



St. Aloysius Gonzaga

PARISH COMMUNITY

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our goal, our purpose, is threefold:

- (1) to proclaim the saving mission of Jesus Christ through word and sacrament to the people of St. Aloysius Gonzaga Parish and to strengthen them as a Catholic Church Community;
- (2) to reach out and proclaim the good news to the un-baptized, the un-churched and the inactive; and
- (3) to impact our principles and beliefs upon the community in which we live.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga
1568 – 1591
Patron Saint of Youth

St. Aloysius Gonzaga is shown carrying a victim of the Roman plague. He eventually succumbed to the illness himself, dying at the age of twenty-three. He is seen in the Jesuit habit, which he donned, having left the royal courts and riches of his family castle.

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Pastor:

Rev. Peter J. Popadick

Weekend Assistants:

Rev. Adelmo P. Dunge, SJ

Rev. James L. Dugan, SJ

Parish Trustees:

Thomas L. Franczyk (Business Manager)

Richard W. Jauch

Pastoral Care/Parish Outreach Coordinator:

Sister Maryann Kolb, SSJ * 833-1715

Music Ministry/Choir Director:

Lee Peters * 207-0430

Religious Education/RCIA Coordinator:

Robert Rybarczyk * 688-1380

Web Master:

John Fahey * 510-6798

Evangelization Committee Coordinator:

John McMahon * 833-3454

Parish Council Contact:

To be Determined

Finance Committee Chairperson:

Thomas Gaulin * 833-1715

Eucharistic Adoration Director:

Frank Guglielmo * 832-1519

Pro-Life Coordinators Contact:

Rose Fera

Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Vigil of Holydays: 5:00 p.m.

Holydays: 6:45 and 8:30 a.m., 12:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday: 6:45 and 8:30 a.m. Saturdays: 8:30 a.m.



Confessions: Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.; anytime upon request

Devotions & Prayer:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mon.-Fri., 1:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Novena to St. Anthony & St. Theresa: Tuesday before 6:45 a.m. Mass

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent, 7:00 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Baptisms: During or after Sunday Masses; Parents are expected to complete Baptism Training Program.

Marriages: Registered couples should contact the Rectory six months in advance and are expected to complete the Pre-Cana Program.

Care of the Sick: The pastoral care of the sick and homebound is a priority of our parish ministers. Please notify the rectory immediately if someone is hospitalized, enters a health care facility or is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick or the Eucharist brought to the home.

Letters of Recommendation: Those chosen to be Godparents at Baptism or Sponsors at Confirmation are to be role models in the practice of the Catholic Faith. Therefore, those seeking a Letter of Recommendation are expected to attend Mass regularly, live according to Gospel Values, be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and be generous in their service of others.

Parish Registration: New parishioners are always welcome within the Community of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. Members of the Evangelization Committee meet with new parishioners, sharing with them information on our parish and inviting the new parishioners to become actively involved in the faith life and ministerial opportunities of our parish.

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019 — EASTER WEEKDAY, ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

6:45 AM St. Aloysius Parishioners & Their Families
8:30 AM Estate of Msgr. Matt Wendzikowski
10:00 AM Funeral Mass: Alma Grossman

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 — EASTER WEEKDAY, ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES

6:45 AM All Souls
8:30 AM Dominic Mancini—req. Dick Jauch

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019 — EASTER WEEKDAY, ST. RITA OF CASCIA

6:45 AM For the Military & their families—req. Friends from St. Al's
8:30 AM Joe Ducato— req. Dick Jauch

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 — EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45 AM William & Helen Popadick—req. Family
8:30 PM Sister Elizabeth Kovacs— req. Tom Franczyk

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2019 — EASTER WEEKDAY

6:45 AM Estate of Dorothy & Harry Dahlheimer
8:30 AM Richard & Thomas Kiener—req. Family

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019 — EASTER WEEKDAY, ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE

8:30 AM Estate of Leo & Evelyn Smith
5:00 PM James & Jean Becker—req. Daughter, Chris

