



SAINT ALOYSIUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT 06840
Second Sunday of Lent - February 25, 2018
203-966-0020 www.starcc.com  **Handicap Accessible**

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., 12:15 p.m. (Lent), & 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.

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PARISH CONTACTS

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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 26, 2018
7:00 a.m. Joseph Fico
9:00 a.m. David Ruksznis
5:30 p.m. Marjorie Wenderoth

Tuesday - February 27, 2018
7:00 a.m. Rocco, Philomena, and Rocky-Joe Cotoia
12:15 p.m. Jack Hagan
5:30 p.m. Angelina & Carmine DiFeo

Wednesday - February 28, 2018
7:00 a.m. Mark Ronan
9:00 a.m. William Cawley
5:30 p.m. Leon Boris Pogacnik

Thursday - March 1, 2018
7:00 a.m. Bernard Rafferty
12:15 p.m. Evelyn Sobczak
5:30 p.m. Vincenzino Marcantonio

Friday - March 2, 2018
7:00 a.m. James Turner
9:00 a.m. Jean Fox
5:30 p.m. Dick Beckler

Saturday - March 3, 2018
7:00 a.m. Bernard Rafferty
5:30 p.m. Thomas J. Cleary

Sunday - March 4, 2018
7:00 a.m. Joan Lauro
8:30 a.m. Maria Conte
10:00 a.m. James Tierney, Sr.
11:30 a.m. Pamela Saviola
5:00 p.m. Walter Ruscoe

Please Pray for the Deceased:

Melisande Flavin
Carmen Hernandez



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, Laura Batch, 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., Georgia Sweeney, Szenasi Family, Christopher Tarzia, Jr., 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: 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
2/23/18 - 3/1/18

The Sacred Heart Sanctuary candle for

Roberto Hernandez

The Mary Sanctuary candle for

Carmen Hernandez

The Chapel candle for

Tony & Dolores Malizia



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

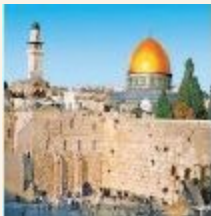
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| SUNDAY, February 18, 2018: | \$14,030 |
| Online Giving for the week: | <u>\$4,395</u> |
| TOTAL OFFERTORY: | \$18,425 |
| LAST YEAR: | \$18,178 |

We Welcome our Newly Baptized Parishioner:

Peyton Tillie DeMarzo

**Join Fr. Ignacio Ortigas on a Trip to the Holy Land
October 28 – November 8, 2018 (12 Days) \$3,195**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine, the city of Nazareth, Bethlehem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, Jordan River and so much more!



A \$200 deposit per person is required to secure your spot. We'll send your trip package with tips, passports, add-on cities, and more. For more information, contact Fr. Ignacio at 203.652.1151.



Words from Father Rob Kinnally

Sacrifice

The story of Abraham's intention to sacrifice his son Isaac doesn't resonate well on first hearing. Would a father really take the life of his son because God asked him to? While a shining (though difficult) example of obedience to the will of God, the story makes sense only in light of the sacrifice of Jesus on Good Friday. We are consoled when the angel instructs Abraham to halt the slaying and what follows is praise from God for Abraham's faithfulness. But we might still go back to the moment when Abraham decided to carry out God's original instructions, and ponder God's intentions. Is this a test of loyalty? A lesson in trust? An example of mercy? What if we consider Abraham's intentions: Was he so in love with the one true God who was writing the story of salvation that he would ponder making a sacrifice of his own flesh and blood – another one he loved? I believe the answer is "Yes."

Abraham, Isaac, and Jesus are all part of the story of the history of salvation; that is, God working in the world to redeem the world. God's faithfulness to the human family comes alive because it involves flesh and blood. Abraham's faith is strong, but God's love is stronger and manifest in the sacrifice of His own flesh and blood. Isaac is spared, but God's beloved Jesus is not, and that's how the story was intended to be written. The sacrifice of Jesus is the perfect sacrifice; thus, Isaac lives, faithful Abraham is praised, and we can live forever in the crucified and risen Jesus.

The season of Lent affords us the opportunity to ponder the term "sacrifice." We can decide to make sacrifices of our own: fasting, forsaking personal time to get to daily Mass, or giving of time or treasure for the sake of others. Many bear crosses of sickness, pain, disappointment, loneliness, and fear – all of these a sacrifice of consolation. This grace-filled season should lead us to this understanding: all of our sacrifices and cross-carrying will not make sense unless we bring it all to the Cross of Jesus. Once we are there, we should look up, and understand that those are our wounds, the sacrifice is for our sake, and God loves us through it all. In sum, we should not sacrifice joy because God has sacrificed His Son.

May the blessings of Lent continue for you.

Father Rob

We Welcome our New Parishioners:

- Tackach Family
- Gilman Family
- Strachan Family
- Justin Meneguzzo and Alessandra Landolfi
- Curtin Family

~ Religious Education ~

Grades 1-6:

NO CLASSES WILL BE HELD TODAY, SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25.
Classes resume the regular schedule beginning
Monday, February 26.

ALL FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN GRADES 1-6

You are invited to pray the Stations of The Cross with us this Lent. We are offering two opportunities: Tuesday, Feb 27th at 6:15 p.m. or Thursday, March 1st at 4:00 p.m. in the church. These Stations will be presented in child-friendly language.

