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*Best of Wishes*

*To All the Parishioners*

*On the 50th Anniversary*

**THE SAINT ALOYSIUS  
ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY**



**MAY THE NEXT 50 YEARS BE AS FRUITFUL!**



**GREETINGS...!**

*Since the founding of St. Aloysius Parish fifty years ago, its members have built a rich tradition of deep faith, great generosity, untiring cooperation and, following the example of their Patron Saint, an abiding interest in youth.*

*The next fifty years will present new and strong challenges to that faith, generosity, cooperation and interest in youth. We remain confident, however, that with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the prayerful assistance of the Sacred Heart and our mother Mary, and under the continued patronage of St. Aloysius, we will rise together to meet these challenges so that, come the year 2040, our Parish will still stand strong as one of the jewels in the crown of the Diocese of Buffalo.*

*It has indeed been a pleasure being part of our Parish's past and I look forward eagerly to working with its parishioners to meet the challenges of the future.*

*God Bless You,*

*Fr. Bob*

REV. ROBERT J. BIESINGER  
Pastor



**MOST REVEREND  
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*11th Bishop of Buffalo*



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June 21, 1990  
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Dear Friends,

I join your parish family of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga in Cheektowaga in praising and thanking God for all the graces and blessings he has shared with you over the past fifty years. Since your foundation in 1940, during the episcopacy of Bishop John Duffy, your parish has been a sign of the presence of Jesus Christ to all the people of the community of Cheektowaga. You have been blessed with outstanding priestly leadership, beginning with Father Walter Gonter. This leadership was enhanced by the presence of religious women and dedicated lay people.

Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has described the parish community as the very heart and center of the Church's life. Pope John Paul said the parish is not a building or territory, but rather "the family of God", a "welcoming home", a "community of the faithful". These words so fittingly describe Saint Aloysius Parish.

As the family of God, your parish is a home where the presence of Jesus is celebrated in word and sacrament. As a welcoming family, you reach out to the poor and needy with gentleness and compassion. As a community of the faithful, you spread the good news of Jesus Christ by the words and actions of your daily lives.

I pray that the Lord blesses the homes, convent and rectory of Saint Aloysius Parish with His gifts of peace and joy. You are a very important part of the Church in Western New York. I know that you will continue to be a sign of the presence of Jesus in Cheektowaga as you journey together -- in faith -- toward your one hundredth anniversary.

May God bless you, keep you in His care, and give you His peace.

Sincerely,

*+ Edward D. Head*

Most Rev. Edward D. Head, D.D.  
Bishop of Buffalo

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## ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA CHURCH

### PASTORS



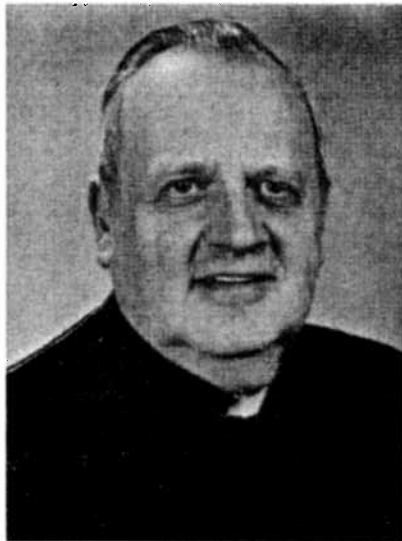
**REV. WALTER GONTER**  
*First Pastor — 1940-1953*



**REV. HAROLD GONTER**  
*1953-1965*



**MOST REV. PIUS A. BENINCASA**  
*Auxiliary Bishop of Buffalo*  
*1965-1986*



**REV. ROBERT J. BIESINGER**  
*Present Pastor*  
*Since 1986*

## *Pastors of St. Aloysius Parish*

### **REV. WALTER M. GONTER, 1940 - 1953**

Rev. Walter M. Gonter was born in Wellsville, New York on December 10, 1891 and graduated from Immaculate Conception School. He attended St. Michael's College in Toronto where he was captain of the football team and earned the nickname "Dutch." He then attended St. Basil's College in Waco, Texas, St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, and Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure, New York.

