



Angelus Letter
31 March 2022
LETTER #165

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Valencheck

Friday Stations at 1:45PM

Friday Confessions at 4PM

Friday Stations at 7PM

Saturday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Bozek

Saturday Confessions at 9:30AM

Saturday Mass at 4:30PM with Fr. Valencheck

Sunday Mass at 9AM with Fr. Valencheck

Sunday Mass at 11AM with Fr. Bozek

Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Justin OSB

WORK GOING ON AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN

The most disruptive of the gasoline work in front of our parish grounds is over, though there is still some work to be done closer to the circle and, of course, the replacement of the sidewalks and repairs to the devil strips. The project was slated to be completed already, but that was barring bad weather of which, you may recall, we have had both bitter freezing cold and deep snow followed by flooding that filled trenches that had been dug!

Also, as you drive past Perkins you will notice that the trees are being removed! I was so sad to see some of my favorite trees go, but that is what must occur to prepare the property for the new houses that will be built there. Most of the trucks and equipment that you see parked there are not yet for the Perkins project, but is the parking area of machinery for the gas line project.

EXTRAORDINARY FORM NEWS

I had a meeting in Cleveland about the Extraordinary Form of the Mass earlier this week. This meeting had several purposes. The first was to hear a presentation from the local chapter of Una Voce about how bishops from our surrounding dioceses are implementing the Pope's instructions. We then determined that we could not get our proposal to our Bishop by Easter Sunday and so we received an extension of a couple of months.

There was some clerical work such as how the proposal would look, clarifications on questions that arose from the last meeting (such as the possibility of celebrating other sacraments, for which the Bishop is currently giving permissions) and finally, each parish received a copy of the online survey that their particular parishioners complete. 113 of you filled out the survey from our parish! That was the second largest number from any of the parishes.

About 20% of the people who filled out the survey either had never attended the extraordinary form or hadn't in years. The comments were very positive about the parish. I did ask if I could make this survey public, but was asked to keep it confidential for a little while (for reasons that were not entirely clear to me, but eventually it will get to you.)

The next step is for each of the parishes (pastors) to make proposals. Akron is somewhat of an outlier and so we will probably just try to figure out what might happen here in Akron and offer that as part of the package to be included with whatever the parishes in Cleveland will be doing. There are a surprising number of options, some better than others, that we can propose. As more becomes available, I shall let you know.

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Last week brought to a conclusion the letters to Fr. Zwisler from the parish who went off to fight in World War II. It seems there may be an upcoming story about these letters in the Akron Beacon Journal at some point in the future. Keep an eye out.

I'm not too crazy about producing much from the next folders! The first (very thin) folder is entitled, "PARISHIONERS: Non-Contributing 1955-56." It seems odd to have such a specific folder. Why not any other year? My guess is that it was probably part of some sort of initiative to get people more involved in parish life. Of the 118 names listed, almost none are recognizable family names today.

The next folder's tag reads, "PARISHIONERS: Careless Catholics." I could not even imagine what this might signify. Opening the folder, there is one sheet of paper with a list of names over which is the title, "St. Sebastian Church - July 1943: Families in which one or more member are Careless Catholics not having made their Easter Duties." For the record, ones Easter Duty consists in the obligation to go to confession and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For more information go here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/detail/easter-duty.html>

Written after the title in fountain pen is, "To be visited by Fr. Flynn, July 1943." Again, why this only one-time event is an interesting question. Was it a specific program? Did Fr. Flynn need something to do? Was it simply part of a parish census? In any event, a good half of the names were crossed off in pen with notes such as, Sacred Heart, Barberton, St. Bernard, St. Vincent and so forth which indicates, I suppose, where the particular parishioner made his Easter Duty outside of the parish proper.

The third file concerns Child Adoption Matters. There were several form letters from The Catholic Service League asking Monsignor to provide letters of recommendation for various families. (His replies are not included.) There was one happy letter from a parishioner that was included. Since the information may include information of people still alive, I will not reproduce it other than to give this one quote, "We feel that we have been so blessed to have had the opportunity to adopt X whom we love dearly. We felt you would be interested in our good fortune and wanted you to know of it."

For more information on Catholic adoption services through our diocesan Catholic Charities, go here: <https://www.ccdocle.org/programs/adoption-services>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Annette Bailey, Marilyn Bohling, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Leslie Clark-Wolf, Jo Cooney, Rita Cummings, Anthony D'Attoma, Linda Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, Rita Buhalak Gossford, Robert Hickey, Phil Hochstetler, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carolyn Jeske, Janet Kendrick, Jean Labate, Dr. Dan Lehnhoff, Ann Loftus, John Marckel, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, Keith Pecek, Beverly & Mike Preston, Mary Ricks, Nancy Ropchock, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Michael Schnetzer, John Schultz, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, Steve Watral and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck
St. Sebastian, pray for us.



**Novena to St. Sebastian,
Protector Against the Plague**

Glorious Saint Sebastian, you who had great courage, help us to be witnesses of Jesus before this unbelieving world as you have brought others to Christ.

Help us to have the love of neighbor that you had and to give our lives for our brothers, even in difficulties and dangers.

Help us to have faith in the pains of life as you endured cruel martyrdom.

Protect all soldiers, military and police against every danger in their work.

Protect all nations against wars, hunger and pestilence.

Intercede for the grace that I need...

[Mention your intention here...]

Amen.

