



Angelus Letter
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LETTER #274

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck
Friday Confessions from 4 to 5 p.m. with Fr. Cameron Popik

Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck*
Saturday Confessions from 9:30 to 10 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. with Fr. Blau

Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. with Fr. Blau
Sunday Mass at 11 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck

* I am very happy to announce that newly ordained Transitional Deacon James Parisi will be assisting at this Mass and will be preaching. He is a parish son of St. Hilary Parish and by the grace of God, will be ordained to the priesthood next year at about this time.

MULCH DAY SATURDAY

This Saturday, May 11th is MULCH DAY at St. Sebastian Parish! **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!** If you are wondering if you, in particular, are really needed, the answer is a resounding **YES!** Strong backs are needed to shovel and move the mulch and care is needed to spread it around our beds, shrubs, and trees. Just show up on Saturday morning beginning around 8 a.m. *or at any time you can make it and for as long as you can help* until around noon. Just show up, tap someone on the shoulder and ask, "Where do you need me?"

FIRST COMMUNION MASS FOR JULIE BILLIART SCHOOL

This Saturday we will have the First Communion Mass at the Julie Billiart School at 10 a.m. Congratulations to the young students there who will be receiving Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist for the very first time on this day. Please keep them in your prayers.

HEADS UP FOR NEXT WEEKEND EVENTS

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION: Saturday, May 18th at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John in downtown Cleveland.

LYNN STEWARD FAREWELL CONCERT: Sunday, May 19th at 7 p.m. in the church!

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS: Monday, May 20th - Doors open at 7 p.m., the speaker begins at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish will be presenting. I will unfortunately not be able to be there since I have an emergency seminary Admissions Board meeting. There are a number of men still needing to be interviewed to enter our seminary and we are going to have a marathon day on this Monday trying to get them all in.

NO CONFESSIONS

You might be seeing this in our schedule a number of times as we begin to adjust to the schedule for only one priest. No longer can I ask a parochial vicar to handle something while I fulfill another obligation. Unfortunately, these obligations were made while it was assumed that I had help at the parish, so while those things work through the system, there will be some cancelled confession times. Keep an eye out in the bulletin. Cathy Sivec is working hard at trying to get fill-in help in the meantime.

Saturday, May 18th, NO CONFESSIONS due to Ordination.

PICTURE

Lynn and her family came over for dinner last week for me to say, "Thanks for everything!" and then we had our picture taken.



CONGRATULATIONS PRINCIPAL ROHR!

If you haven't heard already, our Parish School principal, Mr. Rohr, has been awarded the Diocese of Cleveland, Christ the Teacher Award. This is the first year this honor has been given. In order to receive this award, the school at which the awardee is principal must have three years in a row of growth higher than the 50th percentile in all grades in both reading and math. Quite an accomplishment! Congratulations St. Sebastian Parish School community for being one of only three schools in the whole diocese to receive this award!

FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Of course, the most important aspect of our school is the handing on of our Catholic faith. Here is a continuation from last week's 8th grade religion test sent out by the Diocese of Cleveland in 1944. See how you score.

MULTIPLE CHOICE:

1. The highest motive a person can have in embracing the religious life is to:
 - A. promote the good.
 - B. give glory to God.
 - C. acquire perfection for its own sake.
 - D. obtain refuge from the spiritual dangers of the world.
2. The two most important works of the priest are to:
 - A. forgive sins in the sacrament of Penance.
 - B. give good advice to the people of the parish.
 - C. build and maintain a church, school, convent, etc.
 - D. offer the Sacrifice of the Mass.
 - E. direct parish societies.
 - F. care for the poor and unfortunate in the parish.
3. ". . . whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain they are retained," refers to the:
 - A. power of the priest to remove original sin through baptism.
 - B. commission given to the Apostles to preach everywhere.
 - C. power exercised in regard to the Holy Eucharist.

D. power of the priest to remove actual sins.

4. “. . .do this in remembrance of me,” refers to the institution of:
- A. Holy Orders.
 - B. Baptism.
 - C. Matrimony.
 - D. Confirmation.
5. You can best help the work of the priesthood for all men by:
- A. going to confession often.
 - B. showing reverence to priests.
 - C. praying for vocations and for priests.
 - D. contributing to the support of the Church.

Here are some TRUE and FALSE questions:

1. Is there any sin that is so serious that a priest can lose his priesthood?
2. Was marriage founded by Christ?
3. Do actual historical records prove that the monasteries have, throughout the centuries, contributed to the social progress of the world?
4. Is the Bishop a direct successor of the Apostles?
5. Was the inquisition set up to discover, punish, and prevent heresy?
6. Are the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony intended chiefly for the benefit of the men and women who receive them?
7. Is the Bible the sole rule of faith?
8. Can any Catholic get married without a priest?

ANSWERS:

To the multiple-choice questions:

1. B
2. A & D
3. D
4. A
5. C

To the TRUE and FALSE questions:

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. False
7. False
8. True

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep all our sick and distressed in your prayers:

Julie Acus, Gary Arman, Annette Bailey, Irene Berger, Jill Buffa, John Buhalak, Regina Buhalak, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Peggy Jo Cybulski, Anthony D'Attoma, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Katherine Dennis, Deanna Ferris, Kaylee Gains, Rosemarie George, Kenneth Gessford, Rita Buhalak Gessford, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carson Hutzell, James Hutzell, Carolyn Jeske, Charise Kasper, Janet Kendrick, Candace Kidd, Jean Labate, Frank Livigni, Mary Loftus, Myrna Marple, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Toni Morlan, Betty O'Hara, Ronald O'Hearn, Beverly & Mike Preston, Bob Rader, Mary Ricks, Jeanne Sabet, Aaron Salisbury, Betty Sarich, Kim Sarich, Denise Schmidt, Michael Schnetzer, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith, Oscar Teves, Brian Walsh, Keith Wisberger and Ann Zsembik.

God bless you,

Fr. Valencheck

St. Sebastian, pray for us

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