

50-Year History of St. Aloysius Church, Auburn, Shows Loyalty of Pioneers

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and Joyce Van Patton.

The alumni of St. Aloysius School number 1,180.

During the period of Father McGraw's pastorate, no complete record was kept of the highest averages of the graduating classes, but those are available for the period from 1906 to 1950.

PASTOR'S GOLD MEDALS

1906 — Timothy Sullivan, 1907 — Paul Callahan, 1908 — William Kokes, 1909 — Francis Napleton, 1910 — Edward Gaynor, 1911 — John Donnelly, 1912 — John Newcomb, 1913 — James J. Conroy, 1914 — Joseph Sullivan, 1915 — Francis Latta, 1916 — Robert Conroy, 1917 — Joseph Chiles, 1918 — Thomas Nagle, 1919 — Lee Dalton, 1920 — Rose Dalton, 1921 — Marie Collins, 1922 — Mary Grady, 1923 — Thomas Stegwald, 1924 — Mary Feltz, 1925 — Joan Gregory, 1926 — Joan Keegan, 1927 — Robert Dalton, 1928 — John Belmont, 1929 — Mary Herring.

THE CAPTAIN WHITE MEDALS

1906 — Alice Dickson, 1907 — Francis Donnelly, 1908 — Francis Newcomb, 1909 — Agnes Nease, 1910 — Lee Manley, 1911 — John Kemp, 1912 — Agnes McMillan, 1913 — Rose Mary Rooney, 1914 — Anne O'Connell, 1915 — Elizabeth O'Brien, 1916 — George Wilson, 1917 — William Keegan, 1918 — Ralph Howe, 1919 — Thomas Scott, 1920 — George J. Long, 1921 — Mary Gleason, 1922 — Louise O'Byrne, 1923 — Christopher DePalma, 1924 — Joan Kudock, 1925 — Mary Keegan, 1926 — Frankie Conille, 1927 — Shirley Kany, 1928 — Carmel Manly, 1929 — Norren Anderson.

ST. JOSEPH SISTERS who have been ministered at St. Aloysius School include:

Sister M. Feltz, Sister M. Georgina, Sister M. Scholastic, Sister M. Helena, Sister M. Ernestine, Sister M. Agnes, Sister M. Josephine, Sister M. Bernard, Sister M. Josephine, Sister M. Maria, Sister M. Elizabeth, Sister M. Thomas, Sister M. Charles.

SISTER ELIZABETH PAUL, Sister Jean de Chantal, Sister Paul Margaret, Sister Helen Louise, Sister M. Cecile, Sister M. Charles, Sister Marie Xavier, Sister Walter Marie, Sister Rose Ann, Sister Ruth Agnes.

SISTER CATHARINE JOE, Sister St. Stanislaus, Sister M. Alberta, Sister Francis George, Sister Joseph Gilmory, Sister M.

Blanche, Sister M. Marion, Sister Corn Marie, Sister M. Josephine and Sister M. Placide.

St. Joseph Sisters who taught at St. Aloysius and who are now deceased:

SISTER M. TERESA, Sister M. Theresa, Sister M. Ferdinand, Sister M. Hilda, Sister M. Adie, Sister Clotilda, Sister M. Colette, Sister M. Louise, Sister M. Stella, Sister M. Henrietta, Sister M. Imelda, Sister M. Augustus, Sister Anna Marie, Sister M. Adrian, Sister M. Aurora, Sister M. Aledia, Sister M. Alicia, Sister M. Avallina, Sister M. Edmunda, and Sister M. Mariana.

LAY TEACHERS who have taught at St. Aloysius School include Mary Keeler, Agnes Morgan Nolan, Loretta Quick, Marlon Chase, Alice McCormick Cole, and Elizabeth Shamon.

THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS the fifth anniversary of the St. Aloysius Holy Name Bowling League. In August 1946, members of the Holy Name Society of St. Aloysius met to organize a bowling league for their members and so with the permission of Father Crowley, this league was started. It is an eight team league, although one year there were ten teams. The names of the teams are: Georgetown, Notre Dame, Santa Clara, Villanova, Holy Cross, Loyola, Canisius and Congasa. Two teams have won the Trophy twice, they are Santa Clara and Georgetown; while Loyola won it once.

Although many of the members of the league had rolled a 200 total before joining the league, there are two members that had rolled this coveted total after joining, namely John Terry who rolled 713 and Paul J. Grady who rolled 711.

THE HIGH-LIGHT of the season which even surpasses the Annual Banquet in the trip of the whole league to Rochester, N. Y., for the Annual Holy Name Tournament. Everyone looks forward to this great event.

The St. Aloysius Holy Name Bowling League's success has rested upon the great spirit of cooperation of all its members.

