



Angelus Letter
1 December 2022
LETTER #200

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 OSB

NEXT WEEK: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Next Thursday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, under which title Mary is the patroness of the United States. Here is the Mass schedule:

Wednesday:	7PM	Vigil Mass
Thursday:	9AM	Mass (with the parish school)
	5:00PM	Extraordinary Form (Latin)
	7PM	Mass

If you would like to read more about the Immaculate Conception, the United States of Catholic Bishops put out the following sites for you to learn more:

[What is Mary's Immaculate Conception?](#)

[Reflections, Prayers and Action](#)

[Prayer to Mary as Patroness of the United States](#)

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOU!

Tomorrow night, Friday, December 2nd, Dawn Eden Goldstein, author of "Fr. Ed: The Story of Bill W's Spiritual Sponsor" will be giving a talk at our church beginning at 7PM. Enjoy cookies and a chance to meet the author after her presentation in the church narthex. This event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, December 3rd at 7PM, Ecumenical Christmas Concert at St. Paul Parish on Brown Street. Free.

Tuesday, December 6th: Adoration all day. Organ Recital in the church at noon. Compline and Benediction at 7:40PM.

Friday, December 9th, Baldwin Wallace Men's Choir Concert in the church at 8PM. \$20

#weGiveCatholic UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2022 #weGiveCatholic project for Our Youngest Learners. This year we raised over \$10,000 and had a variety of ways to support the project: online giving on November 29th, special #weGive offertory envelope, change bandit contest at the parish school, and donations mailed to the Foundation! We appreciate your support. Final results will be provided in the December 11th church bulletin.

WORK AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQAURE

If you've been keeping an eye on the Perkins property, you've noticed a lot of fussing with loads of dirt and pipes being dropped off. Last Tuesday, realtor signs went up advertising lots for sale. It looks as though things are moving forward.



PERSONAL NOTES

This letter is being written to you on Tuesday and, as those who attended Mass this morning already know, I have not yet been called up for jury duty. That afforded me the opportunity to go visit the adorable puppy above that is up for adoption. With the help of our own Dr. Ed Savitski, I hope to welcome this sweet pup home soon. There is still time to think about it, but I am contemplating naming her Joan of b'Arc. (My class was ordained on St. Joan's feast day.) More news as it develops.

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

A handwritten letter on Akron Beacon Journal letterhead came to Monsignor Zwislser just before Christmas of 1952:

Dear Father,

The enclosed greeting is one which we have mailed to each of our 1,500 newspaper boys. May I wish you all the joy and happiness of this season of the Prince of Peace.

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It doesn't say *why* it was sent but attached is a color picture of Santa with a Happy Holidays message and signed by Joseph M. Aylward, Circulation Director (Class of 1931) and perhaps 100 further names from the circulation department. Interesting was the message to the newspaper boys on the reverse:

A description of the service you offer to your customers as a newspaper boy generally emphasizes the courtesy,

dependably and enthusiasm, which you must develop to do a good job. The immediate advantage of your work is the buying power you gain with the money you make. This is a lesson in economic cause and effect that is reason enough for you to be a newspaper boy.

During the holiday season, we are disposed to look beyond the mercenary advantage of our labor. It is fitting to note that the benefit of the relationship with your customers included more than the opportunity to realize a profit in cash. In your daily contact with the families whom you serve, you gain an understanding of the human person that is perhaps the most important observation you will ever make.

Your intimate knowledge of the customer, his family, and his home makes it unlikely you can believe he is a monster because of a difference in color, creed, or race. The revelation of courage and perseverance in the handicapped, the sick, the aged that you see so closely is a wonderful guide to your own practice of humility and charity.

It is our wish that your association with the Beacon Journal be conducted in an atmosphere of good will and of mutual trust. We hope that the relationship between you and the men and women of this newspaper will produce in you a lifetime pride in your career as a Beacon Journal newspaper boy.

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, 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, Bob Rader, 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.



**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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