



**Angelus Letter
22 February 2024
LETTER #263
The Chair of Saint Peter**

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Friday Stations of the Cross at 1:45 p.m.
Friday Confessions at 4 p.m.
Friday Stations of the Cross at 7 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. Blau O.P.

THE PARISH LENTEN MISSION BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

The Rev. Thomas Blau O.P. will be preaching at our Parish Lenten Mission this Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 7 p.m. Confessions will proceed each evening at 6 p.m. The mission, which is free and open to the public, will explore understanding and encountering Jesus present to us in the Eucharist. For an example of his preaching, go [HERE](#).

ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

The Diocesan Night of Confessions will be this coming Wednesday, February 28 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at every parish in the diocese. There will also be confessions from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday until the mission begins.

EUCCHARISTIC ART CONTEST

The Diocese of Cleveland is conducting a call for entries for artists to submit works of art centered on the Eucharist. "What does the Eucharist mean for you?" Select winners will have their works displayed in both our online journal and additionally at an "Opening" this summer in the Diocese, with early submissions also being considered for a national Eucharistic art competition. For more information go [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

SEMINARY NEWS

This past week saw a lot of miles put on cars between St. Sebastian Parish and our seminary. Mr. Ryan Arto needed to travel up that way for classes and final meetings with the Bishop to discuss ordination. I was invited to see the installation of seminarians into the office of acolyte and the admissions board was gathered with interviews for candidates for entrance to the seminary.

Many of the seminarians were gone this weekend. They were at Josephinum Pontifical Seminary where they gathered a number of seminarians to compete in a basketball tournament. Cleveland had two teams, one from Borromeo Minor Seminary and one from St. Mary Major Seminary. News has it that our own Christopher Villarreal tore up the court though by his own admission he reports, "I have never been more sore and tired in my life!"

WORK AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQUARE

Monday morning, repair work began on the plaster in the church. We are told that it should have little impact on our schedule and within two weeks the project should be finished. As reported last week, this also means that plaster work will begin in the rectory.

Attending the Men's Breakfast last weekend, I looked up to see some water damage in the ceiling at Zwisler Hall! For those who remember, several years ago, when we were replacing that roof, there was a rainstorm and water poured into the hall ruining the plasterwork in this exact same spot which we had to repair. We will send a crew up to check out the roof and make repairs and then have the plaster repaired while we have workers already on our campus.

Now that the fence is down at the Elmdale house, the next step is to replace the lawn. Weather permitting, within the next two weeks, the lawn will be regraded and prepared to be seeded. From what I understand, we are going to hold on to the grapevines for the time being and perhaps do what we can to move them to the grounds of the new greenhouse sometime in the next year.

There are rumors of vertical construction about to commence on the Good Park grounds. (But then again, we've heard that before.) There is a meeting coming up soon and I hope to give you a report on that.

Continuing our discussion about the problem in the narthex with the heating. It appears that we have determined the reason for the problem, and we will be calling a company to help us locate the exact spot of the problem before we start tearing things apart!

PICTURES

The first picture is of the Chardon Polka Band that played here last Sunday for a crowd north of 200 people. The second is of the orchestra concert that took place in the church the week prior.



MISC.

We are in the midst of National Couple's Week. [HERE](#) is a booklet to help couples carve out more time for themselves. For a retreat for mothers and daughters, go [HERE](#).

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

The 1956 Diocesan Supervisor's report of School Visitation was pretty complimentary save for this one comment in red, "Wednesdays and Fridays grades 2-8 are required to attend 8:30am Mass - they also receive Holy Communion. Breakfast is eaten in the cafeteria. **It is almost 10:30am before these groups reach their classrooms. This leaves insufficient teaching time.**"

Schools that had their own buses were warned that the state was giving a re-examination to drivers to, "ensure the safe and sure operation of school buses," to protect, "our State's most precious cargo."

There were a number of newsletters from the School Board Office of the Diocese of Cleveland. One of the articles ran thus:

"Every pastor and principal surely realized how difficult it is becoming to secure good lay teachers - what with the very great shortage and public-school salaries starting at \$400.00 per month!"

In another article promoting health for students as they were entering into the summer months suggested informing students of the following:

1. Stress the importance of getting a tan slowly.
2. Warn children to keep out of boats unless they know how to handle them.
3. Be careful wading out too far if they don't know how to swim.
4. Be careful of the water they drink while camping out or during hikes. Water that looks clean and clear may be full of germs.
5. Stress the importance of washing fruits and vegetables before eating.

6. Stress the importance of washing hands before handling goods and after using the toilet.
7. How to recognize poison ivy.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep all 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, Jeanne Sabet, 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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