



Angelus Letter
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LETTER #265
Saints Perpetua and Felicity

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.
Confirmation Mass at 7 p.m.
No Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. due to Confirmation

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. Valencheck

LAETARE SUNDAY

It is **Laetare Sunday**! We are halfway through Lent, and we may need to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and start again, or things may be going rather well with our Lenten practices. The home stretch is in sight, and we can finish strong! Donut Sunday will be this weekend at Forest Lodge. (Zwisler Hall was already booked)

OUR LIVESTREAM IS TEMPORARILY DOWN

Our livestream equipment has been having some problems for a little while. It has finally stopped working for us. A new Tri castor will be ordered and installed, but we don't know how long that will take. We will get things up and running as soon as we can. I will keep you updated on the process.

WORK AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQUARE

Workers were back out digging holes in our new devil strip and so Joan, and I went out to investigate. We were informed that this is further work that needs to be completed before the new lampposts can be erected. (C. S. Lewis is becoming impatient.) I asked how much longer it might be and was greeted with humming and hawing concerning paperwork and diagrams to be created and we settled on the idea that they would be in when they would be in. But the day, nonetheless, draws nigh!

Look up and see what you don't see! All the plaster and paint work in the church is completed. You will no longer see (hopefully) bubbled patches, peeling areas of paint in the pillars between the windows and it no longer appears to be "snowing" on the piano! It looks great! The crew moved on to Zwisler Hall to make a few repairs there and today (Tuesday) I am expecting them back in the rectory to make long standing repairs there.

Joan and I took a walk through the Good Park Development (aka the Perkins property). Much fussing is still going on there, particularly where the townhouses will be built. Forms are being laid out for sidewalks and yesterday I saw cement trucks there, so progress keeps being made.

Our maintenance crew is working on the lamppost in front of the rectory. It has always annoyed me. The post is too high and the lamp too small. So, they are going to try to improve it as best they can. Also, take a look at our new fire station! It is coming along nicely.

OTHER GOINGS ON

This past Thursday we welcomed Bishop Malesic to St. Sebastian Parish for a dinner at the rectory along with a number of other priests and seminarians. Fr. Jackson, former parochial vicar here, presented the parish with an authentic, second century Roman Army arrowhead. This would be roughly the time of St. Sebastian and would resemble the arrow heads that pierced his body. Eventually it will be on display for you to see. Thank you, Fr. Jackson.

This **Friday March 8th is our Confirmation celebration!** We welcome Abbot Gary Hoover OSB as our celebrant that day along with seminarian Jeffry Lindholm who will act as MC. **Congratulations Confirmandi! (We will not have 7pm Stations of the Cross that evening)**

Saturday, March 9th I will be gone most of the day to offer a men's retreat at St. John Neumann in Strongsville.

Monday, March 11th, Our Mother's Hands will be leading A Lenten Journey with Mary at 7:00 PM in the Church. Come walk the road to Calvary with our Blessed Mother as you pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary and Mary's Way of the Cross. Flameless candles and prayer aids will be provided.

On April 5th and 6th, **Dr. Peter Kreeft** will be speaking at two different events here at St. Sebastian. On Friday night there will be a young adult conference in the church and on Saturday a day of retreat sponsored by West Side Couples. See the bulletin for details or call the parish office.

Also on April 6th, there will be "An Evening in Roma" Gala Dinner to benefit the Chesterton Academy of Akron. It will be held here in Zwisler Hall. For more information click here: [Events — Chesterton Academy of Akron](#)

On April 7th we will have the last in our Coffee House series of concerts. At 4 o'clock in Zwisler Hall, Pitch Blend Barbershop Quartet will be performing.

PICTURES

The first picture is of the Good Park Development preparing for new sidewalks.

The person in the second picture is Mother Mary Thomas PCPA. She is the cloistered nun at the Conversion of St. Paul Shrine in Cleveland, and she is the artist whose painting "St. Sebastian with Christ" is in the southeast entrance to the church. Please keep her in your prayers.





FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

In the 1954 School News folder, there was a letter from the Diocese of Cleveland Board of Education notifying the school that the Akron Office of Civil Defense would be conducting "a test alert" in November that would be "transmitted by radio as there is no system of siren signals yet installed."

Speaking of radios, there was to be a Christmas concert at St. John Cathedral in Cleveland and the Diocese recommended the following:

1. Place an AM or regular radio on the left, set at 1300 on the dial.
2. Run a line ten feet away to the right, place an FM radio or receiver set at 98.5.
3. Sit five or six feet away on a line drawn between the two radios. This will give you a three-dimensional sound.

Your modern phone probably has better sound than this.

Finally, on Holy Saturday, WEWS Channel 5 would be broadcasting "The Passion and Death of Christ" with "Pantomime and organ Music." The DOC letter said that this was, "Something really different," and "probably the first time this has been done by a high school group on TV."

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep all our sick and distressed in your prayers:

Julie Acus, Gary Arman, Annette Bailey, Irene Berger, 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.
Saints Perpetua and Felicity

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