



**Angelus Letter
8 February 2024
LETTER #261
St. Jerome Emiliani
St. Josephine Bakhita**

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**

N. B.: This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

GOOD NEWS AND OPPORTUNITY NEWS:

Everybody loves Donut Sunday. We have a great volunteer who coordinates it. On the other side of the coin, we don't have enough volunteers particularly after the 11am Mass to keep it going. We need *you* to keep this much-loved ministry going. It doesn't take that much effort or time, but someone is needed, nonetheless. Please call Cathy Sivec in the rectory office at (330) 836-2233 if you can volunteer.

LENTEN MISSION COMING UP QUICKLY!

Our Annual Parish Mission will be Sunday, February 25th through Tuesday the 27th with Fr. Thomas Blau O.P., a member of the Dominican Order [Order of Preachers]. He is an itinerant preacher in the Diocese of Columbus doing parish missions with his residence at St. Patrick Priory. He is one of the Pontifical Missionaries of Mercy of the Catholic Church, an inducted "Magistral Chaplain" for the Knights of Malta, and the local chaplain for the Columbus Legatus organization. He is also the founder of "St. Barnabas Ministry" which provides a Dominican priest ready to take over a diocesan parish to allow the priest to go on vacation or retreat. Fr. Blau is one of the Eucharistic Preachers selected by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for the Eucharistic Revival.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

This weekend, all parishes in the diocese will be conducting their Annual Catholic Charities Campaign. Thank you in advance for your patience and your generosity. As the Operation Rice Bowl Campaign takes care of those most in need throughout the world, Catholic Charities takes care of those most in need in our diocese, just as our St. Vincent de Paul takes care of those most in need in our parish boundaries.

A LETTER TO THE PARISH

The Peter Maurin Center, founded by the Catholic parishes of Akron, is an outreach ministry in South Akron, Ohio. Its mission is to service the community through God's love and grace. They provide hope, strength, and resources to individuals in our community who struggle to survive on their own. They always welcome your donations and volunteer time. (St. Sebastian Parish provides a monthly meal and volunteers to serve the meal. Please call the rectory if you'd like to volunteer.)

Recently we received a letter from the Director of Community Relations to those who managed or participated in the Giving Tree that we have each year during advent:

Dear St. Sebastian Parish,

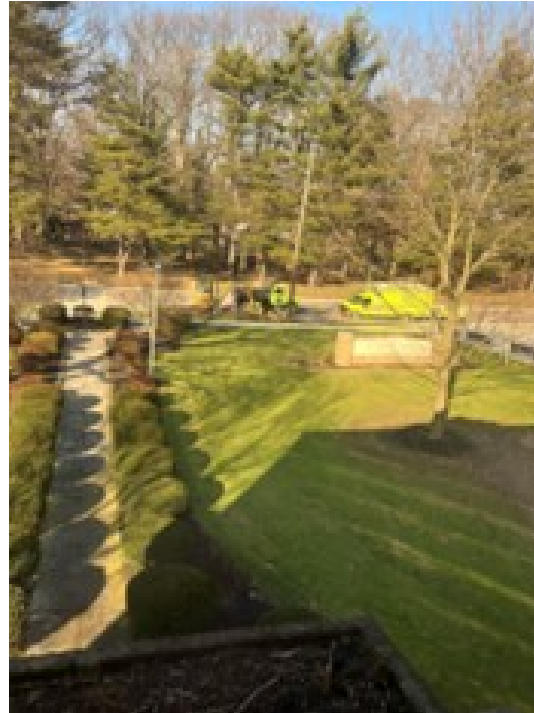
On behalf of the Peter Maurin Center and those we serve, we would like to thank you for your love, support, gift cards and Christmas gifts for the underprivileged children of Summit County! What a blessing you were to so many!! We could not do what we do without the generosity of others, so we appreciate the support. God bless you all Karen McNeil

P.S. Lori Oakes - God bless you for organizing this mission. You are amazing!

PICTURES

The first picture is of our band practicing on Tuesday. Joanie and I were going on our morning walk and got to hear them playing.

The second picture may be difficult to decipher. It is a picture from my sitting room out toward Mull Avenue. Those green trucks were installing the underground electric wires that are needed for our new lampposts.



GOINGS ON AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQUARE

Last Wednesday, our new mayor, the Honorable Shammass Malik, was here at St. Sebastian Parish, in Zwislser Hall for a Ward 4 meeting. One of the things he said was, "Father, we are going to get Mull Ave. finished for you!" One of the more interesting things that I learned was the fate of the speed tables that were once on Garman Road. Apparently, they were temporary speed bumps that moved around the city when and where needed. (I just thought that too many people complained.) Eventually he would like to install them more permanently in certain places as test pilots, some of them will be installed soon.

Lots of work continues at Perkins (Good Park). Large machines are digging away there every day but as of this writing, there has not been any vertical construction as of yet. The new Fire Station, however, is coming along nicely. Be sure to look next time you pass.

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

As you should be aware, this spring we will be building and re-establishing a greenhouse on our campus. One of the files in the cabinet concerned the original greenhouse and toolshed. The complete bill for this building was sent on 20 November 1950 from Kraus and Helmkamp Architects who designed and built all of the St. Sebastian Parish buildings. For design, materials and construction, the bill for the building came to a whopping \$4,394.01! To put things in perspective, about twelve years ago, we were contemplating building a brick enclosure for our dumpsters and the cost for design through construction was going to be \$10,000! That was a dear price at the time and so we built a wooden enclosure.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

TO GIVE TO THE PARISH: <https://www.stsebastian.org/donate>

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Julie Acus, 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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