



**Angelus Letter
16 May 2024
LETTER #275**

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

Friday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Blau
Friday Confessions from 4 to 5 p.m.

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

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

*** This is also the final Mass at which Mrs. Lynn Steward will act as our Director of Music**

FINAL CONCERT

This **Sunday, May 19th at 7 p.m.**, Mrs. Lynn Steward will have her final concert as Director of Music for St. Sebastian Parish. Lynn will be at the command center of our mighty organ and direct a veritable army of singers and musicians. For optimal listening pleasure, I recommend that you sit near the cross aisle and forward. Following the concert there will be a reception in Zwisler Hall. See you there!

**SPONSORS BEING SOUGHT FOR THE
BRICK STREET JAZZ AND WINE FESTIVAL**

Are you, your company or organization is interested in being a sponsor for the Brickstreet Jazz & Wine Festival which benefits those studying the arts at St. Sebastian Parish? Please contact Mr. Scott Mason at masonmusic2@gmail.com.

The Brickstreet Jazz & Wine Festival supports the Academy of Culture and Arts at St. Sebastian Parish which forms budding artists, both children and adults, and provides a place for experienced artists to practice their art, teach and perform in a Christian environment. This year's festival will be on Thursday, June 20th.

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL NEWS

This year, the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation awarded twenty high school scholarships totaling \$15,780 and 37 more amounting to \$27,250 in grade school scholarships totaling 57 awards and totaling \$43,030. Additionally, HASA, the Knights of Columbus, Sanctuary Society, and the St. Irene scholarship offered an additional 7 awards totaling \$5,500 for a grand total of \$48,530! This number does not include the *hundreds of thousands of dollars* in scholarships that our students were awarded from high schools and other organizations outside of the parish, those numbers I hope to report to you soon. Thank you to the generous donors and organizations that support and recognize our students with these wonderful scholarships! Great job students and faculty!

I am, of course, very proud of our National Blue Ribbon School and our being awarded the Christ the Teacher Award by our diocese for being one of three schools in the diocese that achieved growth in the 50th percentile or greater in all grades for the past three years. There are also the compliments that we regularly receive from the local high schools reporting that it is easy to identify St. Sebastian students by their comportment and scholarship. But all of this is a means to the ends of passing on the treasure of our Catholic faith and forming our students into young Christian ladies and gentlemen. Thank you to all our parents who assist us in this endeavor by praying together and making sure our families make it to Mass each Sunday. God bless you.

OUTSTANDING SPECTACULAR!

CONGRATULATIONS! to our co-chairs Missy Knauer and Zorica Brdarski for an outstanding job on this year's Spectacular 2024. This event raised over \$110,000 to benefit our parish school! Your hard work was simply *magnifico*! Thank you also to all our sponsors, volunteers and patrons for making this year such a success!

HEADS UP FOR NEXT WEEKEND EVENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB: Saturday, May 18th at 8:45 am in Zwisler Hall.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION: Saturday, May 18th at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John in downtown Cleveland. (Fr. Blau will hear confessions from 9:30-10 a.m.)

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.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS: Monday, May 27 at 9 a.m. **Parish offices will be closed.**

MEMORIAL DAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST: Monday, May 27 following the 9 a.m. Mass in the courtyard. Zwislter Hall if raining.

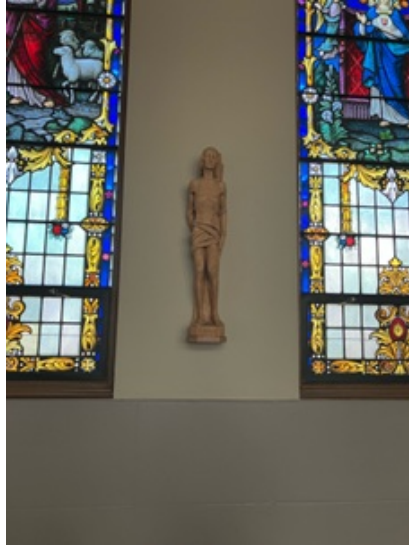
PICTURES

The first picture is of Deacon Michael Garvin who will, after this weekend, be known as Fr. Michael Garvin. He was at St. Sebastian Parish this past week dropping off our painting of St. Joan of Arc for display during her feast day.

The second picture is the renovation of the seminary chapel which you helped provide renovation funds if you donated to the last diocesan campaign. My cousin, well known to you as Fr. Christopher Trenta, had a strong guiding hand in its development.

The final picture is of a statue of St. Sebastian, which is in the chapel in the main nave to the left as you enter.





FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

This feature will continue again next week.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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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, Jeff Conway, 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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