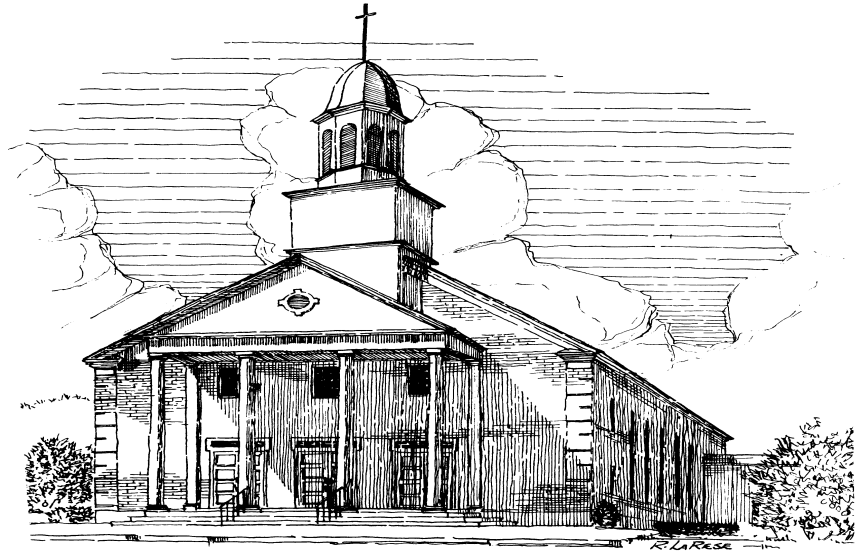
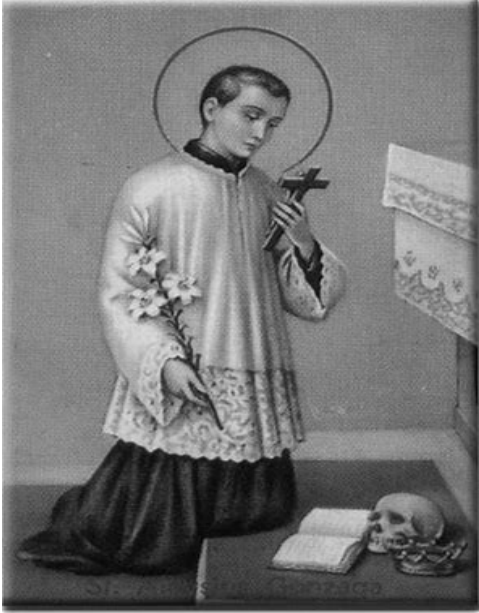


# Saint Aloysius Parish

Est. 1961



**Pastor:** Rev. Ronald P. Zepecki

**Deacon:** Wayne Griffin

## Mass Schedule

### **Weekday Masses:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:00 a.m.

Saturday (Sunday Vigil) 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

**Holy Days** 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

## **Parish Office**

254 Burritt Street, Plantsville, Connecticut, 06479

Phone: (860) 276-9208 Fax (860) 628-7650

Email: stalloysius@aohct.org

Website: www.stalloysiusplantsville.org

**Parish Secretary:** Jennifer Perrin

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

## SACRAMENTS:

**Reconciliation:** Saturday - 3:15 p.m. and by appointment

**Baptism:** 1st Sunday of the month after 10:30 Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month during or after 10:30 Mass. Baptism Preparation Classes: for first time parents - last Sunday of the month.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance

**Parish Membership:** We welcome you into our Parish Family.  
It is requested that every family in the Parish be registered and receive envelopes.

**Sponsor Certificates:** Those seeking a sponsor certificate must be a Catholic in good standing; attend Mass weekly; if married, be in a valid marriage, be a registered member of the parish, using the envelope system for at least 3 months.

**Finance Council President:** Fr. Ronald P. Zepecki

**Trustees:** Mr. Robert Corjulo; Mrs. Elizabeth Martin

**Parish Council President:** Anne Grey

**Coordinator of Religious Education:** Leslie Griffin

**Music Director:** Judy Miller

**Holy Name Society President:** Tom Fitzgerald

**Ladies Guild President:** Kathy Sima

**Building and Grounds:** Bill Langdeau; Larry Sima; Jim Sima

## **Meetings**

**Holy Name Society (Men's Club)**

Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the kitchen.

**Ladies Guild**

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

**Parish Council**

Mondays every two or three months at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium (dates to be announced)

# St. Aloysius Church, Plantsville, Ct.

## Lenten Thoughts

The "virtue" of humour, which is seeing the absurd in the world, is a religious remedy which may have the **value of an exorcism**. When you are resisting a wave of temptation, a wave of persistent thoughts which can tire you, do not fight with Satan, for he is stronger than you, but try to deride him and scoff at him. Use this "exorcism", which is a religious sense of humour, by making fun of Satan. You can then repel his attack in the most effective way. **A ridiculed Satan is most forcefully struck**, since he is deadly serious, and very afraid of ridicule, and is therefore compelled to leave you.

