



Angelus Letter
22 September 2022
LETTER #190

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Bozek
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. Bede OSB

PARISH POTLUCK DINNER THIS SATURDAY!

Doors open at 5:15PM. The greater parish will provide the entree. The price of admission is a dish to share divided up in the following manner: People with the last name A-F please bring an appetizer, G-M a salad of some sort, N-R a side dish and S-Z dessert to finish off a great meal. I will see you there!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

While we are on the subject of food - calling all men to our monthly men's breakfast and presentation in Zwislser Hall following Mass on Saturday morning.

MULL AVENUE NEWS

Rumors were circulating that the Mull Avenue work would be beginning next month. That news was only partly true. Only work on the new water lines will take place this fall. This will mimic somewhat the placing of the new gas lines which took place last year. This project is scheduled to begin on October 10th and finish on February 22nd. It is anticipated that traffic will be maintained throughout the process.

The details of the project are quite lengthy and since this letter is long already, it will be included in next week's letter.

The resurfacing of Mull Avenue with brick is currently scheduled (that means hoped) to begin on June 1st, 2023 beginning at the eastern end of the project, which hopefully means it should not have an impact on the school year. We will be working closing with the city and the contractors to make sure that you are 1) kept informed and 2) always know the easiest, least obstructive way to get to the church (which should be fairly easy) and 3) best parking options.

PERKINS PROJECT

You may have noticed that the grass of the Perkins property was mowed this past week and a giant tent was set up. Yesterday was the ground-breaking ceremony for the Goodpark Housing Development by Alpha Phi Alpha. The parking lot and field were filled with cars and I would guesstimate that there were more than one hundred persons present. Among them was our senator, Vernon Sykes, our councilman Russel Neal Jr., and the general president of Alpha Phi Alpha, Dr. Willis Lonzer all of whom attended Perkins Jr. High School in their youth.



Also present was our mayor, the Honorable Dan Horrigan and many other dignitaries and interested persons. I was honored with the invitation to give the closing invocation which took place between the end of the speeches and before ceremonial turning over of the first shovels full of dirt. For the closing, a long mound of dirt was prepared along with shovels with golden blades. Afterwards, all were invited over to the clubhouse of Goodpark Municipal Golf Course for a luncheon celebration.

Work on the property is expected to begin immediately though it will not be very noticeable. All of the infrastructure needs to be put in place first. That will prepare the way for the first buildings to be constructed sometime in the spring. There should be no interruption to the traffic patterns during construction.

LATEST NEWS ON THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM (LATIN MASS)

Early in the morning on Tuesday I received an email from our representative to the Bishop concerning the future of the Traditional Latin Mass in the Diocese of Cleveland. Unfortunately, it probably causes you to have more questions than it answers and I will not know much more than what I am about to report to you.

Our permission to celebrate extraordinary form was to end in December Of 2022. That date has been extended through August 2023. During this time, we are not to add any further regularly scheduled Masses nor are we allowed to cancel any without express permission of the Bishop.

At the end of August, it is anticipated at this time that the Institute of Christ the Sovereign King, a religious order that celebrates the extraordinary form exclusively, will be here in Diocese of Cleveland. At that time, they will take over the celebration of the Mass for the whole diocese. This will take place assuming that the Holy Father does not place further restrictions on the celebration of this Mass.

What does this mean for St. Sebastian Parish? It is not entirely clear yet. Rumor (and I stress the word rumor) is that the Institute will entirely take over an unnamed parish in Cleveland and possibly have an associated parish in the Akron area. We will have to wait and see.

If this Mass is no longer allowed to be celebrated at St. Sebastian, my current plan is to celebrate the ordinary form in Latin *ad orientem* as long as there seems to be interest. But everything is speculation at this point. As news comes in, I will forward it to you. Please keep our parish, the diocese and our Bishop in your prayers.

MISCELLANEOUS

THANKS: We received a letter from The Society for the Propagation of the Faith that reads in part:

From the missionary who visited your parish, I want to express thanks. I want to say thank you as well to you and your parish staff who received and attended to the visiting Missionary. The generosity of your parishioners demonstrates the great interest of the people of the Diocese of Cleveland in the Missions of the Word.

THE REV. JACOB BEARER: Fr. Bearer will be speaking at the First Friday Club of Akron on Friday, October 7th. For more information go [HERE](#).

PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES: The overturning of Roe does not mean that abortions are now illegal, the decision has now been moved from the Federal to the State level. There is still much work to be done. We will hold our annual Life Chain at the parish on Sunday, October 2nd following the 11 and 1 o'clock Masses. The first ever Ohio March for Life will take place in Columbus on October 5th. It is highly recommended that you join a local bus going to our state capital since it is anticipated that parking will be very limited. Information on buses leaving from Akron can be found [HERE](#). If you are looking for another way to be involved or donate, may I recommend to you Embrace Clinic in Barberton. For more information go [HERE](#).

