



Angelus Letter  
12 May 2022  
LETTER #171

*Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs*  
*St. Pancras, Martyr*

Dear Parish Family,

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

**Friday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Bozek**  
**Friday Confessions at 4PM**

**Saturday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Bozek**  
**Saturday Confessions at 9:30AM**  
**Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30PM with Fr. Valencheck**

**Sunday Mass at 9AM with Fr. Bozek**  
**Sunday Mass at 11AM with Fr. Valencheck**  
**Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Paschal OSB**

#### MORE EVENTS OF NOTE FOR YOU:

May 15 - Academy Recital in Zwisler Hall at 2PM – Free  
May 15 - Quire Cleveland in the Parish Church at 5PM - Free  
May 16 - Theology on Rocks at El Rancho Restaurant at 7PM - \$5  
May 21 - Ordination at The Cathedral at 10AM  
May 22 - Singers Company in the Parish Church at 4:30PM - Free  
May 30 - Potluck Breakfast in the Parish Courtyard following 9AM Mass

**QUIRE CLEVELAND:** If you would like more information about this concert or to prepare any young persons for the type of music they will be hearing, you can read more about them at the following link [HERE](#).

To hear the type of music they will be performing for us, click on [THIS LINK](#).

**THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS (TOR):** TOR is finally back! To kick things off, I will be speaking about the mysteries surrounding exorcisms. Doors open at El Rancho Mexican Restaurant at 7PM, the program will begin at 7:30PM. Admission is only \$5.

#### BISHOP ELECT MICHAEL WOOST

The Diocese of Cleveland is proud to announce that one of her priests is about to be named a new auxiliary bishop for our diocese! Please keep him in your prayers. For information on Bishop Elect Woost, click [HERE](#).

#### RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS

**For a limited time only:** The Recycle Club at our school is sponsoring an electronic recycle bin. It is the white bin located right next to the cardboard recycle bin in the Byrider parking lot. While this bin is here, you may recycle your computers, modems, routers, servers, DVD players, VCRs, game consoles, stereos, cell phones, printers, cables, wires, power adapters and computer monitors.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE CALLS

We are looking for a few more volunteers to make calls to fellow parishioners. The purpose of these calls is to make that everyone is doing well and that we stay up to date on contact information for our parish community. You can take as many or as few names as you like. You may make them from home or come to the rectory office. For more information, call Cathy Sivec at (330) 836-2233 or email her at [sivecc@stsebastian.org](mailto:sivecc@stsebastian.org).

#### NOTE ON SAFETY

Before last weekend's Mass, you may have heard on the news or online about protestors who called upon other pro-abortion groups to interrupt Masses across the country on Mother's Day, in light of the leak from the Supreme Court. The leak indicated the Supreme Court's leaning toward moving the right to abortion to the state level, with protestors citing that this is happening because the Supreme Court Justices are Catholic. We received a note from

the Bishop's office that we should be aware of this in case any occurrences should come our way. St. Sebastian Parish is certainly not on a main road or otherwise in a very visible location so I was not overly concerned, but I was not unconcerned either. In any event, some decisions needed to be made.

Here is what was happening behind the scenes before our weekend Masses: Ushers and other persons at weekend Masses were given instructions about what to do should anything happen. Police officers and other dedicated people in the parish shared which Masses they would attend and where they would be sitting. We were in contact with the local FBI and were assured there were *absolutely no indications* that anything would happen in Northeast Ohio. But I wanted you to know attention and preparations were made at your parish. I made the decision not to make a big fuss about it at each Mass in order to allow St. Sebastianites to focus on what was important: worshipping God and paying honor to Moms.

That being said, perhaps this is an opportune time to share what should happen in the extremely unlikely event anybody would want to interrupt Mass for any reason in the future. The most important thing is not to engage the protestors in any way or fashion. That is exactly why they are there and it will only escalate things. The Mass will not stop and all are encouraged to continue to pray and ignore the interruption. Please know that police will be called immediately and that they have a fantastic record of responding to the parish extremely quickly whenever we have needed them for any reason. In addition, there are also plans in place to protect the Blessed Sacrament.

Remember should anything ever happen: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me." Matthew 5:10-12. Rather than be angry, we should rejoice that we have been found worthy to suffer for Christ. It would mean that we have a voice worthy of notice - that we have been doing what we are called to do.

**ASSISTANCE NEEDED:** On that note, it would be **fantastic if we could have a few more volunteers to be ushers at Mass**. Even if you are only able to do so sporadically, it would be very helpful. Please just speak to one of the ushers who are generally in the narthex of the church before Mass.

#### FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

A number of our parishioners take off for Florida these days, but back in the early days of the parish, the destination was apparently California. There are many letters on file of parishioners writing to say that either as a result of vacationing, work assignments or other various reasons, they would be spending some amount of time out on the west coast and therefore were mailing in their contributions and wanting to explain why they were not seen at Mass. Far fewer were from Florida, although one letter dated 1948 from Mrs. Ella Botzum explains that she was requesting Masses and turning in her collection early as she expects to have to go visit her ailing sister there. Botzum is a long-standing name in the parish. You may be familiar with the Botzum Farm in the Valley where our parish had several events a number of years ago. (Is it time to do so again?) See more [HERE](#). Frs. Robert and John Hilkert, brothers who were from this parish, were part of this family.

Another letter, dated 1938 with a donation was sent from the Rice Hotel in Houston, Texas (1938) from James (last name indecipherable) whose long business trip kept him from the Easter Masses.

A few other letters were about other matters such as this one from Marguerite Sullivan who wanted a recommendation for a day camp for her son:

**Andrews-Adler Processing Company, Inc.  
Manufacturers of  
Rubber Thread and Elastic Yarns  
120 Ash Street  
Akron 8, OHIO U.S.A.**

15 May 1951

Dear Father,

I was wondering if you might know of any day camps where I might send young Louis this summer. He is at an age where he needs almost constant supervision. He is a very happy and good little boy, Father, and I want to keep him that way!

Mrs. Sullivan

And lastly, this week, is a letter concerning children's rubbers and winter hats at school:

**GENERAL TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY  
General Offices  
Akron, Ohio  
136 Westover Drive  
March 1, 1938**

Reverend Father:

Subject: Apparel Losses  
James N. Gillen - Third Grade (class of 1943)

I understand you are somewhat of a stickler for small matters and I am anxious to call your attention to the fact that the above boy of ours, during the last couple of months, has lost a pair of rubbers and a brown woolen hat in your school, and he does not seem to be able to retrieve the articles.

Apparently, he has a fear of either reporting to the Sister or feels that it is impossible to do anything about it, in spite of the fact that I understand you have a "Lost and Found" box for such a purpose.

Evidently, these items have been taken by mistake, because I believe in each instance there was another pair of rubbers and another hat left in place of the ones taken from Jimmie.

In this connection, I tried to tell him that the proper thing to do was to report the matter to Sister so that she could affect the exchange, but apparently this was not done and I have told him we absolutely refused to buy him either new rubbers or hat to be lost carelessly over at school. I would appreciate your turning the matter over to the proper person in charge of such things.

Very respectfully yours,

F. D. Gillen

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### 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, 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, Jenny Kerrigan, 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.

Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, pray for us.

St. Pancras, 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.

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