



**Angelus Letter
14 March 2024
LETTER #266**

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck
Friday Stations of the Cross at 1:45 p.m.
Friday Confessions at 4:00 p.m.
Friday Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Saturday Confessions at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Mass at 4:30 p.m. with Fr. Valencheck

Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Bozek

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast this Saturday morning at 8:30am in Zwisler Hall. Our Parish Catechetical Leader, Keith Johnson, will be speaking on "The St. Patrick We Never Knew".

KEEP ALL DAY ADORATION AT ST. SEBASTIAN

There are times during the day on Tuesday when there is nobody to be in attendance when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on our altar. I would hate to have to cut back our hours for this most important devotion. To ensure we can keep this tradition going, there will be a sign-up sheet to adopt an hour on a regular basis on the altar rail in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. It would be great if we could get at least two people for each hour and maybe a couple of alternates who could fill in if necessary.

**ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP
YOUR OHIO TAX DOLLARS AT WORK**

A BIG thank you to those who took the time to direct your Ohio State tax dollars to St. Sebastian Parish School. Because of your generosity our school received \$100,272.90 to help defray the cost of tuition for our families. You truly made a difference. On behalf of everyone who benefits from our school: Thank you!

WORK AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQUARE

Starting this week, more of our sandstone sidewalk is being worked on. The location of this work is on the east side of the school, the side that runs along the rectory. Stone has been cut to replace broken pieces and at the intersection where the sidewalks crisscross, the stone will be lifted up. In recent years the stone there has been sinking and not only does water collect there, dirt and mud settles making the surface slippery and dangerous. This project should be finished by next week.

We look forward to the rectory plastering and painting work being completed by next week although I will miss the guys. They are a great crew and fun to be around. But it will be nice to be able to find things again and put them back where we are accustomed to them being.

About half of the lampposts are now working at the Perkins property (Good Park.) More sidewalks are being laid. Speaking of lamp posts, there is one on the walkway leading up to the rectory from the street. Until recently it was abnormally tall, silver and with a vastly undersized lamp casing at the top. It has always irritated me though nobody else seems to even recall that it existed. Anyway, our maintenance crew chopped off several feet of it, painted it black and stuck a new lamp on the top that we saved from the trash heap and now it looks marvelous! Thank you!

SEMINARY CLASS AT ST. SEBASTIAN

The Pre-theology Class (about ten men, which will include our own Christopher Villarreal and John Scantling) will be coming to St. Sebastian Parish on Monday for a class on art, beauty, and spirituality. We will spend the day discussing art and architecture, how it can be used in the Church as well as our spiritual lives and concluding with the fine art of dining thanks to Marcy Smith. Please keep these men in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS OF ST. SEBASTIAN

There are a few people who have been very friendly to our parish though they are not members who could use your prayers. The first is Mother Mary Thomas PCCA about whom I wrote to you last week. She is the artist that painted "St. Sebastian and Christ" which is hanging in the southeast entrance to the church. She also painted a mural, a copy of which once hung in the arch next to the main doors of Zwisler Hall. That painting is currently being

considered to be admitted into the collection at the Vatican Museum. She passed away since last I wrote to you. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

Adam has taken good care of us at Tangiers located at Our Lady of the Cedars for a number of years, preparing their hall for our Theology on the Rocks. He has just been diagnosed with stage four cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

Mr. Andy Karka is a recent graduate of the University of Akron who often serves on Tuesday night for Compline and Benediction. He is joining the missionary organization "Fellowship of Catholic University Students" (FOCUS) for the summer and going on a mission trip overseas. Participants in FOCUS need to raise their own funds. If you would like to assist him, a tax-deductible gift may be made to FOCUS on his behalf. For more information go [HERE](#).

PICTURES

The first picture is the augmented lamppost in front of the rectory.

The second picture is the walkway that will be repaired.

The third picture is of Weller and Joan playing on the rectory lawn.







FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

A November 1953 letter from the Diocesan Board of Education gives notice that Fire Chief Elmer Cain stated that the fire bell, "is to be used only as a signal for the evacuation of the school building in case of fire or at the time of a fire-drill - under no circumstances is the fire bell going to be used for any other type of signal or warning . . . For air raid and other drills in which pupils are not to leave the building, another bell or single e.g. the regular school bell is to be used."

In another letter, Captain Roth of the Juvenile Bureau of the Police Department shared with the diocese "a list of titles of obscene twenty-five cent pocketbooks and illustrated magazines which have been available to children on bookstands throughout the city. The immorality and perversion apparent even in the titles is shocking . . . In the battle with this million-dollar business, only coordinated action on a national scale will produce lasting results, but local actions are also necessary."

Isn't it interesting that we fight the same things today but with different particulars. We no longer have air-raid drills, but we do have active shooter drills. We no longer worry about 25 cent racy books but internet porn. The more things change . . .

Finally, here are some excerpts from a letter from the diocese concerning rules for prom:

1. All school-sponsored dances, proms, and other recreational activities must take place on the school premises,

- except when specific permission for another arrangement has been obtained in advance from the Superintendent.
2. All evening events terminate so that the buildings can be cleared by 11:30pm. In the case of prom, 12 midnight.
 3. All students must return directly home; the boy, after escorting his partner to her home. The girl is to be home by 1 a.m. and the boy by 2 a.m.
 4. No visitation of any nightclub, tavern, inn, or similar place, nor of any eating place serving liquor or providing floor shows or similar entertainment is permitted prom included.
 5. Permission to get a bite to eat after the prom in a respectable restaurant is reluctantly given.

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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, Brian Walsh, Keith Wisberger and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck
St. Sebastian, pray for us.

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