HEALING AFTER ABORTION: There will be a local retreat of Reconciliation and Hope for Women Healing After Abortion on October 21-23. It will be private and confidential. For more information call 1 (800) 482-4100 or email reachout@bethsedahouseofmercy.org.

SPORTS OFFICIALS NEEDED: There is a dire shortage of officials both nationally and locally for youth sports. Consider becoming certified through CYO Officials Academy. See more [HERE](#). For more information on what is happening in CYO this fall, go [HERE](#).

ENCOURAGE OHIO FALL RETREAT: October 28-30 in NE Ohio. Do you have a loved one who identifies as LGBTQ+? Are you striving to maintain a loving relationship with them while upholding the goodness and truth of Church teachings? This retreat will be a special weekend of prayer, reflection, and supportive fellowship exclusively for family and friends of people who experience same-sex attractions or gender identity discordance. For more information go [HERE](#).

HEALING RETREAT FROM HABITUAL SIN: Saturday, October 29, St. Hilary Parish is hosting an Unbound conference to be led by Matt Lozano from *Heart of the Father* Ministries. The Unbound conference will help people become free spiritually and emotionally, from past wounds that often cause repetitive sin, and so to live in the freedom Christ desires for us all. Registration required. For more information or to register go [HERE](#).

LETTERS FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Still in the Mass request folder we move back to the early 1930s. Each request has an onion skin (also known as "tracing paper" back in the day) copy of a reply letter sent back to the person requesting a Mass. So, a letter would come in, the following sent almost comically on a materials order form that looks like a large Customer Bill that a server would use at a restaurant:

THE BOTZUM BROS. CO.
Building Material, Sand and Gravel
Quality Face Brick
Akron, Ohio

Dear Father,

Enclosed find 10.00 for which say an anniversary Mass for Conrad and Louisa Botzum and James and Rose Barry

Very truly,

L. E. Botzum

The typed, onionskin reply attached read:

February 29th, 1932

Dear Friend:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your note with \$10.00 enclosed as offering for anniversary Masses. Many thanks!

With best personal wishes, I remain,

Very truly yours,

It was not signed because this was merely a copy. Most of these letters are very similar to this response. Some of the early of those requesting Masses include Mrs. Patience O'Neill. Mary A. Lube, Mr. Charlie Beringer, Miss Marie Wehner, Mrs. Thomas McShaffrey and many more.

In 1929, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith sent a letter to Fr. Zwisler requesting Mass intentions for priests overseas. If a parish had too many, they could send the requests to priests in Europe who were in dire need.

**THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH
HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION
Diocese of Cleveland**

Dear Father Zwisler,

The Masses (that you sent) were a real windfall. We are being overwhelmed with requests for intentions (from priests in Europe requesting Masses.) not only for missionaries but the poor priests of Europe are in dire need. The Bishop receives requests directly from other Bishops so you can imagine what it is like.

The intentions will be distributed widely so that the easiest possible date of fulfillment of the donors wishes will be complied with.

Sincerely wishing you many blessing and graces for the New Year.

Gratefully yours,

Charlie

Finally, we have the very last letter (or the very first one we have depending on how one views it). It is a simple note on nice letterhead with a line drawing of the Akron Beacon Journal Building (which had not yet received its iconic clock on the top) at the bottom of the page.

**AKRON BEACON JOURNAL
Akron, Ohio**

Dear Father,

May I ask you to say a Mass for the repose of the soul of Sadie M. (Mrs. George V.) Bolger

Joe Aylward

(Or at least that is as close as I can make out the signature.) Next week we hope to move on to another file!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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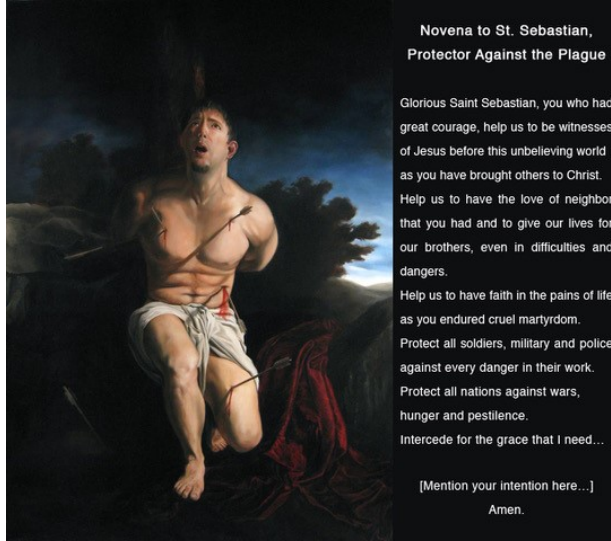
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Annette Bailey, Marilyn Bohling, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, 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, Carson Hutzell, 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.



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