

Saint Aloysius

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

New Canaan, Connecticut 203-966-0020 • www.starcc.com • రే Accessible Second Sunday of Advent- December 8, 2024

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. - 5:15 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE

40 Maple St, New Canaan, CT 06840 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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~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday - 7:00 a.m.December 9, 2024 (Immaculate Conception)7:00 a.m.Carol Danile9:00 a.m.Antoinette Pullano12:15 p.m.Leo E Karl, Jr.5:30 p.m.Barbara Jean LapollaTuesday - 7:00 a.m.December 10, 20247:00 a.m.John James "Jack" Butler5:30 p.m.Jean JohnsonWednesday - 5:30 p.m.December 11, 20247:00 a.m.Daniel and Florence Doyle5:30 p.m.Bernadette GayerThursday - 7:00 a.m.December 12, 20247:00 a.m.Susanne Braccia, St. Aloysius Parishioners5:30 p.m.Megan & James Rump (L)Friday - 7:00 a.m.December 13, 20247:00 a.m.John Hickey5:30 p.m.John ChaffeeSaturday - 7:00 a.m.December 14, 20247:00 a.m.Josephine Fortunato8:30 a.m.Rose and Leo Karl, Sr.10:00 a.m.Jane Ryan11:30 a.m.Mary & David Castagnetti Michael & Nera Chirico Keith McAllister John J. O'Connor Mary Aldrich5:00 p.m.Joan Altier		
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We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:

Emily Margaret Reid Robert Russell Engelke Thea Peace Fine McCoy Emerson Faughnan

Marriage Banns:

I - Laura McLaughlin and James O'Dwyer II - Amanda Kirby and Thomas Nelson

Please Pray for the Deceased:

Rose D'Alessandro Virginia L. Moreno Mary Theresa Palma Reverend Robert Post

We Welcome Our New Parishioners:

Boccuzzi Family, Randi & Michael Cannon, Kotos Family, Kronberg Family, Rufo Family

~ Please Pray For ~

Maria Alvarado, Michele and Kurt Babyak, Benjamin Barresi, Robert Blosio III, Deborah Bostic, Margaret "Peg" Brewer, Kathleen Butler Brown, Anthony Burrows, Michael Buzzeo, Tony Cantone, Addison Jane Carestia, Jim Carty, Tom Carty, Margaret Cavanagh, Lois Cawley, Luz Celit, Teddy Connolly, Brian Cristello, James Cristello, Tina Cusimano, Michael DeCarlo, Brooke D'Aleo, Rick Daniels, Audrey Dertinger, Matthew DeVaney, Lawrence DeVito, Mauro DiFulvio, Caragh Dougherty, Madeline Dwyer, Monique Elliot, John Emert, Michael Fallon, Rinda Farnham, Mark Dale Ferguson, Grace Ferlito, Owen Fitzgerald, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Angela Franco, Maria Franco, Henry Frank, Paula Lynn Fuegner, Ging Galindo, Judy Garcia, Alexandra Gagliardi, Vilma Gaudio-Carollo, Ann Gehnrich, Franco Gencarelli, Carol Gianattasio, Austin Gidge, Barrie Gonzalez, Kathy Grove, James Heffner, Carol Hollister, Olivia Hurley, Juan Invernon, Maria Invernon, Sarah Jessie, William K., Mary Katawa, Carol King, Maryann Knag, Christopher Kotos, Clare Kretzman, Merrily Krauser, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Al Latte, Jose Lavana, Vicki LeBris, Joanne Liscio, Joshua Liscio, Georgia Little, Tracee Lutes, Debbie B. Lyon, Mary Maher, Fanny Mao, Dan Mao, Rachel Mawardi, Liz McKay, Martin McLaughlin, Sarah McNulty, Donald McQuid, Fabiola Mellio, Hudson Moore, Jon Morrison, Dell Murphy, Melissa Murray, Louis G. Nappi, Diane Oberander, Chris O'Connor, Patrick O'Kane, Martin O'Shea, Patrick M. Pantalone, Ana Paredes, Patricia Pastore, Harrison Perley, Austin Jack Pieck, Maggie Pierce, Cathy McClane Quiaoit, Noah Quiaoit, Iracema Galvani Quinete, Lily Pickering, Nora Radocea, Barton Rappaport, Michael ReQua, Patricia Rezny, Kellv Robb. Jeanne Ruddock, Maria Cielo Sanchez, Caroline Kontis Schneider, Massimo Sciaretta, Karen Scigliano, Carol Selvin, Diane Silverio, Donna Silverio, Lynda Ann Slovik, Frank Smith, Susan Leighton Smith, Paul Sorge, Sr., Fernando Spadaccini, Georgia Sweeney, Mike Szarpa, Szenasi Family, Christopher Tarzia Jr., Ignatius Thompson, Kathleen Turpin, Margot Vaughan, Dominick Anthony Vento, Dorothy Voris, Martha Wieber, Rvan Joseph Willen, Alex Wood, Marie Zapata

