



Angelus Letter
15 December 2022
LETTER #202

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

LAST SCHEDULED CONFESSIONS

Christmas is coming up quickly. Our last scheduled confessions will be **Friday, December 23rd from 4 to 5 p.m.** Please make sure to plan your confession for Christmas.

FINAL ADVENT CONCERTS!

Friday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m.: Cleveland Chamber Choir Christmas Concert - Free
Sunday, December 18th at 7 p.m.: St. Sebastian Parish Choir Candlelight Concert - Free
Tuesday, December 20th, NOON: Advent Adoration & Organ Recital - Free

WORK AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQUARE

The replacement of the rectory brick drive is well underway. In place for almost 90 years, it has served us well, so I am glad we are able to replace it with brick once again taking a considerable burden off future maintenance budgets! Unfortunately, the bricks have been too unstable to palletize and so no bricks were salvageable from this drive. It would have taken tremendous manpower to sort out the few good ones that would not crumble. Hopefully things will be different on the other drive.

The cable to the church was successfully replaced and we are capable of live-streaming once again as soon as we are able to arrange for copyright licenses and re-group our film crew. We plan on Midnight Mass being the first to be available. However, Wayne Johnson has been posting our Sunday homilies recently on our podcast site if you desire to have a listen.

The light and sound work on Zwisler Hall continues. It is not completely installed as there are a couple of pieces of equipment for which we are waiting, but it will be completed soon.

St. Sebastian Parish School students in the Drone Club have put together a video of the recent work on our roofs! If you would like to see it, go [HERE](#). Thank you, team!





ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP

Here's what I did today. I looked up my last year's tax return to see what my tax liability was to the state. Then I went online to the Diocese of Cleveland Angel Scholarship program which you may also find [HERE](#), clicked on "Make an Online Contribution," typed in the amount I wanted to donate (up to \$750 of my state tax liability), selected St. Sebastian School and filled in my credit card information. I will receive a voucher to turn in for my taxes. It will suffice for any money that I owe the state (up to \$750) and/or earn me a refund of taxes already withheld while supporting our parish school. Total time involved: 5 minutes!

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

This year, the St. Sebastian St. Vincent de Paul Conference served 415 households in need of various kinds of assistance, which affected 1,131 persons. Our small cadre of volunteers put in 913 hours and drove 2,674 miles all within our parish zip codes. The funds that they use to help our neighbors in need come from you through bequests and donations, not the least of which is from the "POOR BOX" at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity and thank you to our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers! You are awesome.

Also operating out of our campus is the Good Samaritan Hunger Center. They have taken a particular hit this year due to a high volume of need and are seeking assistance. Finally, it is St. Sebastian Parish's turn to provide the meal and volunteer at the Peter Maurin Center this weekend.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Billboards are going up across the eight counties of our diocese to help increase awareness of the Eucharistic Revival that is taking place. You can learn more about the program and the locations of the billboards by visiting the diocese's webpage [HERE](#).

BEWARE OF SCAMS IN THIS SEASON!

If you receive an email supposedly from me asking you to send an email back to me so that I can ask you a question, it is a scam. If you receive an email from me asking you to buy gift cards, it is a scam. If you have any doubts whatsoever if an email is legitimate, call the office before you reply to the email to confirm if it is from me or anyone at the parish or not.

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

We jump back a year to 1951 this week. There is not much of note but one letter I found a bit interesting, especially since we recently ran into difficulties with our altar wine and candle orders. Here is the letter:

THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD
SALEM HEIGHTS
5820 SALEM AVENUE, DAYTON 6 OHIO

Dear Reverend Father,

Because of a lack of facilities at Maria Stein, we have found it expedient to transfer the Altar Bread Department from Maria Stein to the Motherhouse here in Dayton. A section of the southwest wing of this building is at present being renovated for that purpose, and at Easter time we expect to take over the baking and mailing of altar breads. Needless to say, there will be no interruptions in your service, and after Easter your boxes will be mailed from

The Sisters of the Precious Blood
Altar Bread Department
Regina Heights
Dayton 6, Ohio

May we ask you to mail any correspondences regarding your post-Easter order to this address.

We wish to assure you that we appreciate your patronage and will do all we can to give satisfactory service.

Cordially yours in Christ,
Mother M. Nathalia
Superior General

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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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 Pecsek, Beverly & Mike Preston, **Bob Rader**, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Michael Schnetzer, 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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