ST. ALOYSIUS Parish has always been athletically minded, but the peak of its fame for physical prowess came with the famous basketball team of 1934, champions in the Catholic Church League sponsored by the City Recreation Commission. This city title, the St. Aloysius team held for four consecutive years. The team consisted of: Feltz, Newcomb, Paul Grady, Ernest Newcomb, Wm. Jones, Raymond Muldoon, Louis Jones, Alfred Bronson, John Donnelly, with Henry Russell as coach.

In 1934, the team was given a testimonial banquet sponsored by the Holy Name Society with

the following committee: Pres. Wm. Gaynor, Vice-Pres. Wm. Marks, Secretary, James Lawler, also Frank Reisdorf, John Reisdorf, Joseph Carberry, Joseph Brown, Harold Jones, John Hogan, James Shaw, Peter Lynch, Wm. Aubin, Joseph Costello, and Thomas Molloy.

In 1936 and 1939 the team numbered the following: Conches Henry Russell and George Higgins, Mgr. Henry Jones, Joseph Brochin, Alfred Bronson, Ray Dishi, Paul Friedel, Louis Jones, Paul Grady, Fidelis and Ernest Newcomb, Capt. Raymond Muldoon, Wm. Jones, and mascot Eugene Gleason.

In 1937, the Champions were the following: Coach George Higgins, Louis Jones, Capt. Paul Grady, Wm. Dunn, John Donnelly, Ray Muldoon, James Kerwin, Ray Diehl, Paul Friedel, and Joseph Brechus.

THE FOLLOWING men have served down through the years as trustees: William Stafford, John Martin, David Acre, James Murray, John Gleason, Thomas Newcomb, James Lawler, Sr., William A. Aubin, Patrick Shea. The auditors have been: Francis X. Gilbert, Martin Crohan, James Murray, Joseph O'Brien, John Gleason, James Lawler, William Aubin, Clarence Hayden, John Reisdorf, Charles B. Rice, Paul Grady.

The collectors and clerks were: James Murray, Elmer Gilbert, John F. Ryan, Wm. McDonald, John Ginnily, Henry LeMay, John Currier, John Healy, Henry Guertin, Rodrick W. Forgette, James Lawler, Jr., Wm. Gaynor, Joseph Lynch, and Joseph Shaw.

DURING WORLD WAR I, 132 members of the Parish served in the Armed Forces. There were no deaths in battle. Two of the young men died in this country. They were James O'Connor and Raymond Wright.

In World War II, a total of 175 men and women were in Service. This figure is broken down as follows: Army, 123; Navy, 31; Marines, 12; Nurses, 2; WACS, 4. The Parish suffered five casualties in this war. They were: P.F.C. John Robert O'Byrne, T/Sgt. Frederick Bishop, 1st Lt. Robert Callahan, Lt. Lee Secaur, and P.F.C. Michael Speen.

IN THE CURRENT Korean conflict, an alumnus of the School, 1st Lt. John J. Ragucci, is officially listed as "missing in action," as of January 1, 1951. Lt. Ragucci is a graduate of West Point. Another alumnus of St. Aloysius who graduated from the United States Military Academy is Major Fidelis Newcomb. The children of the school were patriotic and generous in their purchase of war stamps and bonds, as is evidenced by the fact that from September 1, 1942

to Dec. 31, 1942, alone their total purchases amounted to \$1,886.45.

AS OF JAN. 1, 1951, the holding in real property of the St. Aloysius Church Corporation were valued at \$295,860.00.

They include the red brick and stone school and church combination at 182 Van Anden St., the two story brick church hall and school rooms, commonly known as "The Grand," at 191 Wall St., the two and one half story frame rectory at 150 Van Anden St., the two story convent at 159 Van Anden St., two garages at the rear of the rectory and convent, and the house adjoining and adjacent to the Church property proper. These are at 103 Wall St. and at 157, 158, 161, and 164 Van Anden Street.

ONE OF THE very unique features of St. Aloysius Church is its all-male choir. Since 1926, this choir has been in existence. In fact, its organization was one of the very first things done by Father Crowley, who invited the late Rev. George V. Predmore to supervise its beginnings. For many years until his resignation in 1941, the director was the late Frank Brannick.

THE FOLLOWING members will sing the Golden Jubilee Mass: Clarence Hayden, Frank Dickson, Lewis Tonzl, John George, Anthony Falconi, John Bacon, William Sullivan, Edmund Zalone, and Fred Herring. Mrs. Fred Herring has been organist since 1941. Former organists were Frank Newcomb, Sister Estelle, Beatrice Austin O'Donnell, Loretta Quirk Forgett, and Milanie Bartolomew.

