



Angelus Letter
18 August 2022
LETTER #185

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 4:30PM with Fr. Halaiko

Sunday Mass at 9AM with Fr. Valencheck
Sunday Mass at 11AM at Fr. Halaiko
Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Tuscan

WORK HAPPENING AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQUARE

You may have noticed workers around our property. The final repair work to the masonry continues at our 84-year-old rectory building, built in 1938. Workers are sealing capstones to prevent water from entering the structure. At Byrider Hall, a new entry pad and approach has been poured, the front hall carpeted and painted, the bathrooms refreshed and missing doors replaced.

Some other work that is coming up, includes replacing windows on the south side of Byrider and installing new front doors, and, after approval by the Diocese, we will move forward in re-bricking the drives to the rectory and school courtyard. Students and teachers alike should be excited about how great our almost 100-year-old school looks! God bless Monsignor Zwislser and the parishioners of 1928 for building so well!

SCHOOL NEWS

Our parish school will host an Open House this Sunday, August 21st from 11AM – 1PM. Teachers will be in their classrooms ready to greet their students and school organizations will be set-up in Zwislser Hall to discuss their exciting plans for the new school year. HASA and the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation will be sponsoring donuts and refreshments for preschool and day school families.

SOUND LOOP

I was copied on a letter that was sent to my email the other day. I thought I would share a pertinent part with you:

By the way, I have attended Mass at all 15 churches in our diocese that have hearing loops and it is wonderful to finally hear the spoken words from the altar and the choir director. When attending Mass at St. Sebastian (Akron) on 3/17/22, I met Fr. John Valencheck and I complimented him for his slick "Handicap Services" webpage. Later that day, I mentioned the webpage to Fr. Joe. Within a few days, Fr. Joe cloned Fr. Valencheck's webpage and as time went by, he added the hyperlinks.

With the 100th anniversary coming up, there are plans to make our campus even more accessible and I'm praying that our parish will continue the tradition of generosity and support. In the meantime, here is the Handicap Services page referred to in the letter above. <https://www.stsebastian.org/church/handicap-services>

CONCERT SEASON ANNOUNCED

Ten concerts so far, have been announced for our winter musical art series that begins in November. For a complete listing go [HERE](#).

LETTERS FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Today we begin a fat, new file entitled, "Parishioner - Mass Request Correspondences." As you may suppose, they are requests for someone or something specific to be prayed for at the Mass. This practice continues to this day as

you can see in the bulletin where the Masses are listed as well as hearing the intention mentioned during the General Intercessions at the Mass. Although the graces of a Mass are infinite and each of us can offer up many intentions, one specific intention may be requested for the priest and community to remember.

When these letters were written, the Mass intention request was \$5. (Today it is \$10.) The stipend for the intention at the Mass is part of a priest's remuneration, although he may only accept one a day (the rest going to charity, the diocese or some other designated use.) On the weekend, a pastor is obligated to pray a "Missa Populo" or Mass for the people of the parish to which there is no stipend attached. If he does not pray that Mass, he must make arrangements for the Mass to be so celebrated.

If you are interested in having a Mass intention, contact Cathy Sivec in the Parish Office at (330) 836-2233 or stop by during office hours. Intentions may include remembering a loved one who has died or a significant anniversary such as for a marriage or birthday or in thanksgiving for healing or prayers answered.

Here is the letter, originally written in blue ink:

2038 White Pond Drive

Dear Father Zwisler,

Thank you for saying Mass for us on the 25th of July. Our marriage is as old as the parish - It was on the Tuesday following our wedding that the boundaries of the new St. Sebastian Parish were announced at St. Vincent.

Please pray for us -

Sincerely,

Jerry Malloy

Here is the letter originally hand written in black ink:

Saturday, Sept. 20, 1952

Dear Father Zwisler,

Thank you so much for your kindness during our dear sister Louise's illness and death. We so appreciated your visit and prayer at the funeral home. Please pray for her.

I am enclosing a check for some Masses which you can say at your convenience. We would like one of them on the 30 day which would be Oct. 15. (Wed.)

The Masses are as follows:

- 1. Mr. and Mrs. Karg and Family*
- 2. Mr. Ed Sheck and Mary L. Sheck*
- 3. Miss Mary Hetzel and Mrs Edward McCafferty*

Thanks again for everything,

Marie Wehner

The following was typed on letterhead:

The Kraus Plumbing and Heating Co.
Plumbing, Heating and Ventilation Contractors
92 Ash Street
Akron, OH

September 9, 1952

Dear Rev. Father,

We are enclosing a stipend for masses for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Pauline Friess at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kraus and Bernard Kraus.

Very truly yours,

The Kraus Plumbing & Heating Co.

Here is one typed note on parish letterhead:

St. Margaret Mary Parish

Feb. 16, 1954

Dear Father Zwisler;

By way of the proverbial grapevine, I learned that you have a surplus of High Mass stipends at St. Sebastian's. Here at St. Margaret Mary, we are completely cleaned out and will be happy to accommodate, if you are looking for a place to send some.

If my information was wrong, just ignore this request because there are other places which I know have a surplus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Urban A. Reichlin

(Regards to Fr. Andrews)

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


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.

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

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck

St. Sebastian, pray for us.



**Novena to St. Sebastian,
Protector Against the Plague**

Glorious Saint Sebastian, you who had great courage, help us to be witnesses of Jesus before this unbelieving world as you have brought others to Christ. Help us to have the love of neighbor that you had and to give our lives for our brothers, even in difficulties and dangers. Help us to have faith in the pains of life as you endured cruel martyrdom. Protect all soldiers, military and police against every danger in their work. Protect all nations against wars, hunger and pestilence. Intercede for the grace that I need...

[Mention your intention here...]
Amen.

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