He was ordained on November 15, 1917 by His Eminence, Dennis Cardinal Dougherty at St. Joseph's New Cathedral in Buffalo and celebrated his first Solemn High Mass in the parish of his baptism, Immaculate Conception in Wellsville.

His first assignment was to St. Stephen's Church in Buffalo, and he also served at St. Joseph's Old Cathedral and St. Joseph's New Cathedral before being appointed Administrator at St. Peter's Church in LeRoy and later pastor at St. Joseph's Church in Fredonia.

In March 1940, he was asked by Buffalo Bishop John A. Duffy, D.D., to found St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish. He faithfully served as pastor of St. Aloysius until his death on August 25, 1953.

### **REV. HAROLD GONTER, 1953 - 1965**

Rev. Harold Gonter, a cousin and very close associate of our first pastor, was born and raised in Wellsville, New York. After his graduation from high school, he studied at the University of Toronto and St. Bonaventure University. He studied for the priesthood at St. Michael's College in Toronto and at Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure. In 1917, he and Fr. Walter Gonter were in the same ordination class.

Rev. Harold Gonter was named pastor of St. Aloysius Church on October 18, 1953 and served until March 16, 1965, having passed away a few days before the 25th Anniversary of the parish.



## ***Pastors of St. Aloysius Parish***

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### **MOST REV. PIUS A. BENINCASA, 1965 - 1986**

Most Rev. Pius A. Benincasa was born in Niagara Falls, New York on July 8, 1913, attended St. Joseph's School there and came to Buffalo as a child with his parents and seven brothers and sisters. He began his studies for the priesthood at the Little Seminary of St. Joseph and the Little Flower, and graduated in 1931.

He completed his education in Rome at the Pontifical Institution for the Propagation of the Faith and was ordained at St. John Lateran Basilica on March 27, 1937 at the age of 23.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor at Holy Cross parish and in 1943 he volunteered for Army service as a chaplain and served with the 11th Armored Division in the North African and European combat theaters and with the Fifth and Seventh Armies.

After his discharge from the Army in 1946, he studied Canon Law in Rome before returning to Buffalo for assignment to the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal. He returned to Rome in 1950 and earned a doctorate in Canon Law and a degree in Sacred Theology.

In 1954 he became the first Buffalo priest to be assigned to the Secretariat of State in the Vatican. On June 29, 1965 he was appointed by Pope Paul VI as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Buffalo Diocese and served briefly as pastor of Holy Name Parish in Buffalo.

In March 1965, Bishop James A. McNulty named Bishop Benincasa pastor of St. Aloysius Parish where he served until his death on August 12, 1986.

### **REV. ROBERT J. BIESINGER, 1986 to present**

Rev. Robert J. Biesinger is a native Buffalonian who attended St. Vincent de Paul grammar school, Canisius High School, and Canisius College. He studied for the priesthood at Our Lady of the Angels Seminary at Niagara University and was ordained to the priesthood on May 26, 1956.

Father Biesinger taught Latin and Religion at Baker Victory High School where he served as Treasurer and Athletic Moderator, coached the Debate and Tennis teams, and directed the school's Drill Team and Color Guard.

His parish assignments include assistant pastorships at SS. Peter and Paul in Williamsville, Immaculate Conception in East Bethany and St. Mary's Parish in Lockport. From 1975 to 1986 he served as pastor of Holy Family Parish in Machias and Blessed Sacrament Parish in Delavan, New York.

On Saturday, November 8, 1986, Fr. Biesinger was installed as the fourth pastor of St. Aloysius Church by Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, Auxiliary Bishop of the Buffalo Diocese.

## ***Assistant Pastors of St. Aloysius Church***

*Through the Years*

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REV. DAVID BOROWIAK

REV. JAMES COTTER

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REV. ROBERT YETTER





STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY 12224

MARIO M. CUOMO  
GOVERNOR

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish.

