



**Angelus Letter
28 March 2024
LETTER #268
Maundy Thursday
(Beginning of the Triduum)**

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m. with Fr. Valencheck

Good Friday

Family Stations of the Cross at Noon

Passion Service at 3 p.m. with Fr. Bozek

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Food at 1 p.m.

Easter Vigil at 9 p.m. with Fr. Valencheck

Easter Sunday

Mass at 9 a.m. with Fr. Bozek

Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Tonight, we begin the celebration of the Triduum. This is a three-day celebration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord. You will notice at the end of the Maundy Thursday celebration there is no closing hymn, there are no hymns at the beginning or the end of the Good Friday service and there is no opening hymn at the Easter Vigil. That is because this is all one, long, great celebration. If you can't make all of the Triduum, come participate in part. If you cannot participate in the official celebrations, come to the Church to spend some time in prayer and visit the tomb in the Padre Pio Chapel and thereby participate in the Triduum.

Tonight (Thursday) Our Lord will be exposed on a side altar following the Maundy Thursday service until 11:00 p.m. Come spend time in the quiet, dark church during this time. Or, for the more adventurous, there is a tradition of visiting seven churches on this night. For more information on this tradition, go [HERE](#). (There are booklets and copies of what churches are participating at all of the church entrances.)

Some parishes of which I am aware that will be open are:

St. Hilary
St. Bernard
St. Mary
St. Paul
St. Francis de Sales
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Blessed Trinity

Our Young Adult Group will be making these rounds and end at St. Sebastian to pray Compline (Night Prayer) at approximately twenty minutes before 11:00 p.m. Come join if you are able.

BLESSING OF FOODS

It may have started as a Slavic tradition, but it has spread throughout much of the Church, and you are invited to take part in it at **St. Sebastian Parish on Holy Saturday at 1 p.m.** For more information about this tradition, go [HERE](#).

A FOND FAREWELL TO MR. MATTHEW ANDRESKI

After our Easter celebrations, we will be saying goodbye to Mr. Matthew Andreski who plays the piano and directs the choir at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. He received an offer to be head musician for two parishes in the Youngstown Diocese, St. Joseph, and St. Joan of Arc in North Canton. It will be a big task, but he can pull it off! Thank you, Matt, for all the time and talent that you shared with us here at St. Sebastian Parish. You got a work-out with the Roman Army, now we wish you the best as you join Joan with the French! God bless.

WORK AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQUARE

The work on the slate walkways continues. I had the opportunity to talk to one of the workmen and he said, "This is well worth the effort. Sometimes we do this back breaking work and I wonder if it is worth it. But this is a good one. I grew up in the Cleveland City Schools back when they had grand old buildings with slate walkways. These beautiful buildings remind me of that."

Things are really taking shape at our new Fire Station. It is easy to see what it will look like now when it is finished.

There is also some visible progress at the Good Park development. More sidewalks have been poured and the basement that had been dug out some months ago now has cement footers poured in it. An additional basement has also been dug out along Good Park Golf Course.

The street signs are now also up! The main road that swings around the west side of the development is a continuation of Sunset View Drive. The street that runs parallel to the east is appropriately called Sunrise View Drive. The first crossroad that you will encounter upon entering the development from Mull Avenue is called Park Avenue North. The next crossroad is Park Avenue South. I am sure that these innovative names will never confuse the mail carrier, the pizza delivery guy or out of state visitors.

The building that you don't see in the picture below is on the property of Our Lady of the Elms. I was visiting a parishioner at Rockynol and saw that they were in the process of raising a building that was once up for lease. We had a slight connection to this building when we were looking for a place to begin the St. Julie Billiard School, this building was considered, but for various reasons the plan didn't work out. This is a view from near the entrance of Rockynol.



FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

You may be aware that we will soon be having a showing of the "Our Lady of Fatima" statue at the parish. Back in 1951, when "American soldiers are dying in Korea" a film of Our Lady of Fatima was being offered to be shown at the school so that the children would, "have a much better understanding of the true meaning or Our Lady's request than they ever had before," to pray for peace.

In the Diocesan School Board Newsletter, there was an explanation of why schools have all school assemblies. "The Assembly is the common meeting place where activities are carried out for the benefit of the entire school. There, common but vital interests are shared. There is a socialized group participating, reading, creating good will, unifying the works and purpose of the whole school . . .

"The child sees size of the school, learns the varied interests and activities, sings its songs, thrills to its inaugurations, recognition services and demonstrations, and champions its causes and may show what is good with sermonizing about it."

There was an article about the poor state of Latin education in the diocese as compared to French and Spanish. There were notifications of courses offered in a Simplified Method of Functional Shorthand, the former method having provided students with "more shell than kernel. It was a drudgery to say the least."

There was a concern about the diet of the many students from Poland who were coming to the United States. Teachers and administrators were given tips on how to encourage more nutritious eating habits because, "A typical day's menu in Poland might be as follows:

Breakfast: Bread and butter, eggs, coffee, or milk

Noon: Beet soup with potato, carrots and corn with milk, bread and butter, milk, or coffee.

Night: Soup, fried potatoes, vegetables with milk, bread, butter, and jelly."

Is it just me or does this not sound like an incredibly nutritious meal??? Good thing we fixed it.

Television was touted as a "New Aid to Education." (Oh brother! Substitute the word "computer" for today.) "Television is here to stay and what are we as teachers going to do about it? Without a doubt, it will revolutionize our entire system of education. Or will it?"

The writer makes the case that seeing history dramatized will stick in the minds of students much better than reading and memorizing even while, "so many teachers insist that television in the home is responsible for lower marks among the pupils." The author declares, "This is pronounced as false by many great leaders." Television is the "back door to the adult world. It is never too busy to talk to our children. It never shuts them off because it has to prepare dinner. It brings them people to meet; it informs them, gives them things to do - win prizes. It brought back into the home an army of night prowling youngsters between supper and bedtime."

(*sigh*)

I wonder how our incorporation of computers and phones will be seen in the future!

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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, Kaylee Gains, 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, 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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