



SAINT ALOYSIUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT 06840

First Sunday of Lent - February 18, 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 week days at 8:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Sundays 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 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.

PARISH WEBSITE

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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 19, 2018

7:00 a.m. John Carter

9:00 a.m. Theresa Bohmer

5:30 p.m. William Cawley

Tuesday - February 20, 2018

7:00 a.m. Catherine & John Foley

12:15 p.m. Paulette Sobczak

5:30 p.m. Victor Hugo

Wednesday - February 21, 2018

7:00 a.m. Martha Weber-Wilwers

9:00 a.m. Dr. Mitchell Ryan

5:30 p.m. Susan Gallo

Thursday - February 22, 2018

7:00 a.m. Joe McOsker

12:15 p.m. Salvatore Zucaro

5:30 p.m. William Cawley

Friday - February 23, 2018

7:00 a.m. Peter McCormack

9:00 a.m. Salvatore Zucaro

5:30 p.m. Rinaldo Mase

Saturday - February 24, 2018

7:00 a.m. Vera Hughes

5:30 p.m. Joseph Peter Malecki

Sunday - February 25, 2018

7:00 a.m. Liam Terrio

8:30 a.m. Maria Conte

10:00 a.m. Shannon Ferraro

11:30 a.m. Deborah Ann Lynan

5:00 p.m. Jack Engel & John Engel (Living)

Please Pray for the Deceased:

Beth Dawson

Tony Malizia



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!

~ 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, 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, Margaret Malone, Fanny Mao, Donald McQuid, Jon Morrison, Julie Natalie Mulhern, Louis G. Nappi, Patrick O'Kane, Patrick m,Pantalone, Harrison Perley, Dorothy Pojasek, Iracema Galvani Quinete, Barton Rappaport, Pete Roux, Maria Cielo Sanchez, Shirley Sapione, Adeline Seltzer, Viola Sharpe, Ali Simon, Lynda Ann Slovik, Judy Johnson Spadaccini, 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
2/16/18 - 2/22/18

The Sacred Heart Sanctuary candle for

Rocky-Joe Cotoia

The Mary Sanctuary candle for

Anna Cotoia

The Chapel candle for

Walter Jaykus



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. 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

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| SUNDAY, February 11, 2018: | \$22,454 |
| Online Giving for the week: | <u>\$2,410</u> |
| TOTAL OFFERTORY: | \$24,864 |
| LAST YEAR: | \$22,588 |

We Welcome our New Parishioners:

Nora and Morgan Johnston, Laks Family and Roach Family

We Welcome our Newly Baptized Parishioner:

Theodore James Bussichella



Words from Father Rob Kinnally

From Sunday's Gospel according to Mark:

*The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days,
tempted by Satan.*

*He was among wild beasts,
and the angels ministered to him.*

So if Jesus is God how could he have been tempted? We don't think of Jesus being tempted – after all, he's Jesus! But Jesus was human and humans are tempted. Consider that scene described in the Gospel passage: The Son of God, poised to begin his earthly ministry is driven into the desert by the Holy Spirit (God) for more than a month, and who's there? Satan, wild beasts, and angels. It sounds like an ordinary day in the life of a child of God, doesn't it? Think about it - every day we are faced with temptations that are rooted in some form of evil: the temptation to be unfaithful, self-promoting, judgmental, dishonest, vain, - no need to extend the list of such unpleasant attributes; you get it.

There are forces out there that want us to fail at being faithful, humble, patient, understanding, truthful, and modest. Those forces include the "wild beasts" from the kingdom of "wanting more and wanting it better." The good news is that we often have "angels" ministering to us to save us from the onslaught of the crazy ideas we have of reaching far beyond where God wants us to be. Those "angels" are the ones who love us and care for us so much that they bring us to the proper desert – the desert of our inner selves where God wraps his love around our restless hearts and calms us into living in Him.

The way to face temptation head-on and win is to first spend time in the desert – alone with God who wants "just-you-and-me" time to say "I love you and I will guard you and guide you like the most loving father or mother you can imagine." Nothing will seem more important if we do that. Nothing will tempt us away from being truly alive in Christ. No wild beast of false opportunity can overcome us!

Having spent our Lent in the desert with God - in prayer, in worship, and just being in one another's presence - we will spend our Easter fully alive in the Risen Lord.

I'm praying that you have a good desert experience.

Father Rob

~ Religious Education ~

Grades 1-6:

Classes **WILL NOT** be in session this week due to the
New Canaan Public School Winter Break.
Classes resume on Monday, February 26 at 4 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tuesday, February 27 - 6:15 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS led by Religious Education in child-friendly language. All parishioners are invited to join us. We particularly encourage all of our students and families to attend, including all those participating in our 6th grade Family Faith Formation program.

Thursday, March 1 - 4:00 pm. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS. This is another opportunity to pray the Stations at an earlier time! All parishioners are invited to join us. All Religious Education students and families are urged to come as we pray the Stations in child-friendly language. All those in our 6th grade Family Faith Formation program are welcome!

All of our students must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Come directly to the church. Any questions or concerns, please contact Marie Pascale Vandall (203) 652-1170 or email marieccd@starcc.com.

Confirmation:

Level 1 & 2

Every lesson has a "Challenge of the Week". The students are given three tasks to choose from. Ask your child to explain to you their Challenge of the Week. Why did they choose this one over others? What has been their favorite challenge so far this year?

