



Angelus Letter
22 July 2022
LETTER #182

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Valencheck
Friday Confessions at 4PM

Saturday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Valencheck
Saturday Confessions at 9:30AM
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30PM with Fr. Bozek

Sunday Mass at 9AM with Fr. Valencheck
Sunday Mass at 11AM with Fr. Bozek
Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Pfeiffer

FESTIVAL THIS WEEKEND!

I hope you are looking forward to being part of your parish's first Summer Festival! The St. Sebastian Sanctuary Society is organizing a Summer Festival this coming Saturday, July 30, from 5-8PM in Z-Hall, on the grounds and in the courtyard. The event is a parish-wide outdoor fundraiser for the Sanctuary Society who is financially responsible for everything related to the altar, including the hosts, candles, flowers, and vestments for the clergy. The weather is promising to be great (it never rains on a St. Sebastian event) and I sure would like to see your face. The committee wanted me to pass along that tickets for the Bourbon Basket Raffle are sold out.

ST. SEBASTIAN IN THE NEWS

If you missed it, St. Sebastian Parish was featured a few times in the diocesan news last week. A video was created for the St. Sebastian Academy of Culture and Arts and you can watch it [HERE](#). There was also an article on the Brickstreet Jazz and Wine Festival. Find that article [HERE](#). Finally, there was an article about our Theology on the Rocks program, which was held last month at St. Paul Parish where Fr. Pfeiffer gave the talk. That article can be found [HERE](#).

FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT COMING UP

Ron Martin's Steel Drum Band will be performing in the courtyard on Thursday, August 4 at 7PM. Bring dinner or a snack if you wish and enjoy the evening. In the unlikely event of rain, the concert will move into Zwisler Hall.

RUNNING INTO ST. SEBASTIAN EVERYWHERE

In place of *Letters from the Forgotten Cabinet*, this week I will tell you about how I kept hearing about St. Sebastian Parish at the conference I attended this past week. There were about 250 priests from all over the United States and from a number of other countries. As it turned out, the most represented diocese was Cleveland! However, what was more interesting was the connection to St. Sebastian a few of them had.

I was having lunch and one of the priests sitting across from me said that he was familiar with St. Sebastian Parish because he attended 7th and 8th grade here before his family moved. His name was Fr. Nicholas Cottrill from the Diocese of Raleigh, North Carolina. Later I met Fr. Timothy Keeney from the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia who said that his parents were the last couple to be married in the old church. His mother had the choice to be married in the old or new church and chose the former, making her the last to have exchanged her vows there. He said to say hello to his family still in the parish.

I ran into two Capuchin Friars who were very pleased to tell me that one of our parishioners, Timothy Casey (Class of 2012), had just joined their order. Then there was a priest whose name I believe is Fr. Thomas Cebula, who was pastor at St. Barbara Parish before being moved to Walsh University in North Canton. Here is what is interesting about that:

He informed me that St. Barbara was the parish where Monsignor Zwislser was pastor before being moved to Akron to begin St. Sebastian Parish. During his pastorate, Monsignor built the St. Barbara Parish School. As a gift for the new parish in Akron, St. Barbara Parish purchased the statue of St. Sebastian that now stands outside Zwislser Hall along Mull Avenue. In 1953 when they built their new church, Monsignor donated a statue of St. Barbara to his former parish and the statue remains there to this day.

Fr. Marty Miller, who comes to town regularly for ministry and stays at St. Sebastian Parish was also there and assisted me when my car battery died! It was fun finding so many connections to 476 Mull Avenue!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep all of our sick and distressed in your prayers:

Annette Bailey, Marilyn Bohling, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Rita Buhalak Gossford, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Anthony D'Attoma, Linda Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, Robert Hickey, Phil Hochstetler, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carolyn Jeske, Janet Kendrick, Jean Labate, Dr. Dan Lehnhoff, John Marckel, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Bill Monaghan, Betty O'Hara, Kathleen O'Hearn, Keith Pecek, Beverly & Mike Preston, Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Michael Schnetzer, John Schultz, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck
St. Sebastian, pray for us.



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