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019 — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM Shirley Zimmerman—req. Family
11:00 AM Carole Peters (Birthday Remembrance)—req. Family
5:00 PM For all the souls in Purgatory—req. Anonymous

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Mary Davis, Loretta Phillips, Dorothy Hensen, Barbara Ross, Andrew Hashimi, William Bystrak, Andrew Richesin, Sarah Nelson, Dorothy Coyne, Maureen Michaels, Dottie Besant, Janice Kerber, Karen Mitchell, Al Stritzel, John Dedloff, Barbara Kelly, Susan Hilburger, Stacey Grant-Littleton, John & Lori Mento, Paulette Adams, Flora Perez, Susan Duquin, Theresa McKibbin, Anne Dyson, Lina Kujawski, Ruth Vaught, Mary Ellen Kern, Paul Pronti, Rose Oehler, Robert Clinch, Vivian Kurylo, Rylin Boncore, Charlotte Braun, Timothy Martin, Harry Flynn, Elaine Luparello, Mary and Ferd Philipps, Joshua Rudnicki, Marilyn Roof, John Gatti, Dominic Palmeri, Ashley Kern, Thomas Martin, Louis Augello, Sue Hartke, Nick Ball, John Halper, Luvena Moore, Eileen Somogye, David, Joy Berry, Father Michael Uebler, Hal Lane, John Albarella, Mary Ann Talarico, Joseph Craddock, Davina Kollaranska, Marilyn Fiegel, Ken Schuh, Maureen Boncore, Esther Curtin, Felix Mayer, Anne Stepien, Alaina Drzyzga, Kim Paul, Rose Causley, Noah Curr, Eric G., Joe Weber, Bob Butters, Charles Ferella, Mary O'Farrell, and all our parishioners in Nursing Homes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: Father Paul J. Dugan (a Jesuit, ordained in 1956, Canisius College), Dr. Craig Stump (professor and mentor of Dr. Andrew Forrestel, who worships at St. Aloysius Gonzaga)

WEEKLY STATISTICS

Weekly Collection \$6,162.00 (Last Year: \$4,685.00)
Weekly Attendance 359 People

Jesus said: "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a



Readings for the week of May 19, 2019

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 1]/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

FRIDAY BINGO: We begin at 7:30 PM in the school; doors open at 6:15 PM. Prizes total \$3,000. Games are all paper. Assigned workers are asked to report by 6:30 PM.
SATURDAY BINGO: Doors open at noon; Bingo games start at 1:00 PM. Prizes total \$1,800+.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD OF GOD: John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

- reflection prepared by parishioner, John Fahey

IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS: Dear brothers and sisters: let us put the Living One at the center of our lives. Let us ask for the grace not to be carried by the current, the sea of our problems; the grace not to run aground on the shoals of sin or crash on the reefs of discouragement and fear. Let us seek him, let us allow ourselves to be sought out by him, let us seek him in all things and above all things. And with him, we will rise again.

VATICAN BASILICA, HOLY SATURDAY,
20 APRIL 2019

LATIN AMERICAN COLLECTION: Because we are part of a "Church" bigger than our Parish Family of St. Aloysius Gonzaga – and bigger than the Diocese of Buffalo – wherever the Church is in need we have an obligation to assist if at all possible. The Catholic Community in Central America and Latin America is in need of our help – spiritually and financially. Our help is needed to bring the Gospel to the poor, to educate and form future Priests and Religious, to provide training for lay ministers, to assist parishes in the care for the sick, elderly and homeless, to engage youth in the life of the Church. This is why we have an annual collection for the Church in Latin America. We have a responsibility to help the Church in Latin and Central America meet the pastoral, spiritual, and human needs of our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout Latin America.

The Collection for Latin America is taken up this weekend. Your support for the Latin America Collection is needed and encouraged. There will be only ONE collection – so please place your special envelope in the regular collection basket. God will bless you!

JUBILEE CELEBRATION: This Saturday (May 18) Bishop Richard Malone celebrated a special Mass in St. Joseph Cathedral honoring Women Religious of our Diocese observing special anniversaries of their Religious Profession. Sister Maryann Kolb and Sister Mary Marcine were two of the Sisters honored at the Mass.