This observance highlights the many years of spiritual guidance and well-being which have enriched the lives of the members and friends of the congregation.

As Governor of the State of New York, I personally share in your pride and spirit of thanksgiving as you mark this milestone.

You have my best wishes for a joyous 50th anniversary celebration.

*Mario M. Cuomo*

September 6, 1990



County of Erie  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

*On behalf of the Citizens of the County of Erie, I  
hereby extend congratulations and best wishes to*

*St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish  
on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of its Foundation.*

*September 1990*

*Your commitment and dedication to Erie County has earned you the respect and admiration of the people whom you serve so well. As Erie County Executive, I am honored to recognize the Parish Community of St. Aloysius for the courage, initiative and leadership that they have exemplified over the past fifty years. I wish you success and happiness as you continue to be a true example of your faith.*

*This recognition, tendered upon this occasion, conveys official commendation from DENNIS T. GORSKI, Erie County Executive, and a cordial expression of esteem.*

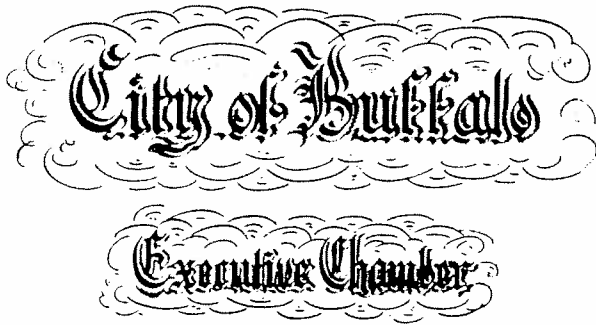
*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I  
have caused to be affixed the  
Seal of the County of Erie,  
this September, 1990.*

*Dennis T. Gorski*

DENNIS T. GORSKI  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE







- PROCLAMATION -

WEAS, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish was founded by Rev. Walter M. Gonter on March 28, 1940 at the direction of the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of the Diocese of Buffalo, to serve the religious needs of the residents of the northeast part of the City of Buffalo and the Town of Cheektowaga; and

WEAS, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish has been blessed in the past with the leadership of Rev. Walter Gonter, Rev. Harold Gonter, and the Most Rev. Pius A. Benincasa; and

WEAS, the Parish continues to be blessed with the leadership of the Pastor Rev. Robert J. Biesinger, Parochial Vicar Rev. James M. Monaco, Senior Assistant Rev. John T. Jennings, S.J., Weekend Assistant Rev. Thomas N. Shepherd, Pastoral Assistant Sr. Elizabeth Kovacs, S.S.S., and School Principal Sr. Paul Marie Baczkowski, C.S.S.F.; and

WEAS, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish, named in honor of the Patron Saint of Youth, has educated hundreds of young men and women, through the dedication of the Sisters of Saint Joseph who first staffed the school when it was founded in 1950 and the dedication of the Felician Sisters who maintain the current high standards of a school that is dedicated to the teaching of Christian principles; and

WEAS, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish has inspired many men and women to the service of the Western New York community by being diligent and respected workers in government, the professions, businesses and the trades; and

WEAS, through the teachings and example of those who have led the parish for these past fifty years, many of its sons and daughters have been guided to the priesthood and religious life; and

WEAS, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish continues to serve the needs of the 2,000 parishioners, 460 school children, and thousands of others in the surrounding community who are touched by the work and example of the St. Aloysius Parish Family; and

WEAS, the 50th Anniversary of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish will be celebrated with a noon Mass on Sunday, September 23, 1990, with the Most Rev. Edward D. Head serving as the principal celebrant, immediately followed by a reception in the parish hall, and with a dinner dance that evening at Salvatore's Italian Gardens,

AND, THEREFORE, I, JAMES D. GRIFFIN, Mayor of the City of Buffalo, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 23, 1990 as

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA 50TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

in the City of Buffalo in recognition of the many outstanding contributions made to our community by this parish over the past fifty years.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Buffalo to be affixed this 15th day of September, 1990.