The Christian sense of humour will also help you fight another enemy: **your own 'self'**. This is also an idol, which is deadly serious, untouchable and absolute. It cannot be touched or ridiculed; it cannot be offended or criticized. Using humour to fight this idol becomes a religious remedy and an act of faith when you look at yourself and try to see that 'self' in the appropriate light: In reality, I am truly such a small 'nothing'. Why then do I make myself the centre of the universe? Why do I believe that my concerns are the most important? Why do I suffer for my defeats and trouble so much, and why am I so deadly serious? It would suffice to look at everything with a little bit of friendly scoff, to see what I am so worried about, what I fear and what I care about is really silly compared to the one important reality which is God.

Fr. Tadeusz Dajczer,  
Archdiocese of Warsaw, Poland

## Masses Available

We have several weekday Masses available for the month of April 2019.

### Weekday Masses:

**April 10, 11, 22, 24, 25, 30, 2019.**

Please call the Office at 860-276-9208 if you would like any of these dates for a Mass.



## St. Joseph Medal

Today, *Ruth Romajas* will receive the St. Joseph medal, it is the highest honor of the Archdiocese of Hartford and is conferred upon one who has given much to his/her parish. **Conferral of the Medal will take place at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. without a Mass. It is only a ceremony.** Everyone is invited to the Cathedral on that afternoon.

## Virtues in Action

The Parenting Circle Program will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in St. Bridget Parish Center, 175 Main St., Cheshire, Ct. The presenter of the program is *Kelly Henderschedt*, Director of Catechetical Education, Archdiocese of Hartford. How do parents help their children form a habitual and firm disposition to do the good? How do they reinforce habits of Christian living in their children? The St. Bridget of Sweden Parenting Circle is hosting a talk titled "*Virtues in Action*." Presenter Kelly Henderschedt will be speaking about ways to instill virtues in our children. To register call Sr. Patricia at 203-272-3532 ext. 1312 or email: [srcigrand@stbridgetcheshire.org](mailto:srcigrand@stbridgetcheshire.org)



## Traveling Statue of The Pieta

The Pietà is a beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother Mary holding Jesus in Death. The Statue will be visiting the private homes during each week of Lent.

*Week of March 31- April 6, 2019*  
*Carolyn and John Bean*



## Have You Herd?

VBS is coming to St. Aloysius Church July 22-26, 2019. This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Registration forms are available in the Church vestibules and Church Office.

## The World will Be Saved By Beauty

Our spiritual path to God may begin with our attraction to beauty. The more we are aware of the beauty around and inside of us, the more beauty we project toward others. Beauty that flows from our hearts, reminds us of the source from which it comes: God. Come spend time looking for what is beautiful. Intentionally take time to focus on those things that lift you up and help you to feel closer to your God, the One who sends beauty to refresh, nurture, and sustain you, the One who invites you into beauty's Immortal Heart. To register and for more information, [click here](#) or contact our office at (860) 677-8519. **Retreat dates are April 5-7, 2019.**

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Calendar of Events

#### Lenten Monday's

**Weekly Adoration** of The Blessed Sacrament 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Lenten Confessions** at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Friday's in Lent

**Stations of the Cross** with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m.

### St. Aloysius Synod Delegates

The Archdiocese of Hartford has designated 2 delegates to the 2020 Synod from St. Aloysius Church. We are very pleased to announce that **Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald and Mrs. Elizabeth Martin** have been delegated by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair to represent us at the Archdiocesan Synod in 2020. More information about the details of the Synod will be forthcoming. Thank you and congratulations to both Tom and Elizabeth on their nomination by the Archbishop.

### Baby Bottle Boom-a-rang

Our annual Baby Bottle Boom-a-Rang for Carolyn's Place in Waterbury began **March 3, 2019**. We are entering our 12th year of sponsoring this program. Since 1992, Carolyn's Place has helped 1,528 babies, and have given out 7,052 personal items needed for children. Please place your donation inside the bottle **The collection boxes are located in the entrances of the church and will be removed Sunday, May 5, 2019.** Any donation that you can make will be appreciated. Thank you.

### Pro-Life Thought of the Week

*There is no room for despair in a life spent following Christ, no matter what is happening in the culture around us. Despair is for those who believe it is up to them to fix everything.*

*Shawn Carney The beginning of the End of Abortion. p. 17*



*Please Pray For The Repose of the Soul of Deacon Michael Kulas, Archdiocese of Hartford, Dominic Maccio, William Haman, Rose Angelillo*



### St. Aloysius Spaghetti Dinner

St. Aloysius will host a Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Hall

The menu will be spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, sauce, salad, bread and assorted deserts. Donation \$3.00. Tickets will be sold after all masses March 23-24 and March 30-31, 2019. There is no benefit for this dinner. It is a time for us to get together as a parish family.

