

Angelus Letter 13 April 2023 LETTER #219 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

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 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. Bozek Sunday Mass (Latin) at 1 p.m. with Fr. Ireland

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed following each of the Masses this Sunday. For more information about the indulgence connected to this feast day, click <u>HERE</u> or <u>HERE</u>.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Work began in earnest on the brick drive in the school courtyard on Easter Monday. (See picture below.) The project is slated to take approximately a week and a half depending on weather and other conditions. If you park in the brick parking lot for Mass on Sunday, this work will not affect your walk on the sidewalks between the parking lot and the church, but it will give you a sneak preview as to its progress!

Work continues on the waterline of Mull Avenue east of the parish. Because this phase is not finished and as of this writing, the actual tearing up of Mull Avenue is delayed and so it is anticipated (as of Tuesday) that you should find the same conditions for driving and parking as you have over the past couple of weeks. If things change, signs will be put up. And thank you for rolling with the punches!

Over break, the lower windows of our school building have been reinforced to prohibit any unwanted activity from the outside. This is part of our ongoing safety initiative for our parish school. Although we do not anticipate difficulties, it is nice to have this peace of mind.

Something that should not affect you in any way is the work going on at the Perkins property. More machinery has been delivered and the reshaping of the landscape seems to be at full tilt. It is amazing how much progress is going on in our neighborhood!

PICTURES

Here are a couple of pictures of interesting things around the parish. The first is a shot of the work going on in the school courtyard, the second is of our new tomb scene and finally, our hand painted Paschal Candle being delivered before the Easter Vigil.





SEMINARIAN AND SERVER NEWS

Say a prayer for our new servers as they begin their ministry on our sanctuary! Thanks to seminarians Joseph Ho and Michael Garvin. They were both in residence during Holy Week and helped out decorating and serving when they could. Joseph has been with us quite a bit over the years. Michael is from St. Hilary and will be ordained a transitional deacon this spring.

We have a couple of men from the parish currently in the process of applying for the seminary. I thank them for exploring the vocation and ask you to keep them in your prayers!

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Rounding out 1930 there is a letter to the Precious Blood Sisters from Fr. Zwisler stating, "We want to increase our supply of small altar breads. Please to send us 600 small along with the 24 large each week." Just for reference, according to our Head Sacristan, Karen Spangler, we currently use between 1,200 and 1,500 small altar breads a week.

The final letter from 1930 is so negatively signed, I am surprised the whole cabinet did not start on fire! The only reason I decided to print it was because the company in question is no longer in business.

To put things into perspective, remember that the United States was in the midst of the Great Depression and so resources were tight. You have read here in the past about some of the financial challenges that the parish faced including a bank failure and looming mortgage payments. Apparently during this time, the parish ran afoul of one of its creditors, the C. H. Yeager Company, which was a department store located on South Main St, and later on Howe Avenue. Fr. Zwisler did not take it lightly.

October 6th, 1930

The C. H. Yeager Co. 56 S. Main St. Akron, OH

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will find a check for \$14.42 to cover your interest demands, and another for \$3.47 to cover cost of merchandise bought by the Sanctuary Society, per Mrs. T. Foley.

These transactions close our business relations with your firm. We do not question your right to conduct your business as you wish. We, however, do not approve of same, and will exercise our right to buy elsewhere. During the last year we have had good credit accounts with other firms, such as O'Neil's and Polsky's. We were given

credit over a month period, and when we paid the bills, there was no interest item inserted, nor was any interest asked upon presentation of our check in full.

When we paid you our account in full on Sept. 12th, we also enclosed a check to cover your interest demands for what we thought would be final. Then you demanded another month's interest as per enclosed invoice. We are meeting this demand.

You are the only firm of the many we have dealt with, who charged us interest instead of extending credit. Since churches are never overburdened with money all business houses, except your own, refuse to penalize them with interest.

This is to inform you that St. Sebastian Parish, whether under the title of Church, School, Convent or Rectory will not be responsible for any more accounts with the C. H. Yeager Co., Akron.

Your very truly,

Fr. Zwisler

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

TO GIVE TO THE PARISH: <u>https://www.stsebastian.org/donate</u> TO GIVE TO THE FOUNDATION: <u>https://www.stsebastian.org/foundation/donate</u>

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, Mary Loftus, John Marckel, Myrna Marple, Marlene McFadden, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, 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.



Novena to St. Sebastian, Protector Against the Plague

Giorious 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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