



Angelus Letter  
17 February 2022  
LETTER #159  
*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

Dear Parish Family,

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

**Friday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Valencheck**  
**Friday Confessions at 4PM with Fr. Anthony Simone assisting**

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

**Sunday Mass at 9AM with Fr. Valencheck**  
**Sunday Mass at 11AM with Fr. G. David Bline**  
**Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Paschal OSB**

**While Fr. Bozek is in Poland, we have a few priests who graciously agreed to come by and help out from time to time. We welcome Fr. G. David Bline, spiritual director at our seminary and former pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Fr. Anthony Simone greatly missed in these parts, parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo in Parma, and Fr. Peter Morris returns to us from his duties at Sts. Peter and Paul. Thank you, gentlemen! (Please remember them in your prayers.)**

#### ALSO, THIS WEEKEND:

Our annual Catholic Charities campaign is **this weekend!**

This weekend is our Confirmation Retreat. Please keep our students in your prayers.

The **Chardon Polka Band will be playing in Zwisler Hall this Sunday at 4PM**

On a side note, I will be having a meeting with developers of Perkins' property this week. I look forward to sharing that information with you next week.

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL FEATURES OUR PARISHIONER STAN NAJEWAY

This article was written by Anne Morgan Dennée ('85) for our Arrow Alumni Newsletter.

*"Stan Najeway coached 8th-grade basketball at St. Sebastian Parish School for the classes of 1972-1974.*

*Stan is married to an alumnus, Patricia Long Najeway '44, and all five of their children (Stan Jr. '71, Anne Vainer '72, Steve '76, Cecelia '77, and John '84) and a grandchild (Madison Najeway '19) are alumni.*

*Stan, who has been a familiar face at St. Sebastian Parish for decades, is featured in the current issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine as part of the Diocese of Cleveland's 2022 Catholic Charities appeal. Stan will also be part of the video that the Cleveland Diocese will play at all Masses Feb. 19-20. As part of the video recording session, Stan stopped on campus at our Byrider gym to shoot some baskets and reminisce about his coaching days. "*

Our parish will be playing the audio version this weekend, so I encourage you to watch the video. Here is the link <https://vimeo.com/671534326>. His story begins at the 4:20 mark.

#### CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE AND OFFICE HOURS

Monday, February 21st is Presidents' Day. **Mass will be at 9AM. The parish office will be closed.**

#### AT HOME VERSION OF THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Our meetings for the world-wide Synod on Synodality will be on two Wednesdays, March 23rd and 30th

from 7 to 9PM in Zwisler Hall. If you cannot make those dates, the Diocese is providing an at home version of this experience. The first three links explain a little bit more about the Synod and the fourth link is the "at home" version.

Here is the official website: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Here is the USCCB website: <https://www.usccb.org/synod>

Here is our Diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/synod>

(This last one is probably the easiest to understand.)

And here is the "at home" version: <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/synod/individual-participation>

## SPECTACULAR

Join us for this year's St. Sebastian Spectacular on Saturday, February 26th. This year we will be raising money for tuition reductions for all students, investments in our school's technology and school endowment and raising our paddles to support improvements in Zwisler Hall to our audio, visual and lighting systems. If you are unable to attend, please consider supporting this annual fundraiser with a donation! You can restrict the donation towards: school technology, tuition assistance or toward the "Lights, Camera, Action" Zwisler Hall project. Please follow the link to learn more [stsebastian.org/school/st-sebastian-spectacular](http://stsebastian.org/school/st-sebastian-spectacular). Tickets are on sale now!

## EXTRAORDINARY FORM QUESTIONNAIRE

This survey for all Catholics in the diocese of Cleveland is still active if you have not filled it out yet. Time is running out!

You can find the questionnaire

here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXIDJVAccENE37GuftlyRpVg9Q4o1GwJsEHM3ybKd0sdC7hw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdXIDJVAccENE37GuftlyRpVg9Q4o1GwJsEHM3ybKd0sdC7hw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

"PARISHIONERS IN THE ARMED FORCES" follows the folder about altar servers. This is the time of World War II. There are a number of letters requesting baptismal records for weddings taking place wherever a soldier was stationed, notes from parents giving the addresses of their sons to whom they hoped Monsignor would write a note, and a few letters sent to Monsignor from those suddenly finding themselves away from home and preparing to fight for their country. Here is an example on letterhead of the United States Marines.

*12 November 51*

*Dear Father,*

*I thought I would just drop you a line to tell you a little about this place. The training here is tough but we are well cared for as far as food, medical care and religious services are concerned.*

*One day last week we had a steak that covered almost our whole tray. That was the best tasting steak I have ever eaten.*

*There is one chaplain for every recruit training battalion. So, I still attend six o'clock Mass on Sunday. We are able to attend confession any day of the week so that removes a problem. We hit the sack at ten o'clock on Saturday so fasting is easy. In fact, Father, I think here in the Marine Corp, morals seem higher than in real life. Of course, we have twenty-five Catholics and about forty good Methodists.*

*The sergeant hasn't been to Church for five years, the last time was when he nearly stopped a Japanese bullet, (so) he thought he had better get on his knees. Even though he doesn't go himself, he doesn't hinder us in any way from fulfilling our duties.*

*Well, Father, it is time for lights out. Say hello to Father Tully and O'Brien and have them say a pray for me. I will probably need it.*

*Yours Truly,*

*Bob Conway (St. Sebastian, Class of 1944)*

There were a few postcards too. One showed, "The Catholic Chaplain offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the soldiers at Lowry Field, Colorado. The scene shows the elevation of the Sacred Host." It is dated May 15, 1942 in Denver, Colorado. Where a stamp would typically be affixed there is written "Free" and the cancellation stamp encourages the reader to, "BUY WAR SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS." The note said,

*Dear Fr. Zwisler,*

*Am sure you are interested in what the Chapel is like. We soldiers are pretty proud of it. Our Chaplain is a giant Irishman - 6 ft. 4" - so he has little trouble making his way around. Am scheduled for Technical Officers' Candidate School. Expect to leave for Fla. next week. Remember us in your prayers Father.*

Sincerely,

*Cpl. James F. Hagh  
41st T. S. S. Bk 760  
Lowry Field #2*

Reading these old letters, with their unique handwriting and some giving obvious evidence of being written with a fountain pen, makes me a bit jealous that most of the letters I receive like this are emails and end up disappearing forever.

Here is a project for somebody: We have the quote for the War Memorial Honor Roll that once hung on the wall in the old church. Nobody seems to know what happened to it. The letter head reads, "The Bronze Memorial Company, Inc., formally, Geo. F. Ott & Company, Lothrop Building, 7376 Grand River Avenue, Detroit 4, Mich. Established 1927."

Perhaps if we can find the company, we can at least find the plans for the war memorial. Let me know if you discover anything!

Here is a photo from our archives of the Military Shrine in our original church:



#### 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, 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, Evan Kaufman, Janet Kendrick, Jean Labate, Dr. Dan Lehnoff, 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, Victor Strelbicki, Steve Watral and Dona Wolff.

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.