

SAINT ALOYSIUS PARISH 125TH ANNIVERSARY 2021



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: Vigil for Sunday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and

5:00 p.m.

The **Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass** is live-streamed, recorded and

available on the Parish Website: www.starcc.com

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Chapel

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursdays 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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This Week's Calendar of Advent Events

Saturday, December 11

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Confession in the Church 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM Confession in the Chapel

6:30 P.M. Misa en Español

Monday, December 13 Women's Holy Hour 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Thursday, December 16 Advent Teen Adoration 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday -	December 13, 2021
7:00 a.m.	John Hickey
5:30 p.m.	John Chaffee
Tuesday -	December 14, 2021
7:00 a.m.	Carol Frame/Sheehan Family
5:30 p.m.	Joan Altier
Wednesday -	December 15, 2021
7:00 a.m.	Saint Aloysius Parishioners
5:30 p.m.	Jack Murray
Thursday -	December 16, 2021
7:00 a.m.	Kenneth Brown
5:30 p.m.	Carmela Totaro
Friday -	December 17, 2021
7:00 a.m.	Jane Ryan
5:30 p.m.	Jack Murray
Saturday -	December 18, 2021
7:00 a.m.	Luigi DeCotiis
5:00 p.m.	Patrick Duffin
Sunday -	December 19, 2021
7:00 a.m.	Katherine and Stephen Horan
8:30 a.m.	Carmela DiMuzio
10:00 a.m.	Peter Grufstedt
11:30 a.m.	Louise Andronaco
5:00 p.m.	Anthony J. DiBarnaba

We Welcome our Newly Baptized Parishioners:

Leo Daniel Casale Sara Nicolina Baviello Antonio Giuseppe Calvi Gianna Elenore Manginelli

Marriage Banns:

- I Cristina Anne Murray and Bradley James LeBlanc
- I Jaclyn Ann Blosio and Albert Reese Moseley

Please Pray for the Deceased:

Grace R. Grasso

We Welcome Our New Parishioners:

Kellie Cooke
Richard and Diane Day Coyle
Michelle Libertiny, Klink Family,
Littell Family
Sullivan Family

Bulletin and Eblast Submissions Deadlines

- Eblast submissions are due by Monday at 3 p.m.
- Bulletin submissions are due by Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Email to: bulletin@starcc.com

~ Please Pray For ~

We are looking to update this list. Please let us know if you see a name that should be removed because their circumstances have changed.

Maria Alvarado, Eileen Apy, Daniel Louis Bianco, Margaret "Peg" Brewer, John J. Butler, Michael Buzzeo, Tony Cantone, Anthony Capobianco, Addison Jane Carestia, Claire Carter, Lois Cawley, Luz Celit, Pamela Chatterton-Purdy, Robert Clerkin, Carol Ann Collins, Lucia Cusato, Michael DeCarlo, Deirdre Desmond, Matthew DeVaney, Angela DiRodio, Kathleen Dooley, Kylie Edmund Dougherty, Aidan Duver, Madeline Dwyer, Monique Elliot, John Emert, Michael Fallon, Rinda Farnham, Mark Dale Ferguson, Owen Fitzgerald, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Angela Franco, Maria Franco, Henry Frank, Paula Lynn Fuegner, Ging Galindo, Judy Garcia, Garo Garabedian, John Gaffney, Franco Gencarelli, Carol Gianattasio, Elizabeth Grottola, Kathy Grove, James Heffner, D.J. Holland, Carol Hollister, Olivia Hurley, Juan Invernon, Maria Invernon, Sarah Jessie, Mary Katawa, Father Bernie Keefe, Carol King, Christopher Kotos, Al Latte, Jose Lavana, Sandra Lefler, Luke Lerner, Pam Libertiny, Joanne Liscio, Georgia Little, Tracee Lutes, Debbie B. Lyon, Mary Maher, Fanny Mao, Dan Mao, Rachel Mawardi, Liz McKay, Sarah McNulty, Donald McQuid, Claudia Monaco, Jon Morrison, Louis G. Nappi, John O'Connor, Carey Cattrell Ogden, Patrick O'Kane, Martin O'Shea, Patrick M. Pantalone, Ana Paredes, Andrew Parisi, Harrison Perley, Austin Jack Pieck, Iracema Galvani Quinete, Nora Radocea, Barton Rappaport, Michael ReQua, Patricia Rezny, Jeanne Ruddock, Maria Cielo Sanchez, Rudolph John Sandor, Reggie Santella, Lynda Ann Slovik, Josephine Socci, Paul Sorge, Sr., Judy Johnson Spadaccini, Georgia Sweeney, Mike Szarpa, Szenasi Family, Christopher Tarzia Jr., Ignatius Thompson, Marlene Socci Tiani, Kathleen Turpin, Margot Vaughan, Dominick Anthony Vento, J. Richard Weber, Martha Wieber, Ryan Joseph Willen, Mary Wirshup, Alex Wood,

All who are affected by COVID-19.

