



Angelus Letter
11 August 2022
LETTER #184
Saint Clare

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. Popik

Sunday Mass at 9AM with Fr. Valencheck
Sunday Mass at 11AM with Fr. Valencheck
Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Bede, OSB

BEST WISHES JENNIFER JONES

When next you need to contact the rectory, it may seem different. Jennifer Jones, who has been at the front desk for the past eighteen and a half years will be leaving. For many years, it was most likely her voice you first heard on the phone or her face that greeted you at the front door. She is also one of the few persons on the parish staff that was here from before my tenure as pastor. It certainly will be a change in the feel of the parish!

I would like to publicly thank Jennifer for all of her efforts on behalf of St. Sebastian Parish over the years and also to wish her blessings in the future. Please offer a prayer for her as she decides what adventures she will be tackling next. God bless you Jennifer.

ST. SEBASTIAN IN THE NEWS!

The Diocese of Cleveland sends out a weekly email blast about interesting things happening throughout our eight counties. There was an article about the St. Sebastian Parish Cutting Garden this past week entitled, "Cutting Garden Keeps St. Sebastian Church Blooming Inside and Out." You can find the article [HERE](#).

If you are wondering who Peggy Spangler is, it was a misprint. It was supposed to be Karen Spangler. Thank you to her and all of the volunteers who keep the garden lively (and full of butterflies, bees, humming birds and finches) and those who harvest and create flower arrangements for the church.

SYNOD SYTHESIS REPORT

Have you wondered what was the result of the Synod meetings held at the parishes? The Diocese has published the results [HERE](#).

THANK YOU FROM THE BISHOP

We received a letter from the Bishop in which he stated, "With joyful heart, I congratulate and thank you and the parishioners of St. Sebastian parish for reaching your 2022 Catholic Charities Appeal goal . . . The gifts that have been shared are already at work, making a difference in the lives and communities throughout Northeast Ohio."

Allow me to add my gratitude also for your generosity. You are awesome!

SURPRISE CONCERT AT THE PARISH FRIDAY NIGHT!!!!

The NEO Jazz Orchestra, a local favorite who played at our Jazz and Wine Festival a couple of years ago, will be performing in Zwisler Hall this Friday night from 7 to 9PM. This event is free and open to the public. If you would like an idea of the type of music they will be playing, look [HERE](#).

This concert was not on our schedule. It is a city concert that was supposed to take place at Elm Hill Park (Forest Lodge) but, unfortunately, the city's portable stage broke down. So, Laura Chenevey, the Community Events

Coordinator for the city, asked if we could please host. Mike Zimmerman, our facilities manager said although he was busy getting ready for the first day of school, he would make it happen! A big thank you to him and his crew. I hope you can attend this free concert!

We received this letter from the city:

Once again – a huge thank you Father for allowing the NEO Jazz Concert to move inside! We are so grateful for the opportunity to go on with the show in spite of our mechanical problems! The band is looking forward to playing inside St. Sebastian's hall. I know the community looks forward to this concert every year.

SAVE THE DATE

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation cordially invites you to attend the *Annual Arrow Society and Meet the Foundation Board Night* on Thursday, September 15th from 7-9p.m. in Zwisler Hall. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the Foundation's planned giving program, The Arrow Society and visit with the Board Members. See this week's bulletin for more details!

LETTERS FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

In 1936, a letter was sent out to 254 parishioners requesting them to attend an organizational meeting for the purposes of organizing a bazaar for the parish. Part of the bazaar would be a car raffle. Would it not be interesting to know what car was raffled off that day and who won it? Here are excerpts from that letter, the last of these letters from this particular folder. Next week we shall dive into something else.

ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH

474 Roslyn Avenue
Akron, Ohio

March 7, 1936

Dear Friend and Parishioner:

In the management of the parish, the regular weekly income, unfortunately, does not adequately take care of our financial obligations. To illustrate, our regular weekly income amounts to approximately \$33,000.00. From this amount, we are obligated to our annual decreasing interest payments totaling \$17,500.00.

This leaves us, out of \$33,000.00, approximately \$15,500.00 for all operating, repair and improvement expenses. The inadequacy of the latter sum will readily be seen, when we remember that salary items for the twenty (20) persons, who are serving the parish, amount to \$12,000.00.

Hence, it becomes necessary to raise the balance of the money needed to operate in some other way.

Experience has proven that a bazaar and raffle is one of the most efficient means of raising needed moneys for a parish. Our own last effort proved very successful.

Therefore, we have decided to hold a bazaar and auto raffle. A General Committee Meeting is called for next Friday evening, March 13th, at 8:15 o'clock, in our School Auditorium.

Anticipating your kind presence, I beg to remain,

Very faithfully yours,

Father Zwisler

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

TO GIVE TO THE PARISH: <https://www.stsebastian.org/donate>

TO GIVE TO THE FOUNDATION: <https://www.stsebastian.org/foundation/donate>

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

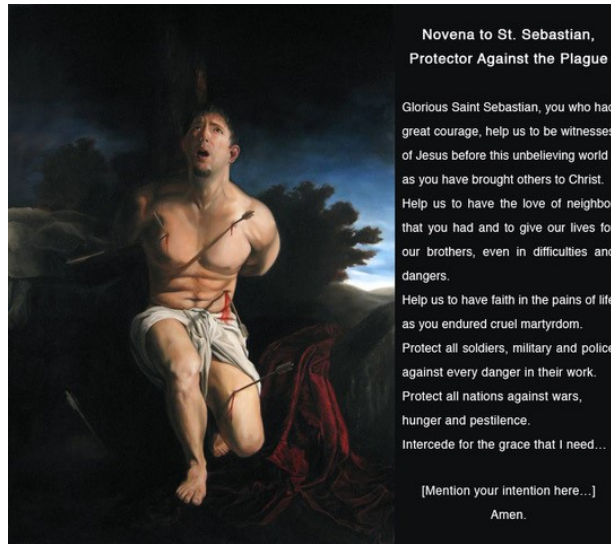
Please keep all of our sick and distressed in your prayers:

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

St. Sebastian, pray for us.
Saint Clare, pray for us.



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