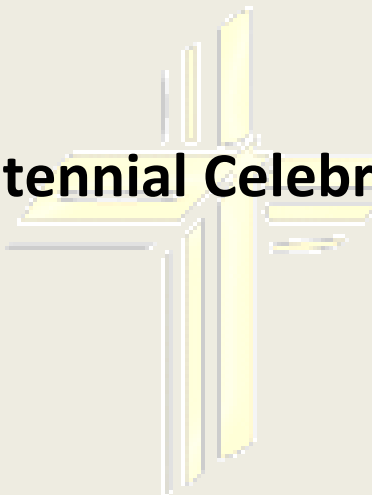


1958

Centennial Celebration



The Chancery

**Diocese of Buffalo
35 Lincoln Parkway
Buffalo 22, N. Y.**

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November 17, 1958

Dear Father Noe:

I am pleased to extend to you and to the good people of Sacred Heart Parish my sincere congratulations upon the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the parish. For one hundred years the welfare and happiness of the people of Dunkirk have been enhanced by the spiritual and temporal contributions made by the priests and people of your parish.

Through the work of the priests and sisters who have served with unselfish devotion, the children have been instructed and trained in Catholic doctrine, the Gospel has been preached, souls have been helped, the dying have been prepared for eternity.

Through the zealous work and deep spiritual devotion of your people, the lives of countless souls have been influenced for good, both within and outside of the Faith. The generosity and the fervent love of your people for God and His Holy Church have been an inspiration to the Diocese.

Truly, the work of the Divine Master has been carried on at Sacred Heart Parish. May I ask the people of the parish on the occasion of their Centenary to reconsecrate themselves to Holy Mother Church and to renew and expand their devotion to their parish.

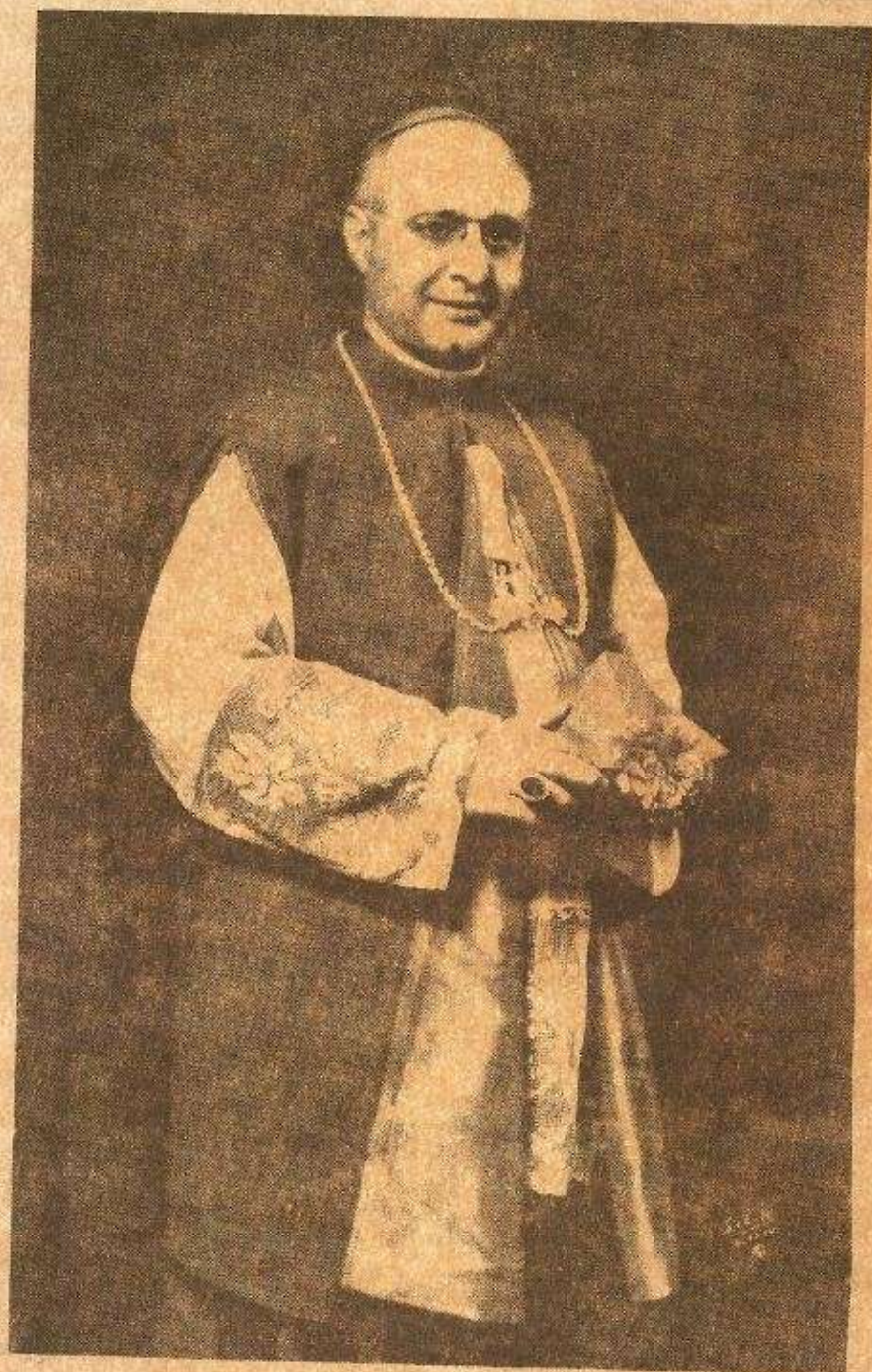
It is my sincere prayer that Sacred Heart Parish will have a glorious future as it continues to serve the people of Dunkirk. May God bless you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**JOSEPH A. BURKE
Bishop of Buffalo**



