

# ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH

January 29, 2023

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## WELCOME

Whether it is your first visit or a homecoming, I hope you enjoy your time at St. Sebastian and feel welcome to return often. If you are moving into the area and would like to register, or are interested in exploring the Catholic faith, please call the rectory office today. GOD BLESS! Fr. John Valencheck, Pastor

## SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

### Weekday Mass

Monday - Saturday: 8:00am

### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm  
Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am  
1:00pm Latin Mass

### Adoration

Tuesday: 8:40am - 8:00pm  
Benediction: 7:40pm

### Confession

Tuesday:  
7:00pm - 7:30pm  
Friday:  
4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Saturday:  
9:30am - 10:00am  
Or by appointment

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm  
Saturday: 8:30am-4:30pm  
Sunday: 8:30am-1:00pm

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday/Sunday, January 28/29**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 4:30pm** The People of St. Sebastian - Fr. Valencheck  
**9:00am** For The Conversion of Abortionist David Burkons - Fr. Valencheck  
**11:00am** For The Deceased Members of The Falkenstein Family - Fr. Valencheck  
**1:00pm** **Extraordinary Form**  
**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**  
For The Intentions of Hallie Wolff - Fr. Justin, OSB

**Monday, January 30**

- 8:00am** Bill Morely - Fr. Valencheck

**Tuesday, January 31 - St. John Bosco**

- 8:00am** Julius & Petrouille Moleskey - Fr. Valencheck

**Wednesday, February 1**

- 8:00am** Frank & Katerina Mungo - Fr. Valencheck

**Thursday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord**

- 8:00am** Joseph & Josephine Petrashinska - Fr. Bozek

**Friday, February 3- St Blaise, St. Ansgar**

- 8:00am** Julia O'Neill - Fr. Valencheck

**Saturday, February 4**

- 8:00am** Mary Speaks - Fr. Bozek  
**4:30pm** For The Living and Deceased Members of Theta Phi Alpha Sorority - Fr. Valencheck

**Sunday, February 5**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 9:00am** For The Deceased Members of The Connors Family - Fr. Bozek  
**11:00am** For The People of St. Sebastian - Fr. Valencheck  
**1:00pm** **Extraordinary Form**  
**Septuagesima Sunday**  
John & Mary Jane Jahant - Fr. Justin, OSB

## WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

## COMING SOON...

**Saturday, February 4**

5pm International Festival Zwisler Hall

**Saturday, February 11**

6:30pm Spectacular Zwisler Hall

**Sunday, February 12**

6pm Sunday Swing Session Zwisler Hall

**June 26-30, 2023**

Save Dates Vacation Bible School Zwisler Hall

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**Weekend Clergy:**

**Reverend Bede Kotlinski, OSB**

**Reverend Justin D. Dyrwal, OSB**

Articles and event promotional materials must be submitted to the rectory by Monday at Noon. Email all content to [church@stsebastian.org](mailto:church@stsebastian.org)



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

FR. JOHN VALENCHECK



Greetings,

If you came for adoration this past Tuesday, which we have every Tuesday following the morning Mass until 8pm in the evening, you may have noticed that we were using the monstrance (the vessel used for displaying the Precious Host) that we typically only use for special occasions, not the least reason being it is incredibly heavy. Our other monstrance that we use often took a trip north on that day to be dropped off at the shop for repairs and re-plating. After many decades of weekly use, it was time to freshen it up to once again be a worthy vessel for holding the Blessed Sacrament.

The reason we are able to afford to do this is because of our Sanctuary Society, which I thank most deeply. And the reason the Sanctuary Society is able to provide the funding is because you support their events such as the International Festival which is coming up February 4. In fact, it is the 50th Annual Festival that they have held! This fundraiser is a fun evening for the entire Parish. The Sanctuary Society is asking for volunteers to help run games, the prize table, sell baked goods and more! Volunteer positions are available in one-hour shifts, so you are able to participate and enjoy the festival as well. Look for information on how to volunteer in this bulletin.