Please pray for those serving in the military:

CPT Elizabeth A. Condon; 2nd Lt. Paul Corapi; Lt. Col. Neil Dolan; Captain Brian Gerardi; Sgt. Patrick Joseph Hussey; Cpl. Sean M. Kiernan; Spec. 3rd CL Thomas Lally; Lt. Col. Todd Polk; Lt. Col. Christopher Schilling; 1st Lt. Andrew Scott; 1st Lt. Jason Trischitta USAF; SSG Steven Vasko

SANCTUARY CANDLES burn from 12/10/21 - 12/16/21

The Sacred Heart Sanctuary candle for Rachel Dubay

The Mary Sanctuary candle for
Constance Mary Ippolito
The Chapel candle for
Barbara Jean Lapolla



Words from Father Rob Kinnally

Saints in Advent, Part 3 - Saint Juan Diego

As we continue on our Advent journey, I offer another Saint to walk with us: Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin. Saint Juan Diego, the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas, He was raised in the Aztec pagan religion, but had a tremendous respect for the Virgin Mary. In 1524 he and his wife. Maria Lucia, converted to Catholicism.

In December 1531, Juan Diego was in a hurry to Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. He was stopped by the sight of a radiant woman who introduced herself, in his native tongue, as the "ever-perfect holy Mary, who has the honor to be the mother of the true God." Mary told Juan Diego she was the mother of all those who lived in his land and asked him to make a request to the local bishop. She wanted the bishop to build a chapel in her honor on Tepeyac Hill, which was the site of a former pagan temple. When Juan Diego approached Bishop Juan de Zumarraga with Mary's request, the bishop had some doubts and asked for time to reflect. Later the same day, Juan Diego encountered the Virgin Mary a second time and told her he failed in granting her request. He explained that he was not an important person, and therefore not the one for the task: but Mary insisted that Juan Diego was the man she wanted.

Juan Diego returned to the Bishop the next day and repeated his request, but now the Bishop asked for proof or a sign that the apparition was real and truly of Heaven. Juan Diego went straight to Tepeyac and, once again, encountered the Virgin Mary. After explaining to her what the Bishop asked, she agreed and told him she'd provide him with proof on the next day, December 11. However, on the next day, Juan Diego's uncle became very sick and he was obligated to stay and care for him. Juan Diego set out the next day to find a priest for his uncle. He was determined to get there quickly and didn't want to face the Virgin Mary with shame for missing the previous day's meeting. But the Virgin Mary intercepted him and asked what was wrong. He explained his situation and promised to return after he found his uncle a priest. She looked at him and asked "No estoy yo agui que soy tu madre?" (Am I not here, I who am your mother?) She promised him his uncle would be cured and asked him to climb to the hill and collect the flowers growing there. He obeyed and found many flowers blooming in December on the rocky land. He filled his tilma (cloak) with flowers and returned to Mary. The Virgin Mary arranged the flowers within his cloak and told him this would be the sign he is to present to the bishop. Once Juan Diego found the bishop, he opened his cloak and the bishop was presented with a miraculous imprinted image of the Virgin Mary on the flower-filled cloak. The next day, Juan Diego found his uncle fully healed from his illness. His uncle explained he, too, saw the Virgin Mary. She also instructed him on her desires to have a church built on Tepeyac Hill, but she also told him she wanted to be known with the title of Guadalupe.

News of Juan Diego's miracle quickly spread, and he became very well-known. However, Juan Diego always remained a humble man. The bishop first kept Juan Diego's imprinted cloak in his private chapel, but then placed it on public display in the church built on Tepeyac Hill the next year. Juan Diego moved into a little hermitage on Tepeyac Hill, and lived a solitary life of prayer and work, remaining there until his death on December 9, 1548. During the revolutions in Mexico, at the beginning of the 20th century, nonbelievers attempted to destroy the Image with an explosion. The altar's marble steps, the flower-holders, and the basilica windows were all very damaged, but the pane of glass protecting the Image was not even cracked. Juan Diego's imprinted cloak has remained perfectly preserved from 1531 to present time. The "Basilica of Guadalupe" on Tepeyac Hill has become one of the world's most-visited Catholic shrines. St. Juan Diego was beatified on May 6, 1990 by Pope John Paul II and canonized on July 31, 2002. His feast day is celebrated on December 9 and he is the patron saint of Indigenous people.

