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*Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord- March 29, 2026*

## Holy Week Schedule

### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

### **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

### **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Confessions in the Chapel

### **Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

### **Holy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church

7:00 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose in the Chapel

### **Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Confessions in the Chapel

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

*The Church will remain open for silent prayer until 9:00 p.m.*

### **Holy Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church

12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Food - Church

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Confessions in the Chapel

8:00 p.m. **The Vigil of Easter**

Blessing of the New Fire

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Blessing of Water

Sacraments of Initiation for New Catholics

### **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Masses at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

*Please note: There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday*

~ Mass Intentions ~

Monday - 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	March 30, 2026 Robert Blackwell Loretto, Donato and Anthony Massarella
Tuesday - 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	March 31, 2026 Michael, Donata and Anthony Sillo, Sr. Susanne Braccia
Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	April 1, 2026 Joseph DiBarnaba Katherine Schlegel
Thursday - 7:00 p.m.	April 2, 2026 - <b>Holy Thursday</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday - 3:00 p.m.	April 3, 2026 - <b>Good Friday</b> Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday - 8:00 p.m.	April 4, 2026 - <b>Holy Saturday</b> The Vigil of Easter
Sunday - 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	April 5, 2026 - <b>Easter Sunday</b>  <b>Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday and Easter Mass Intentions are for Saint Aloysius Parishioners</b>

*We Welcome Our Newly Baptized:*  
Isabel Anna Colletta  
Isabella Stefanie Falcone

*Please Pray for the Deceased:*  
Sarah Ruggiero

*We Welcome Our New Parishioners:*  
Karen Coyle  
D'Emidio Family  
Joanne Ferrera  
Jung Family



The Parish Offices will be closed  
on Holy Thursday, Good Friday  
and Easter Monday.

They will reopen on  
Tuesday, April 7<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

~ 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 Gehnrich, Franco Gencarelli, Austin Gidge, Barrie Gonzalez, Andee Gravereaux, Kathy Grove, Patrick Joseph Hannon, Douglas Hull, Olivia Hurley, Juan Invernon, Maria Invernon, Sarah Jessie, Nancy Jean, 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, Amy Uva, Margot Vaughan, Dominick Anthony Vento, Dorothy Voris, Peggy Wallace, Kelly Wevley, Alex Wood

**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; 2nd Lt. Jack Goetz; Senior Airman Chase Hyatt; SR Christopher Kouimanis; Spec. 3rd CL Thomas Lally; Lt. JG Katherine Mackle; Lt. Col Todd Polk; William Racz USN; Lt Col Christopher Schilling; CPT Andrew Scott; Peter Sloan USN; Luke Stice USN; CPT Jason Trischitta USAF; SSG Steven Vasko

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**Sacred Heart Sanctuary Candle**

Philomena Cotoia

**Mary Sanctuary Candle**

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**Chapel Candle**

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- Eblast submissions are due by **Monday at 1 p.m.**
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# St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

## ~ Parish News ~

### Words from Bishop Caggiano

Dear Friends,

Holy Week (March 29 - April 5, 2026) is the holiest time of the year. More than a remembrance of past events, it is a living encounter with Jesus Christ, who invites each of us into deeper intimacy with Him. In these sacred days, we walk with Him, from the Upper Room, to Calvary, to the silence of the tomb, and ultimately to the joy of the Resurrection.

I warmly encourage you to take advantage of Reconciliation Monday (March 30, 2026), a beautiful opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this sacrament, Christ Himself meets us with mercy, lifts the burden of our sins, and restores us to grace. His forgiveness frees us and fills us with immense joy. [Click here](#) to find a Reconciliation Parish in the diocese. Think about inviting family and friends to go with you!

I also invite you to participate as fully as possible in the Holy Week liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Each of these sacred moments reveals the depth of Christ's love: in the gift of the Eucharist (Holy Thursday), in His sacrifice on the Cross (Good Friday services), and in the quiet hope of the tomb that gives way to new life (Holy Saturday Easter Vigil).

My friends, Jesus gave everything for us and continues to give Himself to us in the sacred liturgy, which Pope Benedict XVI described as the very prayer of Jesus Christ. Jesus lives, wants to walk with us and invites us to closeness with Him especially through the Church's liturgy. Let us open our hearts to Him this Holy Week with renewed faith, gratitude, and love.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families. May this Holy Week be a time of grace, healing, and deep encounter with the Lord.

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and a joyful Easter,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano  
Bishop of Bridgeport



On Good Friday, our parish will take up the Pontifical Good Friday Collection to support Christians in the Holy Land. Your generosity helps sustain parish ministries, Catholic schools, and preserve the sacred shrines of our faith. Please consider giving to support Christians in the land where Jesus walked. Thank you for your generosity.



At times we can experience significant difficulties leaving us feeling isolated and alone. If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a difficult life situation such as: the loss of a loved one, a medical crisis, long-term illness or disability, divorce, family separation, or the loss of a job – please consider reaching out to a Stephen Minister. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from speaking with a Stephen Minister, or to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Msgr. Rob at [frrob@starcc.com](mailto:frrob@starcc.com).

