



Angelus Letter
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LETTER #196
St. Martin de Porres

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 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. Justin OSB*

*** Don't forget: Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday morning at 2AM!**

PRECIOUS BLOOD

The Precious Blood of Our Lord was offered at the Vigil Mass for All Saints Day. A parishioner fighting back tears said, "Do you realize it has been **30 months** since we have been able to receive from the chalice? Later I received a calculated update in my email. It has actually been **31 ½ months!**

Last week, after speaking with his medical advisors, our Bishop determined that we could once again begin distributing Communion under the form of His Precious Blood. As far as I can figure, this is the end of all of the restrictions that were imposed over the past few years to keep us safe from that unique circumstance, the name of which I do not care to write anymore.

At the moment, we will not be having the Precious Blood at all of the Masses. Firstly, we need to build back up our army of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. For the past two and a half years, we've needed far fewer ministers (by more than half!) and so have not replaced those who have stepped down. If you are interested in possibly performing this ministry, please contact Cathy Sivec at the rectory 330-836-2233.

We will also need to order more wine! Store bought wine cannot be used. Wine for Mass must be free from additives that are found in most commercially purchased wines. It is trickier to figure out how much we need than one might think. We need to estimate how many of you will be at Mass? How many of that number will take advantage of the cup? How many Eucharistic Ministers will we have? At how many Masses will we have both species? It is easy to run out and easy to have so much in storage that it goes bad. But we will settle into a system soon.

I remember, as a very little person and serving at the altar, my home parish offering the Blood of Christ for the very first time. Hardly anybody received. My beloved pastor was a diabetic and so he turned to me, who was a fourth grader and said, "Please finish this. The Blood of Christ." As I remember it, it was a very full chalice, and this was my very first time tasting anything remotely like alcohol. I recall dutifully consuming it all at once and having tears streaming down my face and Father saying, "Thank you." So, as we figure this out, please bear with!

TWO MEN & A BENCH TOMORROW NIGHT!

This **Friday (November 4th) at 7:30PM**, there will be two men, four hands and four feet, putting our organ through its paces. This unique concert is free and open to the public. For an idea of what it might sound like, you can hear a sample of these men playing [HERE](#)

"OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS"

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation is pleased to support the global effort of Giving Tuesday as we kickoff this season of giving in a concentrated "Catholic" effort sponsored by the Catholic Community Foundation in the format of *#weGiveCatholic*.

This online day of Catholic Giving in Northeast Ohio is taking place on November 29 - the biggest online giving day of the year, *#GivingTuesday*.

The St. Sebastian Parish 2022 *#weGiveCatholic* project ... "*Our Youngest Learners*" will bring attention to the need to replace the aging activity tables and chairs in our St. Sebastian Beringer Center for Early Learning for our kindergarten and preschool students.

Please support our *#weGiveCatholic* project this year on November 29. Follow this link and support St. Sebastian Parish School and the "*Our Youngest Learners!*" project to purchase activity tables and chairs! To donate, visit <https://www.wegivecatholic.org/>

SOME PICTURES FOR YOU

I wanted a good look at our new roof and so climbed the bell tower again on a beautiful fall afternoon.

In the first picture which looks northward over Forest Lodge, you can see our bell tower's shadow and, if you blow it up, St. Paul Episcopal's bell tower in the upper right-hand corner.

The next picture is over Schneider Park. In the trees to the left, you might spot West Minster's steeple.

The next picture is of our campus and the final picture is of our most excellent Facilities Team dressing up for the Halloween Parade!





ALL SAINTS VIDEO

For those who might be interested in viewing the video that I referenced in my All-Saints Day homily, go [HERE](#).

NOVEMBERFEST DINNER AT THE SEMINARY

Everyone is invited to Borromeo Seminary's Novemberfest Annual Italian Dinner, Saturday, November 12th from 6 to 8PM at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28799 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH. Pre-sale tickets [Novemberfest 2022 | November 12, 2022 | Diocese of Cleveland](#) \$12 person. Under 10 free. Proceeds benefit the College Seminarian Activity Fund.

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

There are only three sheets of paper and a handwritten note in the file entitled, "PARISHIONERS - Living in the Parish but Affiliated Elsewhere." When St. Sebastian Parish opened in 1928, all the other parishes had already been established. This meant, of course, that our parish boundaries were carved out of the boundaries of other established parishes. I suppose that not everybody was excited about leaving their home parish for the upstart parish that was popping up in West Akron. These three pages listed the names of those who lived in our boundaries, which at the time were almost as large as the City of Akron itself extending out toward Medina and Peninsula. The largest of the list of names (52 with 24 different addresses) were from St. Bernard and lived on such streets as Storer, Orlando and Roslyn. The other parishes were non-territorial parishes: St. Hedwig's, Sacred Heart (on Madison), St. John and St. Peter. In all they listed 17 names but only 8 different addresses.

The only note was on beautiful, pink stationery with a picture of a rose on it sent from Mrs. Carline Brugmann who lived on Sunset View Drive who wrote:

Dear Father Zwisler,

I am writing to let you know that I will no longer be able to attend St. Sebastian's as it is too difficult for me to come by bus from where I live. I prefer to attend St. Vincent as it is more convenient.

Thank you

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

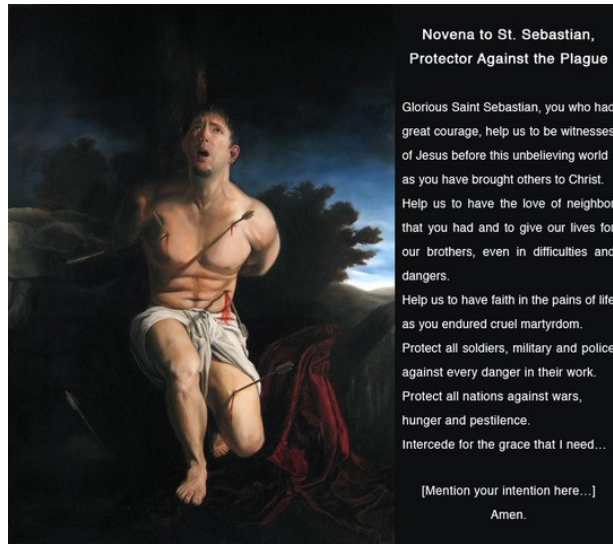
Please keep all of our sick and distressed in your prayers:

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, Frank Livigni, 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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