



Angelus Letter
8 June 2023
LETTER #227

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* & Procession at 9 a.m. with *Fr. Kelly**
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Sunday Mass (Latin) at 1 p.m. with Fr. Bede OSB

***EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION & NEWLY ORDAINED WELCOME**

*This weekend is the Feast of Corpus Christi: The Body and Blood of Jesus. Following the 9 a.m. Mass there will be a **Eucharistic Procession** from the church around St. Sebastian Square. After the benediction, there will be Donut Sunday. Even if you attend another Mass, consider coming to the parish at around 9:45/9:50 to join in the procession.

** Fr. Ian Kelly will be celebrating the 9 a.m. Mass and leading the Eucharistic Procession. Fr. Kelly spent some considerable time here at St. Sebastian Parish during his formation and is returning to offer this Mass as a Mass of Thanksgiving. There will be an opportunity at Donut Sunday to greet him and receive the newly ordained blessing.

LYNN STEWARD TO RETIRE

In under a year, Lynn Steward, our music director and organist will be retiring. Replacing her will be quite a task! Those being trained in liturgical music and organ playing are dwindling and many parishes are searching for musicians. We have been so very blessed to have Lynn and it makes me nervous even to set out to attempt to find someone who can take over the reins here. You can help however: Firstly, PRAY for good candidates to be available and want to work here. Secondly, help spread the word that your parish is looking for a qualified musician to glorify God and inspire His people!

NO REST FOR THE WICKED

At times, I know I am difficult to get in touch with. With fewer priests around, more jobs fall on fewer shoulders. While fun, it does make it difficult getting everything that is worthy accomplished. Most recently, I have been appointed chaplain to the Knights of Malta for the Ohio Chapter, I was elected Presbyteral Convener for the priests of Summit County South and have just been appointed by our Bishop as a member of the first ever Admissions Committee for our seminary. At some point, I must learn to say, "No."

Please pray for vocations! It has always been part of my plan for the shortage to continue until I am at my ideal parish (which has been accomplished) and that then there would be a huge influx of seminarians who would take care of me in my old age. Since it takes just under a decade to make a priest, it is time for that part to start happening! So please join me in prayer!

PARISH DOGS HAVING FUN

Here is Weller (Mr. Rohr's assistant in the school) and Joan of b'Arc (my personal assistant) having a romp on the front lawn.



FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Has anyone heard of “Sandy Beach?” How about “Sandy Beach Famous Fish Fries?” In 1953, Sandy Beach, owned and managed by “Swanee” Warensford and located at 3720 South Main Street in Akron, advertised itself as, “Northern Ohio’s Finest Family Park” and boasted a “big, natural sandy beach, amusement midway, merry-go-round train, fishing, dancing and canoeing among many other attractions.

In July of that year, the students of St. Sebastian Parish School went to Sandy Beach for a summer fun day. The cost for the day, which included refreshment tickets and two buses, came to \$165.50. (That would be a little less than \$2,000 in today’s dollars. Still a good deal!) Sanctuary Society kicked in \$11.40 to add ham to the lunch.

In May of that same summer, the graduating class was supposed to go to Wyoga Lake Park on route 532 in Cuyahoga Falls. This private park offered fishing, swimming, waterslides, boats and 150 acres of picnic grounds. Unfortunately, it must have rained buckets on the appointed day which goes against my maxim that, “It never rains on a St. Sebastian event.”

In a letter to Fr. Zwisler, Jim Loftus wrote in part,

“I had an inside shelter fixed up for them, but the grounds were wet and they definitely would not have had a good time tramping around in the woods.”

“This is a beautiful spot, Father, and we can accommodate large crowds, and I would certainly like to have you see it before you make arrangements for your parish picnic.”

Anybody remember this park? Did the parish have any further events there? Let me know!

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, 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, Monica and Thad Ricker, 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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