



SAINT ALOYSIUS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

21 Cherry Street, New Canaan, CT 06840

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 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., 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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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 - March 19, 2018
7:00 a.m. Anna Hagan
9:00 a.m. Bernard Rafferty
5:30 p.m. Jango Joseph Seervai

Tuesday - March 20, 2018
7:00 a.m. Walter & Johanna Slezak
12:15 p.m. William Stevens
5:30 p.m. Antonia Malizia

Wednesday - March 21, 2018
7:00 a.m. Jack Engel
9:00 a.m. Rosina DeLuca
5:30 p.m. David Piper

Thursday - March 22, 2018
7:00 a.m. James Cunane
12:15 p.m. Bernard Rafferty
5:30 p.m. Bernard Rafferty

Friday - March 23, 2018
7:00 a.m. Robin Schoenholtz
9:00 a.m. Vincent Galatro
5:30 p.m. Joseph Fico

Saturday - March 24, 2018
7:00 a.m. John Chaffee
5:30 p.m. Arlene Bucci

Sunday - March 25, 2018
7:00 a.m. Marianne Dolan
8:30 a.m. Vincenzo DiFrancesco &
Antonio & Concetta DiMuzio
10:00 a.m. Maria Massimo
11:30 a.m. Dominick Palladino
5:00 p.m. Barbara Wengernuk

Please Pray for the Deceased:
Anne C. Dreyer

We Welcome our New Parishioners:
Jonathan and Heather Prizio
Rossell Family

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 Fiegner, 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, Barbara Wines, 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
3/16/18 - 3/22/18

The Sacred Heart Sanctuary candle for
Nancy Brown

The Mary Sanctuary candle for

Eileen Palma Smith

The Chapel candle for
Jean Marie McLaughlin



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.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, March 11, 2018:	\$22,114
Online Giving for the week:	<u>\$5,530</u>
TOTAL OFFERTORY:	\$27,644
LAST YEAR:	\$25,050
SECOND COLLECTION:	\$6,399

We would like to thank all parishioners who use our **Online Donation System** for their recurring donations! For Parishioners who are not yet using our online donation system, we encourage you to do so! It's easy and convenient! In January, we were required to change the payment processor. Anyone who *had* a recurring donation in place **PRIOR to January 1st**, needs to go back to our website at www.starcc.com and reestablish your account online. Many of you have done so but some have not. If you have any questions, please contact our business manager at [203-653-1153](tel:203-653-1153).



Words from Father Rob Kinnally

And when I am lifted up...

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks a very human phrase as his death on the cross becomes more and more of a reality: "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?'" These three sentences of the twelfth chapter of John's Gospel have always been for me a very personal insight into the heart of Jesus, a heart that is both human and divine. Knowing what is going to happen to him on Calvary, he reveals his feelings about His impending death. There is no gentle transition to death like that provided by palliative or hospice care. Quite the contrary, Jesus knows that this death will be a painful one when he is "lifted up" on the cross. I pause at that fact each time I read these sentences, and I struggle between the emotions of guilt and gratitude.

Then I move to a deeper understanding of the heart of Jesus in the phrase that follows. In this sentence, Jesus -- bereft of human fear and control -- explains why he does not ask to be spared from the cross: "But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour." And that's where our hearts should be: with Jesus' heart, giving glory to the Father by doing what the Father asks of us. We will not die as Jesus died; but we do struggle, suffer, die to different things, and try our best to live as God would have us live, obeying his loving commandments, building our lives on Gospel values, speaking the truth in love, and receiving and giving mercy. Always "lifted up" before us is Jesus, with arms outstretched in love, encouraging us to stay close to him so that we can experience complete joy.

So what did I really learn from John 12? I can't make sense of the cross, pain, Jesus, death, life, and joy unless I fall in love again and again with Jesus who knows what it's like to be me.

I'm looking forward to our mornings and evenings with Father Jack Rathschmidt this week. Please make the time to step away from being busy and spend some time just being present as Father Jack feeds our spirits.

Thank you for your faithfulness!