**No tickets will be sold at the door.**



### Easter Egg Hunt

St. Aloysius Holy Name Society is hosting it's annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 0 to 12 years on **Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please bring your own basket or bag for the egg hunt. There will be crafts and refreshments.



### St Thomas Parish Passion Play

The 41st Annual Passion Play will be performed at Southington Catholic School auditorium located at 99 Bristol Street in Southington, Ct. We perform the Passion Play free of charge for all to enjoy, though to help us continue this tradition a free will donation is deeply appreciated.

For ticket information check our web site: [www.stthomassouthington.org/get-tickets](http://www.stthomassouthington.org/get-tickets) or contact: Diane 860 628-4197, Joan 860 426-3841, Janet 860 621-6347 or Lois 860 621-0411.

#### Performance Dates:

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.  
Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.  
Monday, April 15, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.  
Good Friday, April 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.



### Irish Proverb

*Why should you never iron a four leaf clover?*

*You don't want to press your luck.*



## Weekly Mass Schedule

### March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday

3:15 p.m.

**Confessions**

4:00 p.m.

**Judith Giansanti**, requested by Pat Pallotti and family

### March 31, Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

9:00 a.m.

**Anna Soucie**, requested by parishioner

10:30 a.m.

**Mary Fabrizi**, requested by daughter

#### April 1, Lenten Weekday

Monday

7:00 a.m.

**Rosemarie Wallett**, requested by daughter

#### April 2, Lenten Weekday

Tuesday

7:00 a.m.

**St. Francis of Paola, hermit**  
**Dorothea Spacek**, requested Fr. Ron

#### April 3, Lenten Weekday

Wednesday

7:00 a.m.

**The Cabral Family**, requested by The Palmer family

#### April 4, Lenten Weekday

Thursday

7:00 a.m.

**St. Isidore, bishop and Doctor of Church**

**Ann M. Griffin**, requested by sister, Peggy Laurencelle

#### April 5, Lenten Weekday

Friday

6:30 p.m.

**St. Vincent Ferrer, priest**  
**No Daily Mass**  
**Stations of the Cross**

### April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday

3:15 p.m.

**Confessions**

4:00 p.m.

**Alice McCabe**, requested by family

### April 7, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday

9:00 a.m.

**For the Living and Deceased members of St. Aloysius Church**

10:30 a.m.

**Theresa Vaccarelli**, requested by Marilyn Rossi

*The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Frank and Ester Lavorgna and family, requested by family*

March 31, 2019

### March Weekly Offertory Collection

March 3, 2019

Regular and Utility Collection

March 10, 2019

Regular Collection

March 17, 2019

Regular Collection

March 24, 2019

Regular Collection

March 30, 2019

Regular Collection

### Offertory Collection for March 24, 2019

**Regular Offertory:**

\$5,833.00

**Online Giving:**

\$783.00

**Votive candles:**

\$234.00

### Tag Sale

The **Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield's** semi-annual **GIANT TAG SALE** will be held in Pilgrim Hall, located on the Shrine grounds, 50 Montfort Rd., Rte. 118, Litchfield, Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. All donations from sales help with the upkeep of the Shrine. Call 860-567-1041 or email: [lourdesshrinect@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesshrinect@gmail.com) for further information. Donations may be dropped off at Pilgrim Hall on Tuesday & Wednesday, April 2nd & 3rd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. **PLEASE NOTE: NO** upholstered furniture, box springs & mattresses, computers, monitors or paint will be accepted. All donated items must be in good condition and all electronic items must be in working order.

### Legionaries of Christ Passion Concert

Just like during the Christmas Season, so also during the Lenten Season, the Legionaries of Christ Brothers invite all of you to their Passion Concert, **Saturday, April 13, 2019** at the Legionaries of Christ College, 475 Oak Ave, Cheshire, Ct. Arrival is at 3:00 p.m.; Concert at 3:30 p.m. refreshments at 4:30 p.m. **Free Admission.** Hopefully, you will be able to be at the Brother's Passion Concert. That begins Palm Sunday weekend. What an excellent way to begin Holy Week.

### Rediscovering Our Faith

Join us at Saint Aloysius Church CCD Center on Sunday, April 7, 2019, at 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. for the presentation by Father Dave Pivonka, on the series entitled "**The Wild Goose**". *The Wild Goose is an ancient Irish description of The Holy Spirit. The Irish used to call the Holy Spirit "The Wild Goose."* In the month of March the DVD is entitled "The Desert." A light lunch and fellowship will also be provided.