The Stations of the Cross are part of the curriculum for each grade. This was scheduled on your calendar in September prior to the first day of class and has been posted on the website. Please make every effort to attend ONE of these days. Attendance will be noted. We encourage families to attend together. If that is not possible, we ask that your child be accompanied by a responsible adult.



Third graders in Mrs. Frangione and Mrs. Prostor's class display the prayer chain they put together just before the beginning of Lent. They learned about the different types of prayer.

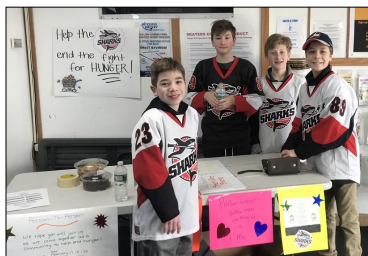
The prayer chain contains all their personal prayers written to Jesus.

LOOKING AHEAD

6th Grade Family Faith Formation: Students are invited to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **March 5th, 6th, or 7th at 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel.** The next review session is scheduled for **Thursday, March 8th at 4:00 p.m. in Stapleton Hall.** The review session is optional. There is a sign up on the parish website www.starcc.com/religious_education/family_faith_formation ... or just join us at the last minute.

Sunday, March 18th 11:30 a.m. Mass - 6th grade Family Faith Formation students and their families are required to attend. Attendance will be noted.

Confirmation:



Confirmation students organized a Lenten Food Drive for Person-to-Person with their team on President's Day. They raised \$300 in cash and filled two cars with the food donations! The team went to the food pantry to stock the empty shelves on Friday.

Congratulations on a job well done!

~ 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

Convivio is March 2-4: Students in grades 9 through 12. Come together for inspirational talks, praise & worship music, games, Mass, a service project run by the Catholic Service Corps, Adoration, small group discussion and more. All meals and materials included in the cost of \$60. Not involved in Emmaus? This might be for YOU! Register at:
<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4039107/CONVIVIO-Pre-Registration>

Emmaus 75 is March 2-4! Please pray for our 36 candidates and our team of 250+ who will minister to them! All past Rectors and Rectoras are invited to join us in praying for the candidates at the Parent Mass at St. Aloysius Church on Saturday, March 3rd at 8:00 a.m., for our parent presentation in Stapleton Hall immediately following the Mass, and for our Closing at All Saints Parish on Sunday, March 4th at 3:15 p.m.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Opportunities

Fri., March 2nd at 6:30 a.m. - Lenten Teen Mass
Wed., March 7th at 7:00 p.m. - Teen Dinner n' Adoration

Living Stations: This year, Youth Ministry will present the Living Stations on Good Friday (March 30) at 7:00 p.m. High school teens are needed to portray the characters who help tell the story of Jesus' walk to Calvary. No lines! Singers also needed.



If you are interested in bringing this gift to our parish, please reach out to Chris Otis at youth@starcc.com.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FROM EMMAUS TEENS FOR OUR SENIOR PARISHIONERS!

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.

~ Parish News ~



LENTEN
Eucharistic Adoration
St. Aloysius Chapel

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>



You are Never Too Young to Serve!

We have been asked by the Norwalk Dept. of Children and Families to provide Easter Baskets for their children in crisis. This is an at-home family activity that will be finished at our Never Too Young to Serve gathering in the Gym on Sunday, March 18th. Each family is asked to use a 12" in diameter Easter Basket and fill it with specific items which are noted at www.signupgenius.com. We will gather for coffee, juice and donuts and our young disciples will make Easter cards for their baskets and bag "resurrection eggs" that help tell the Easter story. Sign up at the link above, under youth@starcc.com.




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 wwwpstaloyisius@gmail.com





Candidates Randy Culbertson, Jacqueline Russo and Corey Wiczorek from St. Aloysius Parish along with their sponsors gathered last Sunday at St. Theresa Church in Trumbull for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. They were presented to Bishop Caggiano along with RCIA catechumens and candidates from all parishes in the diocese. They publicly proclaimed their desire to enter into the Roman Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. We all participated in their formation through witness, support and prayer. We ask you to pray for them as they enter into their final period of preparation.



Lenten Project!
Help Stock the Empty Shelves
For Person-to-Person

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

~ Parish and Other News ~

LENTEN CONCERT

Presented by
SAINT ALOYSIUS MUSIC MINISTRY

Featuring vocalists Becky Craig and Eric Sanchez
Accompanied by Dr. John Michniewicz, Piano and
Rebecca Patterson, Cello

**Wednesday, February 28th at 10:00 a.m.
AND 7:00 p.m.**

The morning concert is being offered to accommodate our senior parishioners but is open to all.

Simple refreshments will be offered following both performances in the front vestibule of the church.



Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima!

If you are participating in the First Five Saturdays devotion, the next First Saturday is March 3rd. To participate, please do the following for 5 consecutive months.

- 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



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. 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.



Please reference the flyer on our bulletin board regarding the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. The flyer lists the 12 Graces that Jesus promised to the faithful who on the **First Friday of 9 consecutive months, go to**

Confession and go to Mass. Our Lord Jesus Christ made these twelve promises to those who honor His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, whom he called "the Beloved Disciple of the Sacred Heart" and the Heiress "of all its treasures", in the 1670's. If you would like to begin this devotion, the next First Friday is March 2nd.

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 8:00 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, or just show up to give it a test drive!

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 or (203) 966-4401.

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**