



Angelus Letter
19 May 2022
LETTER #172

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
Ordination at 10:00AM at Cathedral of St. John
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30PM with Fr. Valencheck

Sunday Mass at 9AM with Fr. Bozek
Sunday Mass at 11AM with Msgr. Chima
Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Bede OSB

NOVENA FOR NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS

Hallie Wolff, a St. Sebastian parishioner has composed a number of novenas specifically for events at our parish. This year she wrote one for us to pray for the newly ordained priests. You may find a hard copy at the doors of the church or on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

NOTES ON EVENTS

Ordination: Ordination to the priesthood for service to the Diocese of Cleveland takes place this Saturday, May 21st at 10AM. You are invited. One of the individuals being ordained that you may know is Deacon Joseph Menkhaus Jr. He has helped out quite a bit around the parish, albeit mostly behind the scenes during COVID, assisting us in our efforts to get things online. He will be having a Mass of Thanksgiving here at the parish on Saturday, June 4th at 4:30PM.

Concert: Singers Company will be performing in our church this Sunday, May 22nd at 4:30PM. This is the same choir that previously performed at our parish church for a fundraiser to benefit Ukraine last month. This event is free and open to the public.

Theology on Tap: Theology on Tap will be meeting again at the Thirsty Dog Tap House on Friday, May 27th with Fr. Louis Bertrand Lemoine. Watch for more information on the next Theology on the Rocks, which sold out to standing room only this past week!

Memorial Day Display: There will be a display in honor of Memorial Day in the Padre Pio Chapel (the old baptistery) next weekend.

Memorial Day Potluck Breakfast: On Memorial Day, Mass will be at 9AM followed by a parish potluck breakfast in the courtyard of the school. See page 10 in this weekend's bulletin for more details. Bring a dish to share! This is always a delicious way to enjoy spending time together! Please note that the offices will be closed on Memorial Day.

MSGR. CHIMA NWAMADI

On Monday, Msgr. Chima will be returning to Nigeria. I hope you had the opportunity to meet him, or rekindle your acquaintance with him over this past month. He will be celebrating the 11AM Mass this Sunday in celebration of his time here, as well as part of his 40th anniversary year. He has written a letter to our parish, which you may find as an insert in the bulletin.

THANK YOU!

We received a note from the Diocese thanking this parish for being one of 32 parishes that has met or exceeded their goal for this year's Catholic Charities Campaign. I also know that some of you are still making your donations to the Heart of a Shepherd Campaign as well as supporting your parish. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

The last two letters from this file are from 1936 and 1937 respectfully. These were pulled out from among the many that largely dealt with more mundane aspects of the parish: moving in or out of the parish, requests for donation reports, late envelopes being mailed in and such. The first is from a person whose signature is, unfortunately, undecipherable to me.

December 17 1936

Father H. Zwisler
Father J. Murphy

Dear Fathers:

Here's hoping next year sees you thoroughly established in the new house. With best regards, and compliments of the season, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. M.

Fr. Murphy was the first parochial vicar of the parish. At the time of this letter, the parish was renting the house at 100 Elmdale Ave. for use as the rectory. The gift from this person, \$500, (quite substantial for time) was part of the fundraising for the current rectory.

Not all of the notes contained in the file were positive. There are occasional letters of complaint such as this one:

October 8, 1937

Dear Father,

I moved to Akron in July. My acquaintances in Akron are very few. Therefore, I think it is ridiculous to suppose that I can dispose of two books of tickets for the bazaar. Furthermore, I don't intend to give \$5 to the support of the parish that I have to live in so short a time and which is so completely **unlike** any parish I have ever lived in.

Very truly yours,

A. J. G.

Typically, I would stop here but I thought I would share one more letter with you since it seems in keeping with ordination weekend and the seminarians moving into the rectory for the summer. This is a letter sent out by Monsignor to all the people of the parish. Interestingly, the phone number for the parish was UNIVERSITY 3645.

ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

Elmdale Ave
Akron, Ohio

January 31, 1938

Dear Friend:

Our Diocesan Seminary is the training school for the parish priests, who now serve, and for those who will serve your spiritual needs and those of your children. As such, the Seminary is an essential factor in your earthly reparation for Heaven. Surely, you cannot help being interested.

Seminarians who later will spend their lives as parish priests in your spiritual welfare, must be provided for during their years of preparation in the Seminary. They must have food, shelter and a leak free roof. The only source of income for these necessities are the free will offerings of the people who they will serve, the individual Catholics in our parishes.

If you cannot give, kindly say a prayer for the welfare of the Seminary and its seminarians.

Asking God in turn to bless you for your charity, I remain

Very Sincerely Yours,

Fr. Zwisler

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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

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, 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.



**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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