As we approach the coming of the Lord at Christmas, may Juan Diego's love for the Virgin Mary inspire us to embrace Her as our Mother and trust in her ability to bring us closer to Her Son. Saint Juan Diego, pray for us!

Advent blessings,

Father Rob

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th - Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Church with Children's Pageant

immediately following Mass

4:00 PM St. Aloysius School Gymnasium

5:30 PM Church

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7:30 PM Church

Midnight Church - Carols with the Choir

beginning at 11:30 PM

December 25th - Christmas Day

7:00 AM Church 8:30 AM Church 10:00 AM Church 11:30 AM Church

Parish Advent Confession Schedule

For Families & Individuals

- <u>Saturday December 11th</u>: 9 am 11 am (in the church), and 4 pm 4:45 pm (in the chapel)
- <u>Saturday December 18th</u>: 4 pm 4:45 pm (in the chapel)

There will be no confessions on December 25th.

Special Advent Praise and Worship Holy Hours with Confessions

- For Women: Monday December 13th: 7:30 pm 8:30 pm (in the church)
- For Teens: Thursday December 16th: 7:30 pm 8:30 pm (in the church)
- Young Adult Holy Hour: Monday December
 20th: 7:00 pm 8:00 pm (in the church)
- <u>For Men: Tuesday December 21st</u>: 7:30 pm 8:30 pm (in the church)

St. Aloysius - A Tithing Parish

TITHING MEANS ONE-TENTH:

FIVE % TO MY CHURCH + FIVE % TO CHARITY

 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021
 \$21,427

 Online Giving for the week:
 \$15,330

 TOTAL OFFERTORY:
 \$36,757

 LAST YEAR:
 \$21,394

Second Collection this weekend is for The Retirement Fund for Religious

^{*} No evening Mass on Christmas Day.

~ Religious Education ~



Religious Education Grades 1 through 8

Grades 1 through 6

Confessions during Advent for students in grades 3 and up who have made their First Reconciliation:

- Saturday December 11th: 9 am 11 am (in the church)
- Any Saturday except December 25th from 4 pm 4:45 pm (in the chapel)

Confirmation

Last weekend, our Confirmation students did a beautiful job bringing the true meaning of Christmas to our town!!













~ Youth Ministry ~



Be a part of our crew that makes the rounds to bring Christmas cheer to some of our parish elderly and to the residents of Brightview! Need VIRTUS-trained adult drivers! Carol signup

Advent Teen Adoration & Reconciliation Thursday, December 16 (Please arrive at 7:20 pm)

A great way to prepare your heart for Christmas! Adult chaperones needed. Life is sweeter with a Jesus dessert buffet afterwards. Sign up at: AdvTeenAd



Sunday, December 19 Breakfast Run into NYC

Several ways to support this effort ... see more info on page 6. High School teens needed for our city team. We meet at church at 7am and are back about 11 am. Sign up at: BrkR

Holy Hoops

High school guys pick up basketball at 1pm with a half time faith and scripture discussion. Sign up at: Holy Hoops

Breakthrough Options Holiday ZOOM

Lively high school teens needed to help host the families on ZOOM at 2pm. Sign up at: <u>Holiday Zoom</u>



Teen FOCUS Group

Traditionally, we take a contingent of young people down to Washington D.C. and participate in the Youth Rally and Mass for Life and march up Constitution Avenue with hundreds of thousands of others in the March for Life. Our Respect Life Committee is already hard at work planning for our March for Life trip and activities.

We are looking for high school teens to be a part of our group. If you are interested in helping and/or going down to D.C., please email Chris Otis at youth@starcc.com.

~ Parish News ~



This Weekend!

Please bring all Christmas Star gifts to Stapleton Hall on

Star Social
4:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.
~ or ~

Sunday, December 12th
Coffee and Donuts
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

(gifts must be dropped off before 11 a.m.)

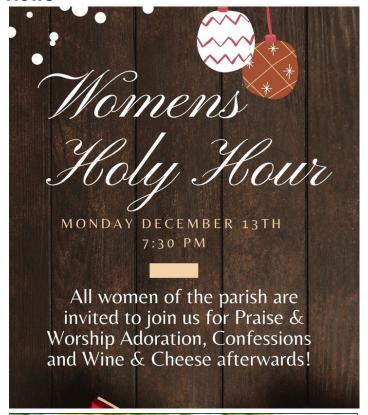
Starships will begin deliveries at 10:30 a.m.