Sister Maryann Kolb is celebrating her 65th Anniversary of Profession as a Sister of St. Joseph. Sister Mary Marcine is celebrating her 60th Anniversary of Profession as a Felician Sister. How blessed we are to have the presence and ministry of these two Sisters within our family of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. Their witness to the Gospel and their service to the people are true Gifts of God deepening the faith-life and pastoral care of our parishioners and neighbors.

The community of St. Aloysius Gonzaga joins Msgr. Popadick in extending prayerful congratulations to Sister Maryann and Sister Marcine. May the Lord bless them, keep them in His Care and give them His peace.

MAGNIFICAT – SPIRITUALITY FOR WOMEN: Magnificat Ministry invites all women to a morning of praise, prayer and testimony to help women experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The morning program takes place on Saturday, June 15th, at the Millennium Hotel, Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, beginning at 9 AM. Guest speaker is Eileen Benthall, a certified professional coach, writer and national speaker. For more information, call Maureen Wilson at 716-683-2290 or visit www.facebook.com/magnificatbuffalo.

Once again, the parish will most eagerly sponsor any women who wish to participate in this Magnificat Event.

CATHOLIC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Just a reminder: the date of our next meeting of our Catholic Book Discussion Group has been changed to **WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH**, at 7PM in the rectory. Participants will finish up our discussion of Chapter 4, "Signs of Holiness in Today's World", of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Rejoice and Be Glad*. Copies of the Discussion Outline can be obtained in the Trautenberg Library and at the rectory. Take up the challenge of Pope Francis that our spiritual journey – our quest for holiness – our desire to become a saint – will not be hindered by our desire to seek a church that is a "museum of memories". Please feel free to attend the discussion meeting even if you have not read the book or attended previous discussions. All are welcome!

GRATITUDE TO OUR CATECHISTS: As another year of our Religious Formation Program comes to a close, a word of gratitude needs to be expressed to our catechists: Tina Boyd, Lisa MacKay, Patty DiNatalie, Kathleen Mychajliw, Hal and Nancy Lane, and Jillian Schmidt. These dedicated Catechists truly shared the Good News of Jesus not just by how they taught the young people of our parish but also – and far more importantly – by the very example of their lives. Parents, of course, are the first teachers in the ways of Faith. But our Catechists certainly assist parents in a common goal of helping our youth grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and their understanding of the Teachings of our Catholic Church. All of this is accomplished under the careful supervision of our Director of Faith Formation, Bob Rybarczyk.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the Ministry of a Catechist or feels a "calling" to become involved in the Religious Education Program of our parish, please contact Bob Rybarczyk (688-1380) or speak with Father Peter. You will find the ministry to be a true grace in your life as you prepare our youth to become the next generation of leaders, servants and ministers in our parish and our Church.

GUARDIAN ANGELS HOME-SCHOOL COOPERATIVE: The Guardian Angel (Home-School) Learning Cooperative has completed another academic year. The good news is that they will return in September, praying with us at Mass and using our school building on Tuesdays. The Tuesday morning Mass attendees will certainly miss the beautiful way Grace and Monica read the Word of God, Luke and Thomas serve Mass, Anthony and Joseph bring up the gifts at the Offertory, and the wonderful way everyone sings at the end of Mass.

A copy of the Guardian Angel Yearbook for 2018-2019 has been placed in our Trautenberg Library. Stop by and browse through the yearbook. It is a wonderful way to come to know and experience the young people and the families of Guardian Angel. Our prayerful best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer vacation.

200 YEARS – SISTERS OF ST. MARY OF NAMUR: To celebrate the 200th Anniversary of their founding as a Religious Order, the Sisters of St. Mary invite us to an afternoon multi-cultural celebration of story, songs and dance as an act of gratitude to God for all of God's gifts given, received and shared with the Sisters over these 200 years. This celebration will take place on Sunday, June 9th, from 2 to 4 PM at Mt. St. Mary Auditorium, 3756 Delaware Avenue, Kenmore. If you were taught by the Sisters of St. Mary, are a graduate of "the Mount", joined them in their ministry to the poor, participated in their efforts to build a more just society, prayed with them, you will certainly want to celebrate with them on June 9th, as the Sisters give praise and thanks to God for 2 centuries of service to the People of God. For more information: contact Sister Laura Lesniak at 716-880-6252.

