



FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

“A New Year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.

Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—

With the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.

Let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible.”

-Author Unknown

The New Year offers us an opportunity to hope for something new and better. “Who can I be?” “What can I do?” It is our next chance at the art of living. It is our opportunity to practice what we have learned about life during the last year. Remembering each experience for the good that has come of it and for the knowledge we have gained from it.

It is important to remember that our attitudes and choices affect others as well. Do our actions and words reflect our values and who we want to be? Can we see ourselves through the eyes of others? A gentle smile can brighten someone’s day, a word of advice can help others see the world in a new light, a small gesture of kindness can show others that goodness exists. When we are friendly, helpful, responsive, tolerant, and share our warmth and passion for life we leave others feeling appreciated, respected, cared about and at peace with themselves and with us.

Blessing for Your New Year

Purpose: As you complete your daily tasks, may you understand how they contribute to the larger purpose of your life.

Fulfilling Work: May you take pleasure in all your work. May every task you undertake succeed and may you find joy in your accomplishments.

Peace of Mind: May your mind and heart always be at rest. May gratitude and peace replace every anxious, fearful thought.

Laughter: May you laugh long and often. May each day be filled with gladness so that even your sorrows turn into joy.

Breathing Room: May you always find time and space for the people and activities that refresh your soul. May what seems most urgent never distract you from what is most important.

Great Ideas: May you receive fresh insight to meet the challenges of each day and discover creative solutions to your problems.

New Opportunities: May you be presented with new ventures and recognize worthwhile opportunities.

Good Decisions: May you have wisdom to determine the best course of action in every situation and receive sound advice from those you ask for counsel.

-Author Unknown

May hope, love, and warmth be in your heart and may the New Year bring you many blessings and much peace. God Bless You!.....Barbara Doering



Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
- Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Parish Mission Statement

Saint Felicitas is called to be a diverse, faith-filled Christian community. Rooted in the Eucharist and Catholic tradition, we are unified in the Spirit of hope and love.

Individually and collectively, we are responsible to fulfill God's will as Jesus did by striving to grow in unconditional respect for, acceptance of, and service to everyone.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

WOMEN OF THE PARISH: Reserve the date, Saturday, February 2nd. This is the date of our annual Women's Day of Prayer and Reflection. Topic: Spiritual and Physical Nutrition for Women. Registration forms are in the kiosk in the Church Gathering Area. Our hope is that this pre-Lenten day will help you prepare for the season of Lent. Give yourself a gift—and spend a morning nourishing your body and soul!

WE ARE CALLED TO BE CHURCH IN COMMUNION AND MISSION: We live in a time when our Church is experiencing a great deal of change. Clustering, clergy shortage, changing parishes—what do these all mean to us? For Lent this year we are offering a series of reflections on the Church given through talks, videos and discussion. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays February 19th, 26th, March 4th, and March 11th. Call the Rectory for more information or to register. Free and open to all in our community! Let us together come to a better understanding of our call to be Church.

ANSWER THE CALL! Saturday, February 9, 2008 at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron. A gathering for men from all over Northeast Ohio to share a day of fellowship, spiritual awakening and new direction. Featured speakers include: Rich Cleveland, **Fr. Sal Ruggeri**, Bishop Richard Lennon and Fr. John Capuci. **Ray Somich** will be the Master of Ceremonies. Group rate is \$20.00 and includes all the activities of the day and lunch. Day begins at 8:00 am and concludes with Mass celebrated by **Bishop Lennon** at 4:00 pm. To register at the group rate or for more information please call Steve Dreyer at 440-944-8311. Website: www.cmfneo.com

FROM THE LITURGY COMMISSION: "It is good that we are here!" So St. Peter exclaimed when he saw Jesus transfigured in glory before his eyes. It is a sentiment we should also share when we gather to celebrate Mass. In a recent meeting with Fr. Sal, we discussed how the proper celebration of Mass requires the "active participation" of everyone present. This is something we can lose sight of, but is important to keep in mind. To that end, we are including in this week's bulletin an article provided by Fr. Sal on some of the reasons why we should participate in Mass from beginning to end. Enjoy and may God bless you.

