

Saint Aloysius

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

New Canaan, Connecticut 203-966-0020 • www.starcc.com • & Accessible Second Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2022

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: <u>www.starcc.com</u>

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 Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

In case of an **emergency** requiring a priest, please call the parish office: 203-966-0020 and follow the prompts

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The Second Sunday of Advent

This Week's Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 3 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Reconciliation for Children and Families Reconciliation in the Chapel
Monday, December 5	Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection, and Reconciliation for Adults .
Wednesday, December 7	Vigil Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. <i>Religious Education children and their families are</i> <i>encouraged to attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass.</i>

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday -	December 5, 2022
7:00 a.m.	Frances Davies
5:30 p.m.	Robert Sirabella
Tuesday -	December 6, 2022
7:00 a.m.	Steve Benko
5:30 p.m.	Hugh Winters, Sr.
Wednesday -	December 7, 2022
7:00 a.m.	John P. Walsh, Sr.
5:30 p.m.	Bernard Kelly (Vigil)
Thursday -	December 8, 2022 (Immaculate Conception)
7:00 a.m.	Jack Murray
9:00 a.m.	St. Aloysius Parishioners
12:15 p.m.	Xavier Nova
5:30 p.m.	Elinor Gaughran
Friday -	December 9, 2022
7:00 a.m.	Carol Frame/Sheehan Family
5:30 p.m.	Fred Rossi
Saturday -	December 10, 2022
7:00 a.m.	Leo J. Carr
5:00 p.m.	Jean DiPanni
Sunday - 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	December 11, 2022 Johanna Slezak Concetta and Antonio DiMuzio, Vincenzo DiFrancesco
10:00 a.m.	Bernadette Gayer
11:30 a.m.	Sophie Moorman
5:00 p.m.	Marjorie A. Sullivan

We Welcome our Newly Baptized Parishioners:

Arthur Buckley Iadanza Max Alexander Meneguzzo Conor Patrick Mannelly Parker James Mannelly Carter James Sutton Christoph Robert Quandt Annabelle Rosalie Domino Charles John Simone

Please Pray for the Deceased:

Eileen Apy Sebastian DiScala Mickey Jardon Elinor Roll

We Welcome Our New Parishioners:

Clerkin Family DeVille Family Matthew and Christy Farley Fidanza Family

~ Please Pray For ~

Please let us know if you see a name that should be removed from this list because their circumstances have changed.

Maria Alvarado, Michele and Kurt Babyak, Benjamin Barresi, Margaret "Peg" Brewer, Rose Burke, Anthony Burrows, John J. Butler, Michael Buzzeo, Tony Cantone, Addison Jane Carestia, Lois Cawley, Luz Celit, Pamela Chatterton-Purdy, Brian Cristello, Lucia Cusato, Tina Cusimano, Michael DeCarlo, Rick Daniels, Audrey Dertinger, Deirdre Desmond, Matthew DeVaney, Kathleen Dooley, Caragh 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, Vilma Gaudio-Carollo, Franco Gencarelli, Carol Gianattasio, Kathy Grove, Ruth Gutt, James Heffner, D.J. Holland, Carol Hollister, Olivia Hurley, Juan Invernon, Maria Invernon, Sarah Jessie, Danny Jones, William K., Mary Katawa, Carol King, Michael Kiernan, Maryann Knag, Christopher Kotos, Al Latte, Jose Lavana, Vicki LeBris, 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, Jon Morrison, Dell Murphy, Louis G. Nappi, Scott Nicholas, John O'Connor, 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, Shirley Rogers, Jeanne Ruddock, Molly Russo, Maria Cielo Sanchez, Rudolph John Sandor, Reggie Santella, Caroline Kontis Schneider, Karen Scigliano, Lynda Ann Slovik, Paul Sorge, Sr., Judy Johnson Spadaccini, John Strba, 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, Alex Wood and all who are affected by COVID-19.

