



Angelus Letter
9 December 2021
LETTER #149
Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

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. Bozek
Saturday * First Reconciliation for second graders – No Public Confessions
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30PM with Fr. Bozek

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

***NO SATURDAY CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK**

This Saturday morning all of our second graders will be making their first confessions. Because of this, there will not be general, public confessions.

THANK YOU!

As you know, Zwisler Hall has needed updates on its sound and lighting system for years. It has been a constant critical need, but one that always seemed to get moved to the back burner for other important projects. It is not a cheap fix. In order to move in the direction of addressing these issues, we hoped to raise \$20,000 during the recent #wegiveCatholic campaign and guess what: We did it! A huge thank you to Kathy Holaday and her team for heading up this effort and thank you for your support and prayers! Bravi! We surpassed our #weGiveCatholic goal and look forward to the 2022 Spectacular fundraiser's focus to raise the remaining necessary funds to complete the Zwisler Hall sound and lights project: "*Lights, Camera, Action!*"

UPCOMING EVENTS OF WHICH YOU MIGHT WANT TO KEEP IN MIND:

TUESDAYS IN ADVENT - Adoration and organ recitals at noon. (2 left!)
10 December **FRIDAY!** - Baldwin-Wallace Men's Choir Christmas Concert - 8:00PM
Tickets available at the door.
19 December - St. Sebastian Parish Choir Christmas Concert - 7:30PM

GAUDETE SUNDAY AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

This Sunday it is time to light the third, rose candle on your advent wreath. This Sunday also coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe which is superseded by the Third Sunday of Advent. We shall recognize this feast day in at least one way however. Toward the front of the church, we will display the Our Lady of Guadalupe quilt that was made by Karen Ragazzo-Hanna and donated to the parish in 2003. It used to hang in the narthex/lobby of the church and when we began the restoration of the church in preparation of the celebration of our 90th anniversary, it was noticed that, hanging directly on the cold and damp marble and being exposed to such things as spiders, the quilt had sustained some damage and had grown soiled.

Carly Politano, whose work you have seen before in the St. Joseph icon displayed in the church and in the sewing of the appliqués for our 90th anniversary vestments made by Karen Spangler, took up the job of restoring the quilt. The result of which you will see this weekend giving us the reminder to ask for her Our Lady's intercession as patroness of the Americas!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

CHRISTMAS FUN

I don't typically share this type of thing but I accidentally came across this online puzzle (while looking for a Christmas present for my sister) and thought it pretty fun and local and so I am sharing it with all of you here: <https://www.jigidi.com/solve/q0evhlqm/stan-hywet-mansion/>

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Welcome to the 1940's! On the home front, the parish debt is paid off, the original brick parking lot construction began, the first playground is established and a young Fr. Charles Byrider is ordained to the priesthood. For some inexplicable reason, there are no letters in the folders for 1940 or 1941, but 1942 there are a few letters that reflect on our nation entering into World War II on December 7th, 1941.

Everything has a beginning and it is interesting to see what things we take for granted today and their inspiration. In 1942, the war was in full swing and Catholic missionaries all around the world needed assistance. The diocese was being inundated with requests for help. That was when "Mission Sunday" was established. Instead of everybody constantly receiving all requests, the diocese would assign one missionary a year to each parish to make an appeal for the duration of the war. Apparently, it worked out so well that we continue this practice to this day.

The Catholic Universe Bulletin was under attack for supporting the Government during wartime. A letter of thanks was written to Fr. Zwisler for his words of encouragement.

Most interesting, however, were the War Time Regulations for Catholic schools. At a time when so many people are throwing around the word "unprecedented" with the current pandemic, it is interesting to see some similarities in this situation and with the Spanish Flu epidemic. Here are some of the regulations from long ago:

1. All schools shall comply immediately and completely with all requests and orders of the Government and shall make prompt reports on all matters about which the Government desires information.
2. Schools shall continue sales of War Stamps and Bonds and shall cooperate with the Red Cross by means of contribution and personal service.
3. The Flag shall be flown over or before each school during the hours in which it is in session.
4. In every way, the schools shall cooperate with the Civilian Defense.
5. All schools, both elementary and high, shall open at 9:00AM Eastern War Time.
9. *This paragraph outlined the official school calendar which included extra days off allowed for the parish's feast day, on the occasion of First Communion and on the day after Forty Hours of Devotion, but that sufficient notice be given and extra care taken for the safety of all.*
10. *This paragraph outlined how school expenditures would be regulated to help save costs during the time of war and pathways to get families help if they were having difficulties meeting their obligations.*

The total cost for an eighth grader for book rental fees, classroom fees, arts and crafts and periodicals were the most expensive at thirty cents a month or \$2.65 for the year. The decimal point has moved a bit over through the years. Not reflected in this cost was the service of the nuns or technology and other modern conveniences such as air conditioning, benefits, and many other things that we have come to expect in our schools today. Could they have imagined what a typical school would look like in 80 years? Can we really imagine what it was like 80 years ago or what it might look like 80 years from now?

THANK YOU FOR THE 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, Dan and Svetlana Barber, Marilyn Bohling, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Rita Cummings, Anthony D'Attoma, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, 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, Jeff Quick, Robert Rader, Mary Ricks, Nancy Ropchock, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Michael Schnetzer, John Schultz, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, Victor Strelbicki and Steve Watral.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck.

St. Sebastian, pray for us.

St. Mary, pray for us.

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, 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.