



Angelus Letter  
16 November 2023  
LETTER #248  
Saint Margaret of Scotland  
St. Gertrude

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

**Friday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek**  
**Friday Confessions at 4 p.m.**

**Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Bozek**  
**Saturday Confessions at 9:30 a.m.**  
**Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. with Fr. Valencheck**

**Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck**  
**Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Bozek**

*\* Please note that there is no longer a 1 o'clock Extraordinary Form Mass at St. Sebastian Parish. There is an Extraordinary Form Mass at St. Mary on South Main in Akron at 1 o'clock.*

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9 a.m.**

The parish offices will be closed from noon on Wednesday through Friday. Regular office hours resume on Saturday.

WASHINGTON D. C.

Today and tomorrow, Mr. Rohr our parish school principal, Mrs. Sue Vernon one of our second-grade teachers and I will be in Washington D. C. to receive our school's National Blue Ribbon Award recognizing St Sebastian Parish School as one of the finest in the nation. This designation may be claimed for five years. For more information on this award, see [HERE](#).

There are two types of National Blue-Ribbon recipients. The first is for exemplary accomplishment in closing the achievement gap between students in a school. Private schools are not eligible for this award. The award our school has received is that of **exemplary high performing schools**.

Click [HERE](#) for a link containing more information about the award ceremony which also has a link at the end of the article so that interested persons may watch it live-streamed.

NEW YORK

Last week I went to New York to be installed as a deputy chaplain for the Ohio Chapter of the Knights of Malta at the request of our Bishop. The establishment of the Knights in northern Ohio is a relatively new thing and there are not many members (yet). Needless to say, I knew nobody there and while everyone else seemed to move in groups seamlessly from one event to another, what was expected of a newbie who was unfamiliar with the proceedings was not very clear and I was quite happy when it was time to head for home for good ole' Akron! But concelebrating Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, "America's Home Parish" was exciting. And I was able to meet His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan who was very hospitable and a bit of a force.

One of the very first things that was asked of the new chaplains was to volunteer to accompany the sick to Lourdes, France on pilgrimage. But that was the weekend of First Communion for us, and it seemed best to beg off for at least this year.

For more about the Knights of Malta, go [HERE](#).

WE GIVE CATHOLIC

"The Greenhouse Project," in honor of Fr. Valencheck's 25th Ordination Anniversary

**On Tuesday, November 28, 2022, St. Sebastian Parish and School are participating in #weGiveCatholic, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving.**

Please support us with your donation on that day by following this link to our pages: [www.wegivecatholic.org](http://www.wegivecatholic.org), search for "St. Sebastian Parish School, then click "Donate."

In addition to the on-line giving option, we have once again added offertory envelopes to the November packet that is mailed out to you for donations.

The theme this year is "The Greenhouse Project," in honor of Fr. Valencheck's 25th Ordination Anniversary. The

greenhouse has been one of Father's long standing wish list items!

Your donation will help us purchase a greenhouse that will grace our campus and provide the many plants and flowers for our cutting garden, parish grounds, altar arrangements and more!

Mark your calendar, then Give Catholic on November 28th ...Giving Tuesday.

Thank You! More details are found in this week's bulletin.

Questions? Please contact: Kathy Holaday 330-836-2233 x113 or [holadayk@stsebastian.org](mailto:holadayk@stsebastian.org)

### BISHOP'S STATEMENT ON ISSUE ONE

Click [HERE](#) for the Bishop's statement concerning the outcome of the vote on Issue One.

### PICTURES

The first picture is of the exterior of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York and the second is an interior shot. St. Sebastian church could fit inside of this mammoth church many times! The last picture is most of the Cleveland contingent! To the far right is Karen Hostoffer who was inducted as a Dame of Malta. Between us stands her husband. Their son, who is a Capuchin monk was also in attendance.





### FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

In 1961, a pamphlet was sent home to parents in the parish school concerning school policies. Some of them are the same that we have today, others are more interesting. The school was divided for Masses, the upper grades going to the "new" church and the lower to the "Children's Chapel," with the note that children must have breakfast by 8:00 A.M.

Boys were to buy their uniforms on the "2nd floor O'Neil's Boy's Department. Trousers: dark blue, Shirts: light blue and Tie: navy.

"Measurements (for girls) will be taken in September for jumpers and blouses. It is suggested that girls wear black and white saddle oxfords or a similar sensible type of school shoe. Tennis shoes or play shoes are not permitted."

Another section was entitled, "RUBBERS." "Whether your child walks, rides a bus, or is driven to school, he must wear rubbers in all inclement weather, Sundays included. We cannot be responsible for children wearing apparel that is likely to be lost in and around the school. We advise you to mark these articles clearly and permanently and, in this way, avoid much confusion and annoyance."

Lest you think that these rules were only for the students, these experts from the 1955 letter to the faculty should allay those misconceptions.

"Sister Bernice,

Please to inform Sister or Teacher at the door to give their attention to Children as they arrive.

- A) First to greet them.
- B) Second to see that they are wearing their rubbers on the bad days.

Please request Sister or Teacher to be in their respective Classroom no later than 8:15, and to have children seated at their desks as they arrive. If this is not observed, we must go back to the Auditorium for our Assembly. *Note: In 1955, the auditorium was a large room in the basement of the school which now comprises the library and computer room.*

There should be no eating in the classroom. If there is a birthday to be celebrated, the eating should take place in the Auditorium. We must keep our classrooms clean.

A boy should be appointed to raise and lower the flag on all school days, except in bad days."

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Gary Arman, Annette Bailey, Jill Buffa, John Buhalak, Regina Buhalak, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Peggy Jo Cybulski, Anthony D'Attoma, Marjorie DeLuca, John Dewey, Deanna Ferris, Rosemarie George, Kenneth Gessford, Rita Buhalak Gessford, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carson Hutzell, James Hutzell, Carolyn Jeske, Charise Kasper, Janet Kendrick, Candace Kidd, Fred Kovacic, Jean Labate, Frank Livigni, Mary Loftus, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Toni Morlan, Betty O'Hara, Beverly & Mike Preston, Bob Rader, Monica and Thad Ricker, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Betty Sarich, Kim Sarich, Denise Schmidt, Michael Schnetzer, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, Keith Wisberger and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck  
St. Sebastian, pray for us.  
Saint Margaret of Scotland, pray for us.  
St. Gertrude, pray for us.

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