



**Angelus Letter  
30 March 2023  
LETTER #217**

Dear Parish Family,

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

**Friday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek**  
**Friday Stations of the Cross at 1:45 p.m.**  
**Friday Confessions from 4-5 p.m.**  
**Friday Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.**

**Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek**  
**Saturday Confession from 9:30-10 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. Bozek**  
**Sunday Mass at 1 p.m. with Fr. Justin OSB**

**CONSTRUCTION NEWS**

According to our best information, you will be able to have access to the parish and park as you did last weekend. However, there was a sign posted on Monday which stated that Elmdale would be closed beginning March 28th. This is because the water main work is continuing to snake eastward up Mull Avenue. It may be back open for traffic by Saturday. That being said, we have been promised that at all times during construction, either the Elmdale or Greenwood crossing of Mull Avenue would always be open.

**HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week is upon us! Please be mindful of changes in the Mass and service schedule especially during the Triduum.

**Saturday, April 1st**  
9:30 a.m. - Last confessions before Easter

**Tuesday, April 4th**  
7 p.m. - Chrism Mass - No confessions

**Holy Thursday, April 6th**  
Beginning of the Triduum (NO 8 a.m. MASS)  
7 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, April 7th**  
Noon - Family Stations of the Cross  
3 p.m. - The Passion of Our Lord

**Holy Saturday, April 8th**  
1 p.m. - Blessing of the Foods  
9 p.m. - Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, April 9th**  
9 a.m. - Easter Mass  
11 a.m. - Easter Mass  
1 p.m. - Easter Mass (Extraordinary Form - Latin)

**Tuesday, April 11th**  
7 p.m. - Confession schedule resumes

**LAST CHANCE CONFESSIONS:**

The final time for confessions before Easter at St. Sebastian will be this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. After this session, there are no more confessions until Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m.

**BLESSING OF FOODS**

On Holy Saturday, there will be the traditional Blessing of Easter Foods at 1:00 p.m. The custom of blessing food for Easter arose from the discipline of fasting throughout Lent and the special Easter Fast during the Easter Triduum. Easter was the first day when meat, eggs, and other foods could be eaten again. According to custom,

food may be blessed on Holy Saturday for consumption at the first meals on Easter, when fasting is ended and the Church is filled with joy.

Baskets can be very simple (our family only had what we would eat as first bites on Easter morning) or they can be quite elaborate (some people bring everything for their first dinner) and Easter Baskets can also be brought. Find more information [HERE](#) or [HERE](#).

### **RICE BOWLS**

It's almost time to turn in your rice bowls. Look for the boxes by all the entrances Easter weekend.

### **VENERATION OF THE HOLY FACE RELIC**

Please join us after the 9 AM Mass this Sunday as we pray the Holy Face chaplet and venerate this relic. This drawing was made from Veronica's Veil when it was miraculously illuminated revealing the face of Our Lord. It was touched to the wood of the True Cross, the tip of the spear that pierced Christ's side, and the Veil itself. Beautiful 4 x 5 prayer cards, donated by Our Mother's Hands, will be distributed.

### **NEW SERVERS ON THE WAY!**

I am overjoyed to report that we have about 20 new servers who came to a training service on Monday! They will be a great addition to our corps of servers who have an outstanding reputation around the Diocese for being capable, reverent and reliable. Thank you, parents, for supporting your children in this ministry. If your child missed this training and still wants to participate in this ministry, there will be another training coming up in the spring. Keep an eye out! Thank you to some of our veteran servers who came to assist.

### **POSSIBLE CHANGES COMING TO ST. SEBASTIAN**

The administration of St. Sebastian Parish gets by all right, but things could certainly be much easier and more efficient. Our offices are spread out over two city blocks, three different buildings and two different zip codes. This makes finding someone whether you are a parishioner or a visitor to the parish very difficult. Some employees have offices in closets. None of our offices are handicap accessible. Some of our offices are in the school and so those staff persons cannot have office appointments due to school regulations. Now with the impending closing of Mull Avenue, not only will our offices be less accessible, the staff will also be more cut off from each other!

We have considered building an administration center that could also provide a meeting space and additional bathrooms for the church, but that would cost about 2.5 million dollars and take a couple of years to complete. If someone has it in their heart to donate that amount, I am more than glad to entertain the idea.