### Easter Ushers & Greeters Needed!

St. Aloysius Church needs your help in serving as Ushers at Easter 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.



Click or Scan to sign up today: 

Note: Volunteers must be over the age of 18 and VIRTUS compliant.

### St. Aloysius Offertory

Sunday, March 22, 2026	\$16,731
Online Giving for the week:	<u>6,074</u>
TOTAL OFFERTORY:	<u>\$22,805</u>
LAST YEAR:	\$25,856



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## St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

### ~ Religious Education ~

#### Confirmation

A heartfelt thank you to our Confirmation students and Catechists who spent St. Patrick's Day with the residents at Waveny Care Center. They created crafts, colored together, and most importantly, shared smiles and meaningful conversations. The room was filled with joy, and it was clear that this time together was truly special for everyone involved.



### ~ Parish News ~

#### Tenebrae Wed., April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm



Tenebrae ("shadows" or "darkness") is a Holy Week service that is at least 1,000 years old.

Tenebrae would be sung each day of the Triduum in a church lit only by 15 candles. These were extinguished one by one until the church was left in darkness. At that point, a loud noise ("strepitus") would be produced – sometimes by slamming a hymnal or other book shut, sometimes by stomping on the floor – symbolizing the earthquake after Christ's death.

Like the "lessons and carols" services familiar at Christmas, Tenebrae consists of hymns and readings, the ones proper to Lauds and Matins for the days of the Triduum. Until the mid-1950s, when the Easter Vigil had been revived, nearly every parish in the United States sung Tenebrae on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today, churches with Tenebrae services usually sing them once, on a Lenten evening – this year we will have Tenebrae at St. Aloysius on Wednesday of Holy Week.

### ~ Youth Ministry ~



**Summer Faith Night**  
Sunday, March 29 at 6:15 pm  
Stapleton Hall



Rising freshman - graduating seniors and their parents are invited to an info session on our summer opportunities! Young people will share their witness as to the impact these trips have made on their lives!

**StAY Kentucky Mission Trip**  
(ONLY 5 SPOTS LEFT for KY!! ... Trip info attached)  
**Our Lady's Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France**  
**Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference**

Sign up to join us at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAFAD2CAAFB6-63022986-summer>

**Around for the Break?**  
**Good News Rocks - April 3**

Join us to paint the Good News on rocks that will spread throughout town

Open to 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders

Click to Sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAFAD2CAAFB6-63129168-thegood>

**Tea with Teens - April 6**

Come visit with one of our young-at-heart seniors and have tea, conversation and pray together!

Click to Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAFAD2CAAFB6-63129201-teawith>

**Coming Up After Easter - Watch for Sign Ups**

Before-School Teen Mass - April 15

Outdoor Supper and S'mores with Mary Teen Rosary - April 20

Malta House Dinner - April 24

FOODSHARE/St. A's Buddies - April 25

Bronx Zoo with the Thorpe Children - April 26

Teen Adoration - April 28



Our teens attended our parish Lenten Mission with Deacon Art Miller, walked the Outdoor Stations of the Cross, hosted our Trinity Tea for our "young-at-heart" seniors, prayed a Lenten Rosary and hosted our St. A's Buddies.

More pictures can be found on our Parish website!

~ Parish News ~



**LAST CHANCE TO HELP!!**

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**THANK YOU FOR LOVING OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST!**

**New Parish Platform:  
Update Your Information Today**

Our parish will be transitioning to a new database platform in May 2026. To ensure we stay connected, please take a moment to click or scan the QR code to input your most up-to-date contact information.

Please submit **one form per family**. If multiple adults would like to receive parish communications, be sure to include each person's email address and cell phone number.




Last Friday, our parish was blessed to have our high school teens present the Living Stations with costumed actors, reflective readings and music. It was a beautiful, grace-filled and reverent evening as we walked with Christ to Calvary. The complete photo album can be viewed on the parish website.



**NE in Christ 2026 Bishop's Appeal**

**Accompanying Neighbors in Need**

After losing his job and his home, Aaron felt overwhelmed and unsure where to turn. Through the compassionate outreach of **Catholic Charities' New Covenant Center in Stamford**, he found hope and someone to walk with him on his journey forward.



Dedicated staff accompanied Aaron as he searched for housing, regained stability, and re-entered the job market. With their guidance and support, he now has a new apartment and renewed hope for the future. His story reflects the life-changing impact of programs that serve those who are unhoused, seeking employment, and ready to rebuild their lives.

Stories like Aaron's are made possible through the **Bishop's Appeal**. Your generosity helps ensure that our neighbors in crisis are met with dignity, compassion, and the love of Christ.

