



Angelus Letter  
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LETTER #244  
Saints John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues

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  
Sunday Mass (Latin) at 1 p.m. with Fr. Bede OSB

\* Anointing of the sick will take place immediately following this Mass. The anointing of the sick is for those who have reached the age of wisdom and who *begin* to be in danger due to sickness or old age. Anointing should take place toward the beginning of a sickness rather than waiting toward the end. If you have been anointed for a chronic illness and a significant amount of time has passed (6 months or so) or your illness has progressed, you may be anointed again.

**CONCERTS AT ST. SEBASTIAN**

City Music Cleveland Chamber Orchestra will be performing **THIS SUNDAY** in the church at 4:30pm.

An Evening of Haunting Music: Here is a fun concert to help introduce your children to classical music or just to enjoy yourself! Lynn Steward and other organists will be providing the fun on **Sunday, October 29th at 7 p.m. in the church**. Free.

**ST. JUDE, PATRON OF HOPELESS CAUSES NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

We are expecting large amounts of people on Thursday, November 2nd when the relic of St. Jude comes to St. Sebastian Parish. Having been in contact with other parishes the relic has visited in the United States, it sounds as though we can use every volunteer that we can muster. Although admittedly a record, the last parish the relic was at received over 3,000 visitors. We are not expecting that, but we are expecting larger crowds than we are accustomed to having here and most of those people will be unfamiliar with the parish and West Akron.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers for that day are on the altar rail by the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue. If you are able to do multiple shifts, it would be appreciated. Not listed on these sheets are a call for doctors and nurses. If you are available to man a First Aid station (in the cry room) please call Cathy Sivec at (330) 836-2233. As St. Jude is the patron of desperate causes and there may be people who come who will be overcome by the experience.

If you need more information about volunteering, please call Cathy Sivec in the rectory office at (330) 836-2233 or email [HERE](#).

**ATTENTION SINGLE MEN**

Next weekend is Vocation Awareness Weekend. Men of the parish who are (even remotely) considering a vocation to the priesthood are invited to dinner at the rectory immediately following the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, October 28th. You will join a few priests, seminarians and like-minded men for an evening of fellowship, food and prayer. Please let us know if you are able to make it ASAP. Click here to register <https://forms.gle/Cw9NzhPMXEvswoyi9>

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

As you may have surmised by the above article, next Sunday is Priesthood Sunday! Christopher Villarreal, a seminarian from our parish, will be speaking at all of the Masses.

**NEWS FROM AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQUARE**

**WILL YOU MARRY ME?** 190 families, over 300 kids and 43 decorated cars (including an officer and car from Akron's police department!) came to Trunk or Treat at St. Sebastian this past Friday the thirteenth and not one of them knew who Lillie was! There was a plane circling around our grounds that had a banner behind it that said, "Will you marry me, Lillie?" Well, we thought, if she were at Trunk or Treat, we should surely have figured out who she was by now! As it turned out, it was not for anyone on our campus but for a couple in Schneider Park. Donny Swain (Class of 2014), an alumnus of St. Sebastian Parish School, proposed to Lillian Allen.

**WRONG FLOWER GARDEN:** I wrote that the gardens are beginning to be shut down on our grounds as flowers

are removed or brought indoors. Someone must have thought that the new installation in the Mull Ave. circle was supposed to come down too! At 5 a.m. this past Saturday, someone driving south on Hawkins Avenue drove through the circle, hit a giant bolder and knocked over the metal flower sculpture leaving car parts about as they did so. I thought the rocks would keep everything safe!

**SCHOOL:** Earlier this week one of our service providers dropped off cookies for our teachers to congratulate them on their Blue-Ribbon Award. It really is quite an achievement, and I would like to encourage our parents to complete their child's education by attending Mass on Sunday. It ties everything together, gives it meaning, sanctifies it, ties it to the community that supports the school and gives glory to God which is the most important thing that our school does.

**LATIN MASS UPDATE:** It was printed in the bulletin that Fr. Zerucha would be coming to speak before the 1 o'clock Mass but unfortunately, he was scheduled for the noon Spanish Mass at St. Bernard so he will be sending a representative and then they will be at donuts following the Mass.

**OUR MOTHER'S HANDS:** You are invited to the First Anniversary of Our Mother's Hands, a homegrown ministry begun here at St. Sebastian's. The celebration begins with 8am Mass this Saturday, Oct. 21st. Head over to Byrider Hall for breakfast afterward, or stay and pray the rosary in the Church and then join the celebration. All are welcome as the members of the ministry express their gratitude for your support and look forward to many more years of accomplishing their mission of bringing souls to Jesus through Mary.

### PICTURES

The first picture is of Joan and I exploring the new roads at the former Perkins site. The left picture is of the damage to the sculpture.







### FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

*There are other programs, but the earliest program that we have on file was from 1930 and took place on December 12th. This program is beautifully handwritten. The title of the program was:*

Maybelle Baxter  
presents her pupils  
in  
The Coming of the King  
and  
Dramatic Art Recital  
at  
St. Sebastian School Auditorium

Hugh O'Neil (Class of 1932) was Joseph, Julia Flynn (Class of 1930) portrayed the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jerry O'Neil (Class of 1936) was the Candle Boy and Gloria Morning led the Candle Girls.

*The last thing that I will report on from this file was an undated, handwritten letter to Fr. Zwislser that reported the following:*

Dear Father,

The Junior Jolly Dozen are pleased to be able to hand on to you the proceeds of their first show given for the benefit of the school. We sold two hundred and thirty-five tickets making a total of \$80.25. Our actual expenses were \$8.88 including \$3 for printing tickets. We are giving you to use in any way you see fit \$70 - the balance of \$1.37 we are putting in the club treasury.

We all thank you for your help with our first adventure and want you to know how splendid the Sisters were to us.

We are "The Junior Jolly Dozen"

The "Dozen" included 2 Dorothys, 3 Marys and 3 Ritas! The president as one of two Lillians, Lillain Goeler (Class of 1940).

*As a side note, if this undated play took place around 1930, the \$80 that they raised would be worth about \$1,500 today! No wonder they were so jubilant!*

#### 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:

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, Robert Hickey, 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.

Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, pray for us.

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