*James D. Griffin*  
JAMES D. GRIFFIN  
MAYOR OF BUFFALO

## History of St. Aloysius Parish

From the time of its establishment until its present 50th Anniversary, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish has continued to grow and prosper, having a tremendous effect on its parishioners, its community and the Diocese of Buffalo.

On March 28, 1940, the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, D.D., Bishop of the Buffalo Diocese asked Rev. Walter Gonter to establish a new parish serving the northeast portion of the City of Buffalo and the northwest portion of the Town of Cheektowaga. Fr. Gonter met with about 75 representatives of St. James, St. Benedict's and Christ the King parishes to formulate the original plans for the new parish, a parish that was to be named in honor of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patron of youth.

Those original plans called for the immediate establishment of a temporary structure while plans were developed for a permanent church. Less than five weeks later, on Mother's Day, May 12, 1940, the first two Masses at the new St. Aloysius Church were held in the temporary structure to over capacity crowds. The Mass schedule was quickly changed to provide for four Sunday Masses, and the growth of a new parish of energetic and committed parishioners began in earnest.

The temporary church, built on land donated by the Hoffeld Estates through the kindness of Mr. Lynn Bame, was a wood and wallboard structure seating about 290 people and costing \$2,600.

Working very closely with Father Gonter in these first days of St. Al's were the two appointed trustees of the parish. These respected parishioners would assist Father in making those important decisions concerning the layout, construction, and the precedent-setting practices of the parish. One of the first acts of Mr. William O'Brien and Mr. F. Leo Clark along with Father Gonter was to view the plans of a new Tudor Gothic-styled church of brick facing on tile, seating about 750 persons. The plans for this \$96,000 church were accepted and on September 22, 1990, the cornerstone was laid by the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, Bishop of Buffalo. On Christmas of that year the first Mass was sung in the unfinished church. However, Masses were continued in the temporary structure until Laetare Sunday, March 23, 1941 when the new church was dedicated with the Most Rev. John A. Duffy officiating.

With the Church completed and the people contributing very well, plans were again looked at this time for a new rectory. Until then Father Gonter had been living some distance from the church at 72 Burke Drive. So in June of 1941, plans were accepted for a new rectory of brick facing over wood construction. In order to keep the continuity, the same architect, Mortimer J. Murphy, and the same contractor, Balling Brothers and Holler Brothers, were awarded the contract. When the rectory was completed in November of 1941, it cost \$36,000.

With everything becoming so beautifully set, the spiritual fruits were beginning to be realized. The First Holy Communion Class received Our Lord for the first time in this parish on December 8, 1940; the first Mission was given by the Redemptorist Fathers, March 1st to the 15th, 1942; the first Confirmation Class here was held on June 9, 1943; and the first Assistant to be appointed was the Rev. Alton J. LaRusch on June 12, 1942.

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The active life of St. Aloysius Parish now could continue to grow from the seeds so recently planted. With Pastor, Assistants and people all pulling together in one harmonious union a happy spiritual atmosphere was to continue through the life of St. Al's. With the spiritual growth of the parish there was also a population growth. So much so, that by 1944, the population of this area had increased to 950 families.

In 1944, Lynn Bame, representing the Hoffeld Estates, donated a piece of land about one acre in size just south and adjoining the church property. In 1948 the church bought the lot on the circle at Cleveland and So. Century for \$10,000, adjacent also to the church property. And in 1950 a house was built on the south end of this property on a lot 50' x 120' on which tickets were sold to raise money. The house, having been won by a lady in Pennsylvania who desired to take cash, was then sold to a parishioner. In 1950 the church bought for \$8,000 4-1/2 acres of land south and west of the church property.

With the parish growing in size, it was now deemed feasible to build a school. Plans having been drawn, studied and approved, ground was broken in August of 1947 for a 12-room school and gymnasium. The same contractors and architect who had constructed the church and rectory were now going to build these new buildings with brick facing to match the church and rectory. The cost of this new construction was about \$600,000. After almost two years of work, the cornerstone was laid by the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, Bishop of Buffalo, on Sunday, April 24, 1949. The first fruits from this school were graduated in June of 1951.