In the meantime, another opportunity has arisen. A member of our parish and neighbor has recently moved to live at St. Edward and has offered to sell us his house on very generous terms. After prayer and consultation, we are looking at turning his house (which seems much larger on the inside than the outside) into our administration center. We would bring all of our staff under one roof, have an additional meeting space, more storage (always a need) and a garage for use for our parish truck, which now sits out in the elements year-round, and have more space for storage of our landscaping machinery and supplies.

There is also no guarantee that we will always have Forest Lodge. In our license agreement, the City may pull out of the arrangement with only one-month notice. Already we don't have enough office space and what we would do with the six employees currently working there, I do not know. With this house as an Administration Center, the upstairs of Forest Lodge could become a center for our Young Adult Ministry, Youth Ministry, use for practice by our Academy of Culture and Arts, and have an additional small meeting space.

Nothing is set in stone as of yet, but these are realistic possibilities. I like to keep you well informed of everything I can think of that might be of interest to you and wanted to keep you abreast of current possibilities. So far, this project has met with the approval of Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils. More news will follow as things develop. And a great big thank you to our generous parishioner!

### **FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET**

Often people will say that Catholics did not read their Bibles until after Vatican II. But there were efforts underway well before the council to get Catholics to engage with Sacred Scripture. In the 1930 letter folder there was a pamphlet entitled, "Why Catholics Should Read the Bible." A note accompanied the pamphlet that reads, "We are giving the 6 Catholic graduates in Ellet H. S. Catholic Bibles. I pray that they will read them. Minnie Ellet."

The Low Coal Company, distributors of "Case Certified Coal" (590 East Exchange Street) wrote on September of 1930 to say,

Dear Friend,

I am taking this means to advise you that I, Miss Stabley, 1819 Seventh St. Cuya. Falls, O., am soliciting an order for Low Ash Coal handled by the Los Coal Co. in Akron, O. Prices are as follows:

. . . The coal is guaranteed to have less than one bushel of ashes to one ton.

. . . These prices will hold good for a short time only. The writer hopes you will see fit to place your orders with her.

Very truly yours,

Miss Stabley.

Written below it was a note:

Rev. Zwisler, (sic)

Any orders on which coal is delivered will benefit Miss Stabley in the way of commissions and we believe Miss Stabley is worthy of your patronage.

The Low Coal Co.

I've been told that the ashes from our coal boilers were used to become the base of our original brick parking lot. There were a lot of ashes to get rid of and this was a clever way of using much of that waste.

### 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

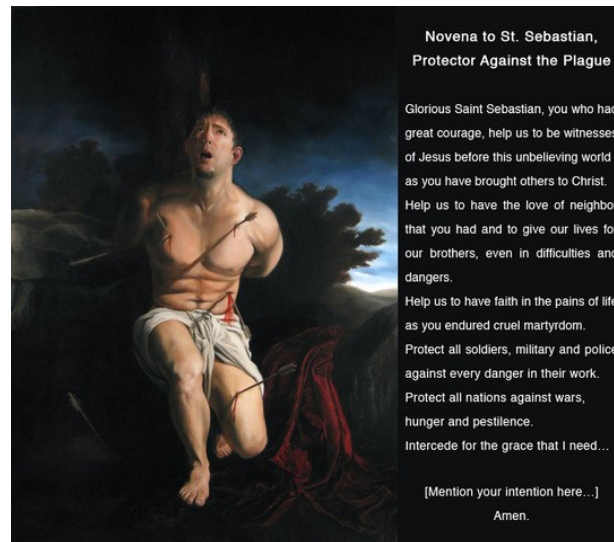
**Please keep all of our sick and distressed in your prayers:**

Annette Bailey, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Anthony D'Attoma, Tammy Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, Rosemarie George, Rita Buhalak Gossford, Bill Heising, Robert Hickey, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carson Hutzell, James Hutzell, Carolyn Jeske, Janet Kendrick, Candace Kidd, Fred Kovacic, Jean Labate, Frank Livigni, John Marckel, Myrna Marple, Marlene McFadden, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, Julius Peters, Beverly & Mike Preston, Bob Rader, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Betty Sarich, Denise Schmidt, Michael Schnetzer, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, Keith Wisberger and Ann Zsembik.

**God bless you,**

**Fr. Valencheck**

**St. Sebastian, pray for us.**



St. Sebastian Parish | 476 Mull Ave, Akron, OH 44320

[Unsubscribe](mailto:unsubscribe@stsebastian.org) [huberm@stsebastian.org](mailto:huberm@stsebastian.org)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by [huberm@stsebastian.org](mailto:huberm@stsebastian.org) powered by



Try email marketing for free today!