Please pray for those serving in the military:

Sgt. Tiernan Christopher Brady; 1st Lt. Morgan Carson; CPT Elizabeth A. Condon; CPT Paul Corapi; CPT Vienna Corapi; Lt. Col. Neil Dolan; Major Brian Gerardi; Staff Sgt. Patrick Joseph Hussey; Spec. 3rd CL Thomas Lally; Lt. Col. Todd Polk; Lt. Col. Christopher Schilling; 1st Lt. Andrew Scott; E3 Peter Sloan USN; CPT Jason Trischitta USAF; SSG Steven Vasko

SANCTUARY CANDLES burn this week in memory of

Joanna Sarracino (L) Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle Mary Lucy Kieman Mary Sanctuary Candle Barbara Jean Lapolla Chapel Candle



Words from Monsignor Rob Kinnally

An Update on the Kosenko Family and Our Parish Project

As we move quickly toward Christmas, I am pleased to offer an update on the Kosenko Family whom we sponsored at the beginning of the war in Ukraine. In addition, I want to invite you to hear a progress report on our parish building and renovation project.

As the bombs were dropping in Ukraine, our parish family was given the opportunity to assist a family from Ukraine who was seeking respite in the U.S. The Kosenko's have settled into Stamford and have been thriving thanks to your generosity! Andri and Maria have found gainful employment, and their daughters Varvara and Yelizaveta are doing well in school. Through some parish contacts and other helpful friends in the area, the Kosenko's landed squarely on their feet and are providing a wonderful environment for their children. The fund that was created from your generous gifts has a balance of about \$16,000, but the Kosenko's informed us that they would like to donate the remaining funds to the Ukrainian Catholic parish in Stamford to assist them with their outreach to Ukrainian refugees, and to the Knights of Columbus Ukraine Solidarity Fund. In addition, Maria is offering the services of the car rental company that she created to parishioners in need. **The Kosenko's will pray with us at the 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday (December 8) to say thank you to us.** There will be coffee and donuts following the Mass where you can say hello to Andri, Maria, and the children. Please join us!

As you can see, the parish building and renovation project is moving along nicely. We are scurrying to get all the walls and windows up before the winter so that the work indoors can proceed. It looks like the building will be finished in July of 2025. We are planning to hold religious education in the building in Fall 2025. The Saint Aloysius Catholic Preschool will open in Fall 2026, with the likelihood of the "Two's" starting in January 2026. The building will host the preschool from morning until 2pm, religious education from 2:30 to 5:30, and parish ministries and meetings from 6pm onward. The renovations to the church should be completed by Easter with the new sound system and new restrooms at the top of the list for "what's next." The new Quiet Room/Brides Room is nearly complete, and adjacent to it is the new clergy vesting room and music office.

We should be proud of the \$21million plus that we have received in pledges, but we need to raise more funds to meet our goal and keep the project on schedule. I humbly ask you to pray about a gift to help us complete this transforming project! After all the Masses next weekend, please stay in the church for a 10-minute update with photos and a few words from our building team. We have made tremendous progress toward the finish line; we need EVERYONE to get it done!

Reminder that Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception where we recognize that Mary, the Mother of God, was conceived without sin. See you at Mass on Monday at 7am, 9am, 12:15pm, and 5:30pm.

Advent blessings,

Monsignor Rob

St. Aloysius – A Tithing Parish TITHING MEANS ONE-TENTH: FIVE % TO MY CHURCH + FIVE % TO CHARITY	
Sunday, December 1, 2024 Online Giving for the week: TOTAL OFFERTORY:	\$23,397 <u>7,720</u> <u>\$31,117</u>
LAST YEAR:	\$22,839



The second collection this weekend is for Retirement Fund for Religious

The Retirement Fund for Religious helps more than 24,000 senior religious who have dedicated their lives to service. Donations will provide for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have served for decades – usually for little or no pay. Please show your appreciation by supporting those who have given a lifetime.



Holy Day of Obligation Monday, December 9th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass times: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:15 p.m. & 5:30 pm

The Christmas Giving Box

The Christmas Giving Box is 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.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

- <u>Saturday December 7th</u>: 4pm 4:45pm in the Chapel
- Saturday December 14th: 4pm 4:45pm in the Chapel
- <u>Monday, December 16th</u>: 7pm Praise and Worship Holy Hour for **Families** with Reconciliation
- <u>Tuesday, December 17th</u>: 7pm Praise and Worship Holy Hour for **Teens** with Reconciliation
- <u>Saturday December 21st</u>: 4pm 4:45pm in the Chapel
- Monday December 23rd:
 9am 11am in the Chapel
 2:30pm 4:30pm in the Chapel



NEW COVENANT CENTER

SANDWICH MAKERS NEEDED...