By 1952 the Catholic population of St. Al's parish had grown to 1,800 families. Finding it necessary to expand the church, the Sacristy was located in the back of the church and about 200 additional persons were now able to sit in Church. On May 5, 1953 another addition was started on the rear of the Church for the Altar Boys' Sacristy on the ground floor.

With Father Walter Gonter as its spiritual leader, St. Aloysius Parish had overcome many obstacles and made tremendous strides in 13 years. However, God called this priest to his eternal reward on August 25, 1953.

St. Aloysius Parish continued to grow spiritually and family wise, so much so that an addition to the school became necessary. After much study, plans were approved for the new school addition. Work was begun on April 1, 1956 and the total cost of construction was estimated at \$430,000. After about one year, open house of the new school was held on June 2, 1957 and everyone was impressed by the new extension.

On June 10, 1959, Bishop Joseph A. Burke, Bishop of Buffalo, appointed Mr. Samuel A. Cochrane trustee replacing one of the two original trustees, Mr. F. Leo Clark, who moved to Rochester. Mr. Clark had been a hard worker for the benefit of St. Aloysius Parish and thousands were sorry to see him leave. Mr. Cochrane was to serve a very short term. Because of his death, Mr. Francis Williams was appointed to replace him on August 1, 1961 by the late Bishop Burke.

With the growth in the school and the increase in the number of Religious Sisters, it was decided in 1961 to build a convent for the Sisters of St. Joseph, who staffed St. Aloysius School. Up until this time the Sisters traveled each day by taxi from the Mount on Main Street to the school. Father Harold Gonter and the Trustees

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approved plans for the new convent and work was started in September of 1961. On May 3, 1962 the Sisters took up residence in their new convent.

Father Harold Gonter continued to watch as the parish grew to some 2,400 families with over 900 children enrolled in school as the parish neared its 25th Anniversary. Unfortunately, after a short illness Father Harold Gonter was called to his eternal reward on March 16, 1965, a few days before the anniversary celebration.

In March 1965, the Most Rev. James A. McNulty, Bishop of Buffalo, appointed Auxiliary Bishop Pius A. Benincasa as the third pastor of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish. During his 21 years as pastor, Bishop Benincasa worked with great diligence and success to maintain St. Aloysius Parish through a time that saw general Mass attendance decline while area Catholic schools faced reduced enrollments and financial difficulties.

At one time, additional Masses were scheduled in the school auditorium and school enrollment stayed strong. In 1974, Bishop Benincasa appointed John A. Mueller as trustee for the parish, filling the vacancy of William O'Brien. Faced with shortages in the ranks of teaching religious, Bishop Benincasa enlisted the assistance of the Felician Order to staff the school in 1977.

Suffering from poor health in his later years, Bishop Benincasa was called to his eternal reward on August 12, 1986, and Rev. Robert J. Biesinger was installed as the fourth pastor of St. Aloysius Parish on November 8, 1986 by Most Rev. Donald W. Trautman, Auxiliary Bishop of the Buffalo Diocese.

Over the past several years, the parish population has stabilized, with current parish levels numbering about 2,000 families and remarkable growth has been experienced in our school, with some 460 students enrolled. Physical improvements, in addition to the maintenance of existing buildings, saw the addition of a handicapped ramp at the main entrance to the church, and the designation of special seating for the elderly and for wheelchairs in the front of the church.

In preparation for the 50th Anniversary celebration, the Church was repainted, while damaged and deteriorating Stations of the Cross were repaired and the terrazzo floor was re-ground and polished through a special donation from Mrs. Muriel Sorg, in memory of her late brother Francis. Wooden ceiling beams and church pews were also refinished as part of the renovation work.