COMING IN FEBRUARY: Our Lenten Mission will focus our attention on the Beatitudes. Dates for the Mission are: Sunday, Feb. 17th, Monday, Feb. 18th, Tuesday Feb. 26th, Wednesday Mar. 5th, and Monday Mar. 10th. Watch for more details.

BAPTISM WORKSHOP: Baptism workshop for expecting parents will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12th in the School from 7:00–9:00pm. If you are expecting during the next five or six months, please call the Rectory at 216-289-0770 to register. Because the Bishop considers this program a necessary preparation for baptism, the parents of every child to be baptized are expected to attend. There is a \$2.00 registration fee to cover the cost of materials.

The Spiritual Development Commission will be offering a series of articles to help us better understand the Church's position on a variety of life issues. Topic: Sanctity of Life. From the moment of conception, the life of every human being is to be respected in an absolute way because man is the only creature on earth that God has "wished for himself" and the spiritual soul of each man "is immediately created" by God; his whole being bears the image of the Creator. Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, Who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being". The Gift of Life No. 5 of introduction. Congregation of Doctrine of the Faith, February 22, 1987. In an address to a group discussing the human embryo, Pope Benedict XVI emphasized that the love of God does not distinguish between the newly conceived infant still in its mother's womb, the baby, the youth, the grown adult or the elderly, because in each of them He sees the signs of His own image and likeness. Pope Benedict XVI went on to explain that scripture "expresses the love of God towards all human beings even before they take form in the mother's womb. This limitless and almost incomprehensible love of God for man reveals to what point human beings are worthy of love in themselves, regardless of any other consideration, be it intelligence, beauty, health, youth, integrity and so on". He added. "Human life is a good thing, always and definitively." Vatican City, February 27, 2006.

PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself Never to be silent, Never to be passive, Never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, And never to stop defending life Until all my brothers and sisters are protected, And our nation once again becomes A nation with liberty and justice Not just for some, but for all. Through Christ or Lord. Amen!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY **Agnes, virgin, martyr** Jan. 21
 8:15 a.m. Frank Nalepka
 7:00 p.m. Nicholas Porcelli
TUESDAY **Day of Penance** Jan. 22
Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade
 Intention of All Parishioners
 John Stempihar
WEDNESDAY **Weekday** Jan. 23
 8:15 a.m. Special Intention for Milena Sverko
 7:00 p.m. Intention of All Parishioners
THURSDAY **Francis de Sales, bishop** Jan. 24
 8:15 a.m. Bob Rossoll
 7:00 p.m. All Souls
FRIDAY **Conversion of St. Paul, ap.** Jan. 25
 8:15 a.m. Minka Kmetich
 7:00 p.m. Michael Melfi
SATURDAY **Timothy and Titus, bp.** Jan. 26
 8:15 a.m. Elizabeth Muehle
 4:00 p.m. Mary Semen (Fr. Sal)
SUNDAY **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jan. 27
 8:00 a.m. Christina Mische (Fr. John)
 9:45 a.m. Minka Kmetich (Fr. Mehok)
 11:45 a.m. Sara Stazzone (Fr. Sal)
 7:00 p.m. Ludwig Grill (Fr. John)



**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.

NEW LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULES:

We are in the process of preparing the liturgical ministers schedule for February through May. If you need any changes or know of dates that you will be unable to serve, please call the Rectory within the next week. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and thank you for sharing your time and gifts with our parish community.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Jan. 23....Van Gorder
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Jan. 27.....Matt and Bill

COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. Jan. 27....."B" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE — JANUARY 26-27, 2008

