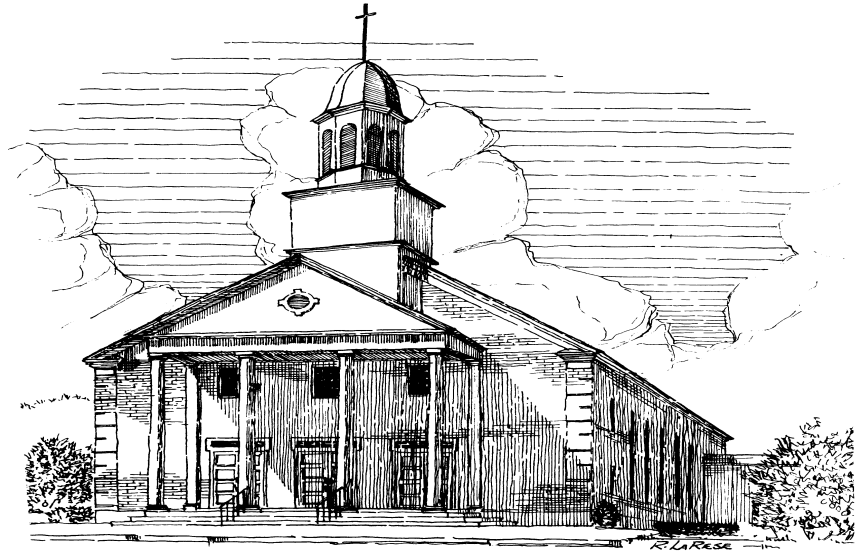


Saint Aloysius Parish

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

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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*

Pro-Life Representatives: *Carolyn Bean, Marlene Kulesa*

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.



The Queenship of The Blessed Mother

On August 22nd the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Queenship of Mary**. We know this from the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. In fact, it is the fifth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary.

From August 15th to August 22nd is eight days. Therefore the *Queenship of Mary* completes the **Octave of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother**. Octaves of the saints are usually not celebrated in the Catholic Church in America. It is a particular European Catholic custom.

The eight days of an Octave would usually be celebrated with daily Mass, prayers in honor of the saint, processions through the streets each day and gathering each evening for a meal.

The word Octave is derived from the Latin, meaning "eight". We hear it used in music. For instance, the choirmaster may say "we'll sing this an octave higher". It may also be used to describe an Italian Sonnet with eight lines.

In the Latin it is said "octava dies" meaning *eighth day*. In this case it is used to mean an eight day religious festival.

We do celebrate two Octaves in the Church in America. They would be: *the Octave of Christmas and the Octave of Easter*.

The Feast day of The Queenship of Mary was instituted by *Pope Pius XII (1939-1958)* in 1955. Five years after he spoke infallibly on the Assumption of Mary into Heaven.

It was originally celebrated on May 31st (now the Feast of the Visitation of Mary) but was moved to the Octave of The Assumption by Vatican Council II (1962-1965) in order to place her Queenship next to the glorification of the Assumption.

Incidentally, Mary is "assumed" into Heaven, meaning she could not go on her own. Jesus, on the other hand, "ascends" into Heaven, of His own authority, as God.

From the Middle Ages (800's-1300's) we still sing beautiful hymns to Mary as Queen: *Salve Regina* (Hail, Holy Queen); *Regina Coeli* (Queen of Heaven); *Ave, Regina Caelorum* (Hail, Queen of The Heavens) and she is invoked a "Queen" several times in the *Litany of The Blessed Virgin Mary* (Loreto).

The title "Queen" is somewhat incompatible with the contemporary preferences for democracy. True, because, Mary serves more as our "Mother" who is

there to soothe our pains, sorrows and needs. Mostly, she shares in our joys, rejoicing to bring us to Jesus, her Son.

Again, as in the definition of "*papal infallibly*", so with the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. We need the faithful, filled with the Holy Spirit to decide. That is exactly what happened as the years unfolded.

