 a.m. Ann Grasso
12:15 p.m. Patrick H. Casey
5:30 p.m. Elisa, Rafaele, Grazela Marotta
7:30 p.m. Val Buonaiuto

Thursday - February 15, 2018

7:00 a.m. Wayne M. & Family (Living)
12:15 p.m. Vincent Aseste
5:30 p.m. Jango Joseph Seervai

Friday - February 16, 2018

7:00 a.m. John Denicola
9:00 a.m. Aldina Polli
5:30 p.m. Katherine & Stephen Horan

Saturday - February 17, 2018

7:00 a.m. Genie Flannery
5:30 p.m. Norma Gerege Klass

Sunday - February 18, 2018

7:00 a.m. Patricia Golnick
8:30 a.m. Josie & Peter McGlade
10:00 a.m. Maria Conte
11:30 a.m. Frank Kane
5:00 p.m. Barbara Wengernuk

Please Pray for the Deceased:
Inga Talalaite

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14

Commuter Ashes

5:00 a.m. to 6:15 a.m. Distribution of ashes in the church
narthex, Cherry Street entry

Masses with Distribution of Ashes

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Prayer service at 4:10 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Come spend quiet and reflective time in the Chapel anytime
during Ash Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Come be in
His presence and ask for guidance as you plan your Lent.

~ 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,
Garob Garabedian, Angelo Gesualdi, Carol Gianattasio,
Elizabeth Grottola, Kathy Grove, 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, Julie
Natalie Mulhern, Louis G. Nappi, Patrick O'Kane, Patrick
Pantalone, Harrison Perley, Dorothy Pojasek, Iracema Galvani
Quinete, Barton Rappaport, Pete Roux, 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, 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
2/9/18 - 2/15/18

The Sacred Heart Sanctuary candle for
Nico Mallozzi

The Mary Sanctuary candle for
Herman Bohorquez
The Chapel candle for
Alexanderina Palma



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.sasncc.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, February 4, 2018: \$19,994

Online Giving for the week: \$3,235

TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$23,229

LAST YEAR: \$26,975

We Welcome our New Parishioners:

John and Dale Smyth

We Welcome our Newly Baptized Parishioner:

Lillian Barez Cohen

**Words from Father Rob Kinnally****Lent 2018: A New Kind of Fasting**

Ash Wednesday is February 14 and yes, it's also Valentine's Day; and although I am going to observe that day as a day of fast and abstinence, I'm going to side with the confection companies and *not* give up candy for the rest of Lent. Instead, I am going to fast from other things this Lent.

Why this new approach? When I give up certain fun food items during Lent I am making a sacrifice and the desire for those treats reminds me of the greater sacrifice that the Lord Jesus made for my sake. However, if I give up certain things and that turns me into a cranky Catholic for 40 days, there is something wrong with my fasting. Many years ago I gave up coffee for Lent and my mostly non-Catholic colleagues at the college where I was working asked if they could write to the pope so I could get caffeine back into my life immediately. They said I was becoming a real challenge and giving Lent a bad name among non-believers. You get the picture.

This Lent I have decided that I am going to **fast from negativity**. I got this idea from a priest friend of mine who just finished writing a book about the Christian life journey. Father Tom (the author) suggests that to truly embrace discipleship and live as Jesus would have us live, we have to stop being negative and "fast" from negative relational behaviors. Tom was inspired by what Jesus said in Matthew 5:11 in response to questions about fasting among the disciples: "It is not what enters one's mouth that defiles that person, but what comes out of the mouth is what defiles one." Father Tom states it plainly: "When we're snarky, demanding, complaining, or outright confrontational we create an atmosphere of tension, resentment, and negativity that initiates an ongoing cycle of hurt." (See Lynch/Marconda: *After the Diagnosis: A Guide for Living*, 2018)

So here's the challenge: think and pray hard about how you will fast from food this Lent. This has been a long and noble tradition of the Church and an important pillar of the Lenten trio of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Think and pray about fasting from reactive, negative behaviors. If we refrain from being critical, judgmental, indifferent, sarcastic, gossipy, insensitive, self-absorbed, uncooperative, and ungrateful, we are freeing ourselves from the hurt we inflict on ourselves and on others and we are therefore opening up space for God to enter. If we experience a purging of all that stuff that weighs us down and harms others, we are free to love others more, and that is what Jesus asks of us – this Lent and forever.

If you want to be creative and bring in almsgiving, create a "No More Negativity" Jar. Every time you mess up on the negativity fast, put a dollar (or a twenty) in the jar. At the end of Lent, add that money to your contribution to the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl (we will make them available to you soon) or donate it to your favorite charity. Hope you don't collect a lot; but if you do, your donation turns something negative into an act of love. Good luck, and think (and speak) positively!



~ Religious Education ~

Grades 1-6:

Classes follow the regular schedule this week.

February 11, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. Mass - Welcome to 2nd graders and their families for Part 3 of our instructional Mass. Please be sure to sign in at back of church and to pick up your child's book and material at the conclusion of Mass.