Today the parish boasts two energetic Senior Citizens' organizations, a newly formed Parish Council, a diligent Finance Committee, a Holy Name Society, Altar and Rosary Society, Home School Association, Scouting programs, Color Guard and a Catholic Youth Organization. Members can serve fellow parishioners as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Choir members, and Ushers; or may offer their services to others through the Legion of Mary, Ladies of Charity, Religious Education Program, or the Sacred Heart League.

Since 1982, the parish has had the assistance of a member of the Sisters of Social Service to tend to the concerns of parishioners in need.

The St. Aloysius Parish Family has served the residents of Cheektowaga and the Northeast portion of the City of Buffalo for the past 50 years as a proud, dedicated caring and committed member of the community.



## St. Aloysius School—1948-1990

The Sisters of St. Joseph began their work at St. Aloysius before the school was built. For about five years a group of sisters taught Catechism to the parish children. In 1948 the new school was ready and six sisters under the leadership of Sister Mary Edward opened the doors to Catholic education in this section of Cheektowaga.

Registration proved that the school would indeed be popular and it was necessary to begin with a double session of Kindergarten and First Grade. Classes were carried on in the basement, as the classrooms were still in the process of being finished. Before the end of the first year a seventh sister had to be added to the growing school. By the end of five years, an addition to the already large school was necessary, when registration and faculty were nearly tripled.

Sister Mary Grace succeeded Sister Mary Edward as principal of a growing school in an expanding community. All were saddened by the untimely death of Sister Mary Edward who exerted tireless efforts to make St. Aloysius School a fine representative of Catholic education.

Under the able leadership of Sister Lucia, the school continued to grow until the need of a convent for the sisters seemed a necessity.

Sister de la Salle was appointed principal in 1957. In 1962 the new convent was opened and the staff of 14 sisters under Sister de la Salle's continued leadership served the spiritual and educational needs of your children.

Through the 1960's and 1970's, the Catholic Church was faced with declining numbers of religious, particularly in the ranks of teaching nuns. In 1977, with a strong commitment to providing teaching religious, the Order of St. Felix, the Felician Sisters, accepted Bishop Benincasa's request to staff our school.

Under the principalship of Sister Mary Richardine, the school population was stabilized and a pre-school program was instituted. School growth continued with Sister Mary Janita, principal until 1988, and Sister Paul Marie, our current principal.

The school complex has seen unprecedented growth in the last few years, with the current school enrollment nearing 460 students. Offering a well-rounded academic curriculum, balanced with a wide variety of exciting and stimulating extra-curricular activities, the faculty is dedicated to instilling Christian values and to bringing out the educational excellence in their students.

The school offers a pre-kindergarten program, a federally-subsidized hot lunch program, an extended-day program for working parents, and athletic competition, music, art, special liturgies, a Christmas Play and a major production Spring Musical.

### Principals of St. Aloysius School

SR. MARY EDWARD, S.S.J.	SR. MARY GLOSE, S.S.J.
SR. MARY GRACE, S.S.J.	SR. MARY JEANNE EBERLE, S.S.J.
SR. MARY LUCIA, S.S.J.	SR. MARY RICHARDINE, C.S.S.F.
SR. MARY DeLaSALLE, S.S.J.	SR. MARY JANITA, C.S.S.F.
SR. MARY DAVITA, S.S.J.	SR. PAUL MARIE, C.S.S.F.

## St. Aloysius School - 1990

SISTER PAUL MARIE BACZKOWSKI, C.S.S.F. .... *Principal*  
 MRS. ROSE MARY BUSCAGLIA ..... *Assistant Principal*