Father Rob



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and Instagram [@StAloysiusnc](https://www.instagram.com/StAloysiusnc)



~ Religious Education ~

Grades 1-6:

Religious Education classes follow the regular schedule this week.

Classes will be held on Sunday, March 25th (Palm Sunday) at the regular time. Sunday students ONLY: this is your final class of Religious Education. All other students have two more weeks to go.

We encourage everyone to come to our Parish Lenten Retreat with Fr. Jack Rathschmidt, a great way to prepare for Holy Week!

Second graders preparing for First Holy Communion gathered around the Passover table to hear and see what Jesus was doing at the Last Supper when He gave us the gift of the Eucharist. Wearing their "Apostle" badges, they heard the story of the First Passover, the story of freedom for the Hebrew people, and the command to remember this moment in every generation. "Do this in remembrance of Me" are Jesus' words to us that bring us to Mass every Sunday, as we remember Jesus great sacrifice to free us from our sins. The children from Mrs. Schubert/Mrs. Macalister and Mrs. Marciano/Mrs. Shullman classes learned how food can tell a story and sampled matzo and grape juice.



Confirmation:

Level 1

Please turn your service log into your catechist at your last class. If you are still in need of hours, please contact Marie Osterndorf at Confirmation@starcc.com. Marie can help your child fulfill their obligation. Once they have turned in their service log, they may start working on next year's hours.

All students and catechists should keep their textbooks. You will need them next year. All catechists should please return the DVD's to the Religious Education office. If you teach in the Tudor House, you can just leave everything there.

Level 2

Confirmation will be held on April 21st. All candidates have been assigned to either the morning or afternoon Mass. All families should have received an e-mail regarding both the time of their Mass and Confirmation rehearsal. All paperwork and service logs should now be in the office. Level 2 catechist should return their Leader's guide and DVD's to the Religious Education office. We will reuse them next year. If you teach in the Tudor House, you can just leave everything there.

~ 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

Friday Lenten Mass for Teens: Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to join together before school at 6:30 a.m. in the Maple Street Room (above Stapleton Hall), on Friday, March 23. Light breakfast served afterwards then you will be on your way to school by 7:05 a.m. Please sign up on sign up genius so we know how much breakfast to prepare!

St. A's Parish Mission Teen Night is Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Come listen to the inspirational and practical words of our retreat master, Father Jack Rathschmidt as he helps you understand how to answer the call to be disciples of Christ to the world. All parishioners are invited, but he will tailor his comments to the young people of our parish!

Bishop Caggiano is requesting the presence of our at the **Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage on Saturday, March 24th in Bridgeport** from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Adoration, Reconciliation, a concert with Steve Angrisano, a Catholic Service Corps service opportunity and prayer with Bishop Caggiano. Please use sign up genius to register and we will send you the diocesan registration link. They are counting on us to bring a large contingent, so join us!



Living Stations: High school teens needed to portray the biblical characters in Youth Ministry's Living Stations on Good Friday at 7:00p.m. No lines. Rehearsal on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping to share the story of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, please email Chris Otis at youth@starcc.com. All others -- SAVE THE DATE to join us!



Our Emmaus 75 candidates and table leaders hosted seniors at their Pass It On Day here and at Brightview.

~ Parish News ~

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**St. Aloysius Chapel**

Fridays 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

First Fridays 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

St. Aloysius Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration is a special time of visiting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. In our noisy world, Adoration enables one to discover the silent, loving presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



VOLUNTEERS ARE APPRECIATED- If you can commit to 30 minutes or more any Friday please call Gretchen 203-247-2739, email ggertsen@mac.com, or use the link provided on the website.

Pot Luck Supper

The Catholic Daughters next meeting is **April 5th at 6:00 p.m.** in Stapleton Hall where we will enjoy our yearly members Pot Luck Supper. We are looking forward to some delicious food and fellowship. Please respond to Jeanne Piscitello 203-972-0618 or jeanniec2000@gmail.com to let us know what you will be bringing to our wonderful dinner!