India Catholics Lag In Medical Service

Madras, India — (NC) — Indian Catholics are lagging far behind other Christian denominations in providing medical services for their countrymen. Dr. Teresa Masalamani, Catholic woman doctor, told a meeting of the Catholic Medical Guild here. To support her statement, Dr. Masalamani cited the following figures: Protestants have five medical colleges in India; Catholics have none. Protestant organizations operate 310 first-rate hospitals in the country; Catholics only 44. Protestants run 12 T.B. sanitariums; Catholics one. Protestants operate 17 institutions for the deaf, dumb and blind; Catholics one. Protestants conduct 409 dispensaries; Catholics only 206.

Two Bishops Leave Red China

Hong Kong (AP) — Bishop Gatacre (R.C.M.) and Bishop Gatacre (M.C.M.) left for apollo in Kiangsi province, arrived here after being expelled from the Chinese Communist regime.

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Philippine Nuncio Heads Diplomats

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of their parents, was blessed. Solemn Vespers and Benediction were celebrated with Rev. Michael Quirk of Peoria, Ill., as celebrant, Rev. Andrew Diesset as deacon, and Rev. Francis Walker as subdeacon. The Rev. B. L. Quirk preached the sermon on the life of St. Ann.

The ground in the rear of 158 Van Anden St. was excavated for enlarging the children's playground. Final leveling was done by the following men of the parish: Dennis Connors, Patrick Corrigan, James McDermott, Wm. Nugent, Severa Vallincourt, and Alfred Bronson.

In March, 1917, the parish quota for the new episcopal residence on East Avenue was \$750. It was paid May 23, 1917.

On Sept. 21, 1917, Father McGraw's anniversary, 103 Wall St. was purchased for the sum of \$2,800.

On April 7, 1918, Sister Alletta's sixth grade gave an entertainment which brought in \$69. On April 14, Sister Clotilda's eighth grade gave a dramatic version of "The Lady of the Lake." Sullivan's orchestra furnished the music. \$45 was raised.

The 1917 lawn fête opened on Sept. 9. \$1,661.05 was raised. The doll contest was won by Mary McGrath, the ring contest by Patricia Grady, and the bicycle contest by John Flynn.

During October, 1917, the Spanish influenza raged throughout the city, and the church and school, for the first time since they opened, were forced to be closed for three weeks. Services were resumed on the Feast of All Saints. During the plague, 18 funerals were held from the church.

In 1919, in the campaign to pay off the debt on St. Bernard's Seminary, the quota for St. Aloysius was \$780. \$1,225.00 was raised.

MERCY HOSPITAL was blessed by Bishop Hickey Sept. 14, 1919.

April 18, 1920 — drive opened to raise \$2,000 on existing debt, and \$2,000 on the price of the recently purchased 157 Van Anden St. "It was a great success."

The Rev. John C. Newcomb was ordained priest and returned to St. Aloysius to offer his first solemn Mass.

July 11, 1925 — Father McGrath was named pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, and a Father Crowley was named as pastor of St. Aloysius.

An Auburn Deaneary rally of 700 Sodallists was held at the "Grand" on Jan. 29, 1932. Featured speakers were Fr. Daniel Lord, S.J., Miss Dorothy Willman, national Sodality official, and Bishop.

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of O'Hern. The Rev. Earl Ritz greatly responsible for the success of the rally.

February 24, 1923 — Father McGrath founder and first pastor of St. Aloysius, died at the age of 76. He was greatly mourned by the entire diocese, but especially so by his firm and fast friends of St. Aloysius.

May 21, 1933 — The St. Aloysius Footlight Club presented "George in a Jam" with the following cast: John Howard, Rita Landers, John Kemp, Clara McMillin, Wm. Scott, Alice Steigerwald, Mary Breschue, Frances Donovan, Edward Shamon, Gaetano Bove, and Elizabeth Russell. The stage crew consisted of Thomas Molloy, Peter Cresco, and John Sullivan.

MAY 23, 1933 — the beloved Bishop John Francis O'Hern passed to his eternal reward. August 31, 1933, Archbishop Edward Mooney was named as the fourth bishop of Rochester.

The Footlight Club scored again on Jan. 11 and 12, 1934, with "The Valley of Ghosts," starring the following young people: Rita Landers, Alice Steigerwald, Frances Donovan, Mildred O'Brien, Elizabeth Russell, Dorothy Currier, Wm. Kehoe, John Howard, Edward Shamon, Harold Jones, John Kemp, Joseph O'Connor, and Thomas Molloy as stage manager.

St. Aloysius Basketball Team won the City Catholic League trophy for 1934, and they held this crown for four consecutive years.

June 8, 1934 — two boys of the Parish, the Rev. Edward C. Newcomb and Rev. Raymond P. Nolan were ordained to the priesthood and they returned to their home parish to offer their first solemn Mass.

In 1934, St. Aloysius Holy Name Society was 12th in the diocese wide Holy Name Society subscription drive for the Catholic Courier.

