



**Angelus Letter
1 February 2024
LETTER #260**

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. 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**

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently taking nominations for four persons to serve a three-year term. The council meets about ten times a year in the evening and is responsible for advising me and advancing the mission of the parish. Nomination forms may be found in the pews, or you may call Cathy Sivec in the office (330) 836-2233. Feel free to put your own name forward or a person who you think would serve the parish well.

LIVE-STREAMING DIFFICULTIES

Our live-streaming equipment is beginning to get old already and we are experiencing some difficulties in uploading our Masses. At the moment, it seems that we need between five and ten thousand dollars just to get the equipment we have working well again. I will keep you up to date.

We also may need to remove a number of Masses from our online queue due to copyright disputes. As much as we try with all due diligence to cover these requirements, sometimes communication from the company that manages these things is not always timely. This is just a heads up to let you know that soon some of our videos will be removed (unless someone wants to volunteer to edit them!)

RIGHT TO LIFE SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN

Thank you to the 159 parishioners who took the time to sign the pro-life signature campaign last weekend. \$1,389 was raised for programs to assist women and families find alternatives to abortion. God bless you all.

THE REV. BOB JACKSON

Long time parishioners will remember Fr. Bob Jackson who was a parochial vicar here from 2000 to 2004. He is currently the pastor of Prince of Peace Parish in Barberton, which, when it was known as Sacred Heart Parish, was my home parish growing up. Fr. Jackson and I served for one year together in 1998 and 1999 at St. Ambrose in Brunswick. I thought that you might like to know that he will be retiring this summer! Please keep him in your prayers.

INTERESTING RESOURCES

The Diocese of Cleveland has a podcast with Fr. Damian Ference called, "Questions of Faith." You can go [HERE](#) to find episodes or to submit a question.

The Diocese of Cleveland will also send to your email, a daily recorded prayer by local clergy. Go [HERE](#) for information or to sign up.

The *Auxilium Christianorum* app is a prayer app for those who want extra prayers for themselves and/or for prayers of protection from worldly powers. Go [HERE](#) for more information.

WHAT I'M READING: I thought maybe I would occasionally share with you what I am currently reading in case you might find it helpful. I'm just finishing up "The Adventure of Discipleship" by Daniel A. Keating. It "presents the Gospel through the lens of great adventure stories - from J. R. R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings and C. S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia to popular adventure movies, comic books superheroes and TV series."

PICTURES

The first picture is from the Icon Display that was out for our St. Sebastian Feast Day.

The second picture is of the new banners installed on the light posts on the Zwisler Hall parking lot heralding our school's National Blue-Ribbon Award. (I had one student say to me, "I thought we were done celebrating that." I responded, "Oh no! That award is good for five years! We will celebrate it every moment of those five years!")

The last is a picture of the Priests vs Seminarians basketball game. It was pretty much a slaughter. What you see here is almost the end of the game and the score at that point was 18 to 54. Our own Christopher Villarreal tore up the court pretty well. Those of you who remember Connor Trout who lived with us this summer might like to know that he can sink 3 pointers pretty accurately! Fr. Ian Kelly, who lived with us during COVID made the first basket for the priests.



FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

In 1959, Archbishop Hoban had sent to all Catholic Schools the first "Handbook for Catholic Elementary School Principals," citing that, "principals of our elementary schools have a great variety of duties to perform and innumerable decisions to make." Therefore, "it has been felt necessary to gather [all of the diocesan policies] in one place for the convenience of the older, experienced principals and as a handbook for the new principals, especially in the newer schools."

Page one gave the philosophy of the diocese as it concerns Catholic schools. It seems appropriate to give it verbatim during this Catholic School's Week:

"It is the aim of the Catholic elementary schools of the Diocese of Cleveland to cooperate with the Church and with parents so to assist, guide, inspire, instruct and form their children as to help them to perfect themselves, with the assistance of God's grace unto the attaining of the supreme goals of human life in time and in eternity.

To this end, the Catholic schools shall strive:

To perfect the intellect of their students with all good intellectual habits, natural and supernatural.

To perfect the will of the students with all good moral habits, natural and supernatural.

Specifically, it is the purpose of the Catholic elementary schools of the Diocese of Cleveland.

To impart basic religious instruction and formation.

To impart basic knowledge, understanding and skill in the fundamental school subjects; the language, arts, arithmetic, the social studies.

To impart basic knowledge, understanding and skill in other subjects needed for life in our modern world: the fine arts, natural science, health, safety, physical education, etc.

The objective is to produce a well-rounded individual; intellectually, morally, emotionally, esthetically, socially; an individual prepared to fulfill his duties to himself, his family, his civil community, his world, his Church and his God."

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, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Peggy Jo Cybulski, Anthony D'Attoma, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Katherine Dennis, Deanna Ferris, Rosemarie George, Kenneth Gessford, Rita Buhalak Gessford, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carson Hutzell, James Hutzell, Carolyn Jeske, Charise Kasper, Janet Kendrick, Candace Kidd, Fred Kovacic, Jean Labate, Frank Livigni, Mary Loftus, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Toni Morlan, Betty O'Hara, Ronald O'Hearn, Beverly & Mike Preston, Bob Rader, Mabel Randall, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Betty Sarich, Kim Sarich, Denise Schmidt, Michael Schnetzer, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, Oscar Teves, Keith Wisberger and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck

St. Sebastian, pray for us.

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