



Angelus Letter
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LETTER #245

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 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. Valencheck
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Bozek
Sunday Mass* (Latin) at 1 p.m. with Fr. Ireland

*** This Mass will mark the final Extraordinary Form Mass celebrated at St. Sebastian Parish. The Mass will continue at 1 o'clock at St. Mary Parish on South Main beginning November 5. See below for more details. Thank you to everyone who attended and ministered at this Mass over the past 13 years. God bless you.**

VOCATION WEEKEND: This Sunday is also vocation Sunday! We welcome back home from the seminary Sebastianite Christopher Villarreal who is in his first year of studies for the priesthood. He will be speaking at all of the Masses and he and our seminarian intern Ryan Arto will be hosting a dinner for young men in the parish who have thoughts about the priesthood. Please pray for all of our seminarians and those contemplating such vocations.

DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING AND PENANCE FOR PEACE THIS FRIDAY

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer, fasting, and penance for peace this **Friday, October 27**. In response to the Holy Father's appeal, Bishop Malesic is asking that every diocesan parish, school, and institution encourage prayer, fasting and penance in some form on Friday.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This coming week we are blessed to have a holy day of obligation for the celebration of **All Saints Day**. Here are the Mass times:

Tuesday, October 31st Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.*

Wednesday, November 1st at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

*** There will still be Adoration all day on Tuesday. However, due to the Vigil Mass, there will not be evening confessions or benediction.**

ST. JUDE, PATRON OF DESPERATE CAUSES

This relic, which has never before left Rome, is coming to St. Sebastian Parish church **NEXT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd** from 1 to 10 p.m. in St. Sebastian Church. We will have our All Souls Mass at 8:05 a.m. as usual

that day, but there will also be a special Mass at 7 p.m. during veneration. I hope you are able to make it to this most unique event.

Also, a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered to assist so far. We still could use a few more persons to fill in the ranks. Your help is essential to making the day a success.

FUN CONCERT SUNDAY EVENING

There will be an organ concert **this Sunday night at 7 p.m. in the church** featuring haunting music for Halloween. This one-hour performance is for the whole family or just yourself and we welcome people to come in their Halloween costumes! Here is an excellent opportunity to begin to teach your children how to behave at concerts (which they will benefit from their entire lives) in an entertaining and free event.

EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASS INFORMATION

Most of my bulletin letter this week is taken up with news concerning the 1 o'clock Mass and even so, there was not room to print everything so here is more news:

NEWS FROM ROME: Fr. Doug Brown, the official liaison to the bishop on matters concerning the celebration of the Extraordinary Form Mass in the Diocese of Cleveland reports that news has finally come from Rome concerning the celebration of the Mass at St. Mary and St. Stephen. The permission to celebrate this Mass at both of these parishes has been granted for a period of two years, after which permission must be sought again. There are other stipulations that will need to be handled by the pastors of those parishes.

A further stipulation is that each affected parish will communicate the upcoming changes in the Mass schedule which I do here: Following this weekend's celebration of the Extraordinary Form Mass, it will no longer take place at St. Sebastian. The EF Mass will be celebrated on Sundays at 1 p.m. at St. Mary, at 9:30 a.m. at St. Stephen, and 8 and 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth. Further, St. Elizabeth will hold a 7:30 a.m. Mass Monday through Thursday and a 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

A LETTER FROM FR. ZERUCHA, PASTOR OF ST. MARY: As you all probably know by now, the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass is being condensed to three parishes within the Cleveland diocese, the most local to us being Saint Mary's in Akron at 1 PM. The time was chosen due to presider availability and the location due to building structure and convenience for all involved. Downtown revitalization, a new fire station, security cameras and increased outdoor lighting has reduced safety concerns in an already quite safe area. The building condition has been an ongoing project for years, recently resulting in new lighting, new speakers, a new bathroom upstairs, a new area for parents and children to be during Mass and a new roof contracted for Spring 2024.

NEWS FROM AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQUARE

CONGRATULATIONS CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY: The Christ Child Society of Akron is a volunteer organization dedicated to serving the needs of the children in Akron. They will be recognized for their work at the Bishop Cosgrove Justice Award Dinner! Congratulations!

FLOWERS REPLANTED: Early last Saturday, workers were out on the Mull/Hawkins circle repositioning the barn stones, righting the sculpture and replanting following the single car crash the previous Saturday.

GREAT RETREAT: Sixty women signed up for last weekend's Women's Retreat! Thank you for a successful event team!

PICTURES

The first picture is repair work on the circle beginning last Saturday morning. When electricity returns to Mull Avenue after the construction, lighting is intended also to be added to the sculpture to help assist drivers in not driving through the center of the circle. The second picture is last Sunday's most excellent concert.



FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

On June of 1938, just 5 years after prohibition, a number of students from the graduating class made this pledge:

GRADUATES' PLEDGE AGAINST INTOXICATING LIQUORS

In the presence of Our Blessed Savior / here exposed upon the altar / to witness and receive my promise; / In the presence of the priests of the parish / my teachers / my parents / and my classmates / I solemnly pledge myself / to abstain from all intoxicating liquors / or beverages / until I have graduated from High School. / So, help me God / and His Blessed Mother / that I may never break this solemn pledge.

Paul Burke
 Nancy Claypool
 Jerry Potts
 Bertha Vorndran
 Allin Watson
 Mary Louise Schumacher
 Ralph Huston
 Cecil Maher
 Clarence Swedenburg
 Marilyn Bowlen
 Charles Schreiner
 Patience O'Neil

James Flannery
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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, 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.

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