



**Angelus Letter  
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LETTER #226  
Saint Justin, Martyr**

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. 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. Bozek  
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck  
Sunday Mass (Latin) at 1 p.m. with Fr. Justin OSB**

**SAYING GOODBYE TO FR. MARTY**

We found out last week that Fr. Marty Miller who had been visiting and helping out at St. Sebastian (largely during the week) is being transferred to Houston, Texas. Fr. Marty is a priest of Opus Dei and has visited St. Sebastian from Warwick House in Pittsburgh just about every Wednesday and Thursday for almost fourteen years. You will be greatly missed Fr. Marty! Your company is always so welcome.

Father will not be leaving until August. There will be another priest taking his place and making the visits to Akron. But will he be as good of a card player?

**JUBILEE NOTES**

Here are some things about the Jubilee Mass about which you might be unaware. I mentioned at the end of Mass that the red vestment I was wearing was the vestment that I wore at my First Mass of Thanksgiving twenty-five years ago. I said that I had obtained it from Bob's Discount Vestment Shop, which got a laugh and some comments of incredulity, but it is almost true. There was a man named Bob who had a barn stuffed to the rafters with things he had collected from closing churches and what not. The place was so full of things that movie makers often visited there to borrow things for productions. The (gently used) vestment was less expensive than a brand new one & fit my tight budget. So, while the place may not have actually had that name, the story is close to being true.

The chalice used was from Sacred Heart Slovenian Parish in Barberton. It was given to the parish by Fr. Media as a thank you gift when he left the parish for another assignment. Fr. Knuckle and the parish had it refurbished and given to me at my ordination. It is generally used for the Christmas and Easter seasons and weddings.

One of the songs before the Mass is called, "Prayer to St. Sebastian." You can find it on Youtube. It was composed by Miriam Marston who is a consecrated virgin in Oregon. I asked her for the music, and she said, "There is no music. But if you can figure it out, please feel free to use it!" So, we did! It never fails to move me.

"Lepa Si Lepa" was a Slovenian hymn to Mary (from my home parish.) "You are a beautiful rose Virgin Mary," is an English translation. "Non Nobis Domine" is from the movie, "Henry V". The words are from Psalm 115 and translates, "Not to us, not to us Lord, but to You give the glory." This is my class motto, and this piece was sung at my ordination.

"One Faith, One Church, One Lord," for some reason is one of my favorite pieces that our choir sings. There is something so inspirational about it.

There were two sets of torches used, which I will admit may have been a little bit of overkill, but it was fun. I inherited the larger, lantern-like torches from Fr. Richard Burchell who passed away a few years ago. He employed me for the summers when I was a seminarian much like we do for seminarians here. It was nice to use them in his memory.

There were more things I am sure, but there was so much it was a bit overwhelming. Thank you to everybody for such a great celebration, especially the planning committee and all those who did music, decorated, made sure our buildings and grounds were top-notch, our Church beautiful and all of you who were either there or sent notes. Who could ask for anything more? You are all awesome.

**IMPORTANT CONSTRUCTION NEWS**

On Wednesday, workers began tearing up the road deck of Mull Avenue and they are making quick work of it as trucks haul away load after load of bricks. Just in case, be prepared for Mull Avenue to be completely blocked this week. For those who normally come to the Church down Mull from Exchange, consider driving around Schneider Park on Mineola and approaching St. Sebastian Square from Roslyn or Orlando.

If you come to the parish from Mull from the direction of the highway, take the first exit off of the circle and approach the parish from Elmdale. If you live close enough to the parish to walk, I would advise it. Pad your arrival time at Mass by a couple of minutes just in case.

Thank you everybody for your patience, understanding and good humor about this! The countdown to the finish date has begun!

#### FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

"To point out to a priest the demand for more physical plant and more teachers in Catholic elementary and secondary schools is merely to restate a problem that is increasingly apparent in every parish. It is just as clear that the numbers who are now absorbing your worry will soon be engulfing the colleges."

So begins a letter from John Carroll University to Fr. Zwisler in August of 1955. St. Sebastian had just finished expanding the campus with a convent and a recreation center to help handle all of the students in our area. The "tidal wave of enrollment" that was hitting the lower schools was about to hit the colleges. "This is not an academic theory; the children are already born and on the way to the registers' office."

Today, John Carroll has an enrollment around 2,660, but in 1955 "enrollment is at an all-time peak of 2,700. And yet, we are not ready for the tidal wave of the 60's . . . Financial and moral support can build a great Catholic University in Cleveland."

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#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Gary Arman, Annette Bailey, 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.  
St. Justin, pray for us.

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