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Second Sunday of Advent - December 7, 2025

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Fridays 7:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Chapel.

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.

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Second Sunday of Advent

This Week's Calendar of Events



Friday, December 5th

The Living Nativity 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
in front of the Church

Saturday, December 6th

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Reconciliation in the Chapel

Monday, December 8th

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (OLG), 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.
(Religious Education children and their families are encouraged to attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass.)

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday -	December 8, 2025 (Immaculate Conception)
7:00 a.m.	Mary and Michael Aldrich
9:00 a.m.	Kahleen Staudt Nickels
12:15 p.m.	Sonya Corrente
5:30 p.m.	Barbara Jean Lapolla
Tuesday -	December 9, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Teddy Balkind
	St. Aloysius Parishioners
5:30 p.m.	Dr. Norman E. Hugo
Wednesday -	December 10, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Michael McDonagh
5:30 p.m.	Arlene Dubiago
Thursday -	December 11, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Giulietta Palladino
5:30 p.m.	Bernadette Gayer
Friday -	December 12, 2025
7:00 a.m.	Susanne Braccia
5:30 p.m.	Theresa Nemeth
Saturday -	December 13, 2025
7:00 a.m.	John Hickey
5:00 p.m.	John Chaffee
Sunday -	December 14, 2025
7:00 a.m.	James Julian
8:30 a.m.	James Carty
	Giulietta Palladino
	Isobel Baker
	Thomas Oats
	Michael Ringrose
10:00 a.m.	Celina McGuire
11:30 a.m.	Luigi DeCotiis
5:00 p.m.	Debbie Duffy

We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:
Henley Hargrove

Please Pray for the Deceased:
Cecilia Bejan
William P. Jepsen
Gerald F. O'Connell
Maureen Rickard

We Welcome Our New Parishioners:
Lynda and John Brennan, Joseph Mele, Robert Neagle



Holy Day of Obligation Monday, Dec. 8th
The Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Mass times:
7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:15 p.m. & 5:30 pm

~ 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, Robert Blosio III, Margaret "Peg" Brewer, Anthony Burrows, Michael Buzzeo, Nora Carbone, Tom Carty, Lois Cawley, Luz Celit, Brian Cristello, James Cristello, John Cristello, Tina Cusimano, Michael DeCarlo, Brooke D'Aleo, Audrey Dertinger, Matthew DeVaney, Caragh Dougherty, Gerald Dulski, Madeline Dwyer, Monique Elliot, Rinda Farnham, Pat Feeley, Mark Dale Ferguson, Grace Ferlito, Owen Fitzgerald, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Angela Franco, Maria Franco, Henry Frank, Ging Galindo, Alexandra Gagliardi, Karolina Gardocki, Ann Gehrich, Franco Gencarelli, Austin Gidge, Barrie Gonzalez, Andee Gravereaux, Kathy Grove, Patrick Joseph Hannon, Douglas Hull, Olivia Hurley, Juan Invernion, Maria Invernion, Sarah Jessie, Sharon Kempf, William K., Katie Kennedy, Maryann Knag, Clare Kretzman, Merrily Krauser, Elaine M. Kuzlik, Al Latte, Jose Lavana, Vicki LeBris, Joanne Liscio, Joshua Liscio, Georgia Little, Tracee Lutes, Debbie B. Lyon, Alan Maguire, Dan Mao, Rachel Mawardi, Liz McKay, Martin McLaughlin, Sarah McNulty, Fabiola Mellio, Hudson Moore, Dell Murphy, Father Paul Murphy, Melissa Murray, Diane Oberander, Chris O'Connor, Martin O'Shea, Patrick M. Pantalone, Ana Paredes, Beverly Peck, Theresa Petrucci, Lily Pickering, Janine Pickhardt, Austin Jack Pieck, Cathy McClane Quiaoit, Noah Quiaoit, Nora Radocea, Matthew Raymond, Michael ReQua, Patricia Rezny, Massimo Sciarretta, Karen Scigliano, Carol Selvin, Diane Silverio, Donna Silverio, Lynda Ann Slovik, Frank Smith, Paul Sorge, Sr., Fernando Spadaccini, Mike Szarpa, Ignatius Thompson, Margot Vaughan, Dominick Anthony Vento, Dorothy Voris, Peggy Wallace, 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; 2nd Lt. Jack Goetz; Senior Airman Chase Hyatt; SR Christopher Kouimanis; Spec. 3rd CL Thomas Lally; Lt. Col. Todd Polk; Lt. Col. Christopher Schilling; CPT Andrew Scott; Peter Sloan USN; CPT Jason Trischitta USAF; SSG Steven Vasko

