



Angelus Letter
15 September 2022
LETTER #189
Our Lady of Sorrows

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

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

You were awesome in your turnout for our Annual Eucharistic Devotions. You really paid tribute to Who is at the center of our Catholic family. It didn't matter if I came over to the Church at midnight, three in the morning, noon, or four o'clock in the afternoon, there were always a number of people there giving thanks and praise for all of our blessings in this unique opportunity afforded to us each year. Thank you for your faith and devotion.

HOLY LAND CARVINGS FOR SALE

With the approval of our Bishop, Holy Land Carvings will be selling items in the back of the church after Masses this weekend. The reason the Bishop supports them coming to our parishes is that the Christians in the Holy Land rely largely on tourism and these carvings help support them in difficult situations. With tourism in decline over the past few years, they rely more on the funds they receive from these carvings.

FLOWERS

You may have noticed the enormous flower arrangements in our sanctuary for our Eucharistic Devotions. I heard a number of comments about them. They were kindly left by one of the couples who were married at our church last weekend. That was very gracious. Thank you.

BULLETIN REPEAT

I know that this information will be reported in this weekend's bulletin, but it bears repeating. Last year, 1,600 people donated to the parish out of a possible 1,800. This number includes electronic giving, those who gave weekly, monthly, quarterly and annually. Any way you slice it, this is an outstanding statistic. I even had them go back and check it again because it seemed way too high. Thank you for your care of your parish. You are outstanding.

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is easier than you might imagine and helps your parish remain strong even when you are on vacation or away with work, or even if you had to attend a later Mass elsewhere, or just plain forgot to pick up your envelope before walking out the door. For more information go [HERE](#). If you prefer or have more questions, call our Business Manager, Milissa Smith at (330) 836-2233.

LETTERS FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Pushing our way back to the 1930's (so you can tell we are nearing the end of the file,) there are a greater number of preserved letters. It is almost a diary of the parish. There are many names with simple requests, "... for my sister, Mrs. Hanna Beck" from "P. T. McGudsian" (or at least that is as near as I can tell the signature,) the Coleman Family, Dannemiller, Rohner, Veeder and Germann families. One hand written letter stands out:

Tiffin, Ohio
August 19, 1937

Dear Father Zwisler,

I would like for you to read a mass as soon as you can for my little boy Robert, 2 1/2 years old. He was struck by a car which came up over the sidewalk and seriously injured his left arm while I was here in Tiffin on a little visit. This happened Monday August 16 while I was walking home from the downtown here within a few hundred feet of where we are staying.

This child was badly bruised about the head and face but so far, we think no serious head fracture. You may read 5 low masses or a high mass whichever you prefer. I will take care of the matter later when I return to Akron.

Thank you, Father, and remember him in your prayers. I will indeed be most grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Marie Wagner Seitz

If anybody knows what became of young Master Seitz, it would be nice to know.

There are also many requests that came in on business letterhead. Some of the business include The First Central Trust Company, Rose Hill Securities, Thurins Carpet and Rug Company as well as those already reported.

Here are two more on business letterhead:

THE AKRON LEGAL NEWS
Court and Commercial Newspaper
Fourth Floor, Hower Building
Akron, Ohio

May 20, 1938

Dear Father Zwisler:

Will you kindly have an anniversary mass, a Requiem High Mass, said on Friday, June 17, for the repose of the soul of my mother, Anna Beringer?

If this date happens to be filled on your calendar, which I hope it is not, the closest date to it will do.

Enclosed is an offering.

With kind regards,

Cordially,

Charlie Beringer

Here is one last one for this week from the Botzum Brothers Seed Company. You may be familiar with the Botzum Family Farm, which is now part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park (see more [HERE](#)) where we had a couple of wonderful parish events a number of years ago. The Botzum Family married into the Hilkert Family, who were also prominent in the parish. From that uniting we remember The Rev. Robert Hilkert and his brother the Rev. John Hilkert who were both from this parish and now deceased. Fr. Bob Hilkert was my first pastor as a priest at St. Ambrose in Brunswick and Fr. John Hilkert's last parish was St. Mary on South Main Street in Akron.

THE BOTZUM BROTHERS SEED CO.
"SEEDS THAT GROW"
DEALERS - WHOLESALE - RETAIL - IMPORTERS
787-789 North Main Street
BL 9164

Akron, Ohio
Jan. 27th 1932

Father Zwisler-

Thanks for taking that Mass card over to the Hilkerts as I could not make it that night having been over the night before.

Have carried the check in my pocket for several days but just forgot to mail it before - hope you will pardon the delay.

Sincerely,

Harry Tucker

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, 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, Mimi Teves and Ann Zsembik.

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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