Please pray for those serving in the military:

1st Lt. Morgan Carson; CPT Elizabeth A. Condon; 2nd Lt. Paul Corapi; Lt. Col. Neil Dolan; Captain Brian Gerardi; Sgt. Patrick Joseph Hussey; 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 this week in memory of

Paul Cullen (Living) Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle Grace Grasso Mary Sanctuary Candle Maria Cianci Chapel Candle



Words from Father Rob Kinnally

Understanding the Mass: The Eucharist - Part 3

The Communion Rite follows the Eucharistic Prayer, leading the faithful to the Eucharistic table to receive the Lord.

The rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. Jesus taught this prayer to his disciples when they asked him how to pray (cf. Mt 6:9-13, Lk 11:2-4). In this prayer, the people join their voices to pray for the coming of God's kingdom and to ask God to provide for our needs, forgive our sins, and bring us to the joy of heaven.

The Rite of Peace follows. The celebrant prays that the peace of Christ will fill our hearts, our families, our Church, our communities, and our world. As a sign of hope, the people extend to those around them a sign of peace, typically by shaking hands.

In the Fraction Rite, the celebrant breaks the consecrated bread as the people sing the *Agnus Dei* or "Lamb of God." John the Baptist proclaimed Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). The action of breaking the bread recalls the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, when he broke the bread before giving it to his disciples. One of the earliest names for the Eucharistic celebration is "the breaking of the bread."

Before receiving Communion, the celebrant and assembly acknowledge that we are unworthy to receive so great a gift. The celebrant receives Communion and then the people come forward. Those who receive Communion should be prepared to receive so great a gift. They should fast (except for medicines) for one hour before receiving the Eucharist and should not be conscious of having committed serious sin.

Because sharing at the Eucharistic Table is a sign of unity in the Body of Christ, only Catholics may receive Communion. Our prayer is that the day will come when we shall all be one and partake of the One Bread and One Cup. I have been praying intentionally for that unity after receiving Communion since my seminary days, asking our Eucharistic Lord to bring us all together.

The people approach the altar and, bowing with reverence, receive Communion. People may receive the Body of Christ either on the tongue or in the hand. The priest or other minister offers the Eucharist to each person saying, "The Body of Christ. The person receiving responds by saying, "Amen," a Hebrew word meaning, "So be it."

As the people receive Communion, a song or psalm is sung. The unity of voices echoes the unity the Eucharist brings. All may spend some time in silent prayer of thanksgiving as well.

The Communion Rite ends with the Prayer after Communion which asks that the benefits of the Eucharist will remain active in our daily lives.

I pray that your Advent is off to a great start! *Father Rob*

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th - 4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Church with Children's Pageant immediately following Mass
4:00 PM	St. Aloysius School Gymnasium
5:30 PM	Church
7:30 PM	Church
Midnight	Church - Carols with the Choir beginning at 11:30 PM
December 25th -	Christmas Day
7:00 AM	Mass
8:30 AM	Mass
10:00 AM	Mass
11:30 AM	Mass
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* No evening Mass on Christmas Day.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

- <u>Saturday, December 3rd</u>: 9am - 11am: for **Children and Families** 4pm - 4:45pm in the Chapel
- <u>Monday, December 5th</u>: 7pm 8pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection, and Reconciliation for **Adults**
- Saturday, December 10th: 4pm 4:45pm in the Chapel
- <u>Monday, December 12th</u>: 7pm 8pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection, and Reconciliation for **Teens**
- Saturday, December 17th: 4pm 4:45pm in the Chapel
- <u>Thursday, December 22nd</u>: 7pm 8pm: Eucharistic Adoration, Reflection, and Reconciliation for **Young** Adults
- Friday, December 23rd: 4pm 4:45pm in the Chapel

St. Aloysius – A Tithing Parish TITHING MEANS ONE-TENTH: FIVE % TO MY CHURCH + FIVE % TO CHARITY

Sunday, November 27, 2022	\$20,697
Online Giving for the week:	<u>\$5,692</u>
TOTAL OFFERTORY:	<u>\$26,389</u>
LAST YEAR:	\$24,567



Second Collection next weekend will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious

~ Religious Education ~



Religious Education

Grades K - 6

Confessions for grades 3 through 8 will be held Saturday, December 3rd from 9am to 11am. Please arrive at the main entrance of the Church and we will direct you accordingly. This is for students who have already received their First Reconciliation.