## IN OTHER NEWS:

**FEAST OF ST. SEBASTIAN:** Thank you for a great weekend as we celebrated our patronal feast day. The annual Spaghetti Dinner sold out and our surprise celebrity guest was well received! Joan of b'Arc continued her socialization training, did amazingly and captured hearts. Thank you to Marcy Smith and her team for putting on such a fine meal and thank you to our donor of wine, Brian Gura.

I hope that you had the opportunity to see the display of work by some of our parishioners in the Padre Pio Chapel over the weekend. Truly we have some artists among us. Also, we were blessed to have Father Jeffrey Barnish to help with 11:00am Mass. He just returned from Rome and will be teaching at our seminary. Also, great thanks to Fr. Peter Morris and Fr. Cameron Popik who have been pitching in and helping out with Masses and confessions while Fr. Bozek is out of the country.

**CANDLEMAS:** February second is not only Groundhog Day, it is also Candlemas Day. On this day we celebrate the Presentation of the Christ Child in the temple. This is also the traditional day on which candles are blessed. We will be blessing our candles on this day but if you have candles that you would also like blessed, please feel free to bring them.

**BLESSING OF THE THROATS:** The next day, February third, is St. Blaise Day. On this day we have the blessing of throats. His legend tells us that he miraculously saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. Later, when he was jailed for being Christian, the grateful mother brought him candles (hence the connection to throats and candles) and writing material and slipped them to him through his jail bars. Throats will be blessed at the end of Mass on this day.

**SPECTACULAR:** This year's theme is a "Spectacular Evening in Paris." I hope I get to see you there on February 11!

**PRIESTS VS SEMINARIANS:** Looking for something different to do on January 30? At 7pm at St. Edward High School, the priests of the Diocese of Cleveland will play against the seminarians in a game of basketball. One would expect these young aspirants to trample all over the "more established gentlemen," but last year wisdom overcame brute strength to win the day. Suggested donation is \$2 which will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

God bless,

Fr. Valencheck

# PAROCHIAL VICAR

FR. JOZEF BOZEK

Sharing in the Sins of Others

Part 2, continued from last week's bulletin.

6. By concealment (“Don't worry...I won't tell anyone you stole it.”) which is covering up for a friend's sin. That doesn't mean you go around blabbing about it, of course, but deliberately trying to hide it is cause for your own sin. Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12: 1-3).

7. By partaking. (“I'll give you a hand stealing it.”) This one explains itself, no? Yes... if you are conspiring in a sin, you are the sinner. This also means buying fenced goods from a disreputable source. Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places (Ephesians 6: 10-13).

8. By silence (“I know you stole it, but I won't tell anyone.”) Covering up for someone's sin is a sin also. If not, why exactly did God give us the Sacrament of Reconciliation? If it is wrong for someone to engage in sin X, then it's wrong for us to acquiesce to or silently condone that sin. There is no compassion in helping a sinner to sin. In other words, by failing to admonish, warn, correct, instruct or rebuke. This is a really tough one, I know. In an age when it's hard to walk out the door and not be confronted by institutional and individual sin, scandal, and bad influence. It is an entirely false notion of friendship that thinks it's okay not to call out a friend who is harming himself through sin. A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity (Proverbs 17:17).

9. By defense of the sinful action (“He deserved to have it stolen.”) When you defend the indefensible, you are actually sinning no matter how much the target of your displeasure supposedly “deserves it.” When you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you associate with adulterers (Psalm 50:18).

Most of us won't be in situations in which we will recommend grand theft auto to our loved ones, but the above understanding of the insidious nature of sin gives renewed meaning and urgency for those who believe “abortion is a bad thing but I don't want to force someone not to have access to an abortion.”

In such situations, Jesus reminds us, “I know what you

have done; I know that you are neither cold nor hot. How I wish you were either one or the other! But because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I am going to spit you out of My mouth!” (Rev 3:15-16) He reminds us of this for the sake of our salvation. Good and evil exist in the world. God's nature as Love Itself informs us of what is good. Evil exists when we live in contradiction to God's nature.