In 1900 at the Marian Conference in Lyons, France, the lay faithful asked for the Feast of Mary's Queenship. The world's bishops began to listen. Again 1902, in Fribourg, Switzerland, at the Marian Conference the lay faithful asked the bishops once more to institute the Queenship of Mary into the Catholic Calendar. And again, in 1906 in Einsiedeln, Switzerland. By 1933 petitions came into the Vatican from all over the world to establish this Feast Day. In 1955, Pope Pius XII (1939-1958) instituted this day of Queenship in honor of Mary our Mother.

We bring to an end our celebration of the Assumption and the Octave leading up to the Queenship of Mary with these words from the prayers for the Assumption: "Today, the Virgin Mary was taken up to Heaven; rejoice, for she reigns with Christ forever."

Welcome Archbishop Blair

Today, Sunday, August 18, 2019, **Archbishop Leonard P. Blair** will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass here at St. Aloysius Church at 10:30 a.m. The Archbishop was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 12, 1949. Ordained a priest on June 26, 1976, he went on to serve the Archdiocese of Detroit a vicar general and chancellor. He was a professor of Theology at Sacred Heart Seminary and later became the personal secretary to Edmund Cardinal Szoka, the Archbishop of Detroit. He served Pope St. John Paul II as prefect of Economic Affairs from 1994-1997, in Vatican City. The Archbishop has served in various capacities with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops including the Committee on Women in Society and the Church; the Committee on Catechism and the subcommittee on the Catholic Catechism. He chaired the Committee on Evangelization; he served on the Divine Worship and the Ad Hoc Committee on Religion Liberty.

Every Bishop has a motto. Archbishop Blair's motto is: "**Pasce Oves Meas**", Latin for: "**Feed My Sheep**". **He is very devoted to the Rosary and the Blessed Sacrament.**

St. Aloysius warmly welcomes Archbishop Blair on his visit to the parish. It is a very special time when the Archbishop is among us. **Please pray for Archbishop Blair's visit with us.**

Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair celebrates Mass at St. Aloysius Church at 10:30 a.m.

Retreat

As stated before, I will be on retreat from August 19-23, 2019. ***There will be a Mass at 7:00 a.m. here, at St. Aloysius on Monday only of that week. That Mass will be celebrated on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday*** you are invited to attend daily Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church, St. Thomas Church, St. Dominic Church or the Church of Mary, Our Queen. I will pray for all of you that God will bless your families with His choicest blessings. Please pray for me.

As Always,
Fr. Ron

Picnic News

This year's Parish Picnic takes place on ***Sunday, September 8, 2019 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.*** Volunteer sign up sheets are located at the entrances of the Church. Please consider volunteering to make our picnic a success.

The Ladies Guild are in need of your support and help! They are looking for anyone who would bake for the dessert table. Please contact the Office at 860-276-9208.

Items ***New*** or "***Almost New***" are needed for the Mini Auction. Items can be placed in the Church Hall on the kitchen counter in the Church.

Pro-Life Representatives

*For well over ten years now, the Archdiocese of Hartford has asked each parish to have two pro-life representatives. These representatives will receive updates on pro-life activities in the Archdiocese as well as the Connecticut General Assembly. They will attend the annual pro-life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph and bring back our pro-life candle each year for the parish. They will help co-ordinate adoration once-a-year during the Forty Days For Life Campaign and gathering parishioners once-a-year to say the Rosary at the Abortion Clinic in Hartford. I'm very please to announce our two representatives: **Marlene Kulesa and Carolyn Bean.***

Forward With Faith

As you may have heard, a major campaign being led by the ***Hartford Bishops' Foundation*** is currently underway at St. Aloysius Church and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford. This week, we will be sharing the core area of the Forward with Faith Campaign for the Archdiocese and our parish.

