



Angelus Letter
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LETTER #246
ALL SOULS DAY
St. Jude, pray for us.

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass 8 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck
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. Bozek
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck

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

ST. JUDE RELIC AT ST. SEBASTIAN TODAY ONLY!

A relic of St. Jude, patron of desperate causes, will be at St. Sebastian Parish Church and available for veneration from 1 to 10 p.m. today. This relic, which has never before left Rome, is making a 100-stop tour in the United States and St. Sebastian is the only parish in the northern part of Ohio to be blessed with a visit.

From everything we have been hearing, we are expecting a lot of people. If you plan to come, might I suggest that you try to come as early as you can when the number of people is expected to be lower. I highly recommend parking on the street or in the neighborhood or in the school's brick lot after 1:30 p.m. Parking will be limited in the church lot.

There will be our typical 8:05 a.m. Mass that day and there will be an additional Mass at 7 p.m. Veneration will briefly stop during this Mass and begin again when the Mass is over.

I apologize to our school families for the rather last-minute notice for early dismissal. It was unforeseen that we might have as large of crowds as we are now expecting, and our advisors have recommended an early dismissal out of an abundance of caution.

Thank you to our scores of volunteers who will be on hand to make the day run smoothly. If you have not already received an email from Cathy Sivec, please wear black and white and show up fifteen minutes early for instruction in the server's sacristy.

I hope you get to make it to this rare opportunity. St. Jude, patron saint of desperate causes, pray for us!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY

It is an "all hands-on deck" day for our staff to help with the St. Jude visit. Because of this our **offices are closed today.**

THE END OF THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS AT ST. SEBASTIAN

Last weekend was our final Extraordinary Form Mass at St. Sebastian Parish and at St. Paul and most of the locations at which it was celebrated in the Diocese of Cleveland. There will continue to be an EF Mass for those in this area at St. Mary Parish at 1 o'clock. There are also EF Masses at St. Elizabeth and St. Stephen in Cleveland.

The final Mass was celebrated here by Fr. David Ireland and was followed by a potluck dinner to honor the servers and thank all of the other people who ministered at this Mass. Then there was the difficult task of figuring out, after thirteen years, what belonged to St. Mary originally, what belongs to St. Sebastian and what had been borrowed from other parishes. I have never "lost" a Mass before, so it was quite a melancholy feeling. For those who will be remaining, thank you for staying a part of the parish. For those who are going to one of the extraordinary form parishes or returning to your home parishes, thank you for your years of involvement and generosity here and know of my prayers for your spiritual journey.

TIME CHANGE

Our clocks "fall back" one hour this Sunday! Don't forget to turn your clock back one hour and get an extra hour of sleep before coming to Mass on Sunday morning!

VOCATION STORY

Charlie Bulger was a seminarian for the diocese of Cleveland and lived and served at St. Sebastian Parish for a

number of years. He has since become a novice for the Jesuits. Part of their training involves making a "Novice Pilgrimage" in which a novice begs for food, shelter and transportation, making very real his dependence on God's loving care. Yikes! You can find an expert of his experience [HERE](#).

WITNESS

One of our parishioners, Mr. Larry Whitney, of whom Joe Gorman, a founding member of Gorman, Malarcik & Pierce, which was one of Akron's most prominent criminal defense firms said, "If they had a Mount Rushmore for Akron [criminal defense] attorneys, Larry would be on it, wrote this open letter concerning the election on Tuesday.

ISSUE 1

Those of you who know me personally, know that I have spent over four decades defending individual rights and interpreting statutes in state and federal courts. With that said, aspects of the debate regarding Ohio Issue 1 have bothered me. I want this correspondence to help put the record straight. In sum, there have been TV spots and literature which is, at best, deceitful.

The first is a TV ad where a man states he is Catholic but says that he supports Issue 1 because the current statute is radical and does not provide for exceptions for health of the mother, rape, and incest. That is just not true. The Heartbeat Protection Act, placed on hold by the Ohio Supreme Court, does make an exception in a case of a medical emergency of the pregnant woman. Issue 1 enshrines the right to abortion at any time, including partial birth abortion during any month. The right to abortion becomes a constitutional right; just like the right to jury trial, due process and equal protection; unlike a statute that can be amended by the legislature.

The second ad shows an OB/GYN who states that Issue 1 should pass to protect our children. How are our children protected by making the right to abort a child at any time, regardless of viability. Most of us have put still photos from a scan of our daughter's baby during pregnancy on our fridge. How can anyone, especially an OB/GYN endorse a constitutional amendment who would permit aborting that child, except under extreme conditions (which Ohio's current statute authorizes).

