

Angelus Letter 4 August 2022 LETTER #183 Saint John Vianney

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. Valencheck

Sunday Mass at 9AM with Fr. Valencheck Sunday Mass at 11AM with Fr. Basa Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Justin OSB

# ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Today is the Feast Day of St. John Vianney. He is the patron saint of all priests. Consider saying a prayer today for a priest that is special to you. At the seminar I attended last month, they recommended to us to pray for the priest who baptized us and opened for us the gates to all of the other sacraments. It also made me think of some of the priests that were special in my life: Fr. Joseph Ozemik who was partially responsible for me taking the name Joseph at Confirmation and who influenced my decision to go into the priesthood. Also, Fr. Robert Hilkert (son of this parish) who was my first pastor as a priest and I am constantly giving thanks for Monsignor Zwisler for establishing such a wonderful parish at which I get to minister.

If I may, I also beg for your prayers for your priests. Whether you love your priests or are annoyed by them, prayer can only serve to make for a better parish. St. John Vianney, pray for us!

# **CONCERT TONIGHT!**

There is a **Steel Drum Concert tonight at 7PM**, featuring the Ron Martin Band in the courtyard! Get outside, enjoy the shade, listen to some fun music and bring a snack! This concert is free and open to the public.

# **GODSPEED CHARLIE**

This will mark the last weekend that we have seminarian Charlie Bulger with us. He will be leaving to begin his adventures with the Jesuits. Charlie has been a great presence to have around the parish this summer. I want to publicly thank him for all that he has done especially for the liturgies. He has been a great man to have living in the house and will be a wonderful asset to the Church as a Jesuit. (And we will always take you back in Cleveland it you discover we are more fun.) Please keep Charlie and all those discerning their role in the Church in your prayers.

# OTHER CHANGES IN THE RECTORY

You many have noticed that seminarian Jonathan Green is back after some extensive traveling. Seminarian Joe Ho moved back in this week after his summer studies. They will only be with us a short time and then will be returning to the seminary. Finally, on the day that this is published, Fr. Bozek will be leaving for some travel for most of August.

## **FUN FACT**

Last week I celebrated Mass at St. Paul Parish in South Akron so that Fr. Pfeiffer could come here to say Mass since we were having difficulty finding a priest to celebrate the Extraordinary Form Mass. Well, low and behold, guess who was in the congregation at St. Paul's last weekend: our governor, the Honorable Mike DeWine and his wife Frances (and a bevy of security - I thought there seemed to be an excess of concerned men in polo shirts.) No one, as of this writing, is quite sure why he was there and I almost left for home without realizing the fact. Fortunately, as we were leaving, Charlie asked me, "Do you know who that is standing over there?!" So, I was able to go over and shake his hand. It was interesting and I just thought I'd share that with you. This made up for

the time that Fr. Pfeiffer had Mass here and Kevin James was in the congregation. We are now even.

#### **GREETINGS SENT TO THE PARISH**

Father Ostrowski, who was here to do a missionary appeal two weekends ago, wrote to say in part, "Just to let you know I arrived safely in Erie after my enjoyable weekend. Thank you for the wonderful hospitality. Please thank your parishioners for their response to my appeal in the name of Divine Word Missionaries working around the world."

Also, I was remiss in passing along this note, lost in my email, from Monsignor Chima that came to us on July 4th. "I wish you a wonderful celebration of July 4 filled with grace and blessings of God almighty and prayerfully wishing you the best of good health and happiness to celebrate more of it in the coming years.

Peace be with you.

Msgr Chima

#### **NEW MINISTRY**

There is a new ministry growing in the diocese for **Grandparents**. I wonder if anybody is interested in beginning one here. For more information, go <u>HERE</u>.

Also, here is a plug for a new(er) ministry at St. Sebastian Parish that has been garnering some attention and I recommend it to you: **Financial Wellness Ministry** for those individuals and couples that wish to discuss or evaluate their finances, investments, retirement planning and other financial related issues. It is FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. Ed Hillmuth and Jim Burns have both served on the Parish Finance Committee and have extensive finance and banking backgrounds. They are here to help with issues such as: How do I invest? How do I set up a budget? What is my net worth? Should I refinance my mortgage? Do I need life insurance — if so, how much and what kind? Am I saving enough for retirement? Call one of the following for more information: Ed Hillmuth — 330-697-1437 or Jim Burns — 330-322-9487

#### LETTERS FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

We are coming close to the end of this particular file in the forgotten cabinet. This second-to-last letter of general letters to parishioners concerns a diocesan effort to help the poor and marginalized in the diocese. The letter speaks of volunteers but it appears more the case that parishioners were being volunteered. This seems reminiscent of what some have said today of being, "Voluntold."

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH 454 Roslyn Ave. Akron, OH

May 5, 1933

Dear Friend:

Beginning next Sunday, May 10th, 10,000 honest-to-goodness men will march out into the highways and byways of our diocese to campaign for Christ. Their battle cry will be: "Please help Christ's orphaned and poor, aged and distressed."

One of the most glorious pages in her glorious history is the recorded fact that the Church is the mother of charitable institutions. Our Most Rev. Bishop is seeking the funds necessary to maintain the charitable institutions of the diocese . . . 10,000 men in the Diocese have volunteered to make the calls, besides making their own contributions.

Seventy-five men have been chosen from our parish, St. Sebastian, to perform this charitable work in our parish. You have been numbered among them. We felt that you would be glad to take your place with the men.

Please call me on the phone - University 5634 - to assure us that we have not misplaced our trust in you.

With best personal wishes, I remain,

Yours very truly, Fr. Zwisler

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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

Annette Bailey, Marilyn Bohling, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Anthony D'Attoma, Linda Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, Rita Buhalak Gossford, 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, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Michael Schnetzer, John Schultz, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck

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