SAINT ALOYSIUS We Stand with Christ

CAMPAIGN

Dear Friends,

In this column each week, I will give you an update on our fundraising, renovation, and building progress. Thank you for your generosity and your input; we are moving forward nicely!

- We are at \$14.5 million in pledges toward our goal of \$26 million
- So far we have raised nearly \$200,000 in pledges from our "In-Pew" Sunday a few weeks ago. I'm so grateful to our capital campaign committee members who volunteered to answer your questions in the back of the church!
- An article about the project appeared in the New Canaanite. Check it out here: <u>St. Aloysius Parish Reimagines</u> <u>Campus with Planned 'Education and Faith Center'</u>
- We have filed the demolition paperwork with the town; you will notice some signs on or close to the buildings that will come down in order to make way for our new facilities
- We have submitted the construction paperwork and hope to get on the town planning and zoning calendar in January
- HVAC work on the third floor of 40 Maple Street (the old church) was completed this summer
- The gas lines have been run from the street into the church in preparation for a new heating system
- The bidding process for some of the renovations and upgrades in the church is underway
- The architects are finalizing some of the drawings and providing schematics for the new buildings, and soon we will be meeting to give more detail to individual rooms

Let's aim for 100% participation – every gift, large or small, makes a difference in transforming our campus! Please pledge now.

Gratefully,

Father Rob



~ Youth Ministry ~



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Before School Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Teen Mass Wednesday, December 8 at 6:55 a.m. in the church Liz Sue BEC sandwiches, bagels and breakfast bags will be served after Mass and you will be on your

way to school by 7:35 a.m. Sign up at: ImmCon

Where is God calling YOU to PRAY, SERVE & WORSHIP to prepare for the birth of Jesus? All links under <u>youth@starcc.com</u> at: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch</u>

Tuesday, December 6 STAR Holiday Party for Adults with Special Needs at 5:30 pm

Monday, December 12 Advent Teen Adoration at 7PM Praise & Worship Music, Advent message, quiet time with Jesus and opportunity for our teens in grades 7-12 to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas.

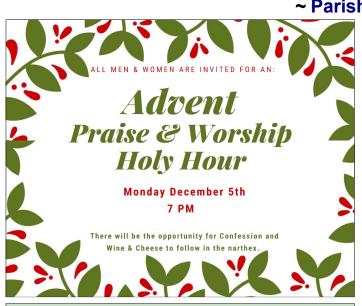
> Saturday, December 17 Morning Breakfast with Santa at Thorpe In the Bronx AND Afternoon Christmas Caroling to Seniors

> > Sunday, December 18 Breakfast Run into NYC

Sunday, December 11 & 18 Holy Hoops Pick Up Basketball



Looking for a special Christmas gift for your high school teen? How about a StAY Hoodie! In stock in all sizes for \$30. Reach out to Chris Otis at youth@starcc.com



The Christmas Giving Box

The Christmas Giving Box is located on a column in the narthex of the Church. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to "Saint Aloysius Church" and note the words "Giving Box" in the memo.



Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need.

Please join us on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception **Thursday, December 8th** for Mass & Rosary in the Church at 9:00 am

Brunch will follow in Stapleton Hall with guest speaker, **Fr. Michael Clark**.

Fr. Clark is the rector of the Guild of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus which promotes Diocese of Bridgeport sacred arts.

Sponsored by Our Lady's Guild



~ Parish News ~

Next weekend, on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, we will be celebrating Bamibinelli Sunday.



Bring your baby Jesus from your nativity scene for a special blessing at the 10:00am Mass.

During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, many of us display the Nativity scene in our homes. This custom depicting the birth of Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas creche for Christ on Christmas Eve in 1223. This manger reminds us of the humble birth of Christ.

Pope John Paul II began the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday during his papacy to remind families about the joyous event of Baby Jesus' arrival in the manger. On that day children gather with their families in St. Peter's Square during the noontime Angelus prayer and bring figures of the Christ Child from their family's Nativity scene. Pope Francis blesses the children and the figurines they have brought.

CHRISTMAS STARS

Two Weeks Left....

