



**Angelus Letter
20 April 2023
LETTER #220**

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

**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. Bede OSB**

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

It was another false alarm. We were expecting the major tear up of Mull Avenue to begin on Monday, but then the winds blew, and hail fell, and demolition was postponed. Just the same, I suggest that you just assume Mull Avenue is closed and you approach St. Sebastian Parish from Hawkins off Elmdale. If you are coming from the northeast, swing around Schneider Park on Mineola and approach the parish from either Roslyn or Orlando.

On Tuesday, Elmdale was open, but Greenwood was closed and looked as though it would be so for a spell. As I walked about the Circle resetting our detour signs, I noticed that the retaining pond on the Perkins site was taking shape. The old roads and parking lots were removed, and the land contoured.

Despite the less-than-optimal working conditions early in the week, the crew working on our brick courtyard were hard at it! It is turning out quite nicely. Say a prayer for their hard work and dedication.

CONCERT THIS WEEKEND

Mastersingers will hold a **concert here in St. Sebastian Parish this Sunday, April 23rd at 4 p.m. in our church.** If you enjoy classical music (or want to introduce your family to it) by such composers as Hayden, Mozart and Bach, this is the concert for you! **Admission is free** and open to the public. For more information go [HERE](#). If you would like a taste of what they do, click [HERE](#).

HOLY LAND GIFTS BEING SOLD THIS WEEKEND

Land of Peace Mission- a nonprofit organization will be selling Holy Land crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem in the vestibule after all Masses this weekend.

Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land.

Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. Website: www.landofpeace.org

INTERN AT ST. SEBASTIAN

I have been sitting on this information for months unable to talk about it to anybody, but now it is public knowledge. Mr. Ryan Arto, a seminarian studying for the priesthood for service to the Diocese of Cleveland, has been assigned as an intern here at St. Sebastian Parish. He will be moving in on Monday, May 22 and be with us through April of next year. He is a fine young man, hailing from St. Francis de Sales in Portage Lakes, and I look forward to introducing him to you and you to him as you will play a vital role in his formation.

In other happy news, we welcomed home Mr. Timothy Casey who left us late last year to explore a vocation as a brother with the Capuchins. Building on the Franciscan tradition, the Capuchins were founded in 1528 and emphasized prayer and contemplation, preaching, and physical care of the needy. After a year of discerning, Tim decided that this was not the particular vocation for him, but I want to thank him publicly for seriously considering and discerning such a vocation. I think it is important for young persons to know that going to the seminary or to a religious order is time of discernment, it is not a done deal, not unlike trying a major in college. Over the past few years, we have had a number of persons try out a vocation and return home (as well as have had some stay - and we currently have a couple of people in the process of applying for the seminary.) And so, Tim and I had a talk and thought it important to let you know of his progress. He enjoyed his time with the Capuchins and will carry that experience of working with the poor with him for the rest of his life.

If you are considering a Church vocation, there are different levels of discernment. Aside from your own research online, there are "Come and See" visits and other events all the way up to a period of living and working at the

seminary or religious order. If you are ready to make contact with someone, Fr. Eric Garris is the Director of Vocations for the diocese and may be reached at (440) 943-7655 or email him at egarris@dioceseofcleveland.org.

RIBBON CUTTING

Thank you to everybody who donated to the renovation of our school library! This past Monday we had a ribbon cutting and it was fun watching the students encounter the new furniture for the first time. Thank you especially those who donated during the Paddle Raise portion at our parish school's recent Spectacular event with special note to the event chairs Erica Gerstenmaier and Colleen Tate.

PICTURES

The first picture is of the work being completed on the brick courtyard and the rest are pictures are from the parish school featuring the new furniture in the school library.





RECENTLY DECEASED

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

There is only one letter in the folders from 1928/1929. We will have to explore a new set of letters beginning next week. Two things to keep in mind while reading this letter is that there was not yet a rectory of any kind and Fr. Zwisler was residing at St. Thomas Hospital where he also served as a chaplain to the nurses. Also, the parish had already employed Mr. Robert Krause as architect for the parish and he would go on to eventually design all the buildings on the St. Sebastian campus.

It is fun to note that consternation over church architecture was an issue as far back as the '20s! The more things change . . .

Carlton, Strong, Architect
342 Fourth Ave., Keystone Building
Pittsburg, PA

27 August 1928

Revd. and dear Dr. Zwisler,

We were intending to make one of Father Coakley's frequent visits to his family in Cleveland the occasion for a motor trip via Akron with a view to stopping there long enough to see you . . .

It was with such a plan in mind that I inquired, by telegraph about a week ago, whether you would be at home last Tuesday. This message was addressed to you at St. Thomas Hospital . . .

. . . I should very much like on such a trip to have the privilege of meeting you and, of course, the opportunity for discovering whether some of the things I have learned in the special field of liturgical architecture during upwards of forty years in practice, may not be of service to you.

Many so-called "styles" of architecture have served Christian "use", but their use, I think, is best employed when employed in the light of well settled and traditional ecclesiological principles which, unfortunately, have yet come to be sufficiently studied in this country.

In any case, I shall be delighted to hear from you and, especially, to receive any news that may insure the success of the proposed "via-Akron" trip.

Awaiting your reply, believe me,

Very sincerely,

Carlton Strong

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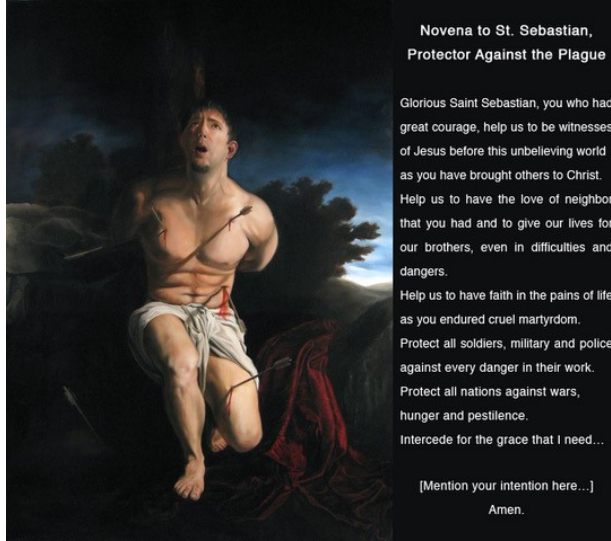
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Annette Bailey, Mary Berkesch, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Peggy Jo Cybulski, Anthony D'Attoma, Tammy Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, 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.



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