THE MOST REVEREND JOSEPH ALOYSIUS BURKE, D.D.
Bishop of Buffalo



**Solemn Pontifical High Mass
of Thanksgiving**

CELEBRANT

MOST REV. CELESTINE J. DAMIANO, D.D.

Apostolic Delegate to South Africa



REVEREND JULIUS O. NOE



INTERIOR OF SACRED HEART CHURCH

1958

Banquet Sunday Will Conclude Church Program

The celebration of Sacred Heart church's centennial opened this morning with a solemn requiem high mass being offered for the deceased parishioners and benefactors of the church.

At 7:30 this evening there will be the opening of a triduum in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, patron of the parish. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Xavier Grouer, CP.

Friday morning at 8:15 there will be a solemn high mass offered for the children of the parish. The Mothers' club will serve breakfast for the children after the services.

Friday evening, following the triduum services, there will be the blessing of the new addition to the church, confessionals, baptistry and also the statue of St. Ann that was donated to the church in memory of Lawrence N. Kaiser by his associates at Alco Products.

Saturday morning at 8:15 the deceased priests and nuns who served the parish in former years will be remembered in a solemn requiem high mass.

Saturday evening there will be the solemn closing of the triduum.

A solemn pontifical high mass of thanksgiving will be offered at 9:15 a.m. Sunday with the Most Rev. Celestino Daryano, DD, apostolic delegate to South Africa, as celebrant. The Rev. Julius O. Noe will be the arch priest, the

Rev. Paschal Drew, CP, will be the master of ceremonies. The Very Rev. Rupert Langenstein, CP, will be the deacon, the Rev. Herman Kollig, CP, sub-deacon, the Rev. Francis Moriarty, honorary deacon, and the Rev. Francis X. Kreutz, honorary sub-deacon.

Father Rupert will deliver the sermon. The uniformed ranks of the Knights of St. John and the Knights of Columbus will act as an honorary escort to the archbishop.

Closing Banquet

Sunday afternoon the centennial program will come to a close with a banquet being served at 4 o'clock at Floral hall. Arthur E. Kaiser, D.Ed., will act as toastmaster. The Rt. Rev. Magr. Edmund O'Connor, dean of northern Chautauque county, will give the invocation. The speaker will be Rt. Rev. Msgr. Roman J. Noever, chief of the army chaplains during World War II. Benediction will be offered by the pastor, Father Noe.

1858 - 1958 The Centennial of Our Parish

SUNDAY, Dec. 7, 1958 SOLEMN PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

Most Rev. Celestine J. Damiano, D. D.
Apostolic Delegate to South Africa

Archpriest

Rev. Julius O. Noe

Master of Ceremonies

Rev. Paschal Drew, C.P.

Deacon - Rev. Rupert Langenstein; Sub-Deacon - Rev. Herman Kollig, C.P.
On. Deacon - Rev. Francis Moriarity; Sub-Deacon - Rev. F. S. Kreutz

Sermon by - - - Very Rev. Rupert Langenstein, C.P.

Singing of the Mass by the Sacred Heart Church Choir
Directed by Mrs. Colleta Fox, Organist.

Special Note:

The most Rev. Celestine J. Damiano, D.D., is a native of Dunkirk, who lived at the corner of Ruggles St. and Talcott. He was spending his vacation with his family at the time of our Centennial celebration, and willingly agreed to take part in the festivities, for which our parishioners will be forever most grateful.

The church records show that there were 475 families in our thriving parish. There were 3,946 baptisms, 1,074 marriages and 1,533 funerals during the past 100 years. Such is some of the work accomplished in Sacred Heart Church during the past century. It was made possible only through the blessings of God, and the self-sacrifice of our many good pastors, dedicated nuns and generous parishioners. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus continue to shower his blessings on our congregation, so that we may continue to grow and flourish in the knowledge and love of Christ Our Lord, in the years ahead.