## BUSINESS MANAGER NEWS

MILISSA SMITH

### Weekly Offering; January 22, 2023

4:30 pm	\$2,229
9:00 am	\$5,380
11:00 am	\$2,290
1:00 pm	\$1,248
Mailed in to rectory	\$3,900
On-Line Giving	\$8,606.50
Total Collection	\$23,653.50

**We thank you and pray for your continued generous support of God's work here at St. Sebastian.**

**Updates are below:**

- The Z-Hall's new projection screen has arrived and is being installed this week. We are still waiting on supply-chain for the final exterior stage lights to complete this project
- The sound loop for Z-Hall will begin final testing soon, to install with the new equipment
- The PA system has been completely installed and operational. Final testing and adjustments will be done within the next two weeks
- Water testing to find the leak in the Church is scheduled for this Friday 1/27/23 weather permitting
- School courtyard driveway will be completed over spring break weather permitting April 7-14
- Please remember when using our parish facilities that you leave the room as is, or better than you found it. We do not have weekend staff, and we want to continue to allow use of the facilities.
- The Concession stand is being managed by our 7th grade parents and will be open for most CYO basketball games. Thank you to Laura Buehner for stepping up and helping with this effort
- The pre-school experienced a loss of heat over Christmas, and we will be completing repairs to the system, this was fortunately covered by insurance
- Parish Statements for 2022 should be mailed by 1/31/23, please allow for US mail delays.

—ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH SCHOOL  
Michelle Huber



CORNER

**Open House** – Join us for our Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday, January 29, from 10am – noon. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to tour the school, meet with teachers and learn more about our school’s academic and service programs. Both the day school and the Center for Early Learning will be open for tours.

**The Center for Early Learning** – The Parish’s preschool will begin accepting registrations for the 2023-2024 school year on Sunday, January 29, during our Catholic Schools Week Open House from 10am-Noon. Next year, the preschool will offer a half-day three-year-old class as well a half-day and full day Pre-K programs.

**Parish School Registration** – St. Sebastian Parish School will be accepting registration for the 2023-24 school year on Sunday, January 29. All registrations will be online and the link can be found on the parish school webpage under the parents tab.

**Power of the Pen** - Congratulations to the students that have qualified to compete in the regional tournament at Kent State University in February! The students are Sadie Borges, Abigail Coleman, Noelle Keso, Frances Knauer, Henry Thomas, Lydia Chivers, Louisa Dennee and Julia Rea. Special congratulations to Abigail Coleman who won a Best of Round award at the district tournament! Way to go Terriers!

**All-Saints Model UN** - Congratulations to the St. Sebastian students who are members of the All-Saints Model United Nations team that recently competed at the Henri Pell Junod, Jr. Middle School Conference at John Carroll University: Abigail Coleman, Hunter Jopperi, John Jopperi, Owen Lawson, Giovanni Nonno, Will Tober, Owen Zieman, and Peter Zografakis. Special congratulations to the following students who earned individual awards during the latest tournament:

Will Tober - Superior Delegate Award  
representing China

Sadie Borges - Superior Delegate Award  
representing China

Owen Zieman - Excellent Delegate Award  
representing Japan

John Jopperi - Excellent Delegate Award  
representing Greece

Peter Zografakis - Honorable Delegate Award  
representing Iran

Abigail Coleman - Honorable Delegate Award  
representing Turkey

## VENI, VIDI, VICI

### Jack Franceschi, Young Adult Coordinator

Greetings St. Sebastian parish! I am happy to be the newest member of the parish staff team. I’m looking forward to helping create a space in which young adults feel truly welcome, somewhere they can call a home away from home. To that end I will keep a small corner of the bulletin to write to the parish community, as well as to provide basic information about upcoming young adult events.

This is the beginning of a new ministry, and we will need everyone's help to get the word out that we’re starting up.

Join us this coming Tuesday, January 31, for our first, weekly, young adult potluck after Benediction. I will provide dinner, and you are welcome to bring a side dish if you like. We will eat, have lively discussions, and more. Hope to see you there!