SANCTUARY CANDLES burn this week in memory of

Barbara Saye (L)
Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle
Margaret Socci (L)
Mary Sanctuary Candle
Christine Hussey (L)
Chapel Candle

Bulletin and Eblast Submissions Deadlines

- Eblast submissions are due by **Monday at 1 p.m.**
- Bulletin submissions are due by **Tuesday at 1 p.m.**

Email to: bulletin@starcc.com

St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT



Words from Monsignor Rob Kinnally

What Is Required?

In all the years I spent working in education, the question from students that always made me smile (and suffer a bit of frustration at the same time) was: "Is this going to be on the final exam?" OK, I was guilty of the same query myself. In the different settings and stages of life we often ask the question, "what's required here?" Whether it's a job, a medical situation, or even a relationship, we want to know what we're supposed to do and sometimes we are really asking: "what's the minimum requirement?" John the Baptist deals with this when he tells his listeners – and I'm paraphrasing – "just because you're a child of Abraham doesn't mean you've checked the box AND done all that you should do." John wants us to do the internal work of making God a part of our very being – going the extra mile of not just saying "I believe" but taking steps further and proclaiming "I believe, and I know God, and we have a relationship, and I'm committed to living my life by holding fast to the love and gift that characterize that relationship."

John's commitment to wilderness living and sparse diet speak to his desire to live deeply that commitment to God and eliminate what distracts from that. His call to repentance is a call to better living – with God – and others. It means changing whatever behaviors impede allowing God to work on us. It means surrendering to God who has written the best gift list. It means studying for the final by living in the now and listening to Jesus, the greatest teacher of mercy and justice (see the First Reading today). John notes that the one who is to come is mightier, and will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire." Doing what's required as Christians means letting the Holy Spirit move and change our hearts. Doing what's required means praying to the Holy Spirit and asking for gifts like wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, or reverence and awe in order to prepare for the "final exam" and every other joy and challenge in life that comes our way.

As we think about doing what is required we can look to Mary whose Immaculate Conception we celebrate on Monday, December 8. Her life was about surrendering to the will of God and trusting the Holy Spirit to do great things for her – and for all of us. Conceived without sin, Mary is the model of required Christian living: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." She lives in quiet reflection that leads to trust that is so complete that she requires only one reassuring phrase from God through the angel: "For nothing will be impossible with God." (I believe that consoling phrase is meant for you and me, don't you?) So, what is required? Only that when we say, "Come, Lord Jesus," that we are ready to welcome the Lord into our hearts and have Him love and change us forever.

Wishing you an "A+" and a blessed Advent!

Monsignor Rob



Matching Donor Challenge – There's Still Time to Join In!

We continue to make great progress with our Matching Donor Challenge. Our parish community has responded and is coming forward with generous support. We are deeply grateful to the many families who have made a first-time gift or increased their commitment.

A reminder of how it works:

- If our parish raises **\$500,000** in new gifts and pledges by the end of December...
- AND **at least 50 new pledges** are received from first-time campaign contributors...
- ...then the **\$1 million** Challenge Fund goal will be met, bringing our total impact to **\$1.5 million!**

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Please contact Maria Molloy at mmolloy@starcc.com if you would like to make a gift, join a tour of this wonderful facility, or have any questions.

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St. Aloysius Offertory

Sunday, November 30, 2025	\$16,535
Online Giving for the week:	<u>5,720</u>
TOTAL OFFERTORY:	<u>\$22,255</u>
LAST YEAR:	\$31,117

Second Collection next weekend is for
Retirement Fund for Religious



St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

~ Religious Education ~

Confirmation

Our Confirmation students alongside the Knights of Columbus collected over 500 bags of donated food from our generous parishioners. The food pantry in town has benefited greatly from everyone's hard work.



~ Parish News ~



Our teen leaders are collecting the following items for their free holiday boutique for the Malta House moms! They are looking for new or gently-used items. Perhaps you have unused hostess gifts that you would be willing to share!