THANKFUL APPRECIATION

Ever since the founding of our parish a century ago, we have been very fortunate to have so many self-sacrificing parishioners and benefactors who made very generous contributions to our church.

Every generation down through the years, accepted their responsibilities of maintaining and improving our parish facilities. To all of them, we owe our deep appreciation. We also feel that the responsibilities handed down to this present generation, were accepted and fulfilled, when our Centennial drive for funds was over-subscribed. To all of those who helped make the Appeal such a great success, thus maintaining the tradition of generosity handed down to us by our forefathers, we extend our sincere gratitude.

THE CENTENNIAL BANQUET AT FLORAL HALL

SUNDAY, DEC. 7, 1958

Dinner at 4 PM

Toastmaster
Arthur L. Kaiser, D. Ed.

Invocation
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edmund O'Connor, S.T.B., V.F.

Principal Speaker
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Roman J. Nuwer

Benediction by Rev. Julius O. Noe

Music by the Woodcliffe Orchestra

General Chairman: Henry Altwies

Assisted by Representatives from -

St. Ann's Society - Mrs. Barbara Braun	Knights of St. J. - John Tynan
Mothers Club ----- Gertrude Stumpf	Holy Name - J. Mancuso
Bishop's Committee Angela Kemp	St. Joseph's - H. Schweyer
KOFJ Ladies Aux --- Mable Groesch	St. Vin. de Paul H. Stroelein

THE START OF BINGO GAMES IN OUR PARISH

The Knights of St. John made a sizable pledge to the Centennial Appeal, and in order to raise the money to meet the obligation, they made an agreement with Father Noe to conduct weekly Bingo Games, with the understanding that the first profits realized, would be used to pay off the Commandery's pledge. After that debt to the parish was satisfied, the Knights would continue to conduct, and supervise the weekly games, with the church receiving all of the profits. Fred Cloos was named chairman of this important Bingo Committee in 1958, and he continued to serve in that capacity until 1975. Without any doubt, most of the credit of raising about \$225,000 realized from the games, plus the interest from the Bingo Funds invested, must go to Fred Cloos. His dedicated services through the years kept the games thriving, and the parish owes him a debt of gratitude for his untiring efforts in making our parish financially sound.

SPECIAL NOTE ON SPENDING BINGO PROCEEDS

The primary reason for legalizing Bingo Games in New York State was to permit Catholic Churches to run games in order to meet the ever increasing cost of providing Catholic Education for their children.

The tuition fee for our grade school children who were attending St. Mary's school for the year 1974 reached an all-time high of \$445 per pupil. The total bill payable to St. Mary's

was about \$31,000. In addition, the parents paid \$30 per pupil for books, etc.

It is very evident that about 90% of the churches of the Diocese which have schools to support, run Bingo games, and use the proceeds to help finance their Catholic Education programs. We feel that it was VERY UNFAIR, that Sacred Heart Parish was singled out, and publicly criticized, for using these funds for educational purposes. They were openly declared as "Going in the RED" for doing so. Without any doubt, most every parish running games, are doing the very same thing, USING THE PROCEEDS of BINGO FOR WHAT IT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR, Catholic education. Many parishes sponsor more than one game per week in order to meet their expenses. In fact, Msgr. Joseph Schieder himself, who is pastor of St. Andrew's parish in Kenmore, conducts four GAMES per week.

The next few years were uneventful. Father Noe received word from the Chancery that he was to be transferred to Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Buffalo effective Sept. 8, 1960. His tenure in his new parish was relatively short as he passed away quite suddenly on May 4, 1962. Many of our parishioners, including the uniformed rank of the Knights of St. John, attended his funeral services which were held in Buffalo.

Rev. Howard Adolf, a former Assistant Pastor at Sacred Heart Church under Father Linsmeier, was appointed our new pastor. It was during his tenure that our annual Summer Festival was discontinued for various reasons. To replace this sizable source of income, Father Adolf suggested that the parishioners make comparable donations to a second collection that would be taken up every Sunday. The people responded in their usual generous manner in order to make a success of the new plan.

Father Adolf was very thrifty and took great pride in conducting the affairs of the parish in a businesslike way. He was very careful with the dollar, and on many occasions, one could find him in work clothes, doing meaningful chores around the church property himself, rather than hiring the work to be done.

Father Adolf was a very religious person and very dedicated to his vocation as a Spiritual leader. He, too, died very suddenly on Dec. 14, 1966. The Solemn funeral Mass was offered by Aux. Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana, with many priests of the Diocese in attendance. The uniformed rank of the Knights of St. John escorted the body to Lancaster, N. Y. where his burial took place. Very little publicity was ever given to our parishioners regarding the fact that Father Adolf bequeathed \$10,000 to our church in his will. He reaffirmed in a most practical way that he truly loved Sacred Heart Church and its parishioners.

Rev. Joseph Scharmach was appointed administrator of the parish by His Excellency, Bishop James McNulty. He acted in that capacity for a short time and then received the appointment as pastor.