



Angelus Letter
13 October 2022
LETTER #193

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

SEMINARIAN NEWS

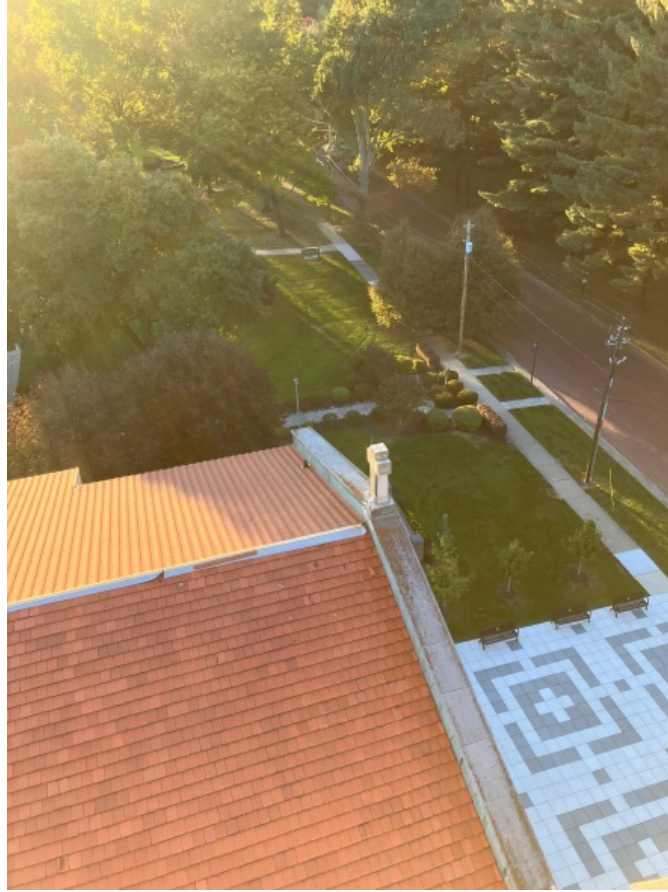
This weekend our seminary is on fall break. Seminarian Connor Scully will be joining us at St. Sebastian Parish during this time. You may see him on the altar. Please say, "Hello" and keep him and all of our seminarians in your prayers.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

It is Tuesday morning, the day this letter is generally composed to you, and there is work going on all around St. Sebastian Square. The roofers have moved to the east side of the church which is already shorn of its tile and is being prepped for the new roof. Those who attended morning Mass heard the crane which has developed a squeak that sounds something like a loud, dying, lonely elephant. (Or at least what I imagine one to sound like.) I told one of the servers to go to the rectory and get a tin of Crisco and give it to the crane operator. He simply said, "I have no idea what you are telling me to do."

Also, on this morning, the roof of the greenhouse has been removed and the demolition of the collapsing portion of that building took place, preparing for its rebirth as badly needed, secure storage space. Installation of the windows on the south side of Byrider Hall is also being completed. This was supposed to take place at a later date but being informed that it was pretty well guaranteed that the price of glass was about to jump 40%, it seemed prudent to move forward immediately.

Moving westward from our property, if you look out across to the Perkins property, you will notice that underground pipes have been delivered and truckloads of dirt are being dumped and pushed into piles by a bulldozer, getting ready for work to commence. It is great to have a dog in the house again because that gets me out and about to keep tabs on these things. But my fostering days are coming to an end. He will be leaving the rectory today (Thursday) as his new owners are coming to collect him. Thank you to everyone who helped out with him.



The first picture above, taken from the bell tower shows the two different roofs. The side toward the top of the picture is the new roof. The second picture shows the workers removing the old tiles and preparing the surface for the new roof.

Thank you so much for supporting your parish and making these much-needed projects possible. We are so fortunate to be able to keep our buildings and grounds in top notch condition. This would not be the case if you did not have a generous heart. We are so blessed. Thank you.

MASS LIVE-STREAMING

We believe we know what the problem is with the live-streaming equipment. The difficulty is getting to the source of the problem during construction. Hopefully this will be rectified soon. Thank you for your patience.

MORNING MASS TIME CHANGE

It appears that the majority of people (including students and their parents - at least those who responded) overwhelmingly wish our morning Mass to remain at 8AM.

