



Angelus Letter
14 September 2023
LETTER #240
The Exultation of the Holy Cross

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass 8 a.m. 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. Valencheck
Sunday Mass* at 11 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck
Sunday Mass (Latin) at 1 p.m. with Fr. Justin OSB
Eucharistic Devotions Prayer at 7 p.m.

***This Mass will open our Eucharistic Devotions**

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS!

We get the opportunity to adore and offer thanks to Jesus in a special way this week during our Annual Eucharistic Devotions which will begin following the 11 a.m. Mass and continues around the clock until Tuesday night, September 19. At 7 p.m. on Tuesday night there will be our closing ceremonies, so there will **not be confessions this Tuesday night**. There will be prayer each night at 7 p.m.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would consider adopting an hour of adoration. When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on our altar, there needs to be at least some of the faithful in attendance. Sign-ups are at the altar rail in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. Even if one or two people are already signed up, sign your name also. There can be last minute emergencies that keeps someone away.

If you are wondering what to do during a Holy Hour, it is a time of thanks and adoration. We have so much for which we should be thankful (not the least thing is that we have Christ among us in the Eucharist - how blessed are we?) and we adore Him who is the source and summit of our life. It is perfectly fitting to sit quietly with our Lord, to speak with Him and to listen to what He might have to say.

But if your brain is like mine, sometimes you need something on which to concentrate. Here are some links to ideas of what to do during your Holy Hour:

Benedictine College offers a minute-by-minute guide [HERE](#).

Word on Fire has some ideas [HERE](#).

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops has some prayers [HERE](#).

"All Your Questions about Adoration" article [HERE](#).

CONSTRUCTION

Construction continues on our portion of Mull Avenue although it is completely open to vehicle and pedestrian use. This week they have been working on manhole accesses and a little grading of the devil strips. Bricking, as of Tuesday, is almost up to Elmdale!

In other news, the center of the traffic circle has been receiving much attention. It was thought that this project would take a few years, including a fundraising effort for an art piece in the center. As it turns out, local organizations have donated enough funding to complete the project including the art! It will take some time for the landscaping to grow in and repairs made to the lawn and such, but it should be basically finished by the end of the week!

Thank you goes to Keep Akron Beautiful and the donors who made it possible: House of LaRose, Alpha Phi Alpha, Dominion, and especially Akron's Finest Mulch who not only donated all of the labor but made significant donations to the project. God bless you all!

If you haven't noticed, our new fire station is beginning to take shape, rising out of the ground. And Joanie and I took a walk through the old Perkins property and saw how the streets were laid out and the placements of drains, manhole covers and fire hydrants. Things seem to be coming along.

CHOIR

The choir will begin singing this Sunday! Boy, have I missed you! This weekend, however, they will not be singing at the 9am but at 11am because of the opening of our Eucharistic Devotions.

GROUNDS CREW AND CUTTING GARDEN

We are getting close to the end of the season! If you've not walked our grounds lately, do so soon before fall weather begins to chase the flowers and leaves away. Thank you to all of our volunteers who made this summer so beautiful!

ANGELUS LETTER

I receive many requests to put things in this letter. The purpose of the Angelus Letter is not to become another bulletin. It was a way of staying in touch over COVID and to give news or updates not appropriate for the bulletin. There is news about what is going on in the neighborhood, updates for the weekend, things that need links and interesting historical notes. Occasionally I'll throw in something that is important to the whole parish. Everything else is relegated to the bulletin which is also emailed out on Fridays.

That being said, here are few things that came in this week:

WOMEN'S RETREAT: There will be a Women's Retreat on Saturday, October 21st in Zwislser Hall. Reservations required. Please see bulletin for details.

NEW ACADEMY CLASSES: There are new classes being offered at the Academy of Culture and Arts for both adults and children. Go [HERE](#) for more details.

ISSUE ONE: Mr. Bernie Smith of St. Hilary Parish made a ten-minute video about the legal ramifications of the Issue One on which we will be voting this coming November. See it [HERE](#).

NOVENA: Some of our parishioners are praying this Novena to Defend Catholics in America and thought that you might like to join. See [HERE](#).

OBJECTIVE GEOSPATIAL DRONE FOOTAGE : Here is some interesting footage shot of the parish by a drone during the My Mother's Hands Marian procession last week. See [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

PICTURES

The first picture is of Deacon Michael Garvin, transitional deacon (meaning that he will be ordained a priest this spring) and our intern, Ryan Arto loading our painting of Joan of Arc to go on display at the seminary. The second picture is of some of our volunteer grounds crew packing it in for the day at the end of their work last Saturday.



FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

There are some sporadic reports of where our students went to high school after graduating from St. Sebastian Parish School. In 1940, 11 students went to St. Vincent High, 22 to Buchtel, 3 went to Sacred Heart Academy and 5 were marked "doubtful."

In 1950 things changed a bit. 34 went to St. Vincent, 8 to St. Mary, Hoban saw 10 of our boys join, the Elms received 9 of our girls, Simon Perkins saw one of our students as did Buchtel and Western Reserve. Finally, in 1959, out of a class of 79 students (!!!) this was this breakdown:

St. Vincent: 28
Our Lady of the Elms: 13
Hoban: 12
St. Mary: 3
Buchtel: 12
Copley: 2
Western Reserve: 1

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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, Betty O'Hara, John Perry, Beverly & Mike Preston, Bob Rader, Monica and Thad Ricker, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, 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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