SUMMERFEST: Hopefully this week our 2019 Summerfest mailing will reach your home – raffle tickets, suggestions on how you can help make the event a success, opportunities for donating items for our Theme Baskets and packages of soda, water and "adult" beverages. Summerfest is important for our parish not only because it generates additional funding for all we do here at St. Al's, but also because it brings together workers as well as brings home former parishioners, graduates of our school and friends for a wonderful afternoon of food, music, arts and crafts, BBQ chicken and rib dinners, awesome Theme Baskets...and whatever else we (you) can think of to help make the event successful. Summerfest leadership is always looking for creative ideas on how to make the event even more successful. Start spreading the word that St. Al's Summerfest is Sunday, June 30th, from Noon to 6PM. If you would like to help create Theme Baskets, call the rectory for time, day and place. All you can do to help make our 2019 Summerfest a success is deeply appreciated. Thank you!

2019 GRADUATES: The Community of St. Aloysius Gonzaga wishes to acknowledge the young people of our parish family graduating from elementary and high schools, colleges and universities this spring. It is wonderful to celebrate the academic achievements of our children, youth and young adults. If a member of your family (or even a former parishioner you know about) is graduating this year, please make sure this Information Form is returned to the rectory at your convenience.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
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OTHER INFORMATION: _____
FUTURE PLANS: _____

As our graduates complete their studies and journey into the future, we assure them of our prayers and just know that with their education – as well as with their Faith and Love – they will make a difference in our Church and our world.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Colleen and Jean, Parish Catholic Charities Leaders, are pleased to report that our parish contribution to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal and Bishop's Fund for the Faith Drive has inched up to \$43,480.00 as of Wednesday, May 15th. But it is much more than just collecting money and reaching our parish goal (\$48,400.85). Each of the dollars donated will be used to bring Hope to a neighbor in need. If that neighbor needs food immediately, long term counseling, guidance on conquering an addiction, education to find job – Catholic Charities is there to bring Hope! If the neighbor needs pastoral care in a health care facility, the presence of the Church on college campus, formation of youth for leadership roles in our society and our Church, the Bishop's Fund for the Faith is there to bring Hope!

If you have not yet had a chance to make a donation to this year's Appeal and Drive, please consider doing so as soon as possible. If you have never contributed before, a first time gift would be huge in bringing Hope to a neighbor in need. Remember Bishop Malone has made it very clear that any gifts received will be used only for the goals and purposes of Catholic Charities and the Fund for the Faith – to bring Hope to our neighbors in need – and absolutely none of the donations will be used to address the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis.

Your donation is needed because more and more of our neighbors live without any Hope at all. If at all possible, please be as generous as you can in supporting the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal and Bishop's Fund for the Faith Drive. There is only one reason to donate – we believe that whatever we do for the: least of our sisters and brothers in need, we do for Jesus Himself. The neighbor living without Hope is Jesus in disguise, Amen!

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP: Catholic Health Care will host a Stroke Support Group on Tuesday, May 28th, at 12:15PM at Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Elmwood Avenue, Kenmore. Learn more about cognitive changes after a stroke, treatment options, tips and strategies to handle these new challenges. Guest Speaker is neuropsychologist, Nina Zali. For more information on this Support Group Ministry/Outreach or to make reservations to attend, contact HealthConnections at 716-447-6205 or visit: www.chsbuffalo.org/events.

WORDS OF LIFE: "Patients need to be able to trust their doctors to always care for their lives and never deliberately to cause death...Patients facing serious illness may feel hopeless and depressed, as though their lives have lost meaning. Addressing psychological, emotional and spiritual problems is essential to palliative care. Assisted suicide alleviates none of these problems, but gives in to them."

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