

**FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF**

Christmas is a favorite time of the year. What a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the birth of Jesus.



Christmas is known for its "spirit of giving" and why is that "giving" known more at Christmas? Shouldn't we as Christians have the spirit of giving all of the time? It is not limited to a holiday of some sort.

There are different kinds of giving. There is the giving of material things and there is the giving of oneself. The greatest gifts are not the "things" we buy for others, but the things we "do" for others. It is the attitude of servant as reflected in the Bible.

Getting excited about giving and getting gifts sometimes diminishes the true meaning of Christmas. Remember to keep Christ in Christmas and pass the message on to all you meet!

**Merry Christmas!**

..... Anne Marie Woyma



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY**  
 Reading 8:15 a.m.  
 7:00 p.m.  
**TUESDAY**  
 Reading 8:15 a.m.  
 7:00 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Reading 8:15 a.m.  
 7:00 p.m.  
**THURSDAY**  
 Reading 8:15 a.m.  
 7:00 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**  
 Reading 8:15 a.m.  
 7:00 p.m.  
**SATURDAY**  
 Reading 8:15 a.m.  
 12:00 noon  
 5:00 p.m.  
**SUNDAY**  
 Reading 8:00 a.m.  
 9:45 a.m.  
 11:45 a.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

**Stephen, first martyr Dec. 26**  
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22  
 Tom O'Toole  
 Veronica Fulton

**John, apostle, evangelist Dec. 27**  
 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a and 2-8  
 Patrick O'Connor  
 Verona Horvat

**Holy Innocents Dec. 28**  
 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
 Rose Burrello  
 Intention of All Parishioners

**5th Day in Octave of Christmas Dec. 29**  
 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35  
 Rose & Anthony Carmosino  
 Joy Cole

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Dec. 30**  
 Sr 3:2-7, 12-14 / Gn 15:1-6, 21L1-3  
 Stephen Rico  
 All Souls

**7th Day in Octave of Christmas Dec. 31**  
 1 Jn2:18-21/Jn1:1-18  
 Mara Hren  
**Wedding:** Emily Frantz and Michael Geller  
 Andrew Pinto

**New Year's Day Jan. 1**  
 Nm 6:22-27 / Gal4:4-7 / Lk 2-21:16  
 Herman Muehle  
 Frances Kostansek  
 Jennie Galicki  
**NO MASS**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hosp.-Wed. Dec. 28.....Moore's  
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Jan. 1 .....Greaves  
 Counter-Sun. Jan. 1 ..... "C" Team

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Third Time ..... Emily Frantz and Michael Geller

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 31—JANUARY 1, 2006**

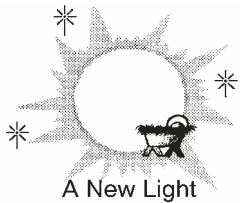
MASS	HOSPITALITY	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	MANNA
5:00	M. Freas / B. Oyaski ML. Bertsch / V. Kostelec	P. Mayer	J. Monger	B. Pophal / J. Barni M. Monger	L. Johnson A. Swank	PLEASE PURCHASE
8:00	C. Otters / K. Stih C. Fornal / K. Moores	L. Calderwood	J. Kirchmeir	D. Toth / B. Rupp R. Smith	T. Henry C. Colo	MANNA
9:45	S. Tuscano / A. Barteld M. Derdul / N. Farinacci	O. Merela	R. Somich	N. Restifo / D. Apanasewicz M. Cox / D. Gannon	B. Kitko S. Kitko	CERTIFICATES
11:45	D. Greaves / J. Berquist B. Blue / L. Babuder	L. Gase	T. Hlabse	T. Burrello / M. Kosuth M. Crowley	T. Little W. Greaves	AT THE
7:00						RECTORY, THANK YOU



**ST. FELICITAS  
PRAYER NETWORK HOTLINE  
216-289-6456**

Call and leave a short message regarding your request. Let us know when your request has been answered, we can offer prayers of thanksgiving.

**CHRISTMAS REFLECTION**



**A PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Holy Spirit, you watch so lovingly over all the earth, waiting for us to open our hearts to your gift of Christmas peace.

We need your peace, Holy Spirit, and our wounded world needs your healing presence. Only you can give us the true and lasting peace promised by our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Come to us, Blessed Creator, surround us with your love this Christmas season and bless all nations with Your peace. Amen.

**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:**

**New Years Eve:**

5:00 pm

**New Years Day:**

8:00 am

9:45 am

11:45 am

Please note there will be no evening Mass on New Years Day

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>:**

9:30 AM Mass

Due to the legal holiday please note that we will have only one Mass on Monday!

