



**Angelus Letter
11 May 2023
LETTER #223**

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

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

**Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Valenccheck
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. Bozek
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Valenccheck
Sunday Mass (Latin) at 1 p.m. with Fr. Bede OSB**

WELCOME TO MR. RYAN ARTO

This weekend Mr. Ryan Arto will be introducing himself at all of the Masses. Ryan will be an intern with our parish as part of his preparation for service as a priest in the Diocese of Cleveland. Please keep him in your prayers. Welcome Ryan!

FATHER VALENCHECK AWAY

I will be away from the parish Sunday afternoon through Thursday. I will be at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma acting as retreat master for those who will be ordained for the Dioceses of Cleveland and Youngstown. They visited St. Sebastian Parish last week (see picture) to give some input into their retreat. Of the eight, two are from the Diocese of Youngstown. You are invited to the ordination at our Cathedral on Saturday, May 20 beginning at 10 A.M., but if you are unable to attend and still wish to see it, there will be link in next Thursday's letter to the livestream.



ASCENSION THURSDAY EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASS

There will NOT be an Extraordinary Form Mass on the traditional day of Ascension Thursday due to a lack of priests. It is not a holy day of obligation, but if you would still like to attend Mass, there will be a 6:30pm Mass at St. Stephen in Cleveland.

MARIAN PROCESSION AND MAY CROWNING

Last Sunday 80 people participated in the Marian procession. Thank you to Our Mother's Hands Ministry and Fr. Bozek for putting it all together. Click below to watch the video.

[Marian Procession and May Crowning, May 7, 2023, West Akron, Ohio - YouTube](#)

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS

Monday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m., we welcome our Guest speaker **Fr. Anthony Simone, Parochial Vicar at St. Jerome Parish, Cleveland and Presbyteral Moderator, St. Aloysius-St. Agatha, Cleveland** who will present a talk entitled, **Suffering AND Joy: Musings From "The Imitation of Christ"** at The Tangier located at Our Lady of the Cedars, 507 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road in Fairlawn.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. \$15 admission fee. Light appetizers included. Cash bar available.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

There was a distraction at Mass this morning as a giant, yellow arm kept waving back and forth right outside our glass doors. The construction crew is digging up portions of the street to put in new drains and to connect new fire hydrants. So more of the road surface is stone, but in the evenings, it seems as though it remains available for parking and so I suppose it will be open for your use this weekend.

PHONE ISSUES

For some reason our phones began acting up. There were issues with messages and strange blinking of lights. If you think your call may not have made it through, please try calling the parish office again at 330-836-2233.

RECENTLY DECEASED

[Mary Cox Obituary 2023 - Hummel Funeral Homes](#)

[Margaret Ann Roberts | Calhoun Funeral Home & Cremation Service](#)

John Charles Conlon – No obituary at this time

ADORATION ASSISTANCE

Please continue to make an effort, particularly in the later afternoon, to help there be people present on Tuesdays for adoration during construction.

EXTRAORDINARY FORM

We had our meeting with Bishop Malesic this past Friday concerning the future of the Extraordinary Form of the Mass in the Diocese of Cleveland. The long and the short of it is this: we were told to hold the course until September since no word has been received from Rome as of yet.

Our Bishop has requested that all twelve parishes be able to continue as they have until September at which time, he hopes to consolidate that number to three locations: Cleveland east, west, and one location south (Akron). He is in consultation with the Institute of Christ, the Sovereign High Priest, whose charism is to celebrate the Extraordinary Form, in the hopes to bring them to the diocese. That would entail changing a parish in Cleveland into a shrine, in order to fulfill the pope's mandate. That would leave the question of the other two locations in doubt since, at the moment, they would take place in parishes.

In the end, all possibilities are still on the table: We could have twelve locations, three, one or we might receive a cease-and-desist order. All will depend on if Rome will accept our Bishop's requests.

Our Bishop has asked us to pass along to those who worship at this Mass that he does care for you and desires to do what he can to ensure the long-term celebration of this Mass and other sacraments within the diocese if that option is given to him. He is also aware that there are other churches in our diocese that carry the title Catholic, but do not have faculties to perform sacraments nor are they tied in any real way to the bishop or the pope. This awareness will mean sacrifices may need to be made and that is not an easy thing. To explain this further, there is an excellent episode on "Pints with Aquinas" that I highly recommend that you can find [HERE](#). I hope that it assists you in your discernment. Know of my prayers.

There is a very thick folder marked, "ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL: BOYS ATTENDING". The first letter in the file concerns the registration for the first year of classes in 1953. A fact sheet was sent out to area pastors to help get the word out about the new high school. Among the different points were these:

- + Classes would be held in a space provided by St. Bernard Parish for the first year.
- + They will limit the first class to 150 boys due to space limitations at St. Bernard Parish.
- + There will be no entrance exam (as of yet) but, "Pastors could be most helpful in helping us eliminate doubtful cases . . ." (*Something I am very grateful that is not asked of me today.*)
- + Extracurricular activities would include sports, music, public speaking and student publications.
- + We may seem unnecessarily adamant about pre-payment of fees, but we must prevent the merely curious or disinterested student from excluding another who is sincerely intent upon evening our school.

Please remember this new foundation in your Masses - God's Blessing of this apostolate will be our measure of success.

Sincerely in Christ,

Brother Noel, C.S.C.
Principal

(Hopefully, as we work our way through these files, we will find one from our other local high schools also! There will be one more installment from this file next week.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Gary Arman, Annette Bailey, Mary Berkesch, Jill Buffa, John Buhalak, 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, 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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