



St. Aloysius School History 1947-2007

NOTE: St. Aloysius School closed it's doors after 60 years in Cheektowaga, New York.

SCHOOL PICTURES FROM 1957:



STUDENTS IN SISTER TERESITA'S FIRST GRADE CLASS IN 1956-57 SCHOOL YEAR
"Class of 1964"

- TOP ROW: Marilyn WALTERS, Barbara MASON
- SECOND ROW: Joan BECKMEIER(?), Dennis MacCARTHY, Sharon TROY, James McKAY, Susan DICK, Paul JENSEN.
- THIRD ROW: Michael COGAN, Carole PLEGER, Tim NOWAK, Catherine GROSKY, Gerard STOCKMEYER, Cynthia COOK.
- FOURTH ROW: Theresa HUNT, John McLAUGHLIN, Patricia Marie DOWLING, David TRENT, Suzanne HORVOTIZ, unknown.
- FIFTH ROW: Jonathan, Anne Marie PUCCI, Patrick COGAN, Anthony COLUCCI, Marilyn DANIELS.
- NOT SHOWN: Students who were absent or entered the class at a later date: Patricia RODGERS, Raymond ALBERT, Lauran SULLIVAN and possibly others.

If you recognize anyone here, please contact [Sharon Troy Centanne](mailto:Sharon.Troy@centanne.com)

STUDENTS IN SIXTH GRADE CLASS IN 1956-57 SCHOOL YEAR
"Class of 1959"



Class of 1959 in 1957 in Grade Six

- TOP ROW: Gregory SPADINGER, Douglas
- SECOND ROW: Linda HELMER, Michael DOWLING, Eileen KOPPMAN, Richard, Donald MENGE, Mary LEE, John STAFFORD
- THIRD ROW: Donald, Christine DEMBLEWSKI, Peter, Barbara EBERL, Michael, Elaine DRYSDALE, William, Darlyn
- FOURTH ROW: Lenore COLUCCI, Joseph, Veronica LOVAS, Dennis, Barbara KELLER, Thomas FUTAK, LaDonna, James PFHOL
- FIFTH ROW: James, Susan FOGARTY, James, Kathleen LaRUSCH, Charles, Cathryn, Richard, Frances PACKARD
- FIFTH ROW: Ronald STANN, Michael, Mary Lou DeVINCENTIS, George UNGER, John D., Doreen, Harlen WENDEL, John ANDRUSHAT

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ABBIE VERNON'S 3RD GRADE CLASS

Abbie's third grade class, St. Aloysius.jpg



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ROGER RITTER'S FIFTH GRADE CLASS IN EARLY 1950s



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ROGER RITTER POSING WITH NUNS AND STUDENTS



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ST.ALOYSIUS PRINTED SCHOOL HISTORY

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.

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