Last Sunday we celebrated the "Rite of Welcoming" for our baptized inquirers and the "Rite of Acceptance" for those seeking to be baptized. These Rites are a sign of their commitment and signals their readiness to bear witness to Christ in their lives. This begins the Catechumenate stage, which is the second of four stages in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

Please pray for all those in the RCIA program as they continue their journey of faith!





Wellness Ministry

December 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Maple Street Conference Room

Are you experiencing chronic or challenging health issues? Are you caring for a loved one with health challenges? You are invited to join our group for a time of prayerful encouragement and mutual support. Join Father David as we explore the positive power of Scripture applied to health challenges.

If you have any questions please reach out to Father David: frdavid@starcc.com

The New Canaan Christmas Giving Box



The New Canaan Christmas Giving Box is once again located on a column in the narthex of the Church. Donations are collected to help those in need in our community. Please write a check, payable to "Saint Aloysius Church" and note the words "Giving Box" in the memo.

Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need.

~ Parish News ~

DONATION DUE BY THIS WEDNESDAY

December 19th Breakfast Run into NYC



We are headed back into NYC for our annual December Breakfast Run with Santa to feed and clothe our homeless brothers and sisters on the streets of New York. To ensure safety in distribution, we will utilize a

bagged system and need the following donations:

Donate a Bag filled with a new men's hooded sweatshirt, a new pair of men's sweats and a new pair of men's underwear and socks - ALL the same size in one bag. Please also enclose a note of inspiration, encouragement and cheer!

If you would prefer to **sponsor a bag of clothing for \$25**, we will do the shopping - just send a check made out to St.

Aloysius Parish for \$25 to the attention of Chris Otis or use Youth Ministry Donations online giving at the link below, noting it is for the breakfast run. Youth Ministries Donations

We are also accepting MENS jeans in all sizes!

Toiletry Kits Needed

Fill a gallon-sized Ziploc bag with travel size shampoo, conditioner, body soap, body lotion, Kleenex, toothpaste, a toothbrush, razor and deodorant. Please also enclose a note of inspiration, encouragement and cheer!

Drop items in the bin on the front porch of the Tudor House before December 15th.





Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (immediately following 7:00 a.m. Mass).

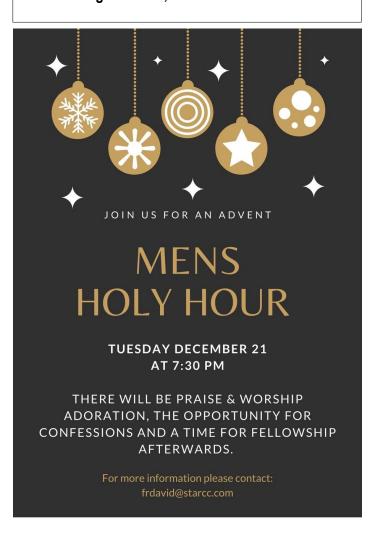
Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

The Saint Aloysius Music Ministry
Presents the 18th Annual

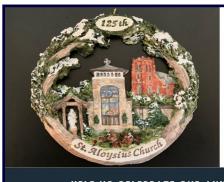
Advent-Christmas Concert with Choirs and Orchestra



Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 2:00 PM
Freewill Offering (\$20.00 suggested)
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For more information contact 203-652-1180
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~ Parish & Other News ~





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CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 4th

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Women's Bible Study 2021 - 2022 Program
Live in Stapleton Hall

Join like-minded sisters in faith as we come to know Jesus Christ's love, mercy and acceptance

Women New to WWP – Opening Your Heart - our foundational course that teaches us how to experience all that God has in store for us!

Returning Women – Fearless and Free - experience healing and wholeness through Jesus Christ

Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 11:30 am or 7:00 pm - 8:30 p.m.
For more information, visit www.starcc.com/WWP

Register Here

Questions? Email the Leadership Team at <u>wwpstaloysius@gmail.com</u>

SAINT ALOYSIUS PARISH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Calling all children would like to participate in the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 p.m. Mass (in the Church). There are two mandatory rehearsals for the pageant. Both rehearsals will be held in the church as follows:

First Rehearsal

Saturday, December 11th, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Second Rehearsal

Friday, December 17th, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.



To keep everyone safe and healthy we are asking all participants to wear a mask during the rehearsals and during Christmas Eve Mass regardless of vaccination status.

If your child would like to participate, please call Cristiana Barrato at 917-463-7711 to see what rolls are still available...

Calls will be returned in the evening. Spaces are limited, first come, first served.



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