Please donate:

Accessories: scarves, hats, gloves, costume jewelry, purses, wallets, new fuzzy socks

Men's accessories: belts, socks, gloves, hats

Small Room Décor: baskets, seasonal items, room sprays, candles

NEW Body Products: lotions, body sprays, bath salts

Items can be dropped off in the bin by the garage at the Bell's House at 985 New Norwalk Rd now through December 11th.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

- Saturday, December 6th: 4pm - 4:45pm in the Chapel
- Saturday, December 13th: 4pm - 4:45pm in the Chapel
- Monday, December 15th: 7pm Praise and Worship Holy Hour for **Young Adults** with Confessions
- Tuesday, December 16th: 7pm Praise and Worship Holy Hour for **Teens** with Confessions
- Friday, December 19th: 11:30am - 12:30 pm in the Church with Confessions
- Saturday, December 20th: 4pm - 4:45pm in the Chapel
- Monday, December 22nd: 7pm - 8pm **Family** Holy Hour in Church with Confessions
- Tuesday, December 23rd: 9am - 11am and 3pm - 5pm in the Chapel

~ Youth Ministry ~

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



Before-School Teen Mass

Holy Day of Obligation
The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
7:00 AM

Teens in grades 7-12, we will meet in the Church at 6:50 a.m. for Mass. Our Priest will share a very short homily to help you as you head into the week. Liz Sue BEC and Breakfast Bags will be served.



Saturday, Dec. 6 - St. A's Buddies Holiday Party

Wednesday, Dec. 10 - Matt Maher Concert - JUST A FEW TICKETS LEFT FOR TEENS/ADULTS!!

Thursday, Dec. 11 - STAR Holiday Party for Adults with Special Needs

Saturday, Dec. 13 - FOODSHARE

Saturday, Dec. 13 - Breakfast with Santa at Thorpe

Sunday, Dec. 14 - Breakfast Run into NYC

Tuesday, Dec. 16 - Advent Teen Adoration with Rosary

Thursday, Dec 18 - Holiday Gift Boutique for Malta Moms

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

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



Thank You St. A's

For feeding the hungry this Thanksgiving!

OVER 500 BAGS OF FOOD WERE DELIVERED TO THE NEW CANAAN FOOD PANTRY
32 THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS MADE FOR NORWALK/STAMFORD FAMILIES IN NEED
144 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, to our Troop 45 Scouts for delivering the turkeys 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.

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~ Parish News ~

The St. Aloysius Parish Confirmation Class presents:

The Living Nativity

Friday, December 5th

Performances at 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Location:

In Front of the Church on Cherry Street

Come see
our live
animals!



Suitable for
the entire
family.

CHRISTMAS STARS

NEXT WEEKEND!!! Please bring your Christmas Star to Stapleton Hall with your wrapped gifts in a sturdy box, seal, and tape star to the outside & join us for a

STAR SOCIAL

Saturday, December 13, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

or

COFFEE & DONUTS

Sunday, December 14, BEFORE 11 AM



Starships, please arrive between 10-10:30 AM

To sign up to drive, hold the camera of your phone up to this QR code & click the notification to go to the form.



To register your star, scan the QR Code or use this link:
<https://forms.gle/anoXNjdbVaVyE3tQ7>

For assistance contact: Liz & Hope liztamarkin@gmail.com
203-895-4994



Our Lady's Guild

invites all ladies to our next event!

Feast Day: "The Immaculate Conception"

Monday, December 8th

9:00am Mass and Rosary in Church

10:00am Potluck and Speaker in Stapleton Hall

Guest Speaker: Pamela Shilling (Malta House)

Not an "Our Lady's Guild" member yet?

Please consider becoming a member today!

<https://starcc.isecuresites.com/product/Our-Ladys-Guild>

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.

December 14th Breakfast Run into NYC



Our high school teens are headed back into NYC for our annual Santa Breakfast Run to feed and clothe our homeless brothers and sisters on the streets of New York.

We will be distributing hoodies and sweatpants, along with socks, underwear and hats. Please sponsor a bag of clothing for \$30 as we are doing a bulk purchase. We need donations of warm men's and women's socks. To be a sponsor, please send a check (made out to St. Aloysius Church) for \$30 to the attention of Chris Otis or go to Youth Ministry. Donations online giving by scanning or clicking here. Please enter a note 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. 10th.