**COLLECTIONS**

Sunday Envelopes—Dec. 18 ..... \$9,445.00  
53 Children's Envelopes ..... \$51.00  
Thank you for your generosity. Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

Special Collection **December 2005**

Religious Retirement Fund ..... Dec. 11

**Attention All Residents of the Glenbrook School area!** Please take time to read the flyer regarding the Ohio EdChoice Scholarship. Glenbrook School has been in academic emergency for the past three years. Students currently attending Glenbrook Elementary, as well as those who would be eligible to attend there in kindergarten in the fall of 2006, may be eligible for this scholarship valued currently at \$4,250. If your child currently attends Glenbrook or could be enrolling there for kindergarten in the fall, please contact the school office at 216-261-1240. Students enrolling must meet all requirements of our admissions policy.

**Coming in 2006!!!**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>: Family Fun Night**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>: Reverse Raffle**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>: Music Concert**

**March 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>: Parish Mission**

**March – April: Disciples in Mission**

**For more information about any of these events please contact the Rectory or watch the bulletin for more information!**

**YOUTH CORNER**

**Merry Christmas to All!!**

We are holding the Lock In for the 11-12 graders, please keep them in your prayers

Sunday, January 8

Youth Mass 7:00 pm followed by Open Gym until 9:00 pm

Sunday January 15

Pancake breakfast after 9:45 Mass-sign up to help ASAP

Events in Planning stages:

Youth group Lock In for 7th—10th graders to be announced later. Stay tuned to the Youth Corner for more updates! Any adult interested in helping with the youth group please contact Jeff Linsky @440-585-3238 or email [linsclub@adelphia.net](mailto:linsclub@adelphia.net).

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**



Dolores Anderson, Betty Calevich, Joseph DiMarco, Burton Emig, Andy Floria, Mary Floria, Andrew Jarm, Helen Kinkopf, Helen Lawrence, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Mary Yates, Catherine Yert, Robert and Mary Zanagra, Gen Grosel, Charlotte Farinacci, Margaret Stevenson, Milena Sverko, Gino Burnett, Robert Peters.

**Please notify the rectory when a name can be removed from this list.**

**FROM OUR NEIGHBORS**

The **Miami University Men's Glee Club** will perform at St. Jerome Church on Saturday, Jan. 7th at 7:30pm as part of its annual winter tour. The MU Glee Club conducted by Dr. Ethan Sperry, performs a variety of sacred and secular music, and it is one of the oldest and largest organizations of its kind. Admission is free. St. Jerome is located on the east side of Cleveland at 15000 Lake Shore Blvd. For more information, visit their website at [mugleeclub.org](http://mugleeclub.org). or call Nick Licastro at 215-681-4339.

**Audition Notice—Ohio Boychoir**

Auditions are now being held for the Ohio Boychoir 2005-06 season. Membership is open to boys ages third grade through voice change for the concert choir and to boys ages 7 & 8 for the training choir. No previous choral experience necessary. Rehearsals are held weekly in Parma. Contact Music Director Jon Simsic at 216-556-2222 for more information or visit us at [www.ohioboychoir.org](http://www.ohioboychoir.org).

**ANOTHER YEAR ENDING**

Remember that you can only claim charitable contributions on your 2005 tax return if your check is dated by 12/31/05. If you have already pledged to our capital campaign, you may want to think about making an early payment to count as a 2005 tax deduction. If you have not yet contributed, this would be a great time to help your church, while also improving your tax situation. Of course, all regular parish offerings are also tax deductible. Thank you for your support of St. Felicitas.

**"SHARE THE VISION, SHAPE THE FUTURE"**

**PLEDGE UPDATE**

Pledge Total	\$1,023,272
Campaign Goal	\$1,500,000
Percent of Goal	68%
Cash Total	\$406,696.08
No. of Pledges	468
Average Pledge	\$2,186.48

***Thank you for your generosity!***

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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**St. Felicitas Youth Group** is hosting its first Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 15 after the 9:45 mass in the School Gym. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee. Adults \$4.00, Children \$3.00. All proceeds benefit the Youth Group. We hope to see you there!!

**RAFFLE WINNER**

**Congratulations** to Mary Mantini of Willoughby Hills, winner & seller of the **Dec.18th PTU Weekly Raffle**.

**PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Parish's financial statements were distributed in the Dec. 1st bulletin. Please stop by, or call, the rectory if you would like a copy.



Dear Father:  
Yes, I do need a statement for tax purposes of my 2005 church contributions.

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

Check either option:  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up statement at the rectory  
After January 25<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Please mail statement to—

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

