



Angelus Letter
29 December 2022
LETTER #204
Saint Thomas Becket

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Friday Confessions at 4 p.m.

Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Saturday Confessions at 4 p.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. at Fr. Valencheck

Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Sunday Mass at 1 p.m. with Fr. Justin OSB

OFFICES CLOSED

Please note that the offices will be closed Friday, December 30-Monday, January 2 for the New Year holiday.

AROUND THE RECTORY

One of the wonderful gifts of the Christmas season was a new, safe driveway at the back of the rectory. Unfortunately, nobody can see it! It was finished just in time to be covered in snow!

Those keeping track of seminarians saw Joe Ho and Michael Garvin at various Masses over Christmas. Michael has also been pitching in to play the organ for daily Mass. Joe is taking a short trip and will be back after the first of the year. Charlie Bulger who is in town from his studies with the Jesuits made a short visit to the parish and served Mass on Monday. Next week, Conner Scully will be arriving for a stay right after the weekend.

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

There are still a few days remaining in 2022 to make your state tax dollars count! Thank you to those who have already made their charitable contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund and designated our parish school. You will be supporting students at St. Sebastian Parish School with financial need. There is still time, please visit <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel-scholarship-fund/overview> to learn more and to make your donation.

LITURGICAL CALENDARS!

Beginning with this weekend's Masses, you may pick up your copy of a liturgical calendar for 2023. I would like to thank Hummel Funeral Home for providing them!

OUTDOOR POINSETTIAS

There are number of fun science experiments one may do when the temperatures dip below zero. There is, of course, the tossing of boiling water, which the seminarians and I indulged in. Then there are things such as standing up a wet pair of jeans. There is the effect of putting poinsettias out. You may have noticed that the outdoor Blessed Virgin statue was surrounded in the red, Christmas flower. They are not fake! They were left over plant decorations from one of our concerts that were not holding up very well and would not work for our indoor Christmas decorations. But, if you place a poinsettia outside in below zero temperatures, they almost instantly freeze and look alive and healthy and can make a beautiful decoration instead of being tossed away.



FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Most of the folders stretching from the last report back to 1937 are empty and what letters there are, do not prompt much interest save for one that was so scandalous that it seems rather inappropriate to print it almost eighty years later! It was a letter from a company that was trying to save its reputations after a "disgruntled employee" went around besmirching their name. The letter practically burned with anger. "Only a particular sadistic desire could lead anyone to exhibit a letter of such vindictiveness to (us) the victims!"

A more pleasant letter was from the Zenith Radio Distributing Corporation of Chicago who reports, "In every parish there are a number of person who, because of being deaf, remain away from the sacraments. Up until the present time (1938) many parishes have not been able to install hearing aids in the confessionals because of the expense involved. Here at last is the answer to this problem. Zenith Radio Corporation has perfected a new hearing aid particularly adapted to this use. It's the Zenith Ravox which sells at the phenomenally low price of \$29.50."

An advertising brochure attached shows a machine about the size of a small heater with headphones attached, all of which must be plugged into the wall. A testimonial declares, "With Ravox I heard the neighbor's cock crow!"

Most of the rest of the letters involved information about orders and prices from companies. Some of the names are the A. I. Root Candle Company, with whom we still do business, The A. Polsky Company, who, in 1938 requested the opportunity to bid on the furnishing of the new rectory, The May Company, the M. O'Neil Company and others less familiar.

One final letter was from the United States Post Office. "Your request for easier delivery is under consideration and if a practical solution can be worked out, you will be advised. As the routes are now laid out it would require the carrier to traverse Elmdale the second time. Further effort will be made to comply with your request in the near future."

Yours very truly,
R. C. Witwer, Postmaster

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

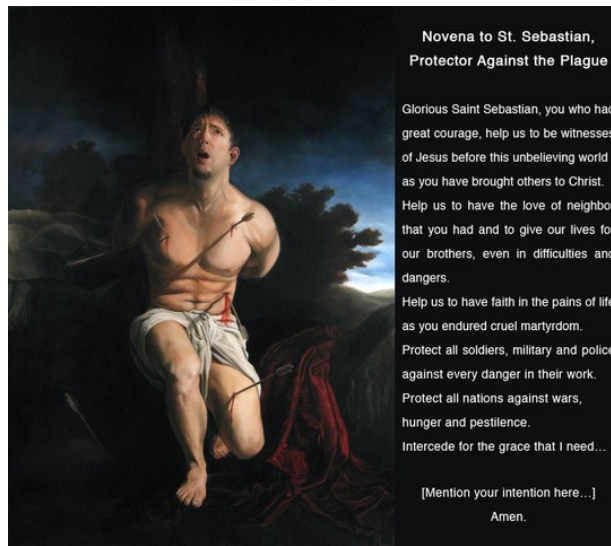
Annette Bailey, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Anthony D'Attoma, Linda Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, Rita Buhalak Gossford, Robert Hickey, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carson Hutzell, Carolyn Jeske, Janet Kendrick, Candace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

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck

St. Sebastian, pray for us.

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