NEW EVENT COMING

On December 2nd at 7PM in the church, Dawn Eden (author of Thrill of the Chaste) will be launching her new

book, The Untold Story of Father Edward Dowling, SJ; Bill W.'s Spiritual Sponsor. Often the role of the Catholic Church is left out of the story of the founding of AA such as the story of Sister Ignatia and role of St. Thomas Hospital. This will be the first biography of Fr. Dowling SJ and Ms. Eden chose to launch her book from St. Sebastian Parish because Dr. Bob's house is located within our parish boundaries. Sponsored by the Academy of Culture and Arts at St. Sebastian Parish.

AKRON AREA INTERFAITH COUNCIL

The AAIC will be holding a three-day event in person and online concerning the rise in anti-Semitic activities. One of the live events, on the evening of Thursday, November 17th at 7PM will be held at St. Hilary Parish. Those wishing to know more are encouraged to contact the AAIC at akronaaic@gmail.com. The events can be watch [HERE](#).

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

These matters are generally handled by phone, but we do have historic files of written requests for baptismal records. There are a number of reasons one might request an official copy of one's Catholic baptismal certificate. I remember the days when all that one needed to get into Canada, our friendly neighbors to the north, was a copy of your baptismal certificate.

Mostly these requests come when one is about to be married or is about to be ordained or take vows to enter a religious order. This is because every Catholic has a permanent record at the parish of baptism. It will list all of the sacraments that you have received and connect you to your family. It was through baptismal records in Slovenia that I was able to trace my family line back to the early 1800s. It would also record whether you are still tied to public, perpetual vows (such as being married or being a religious) and if that situation needs to be rectified or further looked into before one moves forward into a different sacramental vow.

Here is a more interesting example of such a letter:

Chicago, Ill
May 5, 1953

Dear Reverend Father Zwisler,

It is necessary to request the favor of a Baptismal record for James William McCarthy

I happily recall your courtesy to a similar request when our lad made his First Holy Communion and regret the loss of the certificate among the good Sister's records.

Perhaps not, however, because I have the opportunity to ask a prayer from you that our son's cherished dream of becoming a priest will be God's Will. He is a member of the Vocation Club, an altar boy, and a daily communicant.

While on a business trip to Akron recently, my husband, who is employed in Chicago for the Firestone Company, paid a visit to St. Sebastian church and reported it is even lovelier than when we belonged to the parish.

I do hope the enclosed will help to add a little something toward the new Community House along with our very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mary McCarthy

One other letter, the name of the person I'll let be preserved in history, came from the Rev. Eligius Weir, O. F. M. who ministered at the Illinois State Penitentiary. (He was also a professor of Philosophy at the College of St. Francis.)

Rev. and dear Father:

(First and last name) #14269, an inmate of this institution, claims that he was baptized in the Catholic Faith in Akron, Ohio. (General information follows.)

Will you please see if there is any record of this man being baptized in your church and if so, will you please send me a certificate of baptism for him?

With the blessing of the Easter season, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Eligius Weir

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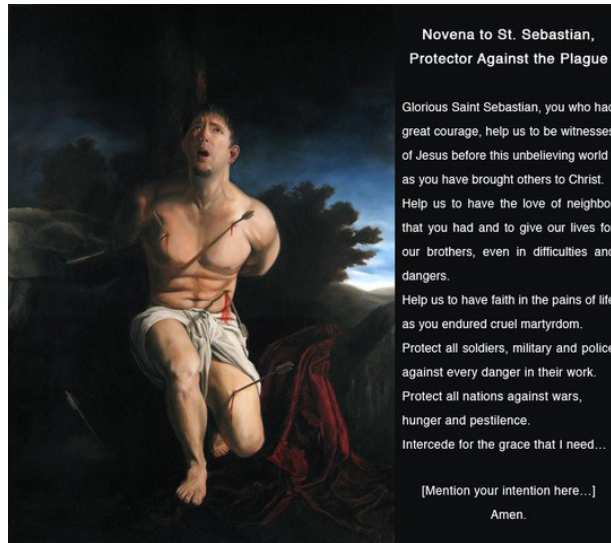
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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, 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, 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.



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