



Angelus Letter
10 November 2022
LETTER #197
St. Leo the Great

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. Bede OSB

STATE OF THE PARISH ADDRESS

A little more than three million dollars passed through St. Sebastian Parish this year. While it is a mandate of the diocese that I give you an accounting of the temporal resources of the parish, I also want you to know clearly how your generosity is being used to further the mission of the parish and our Catholic faith. As such, it has always been our policy to be as open as we can with our books.

To that end, this weekend we will have our annual State of the Parish address. At each of the Masses, I will give you a short accounting of where our resources have been used, where we stand, and the hope we have for the future. In addition to this, you will find a financial report in the bulletin for your further inspection. If you have deeper questions than will be satisfied by these reports, please do not hesitate to contact our Business Manager Milissa Smith and she would be happy to answer your questions.

St. Sebastian does not exist in a vacuum. It does not magically appear. Its mighty pillars stand along Mull Avenue because you, the Church, are here to worship and support her with your time, talent and treasure. If it were not for you, the parish would be less, and those pillars would lose meaning. Thank you for being faithful members of your parish; for being the Church. I am honored to serve as your pastor. God bless.

THANK YOU, VETERANS!

Tomorrow, November 11th is Veterans Day, and the parish offices will close at 1:00PM. Last week I said in my homily that you aren't really living until you have something to die for. There is no legal freedom that we have that someone hasn't risked spilling blood over. It is one thing to remember those who have died, a very worthy thing to do, but what a gift it is to be able to tell someone who is still living, ***"Thank you. Thank you for your risk. Thank you for your offer of standing up against physical threats to my freedom so that I don't have to. Please know of our prayers for you and your safety."***

OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS

On Tuesday, November 29, 2022, St. Sebastian Parish and School are participating in #weGiveCatholic, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving.

Please support us with your donation on that day by going to www.wegivecatholic.org, search for "St. Sebastian Parish School, then click "Donate."

The theme this year is "Our Youngest Learners." Your donation will help us replace the aging activity tables and chairs in the St. Sebastian Beringer Center for Early Learning for our kindergarten and preschool students. Mark your calendar, then Give Catholic on November 29th ... Giving Tuesday. Thank You! More details are found in this week's bulletin.

WORK AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQAURE

Starting Monday of this week you may have noticed large trucks on our block of Mull Avenue. The trucks and workers huddled around the manholes. This is the beginning of the Mull Avenue repaving project, the first part of which is to repair the storm and sewage lines. These two lines are being reconstructed by machinery through the manholes, which means that the street does not need to be torn up, as it will need to be for the water line project. So far, for week one, the Mull Avenue project, is right on schedule!

You may remember that reported here earlier in the year, we were expecting a stone path to be established around Schneider Park. So far there is nary a stone in sight. The last time we spoke with a representative of the city, he said that the equipment that they purchased for the construction of these paths around the city is missing a vital component due to "supply chain difficulties" and that maybe we could look forward to the path being set in place this spring. This leads me to the next story.

There must have been a rush on liturgical wine now that the bishop has allowed the distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass. We received news that it is backordered. This just makes me marvel all the more at how little I underestimated what it would take to bring the parish back up to full operation! No wonder something the size of our nation is still experiencing difficulties.

YOU'VE GOT THE SWEETEST LITTLE BABY FACE

When a baby is baptized at St. Sebastian Parish, he or she receives a green onesie with the St. Sebastian crest on it. The thought came to me that it might be fun to publish pictures of those who were recently baptized wearing their new onesie. If you would like, submit a picture of your child in arms sporting the green and we will put the picture in the bulletin. Please send the photos to church@stsebastian.org

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

From the title, one might think this week's folder would be full to overflowing. But it is not. "PARISHIONERS - OBITUARIES" only has one obituary in it! Well, actually two, from two different Akron papers for the same person. As near as I can tell, it took place in 1928 (there is no date on the clippings) because although the funeral was for St. Sebastian Parish, it took place at St. Vincent Parish, St. Sebastian church not being ready for service until the following year.

Just for fun: Here are the two articles. Please note that the unfamiliar spellings, abbreviations and capitalizations are in the original:

MICHAEL FLYNN IS BURIED SATURDAY

Pastor of New St. Sebastian Church Conducts Services at St. Vincent

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Vincent church for Michael Flynn, 57, former director of labor at the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co., who died suddenly Thursday morning at his home, 512 Dorchester rd.

Rev. Hilary Zwisler, pastor of the new St. Sebastian church, of which Mr. Flynn was a member since the separation of the new congregation from St. Vincent's church, sang the requiem high mass. Burial was in St. Vincent's cemetery.

Fourth Degree Knight

Mr. Flynn had lived in Akron for the past 30 years. He was a past grand knight and a faithful navigator of the Knights of Columbus of which he was a member of the Fourth Degree, and he was a member of the Elks, City, and Portage country clubs. For several years he was active as a member of the executive board of the Akron area of boy scouts.

Besides his widow, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. W. A. Clark, 465 Orlando av., and a son, William, 80 Bittman st.

MICHAEL FLYNN TAKEN BY DEATH AFTER ILLNESS

**Prominent in Rubber Industry
For Last 25 Years; Demise
Unexpected**

WORKING ON INVENTION

**Former Goodrich Official Had
Long, Active Career in
Business, Civic Worlds**

Michael A. Flynn, 56, prominent in the rubber industry for a quarter of a century, died unexpectedly in his home, 512 Dorchester rd, at 4 o'clock Thursday morning as a result of heart disease.

Mr. Flynn had been slightly ill for about a week but had not been confined to his bed.

