

Angelus Letter
14 October 2021
LETTER #141
St. Callistus I

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Valencheck
Friday Confessions at 4PM

Saturday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Morris
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. Morris
Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Paschal OSB

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEKEND

The office will be open on Saturday, Oct. 16th and Sunday, Oct. 17th from 8:30AM-1:00PM.
The office will be closed Saturday afternoon.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The Universal Church is engaging in a Word Wide Synod and Synodality. If you look at that and scratch your head and wonder, "What in tarnation is that supposed to mean," you are not alone. Even priests are scratching their heads. But here we go! There is a "kick off" Mass at our Cathedral this Sunday at 10:30 with Bishop Malesic which you can also watch on line (after going to Mass here!) and see what he has to say. There will be more coming up on this so be informed! Here is the website: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

BYRIDER HALL

Although our gym at Byrider Hall is great, there have been concerns about the rest of the building. We all know that it was built on what was originally a marsh and that there has been some wear on the building. The question for a spell has been, "Is this building good enough to invest in?" What would be the point of investing your support of the parish into a building that may just not hold up to the job? So, this past week we had the building examined for structural soundness.

I went in to the meeting with some fear and trepidation. But almost from the start, the team that was here from Hasenstab Architects said that the bones of the building are in quite good shape, it is very much worth investing in, and although the interior rooms that surround the gym are in desperate need of updating, the overall structure is a fine architectural structure, especially compared to what most likely would be built today if we were to build from scratch. Exactly what may still happen needs to be determined by a more thorough examination of the blueprints.

Byrider Hall is getting a new roof as this is being written. Some areas of concern that have already been identified as needing to be done is a cap around the exterior walls where they meet the roof. For an example of this, see the main school building where this had been done about twenty years ago. This will solve much of the mortar damage we currently see occurring. The HVAC will need to be replaced. Currently the utilities run under the building and in that marshy ground are deteriorating. We have had problems in the past with pipes bursting which caused other damage to the building. Replacing this equipment with rooftop equipment will solve some of those difficulties as well as help control humidity in the building which in turn helps preserve our beautiful wood gym floor.

What exactly will happen to the building? That has not yet been determined. One way or another it will tie into our buildings and grounds goals to be completed (or started) by our 100th anniversary which includes expanding our Center for Early Learning, provide more and appropriately sized meeting spaces and consolidating our offices. As things are developed, I will make sure that you are informed.

FOR THOSE CONTEMPLATING RETURNING TO MASS AFTER COVID:



If you are waiting for a sign, here is both a sign and a cosine.

LETTERS FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

The 1931 folder is quite thick with letters from the diocese. There was a letter asking parishes to pray for Christian unity and a warning that there was a renegade priest from somewhere in Europe loose in the diocese. A couple of pages on regulations for Lent were sent out and they are much stricter than what we observe today. Just for one example, the regulations in part for fasting state that *Besides one full meal that may be taken either at noon or in the evening, a reasonable lunch may be taken which may not exceed the fourth part of a full meal or about eight ounces of food. In the morning, warm liquid refreshment of tea, coffee (thank goodness) or thin chocolate with a generous piece of bread, not exceeding two ounces in weight, are allowed. Butter and other condiments, such as jelly and the like, may not be used in the morning.* Emphasis in the original.

This year would mark the Second Annual Commencement exercises of the John Carroll University and the Corporate Schools and Colleges of the Diocese of Cleveland at Public Auditorium. Although John Carroll was founded in 1886, the faithful were invited to the Solemn Laying of the Cornerstone of the John Carroll Building and the Priests' Memorial chapel in early July of this year.

The Holy Name Societies of the Diocese resolved to have their first diocesan rally in Cleveland's Municipal Stadium on September 6th. Apparently, it was a success for later the bishop wrote in part, *I am still under the spell of the magnificent Catholic demonstration enacted in the Cleveland Stadium . . . the beauty and magnitude of which stands perhaps unrivaled in the whole country . . . from the depths of my heart I wish to thank all who contributed in any manner to the glory of that never-to-be-forgotten day.* Interestingly, it was the year before, in 1930 that the Holy Name Society at St. Sebastian Parish was established though it is no longer in existence here any longer.

Does anybody want to try to have a similar Mass at the Rubber Ducks Stadium as they once did from time to time at the Cleveland Municipal stadium? Maybe asking for blessings as we pull ourselves together after COVID? Just a thought. . .

There is much more from 1931 but it will wait until next week!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

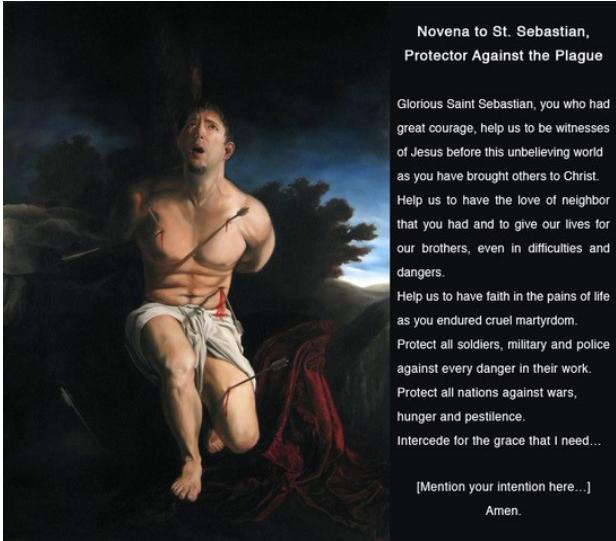
Please keep all of our sick and distressed in your prayers:

Annette Bailey, Karen Brugmann, Megan Brugmann, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Rita Cummings, Anthony D'Attoma, Marjorie DeLuca, Melane Francis, Rita Buhalak Gossford, Robert Hickey, Phil Hochstetler, John and Terry Hogan, Rich Huber, Ann Hubiak, Carolyn Jeske, Janet Kendrick, Jean Labate, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, Keith Pecek, Robert Rader, Mary Ricks, Nancy Ropchock, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandwick, Michael Schnetzer, John Schultz, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith and Steve Watral.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck.

St. Sebastian, pray for us.
St. Mary, pray for us.
St. Callistus, 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.