February 11, 2018 - 11:30 a.m. Mass - Welcome SUNDAY 3rd graders and their families. At the conclusion of Mass please meet Mrs. Redman in the back of the church for a church tour. This is part of your regular curriculum and attendance will be noted.

February 13, 2018 - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - All children and their families are invited and encouraged to attend our Pancake Supper at the St. Aloysius School Gym. Come right after Religious Education classes and we will be ready to serve you! \$2.00 per person. No speeches or presentations ... Join us ... and take home some resources to help you prepare your hearts and minds for the season of Lent, the Three Holy Days, and the great feast of Easter!

February 14, 2018 - Ash Wednesday - Children will report to their classroom and then we will come to church at 4:10 p.m. for a Prayer Service and to receive ashes. Parents are welcome to join us in the church. We will return to classrooms for dismissal.

Classes will not be held during the New Canaan public school break, February 16th through February 25th. Religious Education classes will resume on Monday, February 26th at 4:00 p.m.

Confirmation:

Our Confirmation classes continue to perform Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 21st.



Students visited Lakeview Cemetery to perform Spiritual Works of Mercy by praying for deceased family members from our parish.

Here, students perform a Corporal Work of Mercy by sorting through and filling bags of clothes to be distributed to our homeless brothers and sisters during the Midnight Run.



~ 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



Annual Pancake Dinner - Tuesday, February 13th: Teens especially are invited to our annual Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner in the Gym from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come sit at the TEEN TABLE and enjoy a pancake

dinner for \$2.00 per person and pick up your teen-friendly Lenten kit which will help you make this Lent meaningful and prepare you for Holy Week and Easter!

Wake Up & Witness

Ash Wednesday Prayer Service -

Wednesday, February 14th: We invite our high school teens to attend a special prayer service with distribution of ashes Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30 a.m. in the CHURCH!! Breakfast bags will be distributed tailgate-style afterwards and you will be on your way by 7:00 a.m. in time for the start of school. We need VIRTUS-trained adults to help make the breakfast! So . . . WAKE UP and start this Lenten season by giving witness to the Catholic faith and all that you believe! In the past, we had 100 high school teens attend and went off to their schools with the outward sign of our faith on their foreheads. Let's do it again! Please sign up on sign up genius so we can ensure we have enough breakfast!



Youth Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Midnight Run a success! From our very generous parishioners who donated so many items, to our confirmation students who did all of the prep work, to our hometown team who raised over \$700 for the Midnight Run organization, to the Lydons for making our hot chili, and to our city team teens and adults who truly were the face of Christ to the many grateful homeless men and women on a very cold February night!

~ Parish News ~

Baby Shower for Charity

The Catholic Daughters will hold their Annual Baby Shower on Thursday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. in Stapleton Hall. All ladies of the parish are most welcome to attend! Unwrapped donations of new baby clothing and/or diapers, (no furniture), will be greatly appreciated.

Items may be placed in the Narthex of the church or brought to the shower. Questions? Call (203) 972-1713.

**You are Never Too Young to Serve!**

Our young disciples and their parents gathered last Sunday to pray for and make Valentines for children who are sick and will be in the hospital on Valentine's Day. Beautiful Valentine's with messages from the heart and a prayer, as well as craft kits

will be sent to children at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, The Children's Hospital at Montefiore, and St. Mary's Hospital. Special thanks to Adrienne Fulk and Kelly Lavigne for organizing the event and to the Sloan/O'Hara and Barton/Laguzza classes for hosting the hospitality coffee!

Our next event will be on Sunday, March 18th after the 10:00 a.m. Mass where we will be assembling Easter baskets for children in low income families. Watch for more details and the signup genius link!

We are also looking for a family or two to help organize lay service opportunities at the 10:00 a.m. Mass once a month to help our children learn about and participate in the concept of serving our parish as greeters, ushers, gift bearers and lectors. If you are interested in leading this new service opportunity, please contact Chris Otis at youth@starcc.com or at 203-652-1154.

**Blood Pressure Screening This Weekend**

The parish nurses will be taking blood pressure screenings after all masses this weekend February 10th and 11th 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



Join together with your parish family for one last celebration before we enter the season of Lent.

SAVE THE DATE!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th
Serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
\$2.00/per person

Watch for more details in the bulletin!
Families especially urged to attend

Sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0844a8ae29a4f49-mardi>

This Lent, We invite all men ...

We invite all Men to join us at St. Aloysius Church to explore the role of Catholic Men in today's world. Our three meetings will discuss the ways Men love; as Fathers, Brothers, and Husbands - and the responsibility of each Catholic Man to honor this three-part calling in his daily actions. Make a decision this Lent and join us to form a Band of Brothers which honors authentic Catholic Masculinity.