Level 2

All students were required to write a letter to Fr. Rob requesting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This letter, and your child's Service Log was due by February 12th. Please make sure both were submitted to either your child's catechist or the office at 40 Maple Street. Please contact Marie Osterndorf at confirmation@starcc.com if your child needs help with finishing his/her hours or if you have any questions.



Confirmation students team building at a recent retreat.

Continue your support your community and participate in our Church Wide Food Drive for Person-to-Person in Darien.
Read on for more information about the drive!

~ 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

Please pray for our teens who are on break this week! The past weeks have been busy with prayer, service and worship!



Convivio: Many of our high school teens become involved in our Emmaus retreat in their sophomore year. Our freshmen in Youth Ministry have the desire to experience a retreat gathering as well. The diocese is holding Convivio March 2nd - March 4th at Sacred Heart University. This is a great opportunity for our freshmen or other teens who are not involved in Emmaus.

Convivio is a weekend high school conference where students from grades 9 through 12 come together to reflect upon contemporary society, to share their experiences, thoughts, interests, and to propose explanations and answers to the problems and challenges that we experience in today's world. It is a weekend filled with ... Praise & Worship, games, delicious food, Mass, a service project run by the Catholic Service Corps, DJ party, Adoration, small-group discussions, talks from a former Generation Life missionary, speaker from the World Youth Alliance, surprise panelists AND MUCH MORE! All meals and materials included in the cost of \$60. Below is the pre-registration link. Once you have pre-registered, parents will be sent a link to do a liability form and pay for the conference. Pre-registration link here: <http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/4039107/CONVIVIO-Pre-Registration>



~ Parish News ~

LENTEN**Eucharistic Adoration**

St. Aloysius Chapel

Fridays Feb 16th & 23rd 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

March 9th, 16th & 23rd 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**First Fridays March 2nd - 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.****Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.****Holy Hour for Vocations****4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE APPRECIATED to assure the chapel is never left unattended. If you can commit to 30 minutes or more, please call 203-247-2739, email ggertsen@mac.com, or use the link provided on the website.

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.



Last Sunday, the Rite of Sending for our three RCIA candidates took place at the 8:30 Mass. The candidates were formally presented to the parish community. The community and their sponsors acknowledged the spiritual progress they have made, expressed approval of their election or recognition, and sent them forth to our bishop with assurance of the parish's care and support. To send a catechumen or candidate to the bishop means that a parish has discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic Church. This Sunday, February 18th they will go before Bishop Caggiano for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. Bishops throughout the world will welcome those sent by their parishes.

The Candidates (baptized Christians) seeking to come into full communion with the Catholic Church, publicly express their desire for Confirmation and the Eucharist and are presented to Bishop Caggiano. These individuals make a profession of faith but will not be baptized again.

Since late September, our Candidates have been attending weekly formation classes to help them understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. We all participate in their formation through witness, support and prayer. We ask you to please pray for them as they continue their journey.



Open House and Connect Coffee

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

9:30 - 11:30 am or 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Stapleton Hall

All ladies are welcome! Come join us for coffee, refreshments, video and conversation.

*This week we will be discussing
in **Opening Your Heart**, Children: **Reaching Your Child's Heart**
and
in **Touching the Divine**, Jesus, The Intercessor*

Please contact us directly with registration questions or for confidential scholarship consideration at wwpstaloyisius@gmail.com



~ Parish and Other News ~



Lenten Project
Help Stock the Empty Shelves
For Person-to-Person
They service 25,000 clients including
10,000 children!

All parishioners are welcome to donate! We hope you will join us as we come together as a community to help end hunger.

Food Items Needed:

Canned Soups • Tuna • Peanut Butter and Jelly
Oatmeal • Cold Cereal • Canned Fruit (no cranberry sauce)
Canned Vegetables • Pasta • Pasta Sauce
Macaroni and Cheese • Dried and Canned Beans • Rice
Shelf-Stable Boxed Milk • Box of Tea Bags
Nutrition Bars

Drop off your donations in the Narthex of the Church between
February 17th – March 11th

Weekend Retreat for Parish Men
March 23rd - March 25th
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT



A weekend of peace and reflection on the power of God's grace in our lives. In an age of division, tension and change, *Grace Enough* will explore the many ways God's presence empowers us and supports us through every step of life's journey.

It is organized by the Knights of Columbus, but all men of the parish are urged to attend. Carpools will be arranged leaving Friday afternoon. The retreat offering is \$320. For more information, contact Michael McDonagh at 203-966-3836 or at mcdonagh1@aol.com.

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.



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



Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

All men are invited to participate in Bible Study and Fellowship on Saturday mornings. Bible Study begins at 8:30 a.m. and finishes at 9:30 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. for a light breakfast and fellowship. We meet in the Maple Street Dining Room in the Parish Center. Please enter through the kitchen on Maple Street.

We are currently studying the Book of Exodus. No previous scripture study experience is necessary. We use The Navarre Study Bible which provides helpful resources in addition to the lively discussion.

For more information contact Bob Mantilia at robertmantilia@yahoo.com or call [203-414-1500](tel:203-414-1500), or just show up to give it a test drive!



Afternoon Tea for Senior Parishioners
Sunday, March 11th 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
in Stapleton Hall

As we SPRING forward, please join us for tea, treats and fellowship hosted by some of our Emmaus teens. Remember to set your clocks forward and then come enjoy afternoon tea.

RSVP by Sunday, March 4th to Charlene Callahan at 203-594-9304 or via email at charcalluk@optonline.net.

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

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