*Pre-School* ..... Mrs. Serena Maczo  
*Kindergarten* ..... Mrs. Suzanne Yoerg  
*Kindergarten* ..... Mrs. Kathleen Franczyk  
*Grade 1* ..... Miss Colleen Rose  
*Grade 1* ..... Miss Kimberly Horst  
*Grade 2* ..... Sister Marilyn Dudek  
*Grade 2* ..... Mrs. Melanie Slisz  
*Grade 3* ..... Mrs. Donna Dobson  
*Grade 3* ..... Mrs. Wanda Yoerg  
*Grade 4* ..... Mrs. Diane Golonka  
*Grade 4* ..... Mrs. Karen Noonan  
*Grade 5* ..... Mrs. Judith Rick  
*Grade 5* ..... Miss Susan Lombardo  
*Grade 6* ..... Mrs. Debra Pope (Math)  
*Grade 6* ..... Mrs. Susan Zgoda (Spanish)  
*Grade 7* ..... Mr. Timothy Daly (Language Arts)  
*Grade 7* ..... Mrs. Clara Badzinski (Religion)  
*Grade 8* ..... Mr. Barry Goodwin (Social Studies)  
*Grade 8* ..... Sister Mary Edwardine Machnica (Science)  
*Art* ..... Mrs. Harriett Bulger  
*Music/Instrumental Music* ..... Mrs. Cynthia Timm  
*Librarian* ..... Sister Margaret Mary Chilinski  
*Spanish 4/5* ..... Sister M. Joelle Smaczniak  
*Physical Education/Health* ..... Mr. William Hineman  
*Computer* ..... Mrs. Helen Westbrook  
*Values Program/Advanced Computers* ..... Sister Mary Vivian Maczonis  
*Remedial Reading* ..... Sister Mary Ellen Rewers

REV. ROBERT J. BIESINGER  
*Pastor*

REV. JAMES M. MONACO  
*Parochial Vicar*

REV. THOMAS N. SHEPHERD  
*Weekend Assistant*

REV. JOHN J. JENNINGS, S.J.  
*Senior Assistant*

SR. ELIZABETH KOVACS, S.S.S.  
*Pastoral Assistant*

SR. PAUL MARIE BACZKOWSKI, C.S.S.F.  
*School Principal*

### **ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

*General Chairman* ..... Rev. Robert J. Biesinger  
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Tom Franczyk, Charles and Olympia Civello  
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### **ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**

*PARADE* ..... Sept. 15, 1990  
*RELIGIOUS CEREMONY AND SOCIAL* ..... Sept. 23, 1990  
*DINNER DANCE* ..... Sept. 23, 1990 at Salvatores Italian Gardens

*Our sincerest gratitude to the Most Rev. Edward D. Head D.D. Bishop of the  
Diocese of Buffalo, for his participation in the celebration of the liturgy,  
which was such an important part of our 50th Anniversary.*

## **SAINT ALOYSIUS PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

### **ST. ALOYSIUS HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 1990-1991 Board**

*President* ..... Brenda Ward  
*Vice President* ..... Mike and Gail Stockinger  
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*Treasurer* ..... Rick and Debbie Rosenberry  
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Robert Buetner	John Mueller	Ted Ziobro

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*Vice President* ..... Paul Shibley  
*Treasurer* ..... Vincent Spampata  
*Recording Secretary* ..... Fran Smits  
*Scheduling Secretary* ..... Paul Lexner

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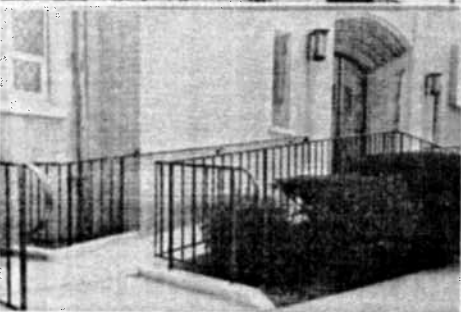
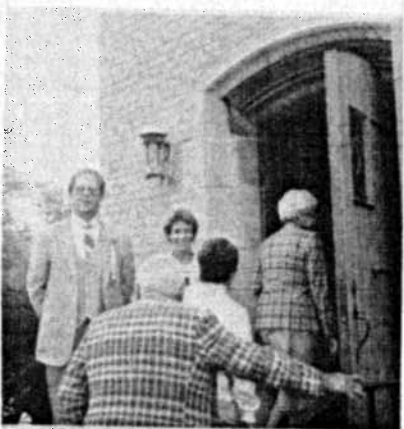
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