



Angelus Letter
2 February 2023
LETTER #209
The Presentation of the Lord
(Candlemas Day)

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck
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. with 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

MAKING PLANS FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY?

Recently the Bishop sent out a statement about St. Patrick's Day, which falls on a Friday in Lent this year. While citing the importance of this sacrifice during Lent, "for those who feel that it is absolutely necessary," he lifts our mandate to abstain on this particular day with the stipulation that those who choose to do so should abstain from meat on another day.

WORK AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQUARE

This past week, Keep Akron Beautiful, Akron's Finest Mulch and St. Sebastian Parish had a meeting with the city concerning the Mull/Hawkins circle. We have the green light to go ahead with the project of cleaning up and beautifying this spot, which is so important to the parish and to this part of Akron. What exactly can be done in the circle itself is being determined with the help of the city and utility companies. Akron's Finest Mulch has already made a proposal for the landscaping and information is being gathered to determine what kind of art piece might be able to exist in the center of the circle. This is a project that will take quite some time, but the current thinking is that it will begin this spring, though raising funds for, commissioning, creating and installing a work of art will stretch the completion date up to a year in the future. You will start seeing evidence of progress soon as a campaign geared toward the greater city takes shape.

During that meeting, I had the opportunity to ask about progress on the Mull Avenue work. We were originally informed that the new water lines would begin to be installed in January and be finished up around the beginning of February. Thus far, we have not seen any progress on this front. Mr. Jim Aitken, the City Deputy Service Director looked into this matter for us and wrote back, "I just talked to Kenmore (Construction Company) and they are waiting on some items. The hope is to start in mid-February or more likely the end of February. It is all weather dependent for the work on the mains. I will keep you posted as things change or are updated."

The ski slope at the Perkins property continues to be built up in preparation for the underground work for our newest neighborhood. Some lots have been sold already and work on this project is largely on target.

FREE BOOK!

This weekend you will have the opportunity to get a free book. We will be giving out Fr. Michael Denk's book, "Pray40Days" in anticipation of him coming to give the Lenten mission this year on the same topic. The mission will be March 12-14, but the parish will be going through the book at the beginning of Lent. Be sure to get your book after Mass this weekend.

NEW PAINTING COMING

I have purchased a new painting that I will share with you in May. It is a painting of St. Joan of Arc and her feast day is at the end of May on the anniversary of my ordination. (It was kind of a gift to myself.) With this new painting, we are entering into an agreement with our seminary. It seems I have a pension for large paintings, a folly on my part since we only have so much wall space. When St. Joan is not on display here at the parish, it will be hung at the seminary. When she is here, one of our other paintings will be on display in her place. I will also be giving a talk to seminarians about the piece and the powerful role of art in general in the Church. The goal is to introduce seminarians to the idea that, when they are ordained and considering art for a parish, they need not order copies of art out of a catalogue and that unique and beautiful works are still capable of being created.

FREE ORGAN!

We have been storing the floor organ that formally resided in our parish in the hopes of finding a new home for it. We have had lots of nibbles but no takers. There is simply a glut on the market currently. Unfortunately (or

fortunately since it is forcing us to act) the warehouse in which we have been storing it for free by the generosity of the owners is going to no longer be available to us. That means something needs to be done now. If anyone knows of a placement for the organ or who wants parts, I need to know *before* February 10. There may be some independent funds available for installation.

SPONSORS FOR THE BRICK STREET JAZZ & WINE FESTIVAL WANTED

Are you or your company or group interested in being a sponsor for this summer's Brick Street Jazz and Wine Festival put on by the Academy of Culture and Arts? For more information, contact Scott Mason at masonmusic2@gmail.com. Proceeds from this festival support the Academy of Culture and Arts at St. Sebastian, which promotes the visual and performing arts and training for budding artists of all types.

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Here is an interesting letter:

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

February 17, 1932

Dear Fr. Zwisler,

Under other cover I am forwarding to the Sisters in charge of the school connected with your parish, a portrait of George Washington. You may desire to have it hung in the school room in connection with the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birthday on February 22nd.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Seiberling.

This letter was answered by Monsignor in this way:

Dear Mr. Seiberling:

We wish to acknowledge receipt of the portrait of George Washington which you so kindly sent to us. Thank you for your kind thoughts of us, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

The Rev. Hilary Zwisler
Pastor

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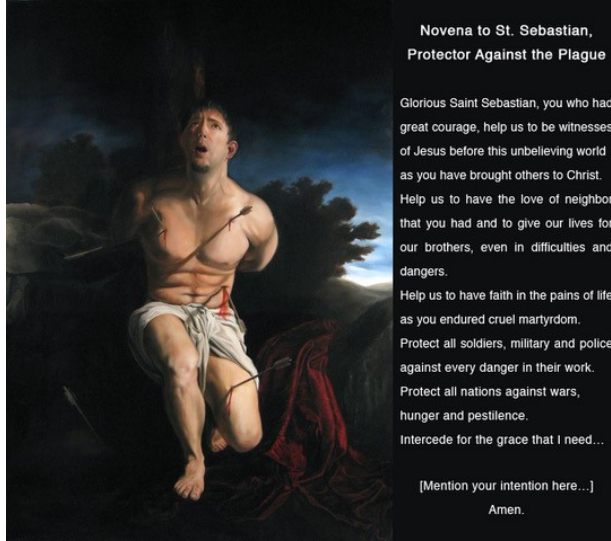
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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, 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, Fred Kovacic, Jean Labate, Dr. Dan Lehnhoff, Frank Livigni, John Marckel, Myrna Marple, Marlene McFadden, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, Keith Pecek, Julius Peters, 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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