



Angelus Letter
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LETTER #154
Saint Hilary

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND*

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

Saturday Mass at 8AM with Fr. Valencheck
Confessions at 9:30AM
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30PM with Fr. Bozek

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

Happy feast day to our daughter parish St. Hilary!

The history of our parish includes a strong tie to our daughter parish, St. Hilary Parish in Akron, Ohio. St. Hilary Parish was established from the parishioner-population at St. Sebastian due to the “west-bound” migration of so many Akron-ites. Monsignor Hilary Zwisler, pastor of St. Sebastian Parish, provided the initial funding for the parish from the offertory collection of those residents within the newly established parish boundaries. The new parish was called “St. Hilary” in honor of our pastor, Msgr. Hilary Zwisler.

GAS LINES ALONG MULL AVENUE

We do not have a start date yet, but within the next few weeks, Dominion will begin replacing the gas lines along Mull Avenue, and in particular, around St. Sebastian Square, in preparation for the brick resurfacing that is to take place next summer. They have stated that they will keep the school and church as accessible as possible during this time.

If you want an idea of what it might look like, remember the work that was done in the neighborhood last summer (not the work that was done on Market Street) In isolated spots, the walk might be bumpy, but passable particularly on the weekend. If you park in the church or brick parking lot or along Elmdale, this should not affect you. When we have exact start dates, I will pass that along to you.

BAPTISMAL FONT UPDATES

There were a few of funeral Masses celebrated this past week and that put a delay on our moving of the baptismal font. As this is being written, arrangements are trying to be made with the craftsmen to move their work dates later in the week. If not, it will be postponed to the following week.

ST. SEBASTIAN IN THE NEWS

There was an article written in cleveland.com in December about the hiring of the University of Akron’s new head football coach Joe Moorhead. The article voiced the doubts of many that he would return to the Akron area but, as it turns out, he and his family very much enjoyed their short time living here. Moreover, here is the sentence that made my day: When speaking about what attracted them back to Akron, Joe Moorhead and his wife Jennifer mentioned among other things, “they fondly remembered when their kids went to St. Sebastian School in West Akron.” Woohoo!

HOMILY HELPS

A couple of you have mentioned the difficulty that you experience in understanding Fr. Bezek’s homilies. He is going to provide a copy of his Sunday homily for you on the weekends so that you may

follow along if that would be helpful. We may need a couple of weeks to sort out exactly how we are going to do this. One thought was to do it online, but that might not be feasible mostly due to timing. At the moment, we are thinking of having hard copies in the church and so will need to work out where they would be best placed and how many we should make. I hope that this will help!

CLEAN SWEEP

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped return the church to ordinary time this week! A special note to the servers who stuck around after Mass to help move things about. It is a big task moving Christmas back into closets and storage spaces! But liturgically, I appreciate the distinction between the liturgical seasons and what each one provides us rather than having left overs of a previous season hanging around like left over Halloween candy next to the Christmas decorations at the drugstore. Thank you one and all!

SAINT SEBASTIAN DAY!

Do not forget that **we will be celebrating St. Sebastian Day this weekend!** Due to current health concerns, the parish pasta dinner was cancelled, but it is still an important day of prayer for us! Offer a prayer of thanks and of petition for his continued intercession for our parish. I personally have found him a powerful intercessor.

You are also probably already very aware that he is a patron saint to invoke against communicable diseases such as our current pandemic. Particularly on his feast day (which is actually on the 20th,) pray for an end to our pandemic woes:

O Glorious St. Sebastian, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands and implore your powerful intercession in obtaining, from God the Father, all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, and especially in our day, for protection against contagious diseases. O, special guardian from diseases and accidents, we are confident that your intercession on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Amen.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Annette Bailey, Svetlana Barber, Marilyn Bohling, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Rita Cummings, Anthony D'Attoma, Linda Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, Melane Francis, Rita Buhalak Gossford, Robert Hickey, Phil Hochstetler, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carolyn Jeske, Janet Kendrick, Jean Labate, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, Keith Pecek, Beverly & Mike Preston, Mary Ricks, Nancy Ropchock, Beatrice Laura Ryan, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Michael Schnetzer, John Schultz, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, Victor Strelbicki, Steve Watral and Dona Wolff.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck.

St. Sebastian, pray for us.

St. Hilary, 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.