



Angelus Letter  
21 October 2021  
LETTER #142

Dear Parish Family,

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

**Friday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Morris**  
**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. Morris**  
**Sunday Mass at 11AM with Fr. Morris**  
**Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Bede OSB**

#### BREAKING NEWS

Late Tuesday morning, **Fr. Morris was informed that he will become the next pastor of Saints Peter and Paul in Doylestown! Congratulations Fr. Morris!** The people of Sts. Peter and Paul are very lucky to have you!

This also means that we will be down a priest at St. Sebastian Parish. It will take a little time to figure out exactly what things will look like around here but we will get the hang of it quickly enough. Please keep Fr. Morris, the people of Peter and Paul, me and St. Sebastian Parish in your prayers!

#### EVENT THIS WEEKEND: AUTUMN LIGHTS

Lights are strung everywhere, bonfires are lit and warm beverages and snacks are served at this yearly event held on the front lawn of the rectory and, new this year, located in the new rectory garden. My magic phone promises that the weather will be much better this year (it snowed last year and while pretty, it was also very cold) and the evening will come to an early close with a candlelight Compline (Night Prayer) in the church. Grab family and friends and come and do something different **this Sunday, October 24th starting at 6:30.**

#### NEW (TO US) CHALICE

You will soon be seeing a new chalice in use at St. Sebastian Parish. It belonged to the late Rev. Richard Burchell, most recently the pastor of St. Rose. When I was a seminarian, he was the pastor of St. Augustine in Barberton and he would employ me to do work around the parish. We grew to be friends and when I came to St. Sebastian, he and a mutual friend by the name of Zita Smith, threw me a Welcome to Your New Rectory dinner before I even knew where everything was in the kitchen. He left me his chalice in his will and we will use it from time to time in the celebration of the Mass.

The Father Burchell Chalice (as I am dubbing it) is a relatively heavy vessel of sterling silver and gold plating. It has twelve "scenes" that are hand engraved on it plus an additional scene on the bottom of the paten. It was made in France in the early 1900s.

The depiction around the base are notable moments from the life of Christ. Front and center is the Crucifixion, going to the right is Jesus being taken down from the Cross and placed in the arms of His Mother, the third is the Resurrection, next is the Nativity followed by the child Jesus teaching in the temple and lastly the Baptism of the Lord.



Top center is the Crowning of Mary, next is the presentation of Mary, then the Annunciation, and the Visitation. The last scene is a bit unclear but to the best of my deductive reasoning, it is St. John and St. Mary participating in the celebration of the Mass which, if accurate, is pretty cool as I have never seen a depiction quite like it before. The bottom of the paten depicts Jesus after the Resurrection teaching His eleven remaining Disciples.

#### FROM THE MAILBAG

We received a couple of thank you letters this week. The first was from Embrace Clinic in Barberton who parked the car they were raffling on our property for a weekend and sold tickets. Embrace provides free medical services, referrals and support to anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy. They wrote, *Thank you for allowing us to park the car and sell tickets at St. Sebastian . . . We managed to raise an astounding \$51,000 . . . ensuring our clients' needs will be met in the next year.*

Fr. Mosher, who came to celebrate the 4:30 Vigil Mass a few weeks back to celebrate his 40th anniversary wrote, *I am so grateful for the opportunity to celebrate Mass at St. Sebastian. Though the Lord has called me to minister in a far-away place, St. Sebastian Parish and School will always retain a special place in my memory.*

#### LETTERS FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Continuing the journey through the files of letters from the Diocese in 1931, we came across a letter expressing the Bishop's concern over the state of music in the diocese. After stating how important music is, he makes the point that, "Unfortunately, because of the lack of thorough training of Organists and Choir Directors, the character of our Church Music is frequently of a very poor quality." To rectify this, he began a summer course of study for those in these positions. The fee was \$5 per student and would take place at The Conversion of St. Paul Parish in Cleveland for a week in August from 10AM to 4PM.

This is roughly the reason the Academy of Culture and Arts was established at St. Sebastian Parish. Noticing the lack of up and coming organists, we began this academy that also teaches other arts, in the hopes of inspiring young people to play the organ. The concert coming up in two weeks is a scholarship concert that, while free, will accept donations to help support our organ scholarship fund that hopes to give budding organists the assistance they need to continue their studies.

#### CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE LYNN FREY-STEWART ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP

**Scott Montgomery will perform, Friday, November 5th at 7PM.** Here is a taste of his talents:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=McZZ8G6GYXY>

As the depression continued, the Bishop noting that it was a great year for gardening, asked all the women of the diocese (he made the assumption) who were canning to "put up additional cans or jars for the purpose of feeding the hungry this coming winter." They were to be delivered to their local Catholic school where they would be collected and taken to a Central Depot where they would be cared for, distributed and announced in local papers. Other types of help were requested including families hiring,

even for one day, those who were unemployed. Special prayers were said at the Mass for those who were suffering.

## 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 Sandvick, 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.



**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.