Educating to Reignite the Faith

Catholic education is crucial to the future of our Archdiocese. Currently, there are more than 50,000 students served in our Catholic schools and parish faith formation programs. Funds from the campaign will:

Improve retention rates in our Catholic schools by providing tuition remission and monetary awards for teachers and administrators;

Enhance the teaching and learning environment in our Catholic schools by funding capital improvements, technology upgrades, STREAM integration, and "Mission Schools;"

Support our parish faith formation ministries and programs by providing grants for innovative programs, as well as expert speakers, mentors, coaches and materials for this important formative work for clergy, religious and lay leaders; and, Provide education and professional development training for our clergy, ranging from spiritual formation to professional and administrative leadership training (e.g. finance, advancement, school enrollment, technology, and human resources).

In the coming weeks, I will share further details about how the campaign funds will directly impact both our Archdiocese and our community here at St. Aloysius Church. Everyone will soon be invited to participate in this graced effort. In the meantime, anyone is welcome to approach me before or after Mass with any questions you may have. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Grace, peace, and blessings to you!

Fr. Ron

Thank You

At this time I extend a heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners who were so very generous to the La Salette Fathers Mission Sunday at St. Aloysius on the weekend of August 3-4, 2019. Father Rene Butler, M.S. wrote to say he felt very welcomed by all of you. Thank you again. We realized \$2,559.00. God's blessing's be yours.

Weekly Mass Schedule

August 17, Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday

3:15 p.m.

Confessions

4:00 p.m.

Susan Spadjinske, requested by parents

August 18, Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday

9:00 a.m.

George W. Heath, Jr., requested by family

10:30 a.m.

Alexandra Caracoglia, requested by
The Higley Family

August 19, 2019 Weekday

Monday

7:00 a.m.

St. John Eudes, priest

Jeanette Norris, requested by family

August 20, 2019 Weekday

Tuesday

7:00 a.m.

St. Bernard, abbot and Doctor of
the Church

No Daily Mass

August 21, 2019 Weekday

Wednesday

7:00 a.m.

St. Pius X, pope

No Daily Mass

August 22, 2019 Weekday

Thursday

7:00 a.m.

*The Queenship of The Blessed
Virgin Mary*

No Daily Mass

August 23, 2019 Weekday

Friday

7:00 a.m.

St. Stephen of Hungary

No Daily Mass

August 24, Twenty First Sunday Ordinary Time

Saturday

3:15 p.m.

Confessions

4:00 p.m.

Louretta Palmieri, requested by family

August 25, Twenty First Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday

9:00 a.m.

Sal and Mark Palmieri, requested by Doria
Palmieri and family

10:30 a.m.

Robert "Bobby" Berube, requested by
The Forcade Family



The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in
loving memory of *Joseph J., Linda and Joseph
M. Zepecki*, requested by Fr. Ron

August 18, 2019

August Weekly Offertory Collection

August 4, 2019	Regular Collection
August 11, 2019	Regular Collection
August 15, 2019	Assumption of Mary Collection
August 18 2019	Regular Collection
August 25, 2019	Regular Collection

Offertory Collection for August 4, 2019

Regular Offertory:	\$3,495.00
Online Giving:	\$1,055.00
Votive candles:	\$160.00
Missionary Collection:	\$2,400.00

Offertory Collection for August 11, 2019

Regular Offertory:	\$4,139.00
Online Giving:	\$587.00
Votive candles:	\$207.00

Men's and Women's ACTS retreats

An ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by men or women who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. Offering a unique format, this retreat is unlike anything you may have experienced in the past. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to create lasting and supporting friendships within your church communities. The Retreat begins Thursday evening, **with a 5:45 p.m. check.** at the sponsoring parish. Participants will then be transported to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat House, in Farmington, Ct. for the remainder of the retreat. The retreat will end on Sunday, with a morning Mass and reception at the sponsoring parish. Transportation to and from Farmington will be provided.

Go to actsct.org for more information about ACTS retreats. On the 'Events' page are links to an informative brochure and retreat registration form.

Men's Retreat September 26-29, 2019
Sponsoring Parish –Assumption Church Ansonia, Ct. For more information contact Hank Tessier at 860 729-8055 or John Coleman at 860 384-9427; Jeff Burkitt at 203 530-5335.