## FREE BOOK

### Lenten Mission Preparation

Fr. Michael Denk’s book, “Pray40Days: The Personal Relationship with God You Have Always Wanted” will be available free to each household after Masses the weekend of February 4 and 5. Fr. Michael will be here for the parish Lenten Mission March 12-14, but the parish will begin reading the book together in preparation for the mission on Ash Wednesday, February 22.



IN LOVING  
MEMORY

Alberta Schumacher

## CATECHETICAL CORNER

### KEITH JOHNSON

This week we will celebrate the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. On this day our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph took the Child Jesus to the Temple to be presented to the Lord according to the Law of Moses. A man was there by the name of Simeon. The Lord had promised him that he would see the Messiah before he died.

The Holy Spirit showed him that the Messiah had come into the Temple that day and he prophesied of the Child that He would be “a light for revelation to the Gentiles”. This theme of light has come to have great significance for this day. On this day candles are blessed.

This is why this feast has also come to be known as Candlemas. If you have the opportunity to attend Mass this Thursday, allow yourself to be drawn into the celebration and consider the light of Christ which illumines our hearts and souls.

## SENIOR HIGH

### Holy Hour with Jesus

All 9th - 12th graders are invited to spend an intimate hour with Jesus on Tuesday, February 28, from 7-8:30pm. Books and rosaries will be provided in the church library for use while you are there. Stop by the church library to get a snack and socialize before you leave. Hosted by Chase Bills, Coordinator for Youth Ministry. Contact her at [billsc@stsebastian.org](mailto:billsc@stsebastian.org) with questions.

## SPECTACULAR

### February 11

The Spectacular is fast approaching and we hope you will be able to join us.



Tickets for this year's evening are just \$100 and include a sit-down dinner, delicious appetizers. Open bar, signature drink, auctions and live entertainment.

Purchase your Tuition Raffle tickets that will have three different winners. One winner will receive free tuition and two winners will receive half-price tuition for the next school year.

Purchase your tickets for the Bourbon Raffle. Twelve different, hard to find bourbons in a Thirsty Dog half barrel valued at over \$750. Make a donation to this year's Paddle Raise to raise funds for our school library.

Our goal is to update the layout of our school library with new tables and chairs, new storage, improved teacher space and a new smart board/screen for better presentations. This will create a collaborative space for not just reading, but where every student, from pre-school to junior high can learn and explore.

To purchase tickets for the event, raffle tickets or to make a donation, please visit [www.BidPal.net/SebastianSpectacular](http://www.BidPal.net/SebastianSpectacular)



### **Parish Archives Ministry Update:**

The parish is looking for a leader and additional team members for this very important parish ministry. We have assembled a team for the parish archives and have met a number of times to start the process to organize and catalogue our amazing archives. There is still time to get involved!

The Parish Archive Ministry's goal is to have things ready for the **100th Anniversary of St. Sebastian Parish in 2028.**

If you are interested in helping us organize, catalog and create a library of our precious photos and memorabilia, please send an email to:

[church@stsebastian.org](mailto:church@stsebastian.org) ♦ Subject Line: Archives

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### February 4

The International Festival needs volunteers for February 4 from 5-9pm. This fundraiser is for the Sanctuary Society and is a fun evening for the entire Parish. Volunteer positions are available in one-hour shifts, so you can still enjoy the festival for yourself before or after your shift. Please consider volunteering, as the festival can only be successful if there are enough volunteers.

Please contact Jennie Kilker at [JKilker@gmail.com](mailto:JKilker@gmail.com), 330-842-1182, or visit [tinyurl.com/y8hzueak](http://tinyurl.com/y8hzueak) or use the QR code. Thank you!



Alberta Schumacher

## CONFIRMATION MEETING

### Keith Johnson

The January Confirmation meeting will be on Monday, January 30, at 7:00pm in the church. Fr. Valencheck will be the speaker. Service hours as well as any past due assignments are due at that time. Confirmation Logs for January are also due. Contact Keith Johnson with any questions at [johnsonk@stsebastian.org](mailto:johnsonk@stsebastian.org) or 330-836-2233, ext. 134.