Thirdly, an ad appeared wherein a pastor from a church in Columbus endorsed Issue 1 to protect the family's rights in the abortion decisions. This is as far from the truth as one can get. Issue 1 establishes in the Ohio constitution, an individual's right to "one's own reproductive medical treatment, including but not limited to abortion." I stress that Issue 1 does not limit this individual's right to just abortion. It is purposeful. Issue 1 does not say "any adult" it states, "any individual." A child is an individual. Issue 1's effect could and probably would prohibit parental notification and parental consent in not only abortion decisions but in gender surgery and contraception. This amendment is purposefully inclusive of protection of all "reproductive medical treatment" of all "individuals". Think of the ramifications of Issue 1.

These ads at best are misleading and at worst are deceptive. A Catholic, a pastor and a doctor were chosen to endorse the issue. I doubt whether any of them actually read the language of Issue 1. So, if you are comfortable with abortion up to the ninth month, then you should be comfortable with Issue 1. If you think a child of 14 or 15 should be able to make reproductive decisions like abortion or gender decisions or contraception decisions without input of parents or notification of parents, then you should be comfortable with Issue 1.

Finally, if you are comfortable with granting blanket immunity to any person or entity that provides abortion and any other reproductive services to your child without your knowledge or consent, then you should be comfortable with Issue 1.

Don't take my word for it. Read the text please and VOTE.

Larry Whitney

Don't forget that our church is open for adoration all day on election day. Come pray before and/or after you vote on Tuesday.

THANK YOU

Finally, thank you to those who worked and prayed so hard on this Issue. Be formed. Be informed. Pray, fast and vote!

PRO-LIFE ROSARIES, SUNDAY AND MONDAY:

As all Ohioans face a pivotal day in the history of our State, please join us in praying a beautiful Pro-Life rosary at 10 AM this Sunday, November 5th, along with the Litany for Life. Next, we will be gathering at sundown on the eve of the Election, Monday, November 6th, and praying by candlelight. Park on Mull and walk to the circle. Bring your own candle or the ministry will have them on hand. We will begin at 5:15 PM (clocks are adjusted the morning prior.)

PICTURES

The first picture is of Mr. Rohr's and my perspective of the school's Halloween Parade as we escorted the two parade marshals Weller and Joan of b'Arc. The second picture is of the potluck dinner following the final Extraordinary Form Mass.



FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

The final school paper for the class of 1940 was the only one included in this file for some reason. Perhaps it was because of the dedication on the front page: "WE THE GRADUATING CLASS OF JUNE, 1940 OF ST. SEBASTIAN GRADE SCHOOL DEDICATE THIS, OUR SCHOOL PAPER, TO THE PRIESTS AND NUNS OF OUR PARISH." The first page is entitled, "The Class Will," was followed by a lengthy list of bequeaths that run along the lines of:

Joan Dettling wills her baseball ability to Rosie Humphry
 James Coulter wills his colorful sweaters to Sister Fidelma
 Mary Lou Knapp wills her merit cards to Ellen Rohnor
 Donald Albrecht wills his traffic post to Skip Ball
 Pat Motz wills her sister's sweaters back to her.
 Phil Ulrich wills his knack of making conversation to Mark Hamlin

This document has been examined and found legal. It will take effect June 12, 1940
Jeanne Schreiner, Attorney

The second page is entitled, "CLASS PROPHECY"

It is a warm summer night, and a distinguished looking gentleman is lazily reclining on the veranda of his luxurious home. To counteract the humidity of the air and refresh himself, he called to a servant to bring him a Mint Julep.

Directly in front of him is a pretentious aquarium and the peculiar movements of the fish attract his attention. Rising, he draws his easy chair closer so that he may better see the inhabitants of the fish globe.

Slowly, but very defiantly a sign appears in the tinted shades made by the light over the water. What is this? "Class Reunion of St. Sebastian's Graduates of 1940."

He enters the school door and finds a heavy velvet drapery at the side of the entry, evidently hiding that old radiator. Behind it he sees James Coulter and Marilyn Fichtner stealing - guess what? At the head of the stairs is Jane Homeier peeking. On the new balcony he sees James Kraus still trying to get courage to ask Helen to marry him. In a large sun parlor off the 3rd grade room is Larry Sutter still dreaming as usual, but his dreams are put aside for he sees Donald Albrecht coming with the refreshments. Of course, you know that Don is a champion butcher in Ohio, but he serves cold drinks on the side.

(To be cont.)

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, 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

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