



Angelus Letter
23 November 2023
LETTER #249
Saint Clement I
Saint Columban
THANKSGIVING DAY

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

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

HAPPY & BLESSED THANKSGIVING!

May this Thanksgiving Day be one that leads you to the true discovery of all for which you can be grateful. G. K. Chesterton writes about being thankful to God,

*"The test of all happiness is gratitude,
and I felt grateful, though I hardly knew to whom.
Children are grateful when Santa Claus
puts in their stockings, gifts of toys or sweets.
Could I not be grateful to Santa Claus
when he put into my stockings
the gift of two miraculous legs?
We thank people for birthday presents of cigars and slippers.
Can I thank no-one for the birthday present of birth?"*

PLEASE NOTE: The parish offices are closed today and tomorrow. Regular hours will begin again on Saturday.

WASHINGTON D. C.

For Mr. Rohr, our principal, Mrs. Vernon, one of our second-grade teachers and me, our plane left for Washington from the Akron Canton Airport at 6 AM. It is amazing what a quiet place our airport is at that hour! The coffee stands are barely open.

We zipped into Regan International Airport and Mr. Rohr showed me how to use Uber, which I took an immediate liking to! We arrived at the Hotel Omni, built in the 1930s and were greeted in the grand lobby by a sign that read, "WELCOME AWARDEES!" We had a bit of down time between the workshops and the award ceremony, so we went about with our flag and took pictures at various Washington sightseeing stops making special stops at the National Shrine and the St. John Paul II Center.

In the crowded hall we heard various speakers and some performances by local schools. Then they came to the award part of the program, and we were under the impression that they were going to go alphabetically by state and then by school since that is the fashion in which they sat us. Being that we were Ohio and from a school that began with the letter, "S", it appeared that we were in for a long wait. But, lo! They began with Wyoming and worked their way backward! And although it took us a spell to get through Texas, we were granted the mercy of not having to wait too long!

Congratulations once again to Mr. Rohr, our faculty and staff, students, parents, and to the entire parish community who supports our school.

WORK AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQUARE

As you may have already noticed, Mull Avenue is completely open! There are a few finishing touches that need to take place such as the installation of lampposts and signage. For the past couple of days, crews have been cleaning up the triangle, otherwise known as Elmdale Park in preparation for its restoration.

Our new fire station is taking wonderful shape on Hawkins and a couple of days ago, Joanie and I went for walk through the Perkins development. Unfortunately, one must walk over a dirt covered area before making it to the drive because the sidewalks have not yet been replaced. Walking through, my shoe got sucked in the mud leaving me hopping on one foot on the drive. I hopped back to my shoe to slip it on only to have my other shoe sucked into the mud. It was not a very comfortable walk after that.

There is still much activity going on, but it is seemingly all at ground level. There has not yet been any vertical construction. But here is a note to our parishioners who are having homes built there: There is a blessing in the Book of Blessings for home construction sites. If you would like your house lot blessed, please give one of your priests a call!

UPCOMING CONCERTS

3 DEC - HALLOW ADVENT PRAISE AND WORSHIP CONCERT in the church at 6:30 PM
5 DEC - ADORATION AND ORGAN RECITAL AT NOON
12 DEC - ADORATION AND ORGAN RECITAL AT NOON
17 DEC - CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT 7 PM
19 DEC - ADORATION AND ORGAN RECITAL AT NOON

All are free and open to the public.

WE GIVE CATHOLIC November 28, 2023

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

This coming Tuesday, November 28, we will be participating in the #WeGiveCatholic fundraiser, raising funds to purchase a greenhouse that will grace our campus for years to come. Invite family and friends to give early and often on Tuesday toward this project that benefits our beautiful campus by providing flowers and plants to our grounds crew, cutting garden, altar arrangements and more!

Please follow this link for the St. Sebastian Parish page <https://www.wegivecatholic.org/organization/st-sebastian-parish-school>

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.

Questions? Please contact Kathy Holaday at 330-836-2233 x113 or holadayk@stsebastian.org

PICTURES

The first picture was taken immediately after walking off the stage at the National Blue Ribbon award ceremony. The second picture is at our banquet table. The third picture is in front of the National Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and finally the last picture is when we arrived at our hotel.





FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

In 1947, Father Zwisler received a letter from St. Vincent High School stating that, "We know that you are interested in knowing the results of the scholarship examinations administered last Saturday. These tests were given to 57 boys and girls from 10 schools. The fifteen students having the highest average was as follows:"

Those fifteen students came from eight different schools as far away as Kent. St. Sebastian Parish School filled two of the slots which was pretty common among the eight schools. Charles Linton (Class of 1947) came in 5th and

James Obermier (Class of 1947) came in sixth. Charles received a year's free tuition because of his efforts!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep 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 Clement I, pray for us.
Saint Columban, pray for us.

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