Who: Men of all ages who feel called to be better Fathers, Husbands, Sons, or Brothers



When: 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
Wednesday March 7
Thursday March 15
Thursday March 22

Action: online sign up, <http://tiny.cc/SignUP2018>

Our gatherings will be spiritually guided by Fr. Ignacio and the agenda formed from the concepts presented in the Apostolic Exhortation titled "Into the Breach" <https://intothebreach.org/>. Read more about this new group on our parish blog page: <https://www.starcc.com/blog/Parish-News--Events>

Check out our new books and CD selections for the Lenten Season in the Kiosk at the back of the church.



Visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/StAloysiusNC/> and Instagram [@StAloysiusnc](https://www.instagram.com/StAloysiusnc)



~ Parish and Other News ~

Save the Date: Sunday, March 18, 2018

CELEBRATING **25** YEARS

WHITE MASS
for Healthcare Professionals and All Who Serve the Sick

celebrated at 8:30 am by
Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Saint Aloysius Church, New Canaan

followed by
Brunch
at Woodway Country Club, Darien

Joseph Dutkowsky, MD, KM
will address
"Healing Beyond Healthcare"

Sponsors \$100 (includes 2 tickets)
Individuals \$35
Table for 8 \$250

**For more information contact Elizabeth Auda: 203.416.1636
or email: 2018whitemass@diobpt.org**

*Please join us for the Women's
February Day of Recollection
in the Chapel*

ORGANIZED BY THE PRELATURE OF OPUS DEI
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
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

The Bereavement Support Group meets 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 Barnard at 203-561-3050.



**TOP TEN REASONS TO TRY OUT WALKING WITH PURPOSE
THIS LENT**

10. Walking With Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible study for women.
9. WWP fits into your busy schedule:
Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
8. Free babysitting is provided at the morning sessions.
7. No prior Scripture knowledge is required, just your WWP study guide and a Bible.
6. WWP is a no-judgment zone. We welcome anyone who is interested in studying God's word.
5. We offer rolling admission, pro-rated fees, and scholarships. Visit and join our program anytime.
4. Meet new women for fellowship and friendship during our very delicious hospitality time.
3. Be better prepared to share the Biblical principles of our faith with family members.
2. There is no actual walking involved.
1. We share our everyday challenges in an atmosphere of honesty and authenticity, accepting each other for who we are: beloved daughters of God.

*...and the BEST reason to make WWP your Lenten resolution:
**JESUS WANTS YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND YOUR FOCUS ON
HIM THIS EASTER!***

Sessions run through April 3, 2018.

For more information e-mail us at: wwwpstalloysius@gmail.com



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February 6, 2018

Dear Friends,

I want to bring you up to date on the feasibility study for a parish capital campaign that we have conducted among a small group of parishioners.

As a result of the excellent work of the Saint Aloysius Pastoral Planning Committee, a number of parish needs were identified, among them the need for additional space for learning, meeting, and social gatherings. In my one year at the parish, I added to that list some capital improvements to the church, parish offices, and Saint Aloysius school. In collaboration with the Diocese of Bridgeport, we asked the CCS Fundraising organization to conduct 75 interviews with parishioners to test the viability of a parish campaign in the immediate future.

As of today, most of the planned number of interviews have been completed in the campaign feasibility and study phase. I have weighed the results of those interviews with a lengthy and helpful discussion at the most recent Saint Aloysius Pastoral Council meeting, and I have decided to postpone campaign planning and extend the study process. The interviews conducted by the CCS fundraising group indicate that before proceeding with fundraising, we should spend additional time assessing demographic information, examining parish needs, and refining project goals.

In its January 6th meeting, the members of the Saint Aloysius Pastoral Council spent considerable time discussing the proposed campaign. The conversation was lively, insightful, and informed by the members' desire to imagine the best plan possible. The vast majority of the membership made the recommendation to wait before proceeding with launching a campaign in order to gather essential information.

One of the reasons we were considering a parish campaign at this time was to partner with a planned diocesan campaign and receive some benefit from that partnership. Last week I met with Bishop Caggiano to discuss my desire to postpone parish campaign activity. The bishop gave his complete support to the decision and expressed his confidence in the success of a future project. I share the bishop's confidence in our success going forward, and I am delighted that the feasibility process has served its purpose.

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I am confident that after a year of focused research, we will together create a viable plan and realize sensible and achievable goals to support and enhance our ministries. The research I envision will include a more thorough assessment of the tax burdens in – and economic condition of – the State of Connecticut and the impact on philanthropy. Our study will also include a detailed examination of growth trends in parish membership, religious education, and Saint Aloysius School; and a more thorough evaluation of the need for meeting, teaching, and social space. Finally, postponing a possible campaign provides an opportunity to engage more parishioners in sharing their vision of how we can best live out our mission as parish and Church.

I'm looking forward to the clarity that we will gain in the year ahead, and I am exhilarated by the prospect of bringing to fruition the plans that God has in store for us in the years thereafter. I am grateful for your prayerful support of the parish, and I am hopeful that I can count on your insights and ideas as we move forward in faith.

Yours in Christ,

Father Rob Kinnally
Pastor