Early Thursday morning, after an almost sleepless night, Mr. Flynn called his wife as he suffered the fatal heart attack while in the bathroom.

His wife quickly summoned medical aid, but Mr. Flynn sank rapidly and died a few minutes later.

His life was one of constant activity in the business, social and civic worlds

Son of Ireland

A son of Old Erin, he came to America with his parents when two years of age and settled in Massachusetts.

Here he remained until 30 years ago, when he left Revere, Mass., a suburb of Boston, to come to Akron with A. H. Marks, former Goodrich official.

Mr. Flynn became foreman of the bicycle tire department of the Diamond Rubber Co., and at the consolidation of the B. F. Goodrich Co., became assistant superintendent.

After years of service, Mr. Flynn was named director of labor and in this capacity until three years ago, when in rounding out 26 years of active service with the company, he resigned to work upon an invention.

For the last three years, Mr. Flynn had devoted his time in working on a new mold for the large tube of a balloon tire.

Although leading an extremely active life in the business world, Mr. Flynn was prominent in civic, church and social

circles.

Active Roles

Throughout his career he had engaged actively in many of the most important of Akron's civic movements, being particularly active in Boy Scout and welfare work. He was prominent in the promotion of the recent completed St. Thomas Hospital.

Since coming to Akron, he had been a member of St. Vincent's Catholic Church until recently when the new St. Sebastian Parish was organized in the western section of the city, he became affiliated with the infant organization.

Mr. Flynn was past navigator of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, past Grand Knight of the Akron Council, Knight of Columbus, member of the Akron City Club, Elks and executive board, Akron Area, Boy Scouts of America.

Funeral services will be held in the St. Vincent's Church Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. Hilary Zwisler, pastor of St. Sebastian's will officiate. Burial will be in St. Vincent's Cemetery

Members of the Knights of Columbus will meet at their clubrooms Friday night at 7:30 o'clock and go to the home to pay their final tribute to their dead comrade.

Update: Opening up our sacramental books it is discovered that Mr. Flynn's was the 4th funeral celebrated at St. Sebastian (see picture below.) This was immediately followed by the death of Janet Ransweiler, three years of age. Other last names from that first year of the parish that still resonate today are Cahill, Jahant and O'Neill.



| 1 1928 Death Defunctorum | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---|
| No. | NAME OF DECEASED Nomen Defuncti | RESIDENCE Domicilium | AGE Aetas | PARENTS, WIFE or HUSBAND Nomen Parentum vel Coniugis |
| | Guedras, August | | 61 yrs 2 mo | Mrs. Emily Guedras (Chaparr) |
| | Lehill, MacBertrude | | 38 yrs 3 mo | Walter Lehill |
| | McShaffrey, Thomas E. | | 52 yrs 8 mo | Mrs. Pope McShaffrey (Kilbride) |
| | Flynn, Michael A. | | 57 | Mrs. Ellen A. Flynn Ford / Bonaville |
| | Ganweiler, Janet Helen | | 3 | Ruth Langburn |
| | Jahant, Mrs. Mary | | 84 | August Jahant (deceased) |
| | O'Neill, John Joseph | | 66 | Mrs. Bertha O'Neill (Hogland) |
| | Greene, Roger | | 3 | Mrs. Juana Greene |
| | Martin, Mrs. Julia | | 63 | Charles Martin |
| | Strobel, Wilson | | 35 | Mrs. Elizabeth Strobel |
| 1929 | | | | |
| | Corbin, Mrs. Flora | | 54 | G.E. Corbin, a.c. |
| | Brady, Mrs. Margaret | | 42 | Thomas J. Brady |
| | Chaparr, Mary Adelphi | | 84 | Mrs. Emily Guedras (deceased) |
| | London, Mrs. Margaret | Jefferson Ave. | 23 | Mrs. Mrs. New London (Parent) |
| | Robb, Mrs. Mary | Four Blvd. | | |
| | Maynard, Mary | | | |
| | Schneison, | | | |
| | Doyle, Thomas | | | |
| | Pyper, Etta (Mrs.) | Cleveland | | |
| | Howells, Mrs. Helen | | | |

Also of note: Arthur Marks with whom Mr. Flynn associated was the original owner of the Mark's mansion, the building that now houses the Dominicans at Our Lady of the Elms.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

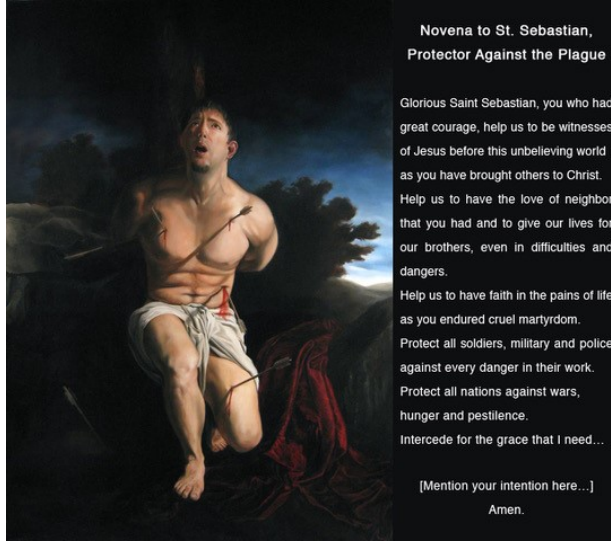
Annette Bailey, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Anthony D'Attoma, Linda Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, Rita Buhalak Gossford, Robert Hickey, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carson Hutzell, Carolyn Jeske, Janet Kendrick, Jean 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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