Peace in the Storm Ministry

For those with health challenges

Wednesday, December 10th

at 4 p.m. in the Chapel

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. Find peace in the storm as we explore the positive power of Scripture applied to health challenges.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Father Franklin (frfranklin@starcc.com) or Colette Gardner (coletteygardner@gmail.com).

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~ Parish News ~

St. Aloysius Music Ministry presents the
22nd Annual Advent - Christmas Concert
with the Adult and Youth Choirs, Soloists, and Orchestra





Hope

Sunday, December 14th, 2:00 PM
St. Aloysius Church | New Canaan, CT




Reserve your complimentary concert tickets today!
Scan the QR code or visit www.starcc.com/musicministryconcert

 **Music Notes - Second Sunday of Advent**
Dr. John Michniewicz 

The Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Advent focus on the themes of hope, repentance, and the fulfillment of God's promise, with John the Baptist's voice crying out to "Prepare the way of the Lord."

The prophecy in the First Reading (Isaiah 11:1-10) speaks of the Messiah—the shoot from the stump of Jesse—who will bring a reign of peace and justice, reinforced by the Responsorial Psalm 72: "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever."

- The Entrance Hymn, "Comfort, Comfort, O My People," paraphrases Isaiah 40's call to prepare a straight path for the Lord.
- The Presentation Hymn, "On Jordan's Bank," reflects John the Baptist's message of repentance and renewal.
- The Final Hymn, "People Look East," uses vibrant imagery to express creation's joyful anticipation of Christ—our Guest, Rose, Star, and Lord.



For more information, click or scan:

**FEED THE HUNGRY THIS ADVENT AT
NEW COVENANT CENTER**

DROP THESE FOOD ITEMS BY THE CHAPEL DOOR THIS MONTH

CANNED TUNA FISH/JELLY/DRY BAGS OF BLACK BEANS /DRY BAGS OF MACARONI
SUGAR - SMALL BAGS/FLOUR - SMALL BAGS/SMALL OIL BOTTLES
CHICKEN BROTH/SARDINES/OATMEAL (SMALL PACK)
INSTANT COFFEE/HOT CHOCOLATE /CANNED EVAPORATED MILK

SANDWICH MAKERS NEEDED...

**HELP YOUR FAMILY PREPARE THEIR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS
BY GIVING TO THOSE IN NEED ... SIGN UP AT THE QR CODE!**



**MAKE 20 SANDWICHES & DROP IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH
9-10AM ON MONDAYS! WE ALSO NEED WATER & SNACK DONATIONS**



Advent Holy Hour Dates

St. Aloysius, New Canaan

Are you seeking peace and quite during the hustle and bustle of Advent?

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration



Daytime Holy Hour

Friday, December 19th 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Church

Family Holy Hour


Monday, December 22nd 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Church

For more info. contact: Tricia LaValle: 203.536.0237

DECEMBER *event schedule*

ST. ALOYSIUS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

MON 8 | **BIBLE STUDY** led by Katie Cunningham
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
40 Maple Street, New Canaan



Women's Bible Study 2025-26
Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:45 a.m. in Stapleton Hall
Refreshments Included - All are invited!

Our Study this year is:
True Reformers: Saints of the Catholic Reformation


Registration is required so we can purchase your book.
Registration: <https://forms.gle/zH9Y2qxqUWVVfYzq5>
For more information: www.starcc.com/WBS
Questions? Email: wpstaloysius@gmail.com

Zoom Bible Study

St. A's Zoom Bible Study meets Monday's 10-11:30 a.m.

Come and join us as we answer these and many questions about the first Book of the Bible! No need to register, just grab your Bible and join us online.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/StAsZoomBible> for all the details

 **Men's Bible Study & Fellowship**
Saturday Mornings 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Saturday Morning Men's Fellowship and Bible Study is studying the Letters of St. Paul.

We meet in the Maple Street Dining Room of the Parish Center. Doors open at 7:30 for a light breakfast, coffee and fellowship. Enter at the Maple Street stairs. For more info. contact Bob Mantilia at 203-414-1500 or Robert.R.Mantilia@gmail.com

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To schedule an appointment between December 8 - 14
please contact Margot Murray at
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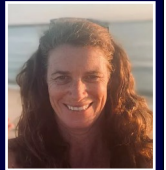
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