Make your gift to the Bishop's Appeal today!  
Visit: [2026BishopsAppeal.org](http://2026BishopsAppeal.org)

**Please Help St. Aloysius Reach our Goal!**

Bishop's Appeal Goal: \$694,300

Total Pledged to Date: \$139,720 (20%)

Donors to Date: 88 donors

To make a gift, or for more information, please go to [2026BishopsAppeal.org](http://2026BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan the QR



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**Eucharistic Adoration**

Will not take place on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
We invite people to come back to Adoration on Friday, April 10, 2026.



Do you follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/StAloysiusNC/](http://www.facebook.com/StAloysiusNC/) and Instagram [stay.nc/](https://www.instagram.com/stay.nc/) ?



# St. Aloysius Church, New Canaan, CT

## ~ Parish News ~

### Thank You Parishioners!



Troop 45 and Youth Ministry would like to thank parishioners that purchased a Spaghetti Meal Kit during this year's fundraiser and Walter Stewart's Market for their ongoing support and partnership. We

were able to donate numerous Meal Kits to needy families in New Canaan and surrounding communities.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

There is an old saying that our hands are God's hands. By praying for the person who will receive the shawl, we enter into a sacred journey of knitting (or crocheting) with the Holy One and our hands become instruments of God's love. People who wear prayer shawls have said they feel a contentment and peace they have never felt before. If you know someone who has a particular concern or need that words cannot fill, you may request a shawl by calling Sue at 203-940-0278.



### Music Notes for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Dr. John Michniewicz



Palm Sunday commemorates the distinct shift in Christ's journey, juxtaposing his triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the somber weight of his impending suffering and Passion.

The liturgy begins with "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (Worship Hymnal No. 483), a traditional hymn written by Theodulph of Orléans that recreates the biblical scene of the crowds welcoming Jesus as the victorious King.

Marty Haugen's setting of Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" underscores the crucifixion narrative through its plaintive melody and vivid imagery of mockery and sacrifice.

During Communion, Haugen's "Adoramus Te Christe" invites a contemplative focus on the Cross, emphasizing that Christ's death is the means by which He redeemed the world.

The 11:30 Mass features Bob Chilcott's expressive "My Song Is Love Unknown" (2025), reflecting on the emotional shift of the crowd from "Hosanna" to "Crucify," while the final hymn, "Take Up Your Cross," calls believers to follow Christ's path of humility that leads to resurrection.

Additional info. at:



### Mother Teresa's Closet

IS OPEN, by appointment, throughout the construction process.



Spring is here and it's Time to Tackle Those Closets!

We are accepting adult and children's clothing and gently-used linens.

To schedule an appointment between March 30 - April 5, please contact Debby McIntosh at [deborah3868@yahoo.com](mailto:deborah3868@yahoo.com) or call 203-554-8572.

## ~ Faith Formation ~

### St. Aloysius Women's Bible Study Spring 2026 Program

Tuesdays beginning March 31<sup>st</sup>  
9:30 – 11:45 a.m. in Stapleton Hall

**Life Everlasting: Heaven, Hell, Death, and Judgment**  
By Jeffrey Morrow & Edward Sri, Ascension Press

A five-session study designed to help you understand what the Church teaches about death, judgment, heaven, and hell, and why these truths are meant to fill you with hope. **All are invited!**

Study materials (study book and online access) should be purchased in advance by clicking or scanning QR:



Questions? Email the Our Leadership Team:

[wwwpstaloysius@gmail.com](mailto:wwwpstaloysius@gmail.com)



### 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](mailto:Robert.R.Mantilia@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

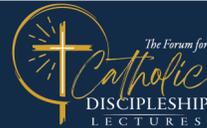
~ Parish & Other News ~

**Invite Our Blessed Mother into YOUR home**

This beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother was brought back from Fatima to St. Aloysius by members of Our Lady's Guild in 2005. It has been traveling to families in our parish since then. Those who have had the statue and prayed the rosary speak of the blessings received.



Rosary beads and instructions on how to say the Rosary accompany the statue. Please take the opportunity to introduce this beautiful devotion to your family. If you have any questions about the statue, or how to say the Rosary or would like to reserve a time to have the statue, please text or email Sue Lione, 203-981-6395, [suelione523@gmail.com](mailto:suelione523@gmail.com). Ave Maria!



Thursday, April 16, 2026  
At St. Aloysius Church  
Time: 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30)

**Lecturer: Maureen Pratt, FTS, MFA, GIA GG, Gem-A FGA**

In this special evening of reflections on prayerful song, award-winning Catholic author, ministry leader, and cantor Maureen Pratt will offer insight on the ages-long tradition of faith-song, encouragement for even the most timid to "raise a joyful noise," and examples of how carrying two-fold prayer throughout difficult days can bring immense comfort, joy, and peace.

Please RSVP to [bishopslecture@diobpt.com](mailto:bishopslecture@diobpt.com)

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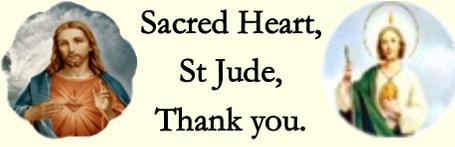
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