



Angelus Letter
5 May 2022
LETTER #170
Third Week of Easter

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Valencheck
Friday Confessions at 4PM

Saturday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Valencheck
Saturday Confessions at 9:30AM
First Communion at 11:00AM
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30PM with Fr. Chima

Sunday Mass at 9AM with Fr. Valencheck
Sunday Mass at 11AM with Fr. Bozek
Sunday Mass at 1PM with Fr. Bede OSB

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Your assistance is requested. Please let ushers know approximately where you will be sitting when you come to Mass on Sunday. Thanks!

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION GRANTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS YEAR:

The Chesterton Academy of Akron, a new classical education high school located at St. Paul Parish on Brown Street, has tuition grants available specifically for members of St. Sebastian Parish. It is still not too late to claim these grants for the upcoming school year. Over five thousand dollars is waiting to be claimed. For more information contact the school at info@akronchesterton.org or call (330) 299-1557.

For more general information on the school, click here: <https://akronchestertonacademy.org>. This Akron school is one of 50 schools just opened in the past few years with eighteen more slated to open over the next two years. If your child would benefit from a different kind of education, this just might fit the bill.

RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS

For a limited time only, The Recycling Club at our parish school is sponsoring an electronic recycle bin. It is the white bin located right next to the cardboard recycle bin in the Byrider parking lot. While this bin is here, you may recycle your computers, modems, routers, servers, DVD players, VCRs, game consoles, stereos, cell phones, printers, cables, wires, power adapters and computer monitors.

EXTRAORDINARY FORM

There is not much new to report at this moment. We are still in the process of fulfilling our Bishop's direction for pastoral planning concerning the Pope's directives. This past Monday, all of the priests were to submit proposed plans to a diocesan committee (which I did) and now a report of the results is being compiled. As soon as more information comes my way, I will share it with you.

MORE EVENTS OF NOTE FOR YOU:

May 15 Quire Cleveland in the Parish Church at 5PM - Free
May 15 Academy Recital in Zwisler Hall at 2PM - Free
May 16 Theology on Rocks at El Rancho Restaurant at 7PM - \$5
May 21 Ordination at The Cathedral at 10AM
May 22 Singers Company in the Parish Church at 4:30PM - Free
May 30 Pot Luck Breakfast in the Parish Courtyard following 9AM Mass

SURVEY CONCERNING CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES

This is the final week this survey will be offered. It will determine if we will move forward or not. If you or someone you know has a child with significant developmental challenges, that is, a student who would not be adequately served by the parish school, the parish school of religion or the Julie Billiart School, please take the following survey especially if their needs are keeping them (or you!) from receiving the sacraments: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAJ8h7ocv1j4zdU3r3bbOcdtlqmHPQ8SHhSuCUGEqSH8duPA/viewform?usp=sf_link

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE CALLS

We are looking for a few more volunteers to make calls to fellow parishioners. The purpose of the calls is to make sure that everyone is doing well and that we have their updated information. You can take as many or as few names as you like. You may make them from home or come to the rectory office. For more information, call Cathy Sivec at (330) 836-2233 or email her at sivecc@stsebastian.org

LAST MINUTE ADDITION

The Legion of Mary invites you to pray a pro-life rosary tomorrow, Friday, following the morning Mass in light of decisions being made at the Supreme Court.

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

There are two letters to share with you this week. The first seems to be from a non-Catholic who is taking care of a family member in her home.

FIRST LETTER

2 February 1954

Dear Father Zwisler:

RE: MY AUNT

After receiving your report, I think I better explain her.

She is my old aunt, in her 96th year and has been with us for the past six years and in bed almost all that time. She has a small income, but not nearly enough for all her needs, so I am taking care of her. When I brought her over here I decided she needed Spiritual care, so I called your place and your Priests have been very faithful ever since, and personally, I appreciate it very much, as I figure that is about all she has left. Also, I know she should be making contributions to St. Sebastian's. Before she came here, she always went to St. Vincent's, because of easier access. I am enclosing a check for Fifty Dollars for the present.

Trusting you will understand the situation, believe me,

Sincerely,
Lucy

There was a notation in the corner in Msgr Zwisler's handwriting that reads, "Check was returned because of the circumstances of sickness and old age."

SECOND LETTER

The second letter concerns The Christophers Awards, which were "established by Christophers' founder, Father James Keller to salute media that 'affirm the highest values of the human spirit.' Their goal is to encourage men, women and children to pursue excellence in creative arenas that have the potential to influence a mass audience positively." For more information on these awards that are still presented to this day, click on the following link: <https://www.christophers.org/awards>.

One of our parishioners, A.J. McGinness, won this award and wrote to Monsignor about it:

The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company

Harvey S. Firestone, Founder
Akron 17, Ohio

14 May, 1953

Dear Fr. Zwisler,

Attached is a photostat of an article which appeared in the New York Times and a photograph of the award which I received from The Christophers, which I thought you might like to see.

The Voice of Firestone received four out of a total of only 28 awards given by The Christophers' this year.

I had hoped to tell you about these things next Sunday after Mass, but I believe I will have to be in Detroit on

Saturday and may have to fly direct to New York on my weekly commuting trips for the Voice of Firestone. So rather than hold it up another week, I thought I had better send it to you by mail. With kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

A. J. McGinness
XXXX Jefferson Ave.

The attached article which described the honor that he and his team won for their Holy Week program can best be described in the award and the ceremony which took place at the Park Lane Hotel. For the first time, awards were given to songwriters. The first such award was given to the composers of the song, "I Believe," the first hit song every introduced-on television. The most popular version was by Frankie Laine. (I remember singing this song in high school and at my home parish.) Here is a YouTube link if you want to hear the song:

What makes this interesting is the person to whom they were unable to give the award. "It was announced at the reception that a nation-wide search was being conducted for the mother of a soldier killed in the Korean War, whose letter to the Columbia Broadcasting System inspired the song. The letter was misplaced by the radio company, thus preventing The Christophers from sending a cash award to the mother."

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep all of our sick and distressed in your prayers:

Annette Bailey, Marilyn Bohling, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Rita Cummings, Anthony D'Attoma, Linda Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, Rita Buhalak Gossford, Robert Hickey, Phil Hochstetler, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carolyn Jeske, Janet Kendrick, Jenny Kerrigan, Jean Labate, Dr. Dan Lehnhoff, Ann Loftus, John Marckel, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, Keith Pecek, Beverly & Mike Preston, Mary Ricks, Nancy Ropchock, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Michael Schnetzer, John Schultz, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, Steve Watral and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck
St. Sebastian, pray for us.



**Novena to St. Sebastian,
Protector Against the Plague**

Glorious Saint Sebastian, you who had great courage, help us to be witnesses of Jesus before this unbelieving world as you have brought others to Christ. Help us to have the love of neighbor that you had and to give our lives for our brothers, even in difficulties and dangers. Help us to have faith in the pains of life as you endured cruel martyrdom. Protect all soldiers, military and police against every danger in their work. Protect all nations against wars, hunger and pestilence. Intercede for the grace that I need...

[Mention your intention here...]
Amen.

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