HELP YOUR FAMILY PREPARE THEIR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS BY GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED!

SIGN UP TO: MAKE JUST 20 SANDWICHES & DROP IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH 9-10AM ON MONDAYS! WE ALSO NEED WATER & SNACK DONATIONS

NEW COVENANT SANDWICH MAKING/DONATIONS SIGN UP AT: -----



Mother Teresa's Closet IS OPEN FOR DONATIONS! (by appointment)



For donation guidelines, please refer to our website at https://starcc.com/mother-teresa/

To schedule an appointment between December 9 - 15, please contact Judi Anders at judianders@sbcglobal.net or call 203-858-1412.

~ Youth Ministry ~



WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Where is God calling YOU to PRAY, SERVE & WORSHIP to prepare for the birth of Jesus?

Enter email <u>youth@starcc.com</u> in the "Search for A Signup" at: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup</u>

Monday, Dec. 9 - STAR Holiday Party for Adults with Special Needs Wednesday, Dec 11 - Holiday Gift Boutique for Malta Moms

Thursday, Dec. 12 - Before-School Teen Mass

Friday, Dec. 13 - Advent Girl's Bible Dinner

Saturday, Dec. 14 - Breakfast with Santa at Thorpe

Saturday, Dec. 14 - FOODSHARE

Saturday, Dec. 14 - St. A's Buddies Holiday Party

Sunday, Dec. 15 - Breakfast Run into NYC

Tuesday, Dec. 17 - Advent Teen Adoration



Our teens will be helping to host a Holiday Boutique for the Malta House moms where they can select gifts for their family and friends and we will wrap them up for them! We need donations of gently-used or new accessories (costume jewelry, scarves, gloves, hats, small totes, purses/wallets, sunglasses, etc.), new candles, scrubs, body products, fuzzy socks, and other things you might have gotten as gifts and have no use for. Please drop them off in the bin at the garage door

(985 New Norwalk Road) by December 10th

We are always blessed to be able to host the Pre-Game Prayer Service for the Turkey Bowl here at St. A's!



The St. Aloysius Parish Confirmation class presents:

The Living Nativity Friday, December 6th Performances at 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm & 7:00 pm

<u>Location</u>: In Front of the Church on Cherry Street



Come see our live animals! Suitable for the entire family.

Christmas Mass Ushers & Greeters



Ushers are needed for all Christmas Masses. No previous experience is needed! Men, women, high school teens and college students can volunteer. Our Masses are attended by many and help is needed in greeting people at the door, helping some to find seats and taking up the collection.

Ushers are asked to report to the church 30 minutes before your Mass begins.

Scan or Click Here to Sign Up:



Questions? Reach out to Chris Ayoub at cddcnm@aol.com or 203-856-3374.



Our Lady's Guild

Please join us on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9[™] The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. Mass - followed by Rosary - followed by fellowship and brunch in Stapleton Hall at 10 a.m.

Our Speaker: : Kathleen Leitao Topic: "Immaculate Conception in Art"

The Guild mission is to learn and educate others about the life and beauty of our Mother Mary. Please join us! Dues cover brunch and speaker fees.

December 15th 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 with new pairs of men's sweatpants, underwear and socks OR Sponsor a bag of clothing for \$25 and we will do the shopping. Please send a check (made out to St. Aloysius Church) for \$25 to the attention of Chris Otis or go to Youth Ministry Donations online giving at <u>https://</u>

starcc.isecuresites.com/product/YouthMinistry noting it is for the "Breakfast Run".

Toiletry Kits Needed

Fill a gallon-sized Ziploc bag with travel-sized 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 in the narthex before Dec. 13th.

On Sunday December 15th , on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, we will be celebrating Bambinelli Sunday.



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

Advent Family Holy Hour St. Aloysius, New Canaan

Seeking peace and quiet during the hustle and bustle of Advent?

Join together as a family for Eucharistic Adoration on

Monday December 16th 7:00 PM in the Church

For further information contact: Tricia LaValle 203-536-0237



10 Henao Orozco

Paz-Lopez (B)

12 Criollo

17 Andrade

2 Estrada

14 Espinoza

18 Rodas 26 Ortiz

Escamilla

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~ Faith Formation ~

St. Aloysius Women's Bible Study

2024 – 2025 Program

Registration Is Now Open!

Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:30 am (Due to construction at St. A's, the program will be held at the Meeting Room at First Presbyterian Church, 178 Oenoke Ridge)

Are you curious to learn more about Mary?

