



**Angelus Letter
23 May 2024
LETTER #276**

Dear Parish Family,

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS WEEKEND

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

**Saturday Mass at 8 a.m. with Fr. Valencheck
Saturday Confessions from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. with Fr. Eric Garris**

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

MEMORIAL DAY MASS on Monday will be at **9 a.m.** Our Annual Parish **Potluck Breakfast** will follow immediately in the courtyard. The **Parish Offices will be closed** on that day.

FREE COPIES OF THE MAGNIFICAT

This weekend, pick up your complimentary copy of the MAGNIFICAT magazine available at each of the entrances to the church. Thank you to our kind donor, John Martin, who made this fine publication available. Included in this edition is a Rosary for a Eucharistic Revival, just in time for Corpus Christi. Speaking of which . . .

NEXT WEEK IS CORPUS CHRISTI WEEKEND!

Following the 9 a.m. Sunday Mass next weekend, we will have a Eucharistic procession around St. Sebastian Square because, as St. John Paul II said, "our faith in the God who took flesh in order to become our companion along the way needs to be everywhere proclaimed, especially in our streets and homes, as an expression of our grateful love and an inexhaustible source of our blessings." Even if you attend another Mass, please consider coming and joining in on this procession. You can meet us at the front doors of the church (or anywhere along the path) and walk in celebration with us. The procession should begin shortly after 9:45 or so.

The short procession will end in an outdoor benediction conveniently located at the same place where we will have donuts!

JOAN OF ARC PAINTING ON DISPLAY

The Joan of Arc painting has been installed in the Padre Pio Chapel. Come see, say a prayer, and light a candle if you so desire. Her feast day is May 30th.

GREAT WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

Last weekend was quite a significant event at St. Sebastian Parish. Lynn Steward gave her final concert along with nearly 100 other singers and musicians from brass to flutes, and from tin whistles to bag pipes! A full church was witness to an incredibly moving event. Cheers to Lynn and everybody who participated for your hard work and dedication in the world of bringing Beauty into our lives and making our worship of our God a delight.

The wild and sustained applause at the end of the concert showed appreciation not only for the concert, but for the years of dedication to the Parish of St. Sebastian and how Lynn's work touched our lives. It is a heavy responsibility to bear and now the baton (literally) has been passed on to David Uschold who has some mighty large organ shoes to fill. Many prayers to you.

On that note, I would like to thank some other people too who really add to our lives but rarely get the recognition they deserve because we don't witness what they do in the same way that we can with something like great music. I won't even try to remember everyone since to do so would be to accidentally leave someone out. But I will provide some examples of those whose work we all benefit from but rarely see them at it:

Our building is clean and cool and that requires people to make it happen. A crew of people grew our flowers in our gardens, arranged them and placed them in the sanctuary. Vestments are created, linens cleaned and ironed, programs designed and made, checks written and bills paid, votive candles are cleaned and replaced, paintings are hung and removed, missalettes are straightened, donations collected and counted, rehearsals held, the grounds made beautiful, signs made and put out, doors unlocked and then secured, lights and sound equipment turned off and on, trash is picked up and taken away, someone runs the live streaming, and the list goes on and on. Thank you and many blessings to our unsung heroes who do so much to make our experience here so much more enhanced - whose work is only noticed when it is not done! You are awesome.

WORK AROUND ST. SEBASTIAN SQUARE

There will be construction in the courtyard this Saturday. The new lampposts will be installed to support the

bistro lighting for our summer concerts and other events.

On **June 12th and 13th**, the church parking lot is scheduled to be sealed and striped. Of course, that will depend on the weather. Please find alternate parking for morning Mass on that day.

This past Tuesday, ProDoor was here to change out one of the **exterior doors to the school**. This is an experimental door to make sure that, when the major installation takes place in a couple of weeks, all will go well. The doors, which were replaced only 10 years ago, have been a disappointment. The new doors, I believe, will be a major improvement. The best part of it is that it is being paid for by a Health and Safety Grant and will be of no cost to the parish. If you would like to see the trial doors, they are at the east end of the school under the canopied walkway to the rectory.

