



**Angelus Letter
25 May 2023
LETTER #225
St. Bede, St. Gregory VII
and St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi**

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. 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**

Monday Mass at 9 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck

MEMORIAL DAY NOTES:

Mass on Memorial Day will be at 9 a.m.

Parish offices will be CLOSED on Monday.

PARISH POTLUCK BREAKFAST

Following the 9 a.m. Mass on Monday, we will hold our Annual Memorial Day Potluck Breakfast. Bring a plate of something to share with your family and friends and start the day of honoring those who gave of their lives in defense of our freedoms by exercising that freedom of praying for them at Mass and then joining with your faith community to break bread together.

ORDINATION TIDBITS

The ordination went well. What a blessing it was to be able to get to know these fine men better. My impression is that they are going to be extraordinarily good priests. Please keep them in your prayers.

It was a delight walking down the aisle at the Cathedral for ordination and seeing so many St. Sebastianites there! Then even more of you showed up at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Parma to be a part of Father Ian Kelly's First Mass of Thanksgiving! That was awesome because he was so instrumental in assisting us navigating the turbulent waters of COVID. However, I feared, since so many were there, no one would be at St. Sebastian this weekend! If you were at the Mass in Parma, you know it was a beautiful Mass and it was evident that Fr. Kelly truly prayed the Mass.

As the procession of priests made their way into the church at the beginning of Mass and I heard the organist and choir, I will admit being a little disappointed. They were really good and my pride kicked in because I like St. Sebastian being the parish known for really good music. I got ahold of myself and said, "I should be happy that more parishes have really good choirs and organists. Good for them." Then I made it to the sanctuary, turned around, looked up, and there was Lynn Steward and the whole St. Sebastian choir in the loft!

Fr. Kelly will be returning to St. Sebastian Parish for a Mass of Thanksgiving. He will have the 9 a.m. Mass and Eucharistic procession on Corpus Christi. If you can make it, it would be great to have you with us.

NEW PAINTING

In the Padre Pio Chapel (the former baptistry), there is a new painting of Joan of Arc whose feast day is May 30th. The painting was done by the same Ukrainian artist who did "The Placing of Christ in the Tomb" which hung in the same location during part of Lent.

This painting was made possible by generous parishioners aided by a significant donation connected through the seminary. The painting will be on display at St. Sebastian Parish around this time of year to honor St. Joan and the rest of the year, it will hang at the seminary. When it is not on display at the seminary, one of our other original paintings will hang at the seminary, or an original piece of art that I hope to encourage other pastors to loan will hang there. The purpose of this exchange program is to help seminarians (who will be our priests one day) understand that good art is still possible to be created by artists and that they do not have to order mass-produced "art" out of catalogues.

Art and beauty attract and invite people to the parish. It aids the mission of Christ and supports artists who produce

worthy, beautiful and holy things. Why is so much of modern art so archaic and ugly? Because organizations such as the Church do not support artists. This is our effort to help the local Church remember her role as Patroness of the Arts and in turn help the healing of our culture.

JUBILEE MASS

If you are not doing anything, it would be swell to see you at my Jubilee Mass this Sunday at 9AM. You are certainly most heartily invited.

MOVING IN

This week Mr. Ryan Arto and Mr. Christopher Villarreal, seminarians for the Diocese of Cleveland, have moved into the rectory. You should see them more regularly in the sanctuary at Masses. Also moving in is Miss Joan of b'Arc. Hopefully you will be able to meet her too! Please be aware, however, that we are attempting not to give her treats and snacks. Thanks!

PICTURES!

The first photo is the ordination class at the end of the retreat. The second photo is Fr. Ian Kelly at his First Mass of Thanksgiving reception. The third photo is the magnificent choir concert last Sunday and in the fourth photo you can see our great facilities crew putting the final touches on the remake of old greenhouse (which really needs a new name now.) About fourteen years ago an Eagle Scout put a lot of work into the greenhouse to keep it from collapsing and it held up well. Now it is entering its next phase of use. Thanks for your hard work guys!





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FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

"How fast do rockets go? Do you have teenage love problems? Are you bothered by tooth decay? The answer to these, and many more question are being set forth as the competition grows keener for the third annual speech contest," so reports, "The Truth", the Hoban school newspaper in 1956. "The story of "The Truth" seems like a wasted effort until you realize it is done to give you one of the best school newspapers in the city of Akron." At the time, the paper came out once every six weeks. I'm not sure why this particular issue was saved and, unfortunately, they did not list the parishes from which the students in the paper hailed from so if there is a particular tie to St. Sebastian Parish, it is not readily apparent.

There are also several years of report cards in the file, though some of them are not well dated. In 1954, there are such names as Gilbert Reymann, Class of 1954 (who got an A in Latin), Richard Wendelken, Class of 1954 (who got an A in algebra), Robert Reymann, Class of 1948 (whose strength seemed to be in biology) and Paul Hummel, Class of 1953 (who did well in religion)! I will say this, however, there was no padding of grades! Hoban graded tough! But I won't share the evidence of this except for this is note of regulations:

"If the 1st SEMESTER AVERAGE is **F**, the 2nd SEMESTER AVERAGE must be **at least a C**. **Regardless** of the 1st SEMESTER AVERAGE, the 2nd SEMESTER AVERAGE must be **above F**." *(The red lettering was emphasized in red ink by hand.)*

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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, Marjorie DeLuca, Deanna Ferris, Rosemarie George, Kenneth Gessford, Rita Buhalak Gessford, 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, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, Beverly & Mike Preston, Bob Rader, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Betty Sarich, Kim 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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