Please bring all Christmas Star gifts to <u>Stapleton</u> Hall and join us for a

> <u>Star Social</u> Saturday, December 17th 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

~ or ~

<u>Coffee and Donuts</u> Sunday, December 18th 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (gifts must be dropped off by <u>11 a.m</u>.)

Starships will begin deliveries on December 12th at approximately 10:30 a.m.



Advent is the beginning of our preparation for the coming of Jesus. And, it is no coincidence that in the RCIA program we also celebrate our RCIA participants' preparation to date. Those previously baptized will receive Rite Of

Welcoming and become Candidates. Those unbaptized will receive the Rite of Acceptance and become Catechumens. This is the beginning of the Catechumenate stage of the RCIA program which is the 2nd of 4 stages.

During these Rites at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday mass, RCIA participants will be signed with the cross as a sign of readiness to bear witness to Christ with their whole life. We ask you to please pray for all those in the RCIA program as they continue their journey.

~ Parish News ~

December 18th 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.

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 \$30**, we will do the shopping - just send a check made out to St. Aloysius for

\$30 to the attention of Chris Otis or use Youth Ministry Donations online giving at the link below, noting it is for the breakfast run. <u>Youth Ministries Donations</u>

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!

Items can be dropped in the bin on the front porch of the Tudor House between December 1-15.

NEVER TOO YOUNG TO SERVE

Parents & Children pre-school to 6th grade Join us to as we LOVE the elderly in the parish!

Saturday, December 17th

1:30 pm Meet in the Gym to create goodies for our senior parishioners
2:30 pm Parents and children invited to caravan to the homes of our elderly parishioners for Christmas caroling with our teens! *Limited spots for caroling team!*

Reserve your famiy spot at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAFAD2CAAFB6-never29





Mother Teresa's Closet





To schedule an appointment between December 5th- December 11th, please contact Mary Ward at mbwcdw@optonline.net or call 203-966-2529.



ALMOST 400 BAGS OF FOOD AND \$700 IN CASH DONATIONS AND GIFTS CARDS Were delivered to the New Canaan food Pantry 34 Thanksgiving food baskets made for families in Norwalk & Stamford

For feeding the hungry this Thanksgiving

138 TURKEYS/HAMS WERE SUPPLIED FOR NORWALK FAMILIES IN NEED

Special Thanks to our Knights of Columbus for providing the trailer and manning the drop off, to Karl Chevrolet for providing the Turkey Truck and to our Youth Ministry teens and Confirmation students and their parents for volunteering their time to sort the donations and unload at the food pantry.



St. Aloysius Parish Women's Bible Study Walking With Purpose Program



Join like-minded sisters in faith as we come to know Jesus Christ more personally, and learn how to experience all that God has in store for us through our Catholic faith! All are invited

Tuesdays, 9:30 am - 11:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

For more information, visit <u>www.starcc.com/WWP</u> Questions? Email the Leadership Team at wwpstaloysius@gmail.com





ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL





Parish News ~



19th Annual St. Aloysius Choir Christmas Concert Sunday, December 18th at 2:00 PM

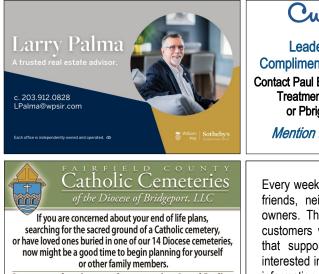
We are blessed to offer this concert celebrating Christ's Nativity and Birth; The concert will feature our Youth and Adult Choirs and Soloists, accompanied by a chamber orchestra. We would be most grateful if you would consider supporting the St. Aloysius Music Ministry, to help defray the costs of this special concert. All contributions will be acknowledged in the Christmas Concert Program booklet, if received by Monday, December 12th by mail or in the church office. Please include donor's names with a check to the St. Aloysius Music Ministry.

Friend	Up to	\$50
Contributor	\$51 -	\$99
Sponsor	\$100 -	
Donor	\$200 -	
Associate	\$350 -	
Patron	\$500 -	
Benefactor	\$1,000	and above

For any questions, please contact Dr. John Michniewicz, Director of Music Ministry at <u>drjohnm@starcc.com</u>



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