**Youth Rally Announcement**

Calling all Young People to Enter the Journey The Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage will take place **Saturday, March 24th** at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 391 Ogden Street in Bridgeport. It will include an opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration, a chance to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a concert with Steve Angrisano and prayer with Bishop Caggiano. All young people in grades 6 thru 12 are invited enter the journey of Holy Week by spending some time in prayer with your friends and family. To register visit <https://thechurchneedsyou.org/event/pilgrimage/>. For more information contact the Office of Faith Formation at 203- 416-1670.

Blood Pressure Screening Next Weekend

The parish nurses will be taking blood pressure screenings after all masses next weekend March 24th and 25th. 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

Thank you to all who supported the Catholic Daughters and Our Ladies Guild Irish Soda Bread and Bake Sale last weekend. We are grateful for your support! All proceeds will go towards our scholarships and various charities. Thank you!

**March 19th****Our Lady's Guild**

Invites all women of the Parish to gather in support of the Parish Mission: The Gospel, Mercy and Me with Fr. Jack Rathschmidt, OFM Cap. on **Monday, March 19th** at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We will pray the rosary after Mass, listen to the 45-minute retreat and then have brunch at Stapleton Hall. Please join us!

Meditation and Music: Vespers, Intercessory Prayer & Contemporary Music
Wednesday, March 28th
at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel

In the tradition of our faith, you are invited to come together for Vespers at the end of the day to give God thanks for all that has happened in the day and to place ourselves in God's care during the night to come. The forty-five minute service will include meditation on Scripture and intercessory prayer.

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 HEALTH CARE
 TO OUR COMMUNITY**

**project
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Sunday, April 8th
1:00 p.m. Stapleton Hall
Brief Presentation
Light Lunch will be served
For more information, contact Sue Lione
at slione@optonline.net

~ Parish and Other News ~



Parish Mission
The Gospel, Mercy and Me:
The Journey Continues March 17-21
Father Jack Rathschtmidt, OFM Cap. returns to Saint Aloysius to offer three days of retreat right in our church.

Father Rathschtmidt will begin the journey at all Masses the weekend of March 17th-18th. This year he will be building on his theme of how we can live out our call to be merciful disciples of the New Evangelization. That is, *how do I lovingly proceed in a challenging world with the task of sharing the Good News with others?*

Monday, 3/19, Tuesday, 3/20, Wednesday, 3/21 Morning Session - Join us for 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by a 45-minute retreat. **Evening Session** - Come at 6:30 p.m. to the candlelit church for soft music and quiet prayer where we ask you to offer your own intentions in silence.



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.

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.
Thursday March 22

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

On Sunday, April 29, 2018, at 3:00 pm at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull, CT, Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating the **2018 Wedding Jubilee Mass**. This Mass is for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50+ year wedding anniversaries. Photos with Bishop Caggiano will take place at 2:30 pm before Mass begins. Every couple that participates will receive a complimentary photo and certificate. The Mass will be followed with a free concert by the Diocesan Youth Choir. A reception will follow the concert for all couples, their families, and choir members. Space is limited, so please RSVP by April 18, 2018! If you are celebrating an anniversary and wish to participate in the Mass, please notify John Palma in the parish office at jpalma@starcc.com so we can let the diocesan office know. Happy Anniversary!

SAVE THE DATE
OPEN HOUSE
TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Sunday, March 18th, 2018
Tours at 1:00 p.m. - Presentation at 2:15 p.m.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
ADMISSIONS@TRINITYCATHOLIC.ORG • 203.487.8242
926 NEWFIELD AVENUE • STAMFORD CT 06905



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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018!

St. Aloysius 23rd Annual Vacation Bible School 2018 will be held the week of June 25th through June 29th. The camp is held on the parish campus and runs from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. We are looking for campers (PRE-K thru 4th GRADE as of FALL 2018) as well as parent volunteers to teach and coordinate the major tasks. VBS is always a truly fun and rewarding experience! Camp registration will begin in late March. We hope you can join us! Thank you for your prayers and support! Contact Jen Joyce jenjoyce713@yahoo.com or Maura Gayer maura.gayer@sbcglobal.net.