## POPE BENEDICT XVI

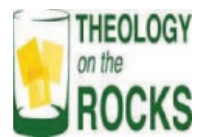
### Tuesday, January 31

There will be a Solemn Requiem High Mass for Pope Benedict XVI on Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00pm at St Rocco Catholic Church, 3205 Fulton Rd Cleveland. "Mozart's Requiem" will be the musical setting. Call 216-961-8331 with any questions.

## THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS

### February, 13

Join us on Monday, February 13 at 7:00pm, as we welcome our Guest speaker Fr. Peter Morris, Administrator at SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Doylestown who will present a talk entitled, "The Institution Narrative: Jesus speaking for us and to us" at The Tangier located at Our Lady of the Cedars, 507 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road in Fairlawn. Doors open at 7:00pm and program begins at 7:30 pm with a \$15 admission fee. Light appetizers included. Cash bar available. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish, Akron.



## HOLY FACE NOVENA

Sunday, February 12 - 21

Our Mother's Hands ministry would like to acquaint parishioners with the Marian Novena to the Holy Face of Jesus. Copies of the novena, prayer card, and blessed Holy Face medal, will be available in the Sacramental Send-Home baskets during February. The Novena Begins Sunday, February 12, concluding on Shrove Tuesday, February 21.



## CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Thank You

Thank you for your generous support for last week's Collection for the Church in Latin America. These funds we raised will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean., so they in turn can share the Good News in their communities. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america) and click "How to Give". Your gift makes a difference!

## GUARDIAN ANGELS & YOU

February 1

Have you wondered what a consecration to your Guardian Angel is all about? The Holy Eucharist is the mystery of our faith. This mystery makes the Passion, death and Resurrection of our Lord present throughout the centuries. With the help of our Holy Guardian Angel you can constantly strive to grow in your Eucharist devotion. You are invited to learn more about this wonderful gift, personally chosen for you by God, at a talk on Wednesday February 1, at 6:00pm in Byrider Hall. PLEASE RSVP to Sue Sassano 330-606-2528 by January 31 if you would like to attend. For those of you already in the formation to be consecrated to their Guardian Angel, a discussion on letter 11 will follow the talk at 7:15pm in the same room.



## EXTRAORDINARY FORM

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Romans 12: 16-21/Matthew 8: 1-13  
Monday: Wisdom 51: 1-8, 51:12/Matthew 25: 1-13  
Tuesday: Philippians 4: 4-9/Matthew 18: 1-5  
Wednesday: Romans 8: 35-39/John 12: 24-26  
Thursday: Malachi 3: 1-4/Luke 2: 22-32  
Friday: Romans 13: 8-10/Matthew 8: 23-27  
Saturday: Ecclesiasticus 44: 16-27; 45: 3-20/Matthew 25: 14-23  
Next Sunday: 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27; 10: 1-5

## SPREAD THE LOVE

Fundraiser

The Homeless Charity and Village would like to invite you to our Spread the Love Fundraiser on Saturday, February 11 from 6 -10pm at the Greek Community Center located at 129 S Union St, Akron, 44304.

The evening will include food stations, live music, and silent auctions. Funds raised will help us to continue to serve those in need in Akron through hot meals, food pantry, survival gear, toiletries, street outreach and a listening ear.

Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased at [tinyurl.com/55ekrw43](http://tinyurl.com/55ekrw43) Contact Jennifer Sullivan with any questions, or if you would like to donate or volunteer for the event at 330-328-2960.

## PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Prayer Line - 330-485-3731

Please keep all of our sick and distressed in your prayers: Annette Bailey, Jill Buffa, Regina Buhalak, Dan Canale, Christopher Casey, Emilio Cheuy, Jo Cooney, Nancy Cotter, Anthony D'Attoma, Tammy Davis, Marjorie DeLuca, Mary Pat Doorley, Rosemarie George, Rita Buhalak Gossford, Bill Heising, Robert Hickey, John and Terry Hogan, Ann Hubiak, Carson Hutzell, Carolyn Jeske, Janet Kendrick, Candace Kidd, Jean Labate, Dr. Dan Lehnhoff, Frank Livigni, John Marckel, Myrna Marple, Marlene McFadden, Don Matis, Ken Minrovic, Betty O'Hara, Keith Pecek, Julius Peters, Beverly & Mike Preston, Bob Rader, Mary Ricks, Aaron Salisbury, Ann Sandvick, Betty Sarich, Michael Schnetzer, Cory Schulz, Tom Smith and Ann Zsembik.

## OUR BAPTISMS

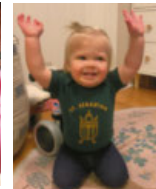
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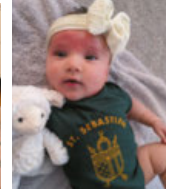
Gwen



Zita



Chloe



Cecilia

For more information on baptismal preparation classes, call the parish office at 330-836-2233.



Lewis Davis  
Phillips Family  
Don & Susie Muetzel  
Warren Family  
Jon & Jan Wendelken

# *Volunteer and Donate to* **THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL** *Festival*

Saturday February 4, 2023  
 Zwisler Hall 5-9PM

The International Festival is a fun event for everyone in the parish. We have games, delicious food from many different countries and entertainment! All proceeds after expenses go to help purchase all items related to the Sanctuary. This is a group effort by all the parishioners and school families, and we need your help!

**Volunteer** -- We are asking for volunteers to help out during the festival. Please consider giving 1 hour of your time to continue the tradition of this fun event. We have a vibrant and active parish and volunteering your time will strengthen your bonds within our St. Sebastian community.

**Donate** -- The Dessert booth at the festival will serve homemade desserts, and we are asking for donations of your homemade specialties to make this festival a huge success!

**Sponsorship opportunities** are still available, contact Missy Knauer, 330-322-5276, or Jennie Kilker, 330-842-1182. Monetary donations are also welcome and appreciated.

**TO SIGN UP-** Please detach and return to the rectory or school in an envelope marked "International Festival" by Friday January 27th or contact Lori Oakes 330-861-6417.

You can also sign up on-line at [tinyurl.com/y8hzueak](http://tinyurl.com/y8hzueak) or use the QR code.



Thank you in advance for your support and kindness!

*St. Sebastian Sanctuary Society*

## **International Festival Volunteer and Dessert Donation**

### **Time & areas available to volunteer (please circle):**

5 – 6 pm	Prize
6 – 7 pm	Games
7 – 8 pm	No Preference
8 – 9 pm	

### **Desserts & Quantities**

Pie	_____
Peanut-Free	_____
Brownies	_____
Cookies	_____
Cupcakes	_____
Breads	_____
Gluten-free	_____
Other	_____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email \_\_\_\_\_



SAINT SEBASTIAN PARISH

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# PRAY 40 DAYS

WITH FR. MICHAEL DENK

The Personal Relationship with God  
You Have Always Wanted

March 12, 13, and 14, 2023

Held in the Church

Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at 7:00-8:00pm



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**Guided Meditation & Contemplative Prayer**  
Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

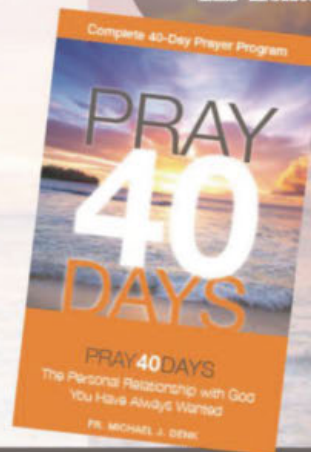
***Just Call God's Name, He Will Be There***

**Lectio Divina & Praying with Senses**  
Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

***God is the Sunshine on My Shoulders***

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Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

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Fr. Michael Denk was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Cleveland in 2010. His previous assignments were at St. Barnabas, Northfield; St. Joseph, Amherst; St. Gabriel, Mentor.

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