Join us in our study of: *A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother*, by Edward Sri. Using the book and videos to encounter Mary and grow our faith through her self sacrificing and unflinching love. All are invited!

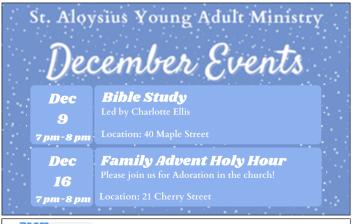
A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, Edward Sri. https://tinyurl.com/Biblical-Walk

Registration: <u>http://forms.gle/FLtTRSKsySsYC5fh9</u> Questions? Email the WBS Leadership Team at: <u>wbsstaloysius@gmail.com</u>

Men's Bible Study & Fellowship Saturday Mornings 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

All Men are welcome, whether you have a degree in Scripture or you've never opened the Bible outside of Mass.

In the Maple Street Dining Room of the Parish Center. Doors open at 7:30. Enter through the kitchen door off Maple Street. For more info. contact Bob Mantilia at 203-414-1500 or <u>Robert.R.Mantilia@gmail.com</u>



zoom BIBLE STUDY

St. Aloysius Zoom Bible Study Monday's at 10 a.m.

We continue our reading of the Book of Psalms with Psalms 60-65, studying 5-6 psalms per week. Meetings are every Monday 10-11:30 A.M. All are welcome Bible beginners to Bible scholars. Just log in on Zoom using link before or phone in to 646-558-8656.

<u>Click here is the join the meeting</u> (on computer or phone): Meeting ID: 811 8752 9235 Passcode: 509623

To register your star or sign up to be a Starship Driver

CHRISTMAS STARS

Please make sure you have registered your Star!

These stars have NOT been registered, but were taken home:

White

White

White

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White

St

9 Perita

10 Calix Barra

59 Nancy Sanchez

75 Maria Tacuri

3 Barbose

Blue

Mint Green

Mint Green

range

1 Carter Jones

11 Roscoe 20 McIntosh/Landcard

34 Cardichon Mazariegos

Hold the camera of your phone up to this QR code

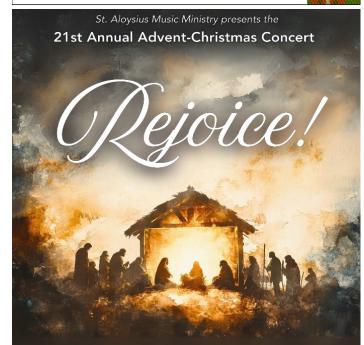
& click the notification to go to the Google form. Or email/text your star: color, number & family name <u>AND</u> your

name and phone number to Liz & Hope Email: liztamarkin@gmail.com Text: 203-895-4994

NEXT WEEKEND: please bring all Stars to Stapleton Hall with the wrapped gifts in a sturdy box, seal, & tape star to the outside.

Saturday, December 14, 4:00 - 6:30 PM or Sunday, December 15, BEFORE 11 AM

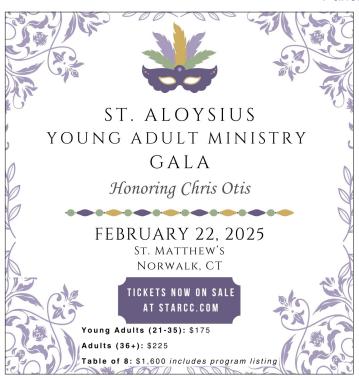
Thank you!



with the Adult and Youth Choirs, Soloists, and Orchestra St. Aloysius Church | New Canaan, CT Sunday, December 15th 2:00 PM

www.starcc.com ~ Freewill Offering Accepted

Bulletin and eBlast Submission Deadlines Email to: bulletin@starcc.com Eblast submissions are due by <u>Monday at 1 p.m.</u> Bulletin submissions are due by <u>Tuesday at 1 p.m.</u>



Getting Through the Holidays

The holidays can be incredibly challenging if you are grieving the loss of someone you love. We have created these short audiocasts which you will hopefully find helpful. Please type **thegrief.org** into your internet search engine to access them.

The Bereavement Ministry Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries <u>carolyn.killia</u>

203-404-0023 carolyn.killian@ctcemeteries.org



At this time of Advent, the Meals on Wheels board of directors would like to thank St. Aloysius Parish for the generous donation toward our annual fund. Meals on Wheels served over 18,000 meals to our New Canaan clients last year and we solely rely on donations. We would also like to thank all of our parishioners who support our efforts as volunteer drivers. We couldn't do it without the continued support we receive from St. Aloysius and our fellow parishioners.

If you are interested in finding out more about receiving meals or supporting meals on wheels financially or as a volunteer, please visit: <u>Meals on Wheels of New Canaan</u>.

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