



Angelus Letter  
19 January 2023  
LETTER #207

Dear Parish Family,

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

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

**Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck**  
**Saturday Confessions at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. with Fr. Valencheck**

**Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck**  
**Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck**  
**Sunday Mass at 1 p.m. with Fr. Bede OSB**

#### ST. SEBASTIAN DAY!

This weekend we will celebrate our patronal feast day! Although on the Church calendar his feast day falls on the 20th, we are permitted to move his celebration to the nearest weekend so we can all more easily pay tribute and thank our patron saint who intercedes on our behalf and to give thanks to God for the graces we have received.

For some general information on our patron saint, St. Sebastian, go [HERE](#).

For a short clip on the Basilica of St. Sebastian in Rome, go [HERE](#).

#### FEAST DAY DISPLAY

Every year we have a display on our patronal feast day. This year it will be of vestments made by our parishioners. Normally you would only get to see these beautiful works of art in action at our masses and at a distance. Here is your chance to take a closer look particularly at our white, high celebration set.

#### LONG LINES AT CONFESSION

As you may have noticed from the priest schedule above, Fr. Bozek is away for a couple of weeks. This means that often there will only be one priest at confessions when there would typically be two. Please be aware that there *may* be a long line and a bit of a wait if you are planning your day around this sacrament.

#### ST. SEBASTIAN SPECTACULAR

Our parish school's largest fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, February 11**. The evening will begin at 6:30PM and include a sit-down dinner, open bar, raffles and a live and silent auction. All are invited to attend **but** if you are unable to attend in-person please consider making a donation, running an ad in the auction program or purchasing a raffle ticket for free tuition or the bourbon basket, full of hard to find bottles of bourbon. Please visit [www.BidPal.net/SebastianSpectacular](http://www.BidPal.net/SebastianSpectacular) to learn more and support this fun event.

#### THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS

Please note a change of venue that we will be trying out at the next Theology on the Rocks. I will be speaking on, "Things that we don't talk about" on Monday, January 23rd at 7p.m. at the Tangier now located at Our Lady of the Cedars on South Cleveland Massillon Road in Fairlawn. For more information go [HERE](#).

#### AKRON CHILDRENS HOSPITAL & HOLY COMMUNION

**Are you interested in bringing Holy Communion to patients at Akron Children's Hospital?** If so and if you are already a trained and commissioned Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please contact Amanda at the Chaplaincy Services Office of Akron Children's Hospital: 330-543-8254. If you are interested but are not yet an EMHC, talk to Fr. Valencheck, our pastor.

#### PRO-LIFE ROSARY ORGANIZED BY OUR MOTHER'S HANDS MINISTRY

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the tragic Roe v. Wade decision, please join us in praying the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary with beautiful Pro-Life meditations to begin at 10 AM this Sunday, January 22nd.

#### JUST FOR FUN

Latest picture of the new rectory dog Joan.



#### FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Before we get to today's letters, here is some feedback concerning previously shared items:

Louise Hellwig sent this in: "Regarding your January 5th newsletter, I really appreciate it because it gave me the incentive to call Father Yahner's sister-in-law who is a really good friend. You are correct in that Don Yahner was Father Gordie's dad. And Joyce confirmed that he worked with the Fairlawn Supply Company."

Thank you for sending that in! Also, thank you to Karen Bader and Marcy Smith who brought in art pieces painted by Sr. Matilda O. P. and apparently purchased by family members in 1933 at the Our Lady of Elms pre-holiday art sale as mentioned last week. It was fun to see her work. Thanks!

The folder for 1932 has many more letters in it, but I really like this first one for some reason. It is a hand written letter from Lucille Agar dated February 23, 1931:

Dear Sir,

I am the young lady who phoned you recently regarding the lightening conductors. I drove past the school yesterday and admired them very much, only I feel you are greatly in need of protection from lightening.

Our new system, which is installed on the Capitol and White House in Washington, is very nice to look at. It consists of short points about 13 in. high and unless you are looking for them you cannot even see them. Our system is also installed at Washington's Monument and it has been struck three times and no damage.

I expect to call you Thursday eve. at 7p.m. and in the meantime if you have the opportunity to inspect any of our work you will find it the finest available.

One home in Fairlawn district left unprotected was struck by lightning and damaged \$3,000.

The Central Depository Bank in Akron is also protected with our system.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

Lucille Agar

Stapled to this letter was a business card of W. G. Agar, Dealer and Erector of HIGH GRAD LIGHTENING CONDUCTORS, 44 years in business with "Materials and workmanship endorsed by Chief Weather Bureau of Washington D. C."

(over)  
INSTALLATIONS:

John D. Rockefeller - Forest Hills  
Dr. Corlett residence  
H. B. Stewart, President A. C. & Y. R. R.  
Harvey Firestone Clubhouse  
Air Terminal Building, Akron Municipal Airport  
(others were listed)

There was a second business card stapled under this one that reads:

JANE LUCILLE AGAR  
PRIMADONA

Maude Adams, A Kiss for Cinderella Co.

Hitchy Koo

Green Village Follies

Blue Eyes

Clinging Vine Co.

SO, interestingly enough, these are all really things that at first made me laugh aloud. Then I looked them up online and Lo and Behold! (The first three have links attached to them.) Apparently, Ms. Agar was really something on stage! I will leave it to you to look up the remaining ones.

Monsignor wrote back (we have the carbon copy of the letter):

Dear Madam:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning lightening conductors. Unfortunately, the writer was not of town last Thursday evening when you called. We shall be glad to receive your quotation on a lighting conductor for the chimney on our school building. We are obtaining quotations for some also from other sources.

Yours very truly,

Pastor

One last side note: If you look closely at our school building, you will find lighting rods that seem to match the description mentioned in the letter, though whether they are of the Ager Co. or not would need more research. But, I would like to point out that our school chimney is a bit shorter than when it was built! Original plans and pictures show a higher chimney with some ornate stonework. But whether that was due to badly needed tuck-pointing or a lightning strike I do not know!

**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**

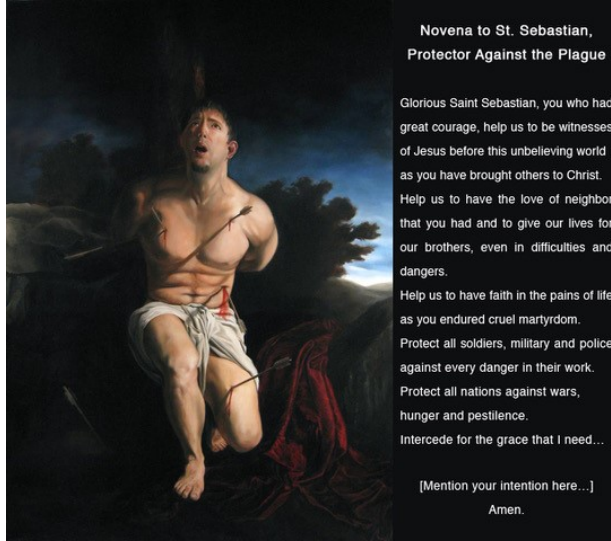
Please keep all of our sick and distressed in your prayers:

Annette Bailey, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Anthony D'Attoma, Linda Davis, Tammy Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, Rosemarie George, Rita Buhalak Gossford, Bill Heising, 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, Betty Sarich, Michael Schnetzer, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck

St. Sebastian, pray for us.



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