The last two triangle pieces of the **sandstone walkway** between the school and rectory were placed this week and the equipment hauled away. I think they did a great job!

Our great volunteer has finished his portion of the **trimming up of our trees!** Thank you and God bless! This is just in time for our Corpus Christi procession. No longer will we have to squat down with the canopy as we process around our campus.

We did have to bring in another company to trim the shaggy birch behind the rectory. This needed to be done before work on the greenhouse could begin. I think the tree looks much better now! Soon after school lets out for the summer, preparation work for the greenhouse that is already in route from England will begin!

A BIG thank you to those **who donated for new trees!!!** The ones that are of concern will be coming down soon. If it still seems appropriate, we may still plant this spring or, if it is so recommended, we will wait for the fall.

Signs have finally been installed along the new part of Mull Avenue. There are two things you should note, however. The first is that there is NO PARKING between the two signs directly in front of the church plaza. This is because this space is reserved in the event that there needs to be an emergency vehicle called in such as a fire truck. They need easy access to the church. You may receive a ticket if you park there.

There is also a new sign that has only just been installed along Mull Avenue that indicates that one only yields when entering the Mull/Hawkins intersection, seemingly making this circle a roundabout. It was originally indicated to us that part of the Mull Avenue project was the intent of turning the circle (which has stop signs) into a roundabout (which has yield signs.) Although this sign is currently in place, *the stop signs are still posted, and these "roundabout" signs are not at the other three approaches to the circle.* For the time being, failing to stop can still result in a ticket.

ANOTHER HUGE THANK YOU to everybody who showed up for **Mulch Day(s)!!!** The grounds are really taking shape after winter. Weeds are being pulled, walkways edged, flowers are being planted and bushes are being trimmed. Thank you to all of our volunteers. If you wish to show your gratitude to our volunteer grounds crew, show up any Thursday morning or designated Saturday morning to help out. If you can't help, say a prayer for our team!

You may have noticed work going on at our **house on Elmdale Avenue.** The seminarians have been raking the straw from the new grass and generally setting the house aright.

Elsewhere in the neighborhood: A "Speed Table" has been added just north of the parish on Elmdale Avenue. The tables are portable and typically only installed for about a year.

The Good Park development has seen a lot of vertical construction! Two houses are taking shape nicely and a row of townhouses are starting to spring up along with the grass growing in what will be a small park in the middle of the development. Benches have been installed and trees planted. Soon we should have a few new neighbors.

PICTURES

The first picture is of last year's Corpus Christi procession to give you a taste of what to expect this year.

The second picture is *Deacon* Garvin who, just a couple of days later, would become *Father* Garvin. He was delivering the St. Joan painting which you can see in the Padre Pio Chapel.

The Third picture is the choir preparing for last weekend's concert and to the last picture is a photo of Lynn and myself taken by my sister at the reception.





FROM THE FORGOTTEN CABINET

Since we are in graduation season, let's take a look at what was happening at graduation in 1944. According to our files, there were 376 students at St. Sebastian in grades one through eight. During this current academic year, we have about 335 in all of our grades and expect to grow next year and, in fact, have had to put qualified students on waiting lists.

Skip ahead four years and those who had graduated from St. Sebastian Parish School in 1944 where about to graduate from high school. Thirty-five of the St. Sebastianites would graduate from Buchtel High School, 11 from St. Vincent, 4 from Our Lady of the Elms, 3 from Sacred Heart Academy, a residential school in Cincinnati, 1 from St. Mary (before St. V. and St. M merged,) 1 from West High, 1 from St. Charles, a seminary high school in Columbus, three entered the Armed Services and four, for one reason or another, did not graduate for a total of class size of 63. By comparison with modern standards, we strive to have class sizes between 40 and 44.

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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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