June 15, 1935 — three boys of the parish received the Sacrament of Holy Orders at the Cathedral in Rochester. They were the Rev. William Gaynor, the Rev. Francis Heiser, and the Rev. Thomas Manley. All three offered their first solemn Masses in St. Aloysius Church.

Sept. 12, 1935, Sister Estelle celebrated her silver jubilee.

FATHER CROWLEY observed the 25th anniversary of his ordination, June 29, 1936.

For six consecutive years, the children of St. Aloysius won first prize in their Division B of the Catholic Courier Student Crusade of the Catholic Press Association.

June 1, 1937, Archbishop Mooney was transferred to Detroit, and Father Walter Foery was named Bishop of Syracuse. Father Crowley, who preceded Bishop Foery as Director of Catholic Charities of the Rochester Diocese, served as winebearer at the consecration of the new bishop.

Bishop James E. Kearney of Salt Lake City was named as the fifth Bishop of Rochester, August 5, 1937.

April 19, 1939 — the graduation classes of 1930-1936 held a reunion banquet at the "Grand." May 12, 1939, the Rev. Laurence Calkins, O.S.M. inaugurated the

Perpetual Novena of the Sorrows of the Mother at St. Aloysius Church.

June 9, 1939, Father Crowley was named as administrator of St. Ann's, Hornell, and the Rev. Andrew Diesset was appointed as successor to Father Crowley. On June 18, Bishop Kearney rescinded Father Crowley's transfer at the latter's request and reappointed him to St. Aloysius. On June 18, 1939, the combined societies of the parish held a hurriedly planned party to honor their "new" pastor and to commemorate the 28th anniversary of his ordination.

July 25, 1939 — the alumni of St. Aloysius School held a reunion banquet at the Osborne Hotel. Over 400 graduates attended. On October 16, 1939, the Alumni of the School organized with the following officers elected: President, Edward Fenecey, 1st vice president, John Howard, 2d vice president, Frances Donovan, secretary, Mary Agnes Brennan, treasurer, Mae Lahanan. Trustees were chosen as follows: Mrs. Frederick Bennett, Paul Grady, and George Cuskey. The executive council consisted of: Loretta Donahue, Joan Newcomb, Francis Soloman, Mrs. Gervais Nolin, Bernadine Erving, Elizabeth Russell, Anna Burns, Frank O'Connor, Margaret Irving, Bernice Russell, Marcella Conway, Josephine Marone, Mary Burns, Bernice Hickey, and James Russell.

THE REV. ALBERT SHAMON was ordained to the priesthood on May 18, 1940, offering his first solemn Mass on Sunday, May 19.

August 17, 1940 — Sister Estelle was transferred to Rochester after 25 years of service, the longest term of service of any nun ever assigned to the parish school.

ARCHBISHOP HICKEY died on Dec. 10, 1940.

In November, 1940, St. Aloysius contributed \$387.00 to the Nazareth College Drive.

March 2, 1941 — Boy Scout Troop, No. 24, of St. Aloysius Parish was officially inaugurated.

It has flourished for the ten years of its existence, due to the work of Father Haffey and the efforts of the scoutmasters: Thomas Molloy, Francis Bennett, Paul Grady and Francis O'Connor.

April 25, 1941 — Frank Brannick resigned as choir director after years of faithful service.

Rev. Edward Shamon was ordained a priest on June 6, 1942 and he offered his first solemn Mass in St. Aloysius Church the next day.

The St. Aloysius Holy Name Club held its annual banquet Monday night, March 1, 1943, at the Hollywood restaurant. Father Crowley gave a talk on his trip to Europe in 1936.

FATHER CROWLEY served as deacon of honor to Bishop Kearney at the Auburn Deaneary observation of the 75th anniversary of the diocese at a solemn pontifical Mass offered by Bishop Kearney at Holy Family Church on Nov. 23, 1943.

In the 1944 drive for St. Andrew's Seminary, the parish quota was \$2,000.00. The final amount raised by the people of St. Aloysius was \$4,328.25.

July 10, 1946 — approximately 500 graduates of St. Aloysius School attended the Alumni Banquet at the Osborne Hotel.

June 1, 1947 was the date of the first solemn Mass of the Rev. Joseph O'Connor, a boy of the parish, who was ordained for the Trenton, New Jersey, diocese on May 31.

February, 1948 — the Church was redecorated by John D'Arcangelo of Buffalo. At the same time, the church and rectory were both insulated.

The Rev. Emmett Magee, the first alumnus of St. Aloysius School, and a boy of the parish, died February 12, 1951.

Lt. John Ragucci, an alumnus of St. Aloysius, missing in action in Korea, wrote in his last letter home that his family and friends should accept the will of God if they should not hear from him again. In the spirit of Fatima, Lt. Ragucci said, "Accept it as the price our generation must pay for ours and our ancestors' sins."

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