MASS	HOSPITALITY	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	S. Lonchar T. Zallnick	P. Mayer	M. Freas	J. Borkey / M. Zoul D. Abreo	C. Malta R. Melvin
Sun. 8:00am	S. Glavic T. Jones	C. Hainrihar	J. Kirchmeir	S. Organiscak / R. Smith F. Zalar	S. Henry T. Henry
Sun. 9:45am	E. Perko-Drake L. Gorshe	J. Miozzi	N. Bogart	T. Melfi / R. Apanasewicz R. O'Donnell	T. deHaas S. Rutti
Sun. 11:45am	C. Knox C. Knox	L. Gase	T. Hlabse	E. Dulaney / F. Koballa / J. Konchan A. Molnar / S. Thomas-Greaves S. Johnson / K. Musarra / J. Vajda	W. Thomas-Greaves M. Wetzel
Sun. 7:00pm	E. Mellody J. Mellody	M. Anderson	L. Bochenek	R. Volk / D. Baioni M. Chinchar	T. Capek Z. Martin

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Next Sunday marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. All St. Felicitas parishioners, school families and neighbors are invited to an Open House in the school on Sunday, Jan. 27th from 10:30am-1:30pm. Come meet the teachers, see the awesome work of our students and enjoy some refreshments. Celebrate with us and witness the **"Light of faith, learning and love that shines on the hill!"**

IS YOUR EMPLOYER WILLING TO MATCH YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO SAINT FELICITAS?: It has come to our attention that some employers will match your contribution to St. Felicitas dollar for dollar if you have your contribution taken directly from your paycheck. One such employer is Progressive. Please be sure to check with your employer to see if they are offering this, or a similar matching program! If you become aware of any companies that participate, please let the parish office know so that we can keep our parishioners informed and take full advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

ATTENTION ALL IN MINISTRIES THAT INVOLVE CONTACT WITH CHILDREN: Please note that if you are involved in any ministry at St. Felicitas that involves contact with children, you must read the revised Policy for the Safety of Children in Matters of Sexual Abuse and sign an acknowledgment form that you have done so by February 1, 2008. If you have not yet fulfilled this Diocesan requirement, or have not yet been contacted and asked to do so, please contact the parish office for a copy of the policy and acknowledgment form. Again, these forms must be signed and returned by February 1, 2008.

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February 3rd	Coffeehouse Meeting	Arabica-Wickliffe 7:00-9:00pm
February 10th	Bake Sale For Relay for Life	After all the Masses
February 10th	Youth Mass	7:00pm Mass with open gym until 9:00pm
February 11th	Scripture Study and Conversation	6:30-8:30pm

Scripture Study and Conversation for students in Grades 9-12, is offered on the second Monday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm. This study will be led by Mr. Jeff Linsky and Deacon Tom deHaas. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Linsky at 440-585-3238 or email linsclub@adelphia.net.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Dolores Anderson, Tony Brodnick, Rosemary Conrad, Wilbur Davis, Burton Emig, Charlotte Farinacci, Jim Greaves, Andrew Jarm, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Jim Pevec, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Christopher, Norma & William Sedar, Gordon Skurzak, Milena Sverko, Milton Taisey, Mae Thomas, James Gannon Tracey, Ken Wisniewski, and Catherine Yert

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

BUSINESS MANAGER: St. Felicitas Parish is seeking to hire a part-time (20-30 hours per week) Business Manager to oversee and coordinate all of the financial operations of the parish and school. The position reports to the Pastor and supervises the Parish Accountant and the Maintenance Staff. The successful candidate will have the following:

- Minimum of a B.S. Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration or related discipline
 - Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
 - At least 2 years experience in business management, preferably in non-profit organizations
- Compensation will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Please send resume to: Fr. Sal Ruggeri, Administrator, St Felicitas, 140 Richmond Road, Euclid, Ohio 44143 or frsal@stfelicitas.com by March 15, 2008.

Dear Father:
I need a statement for tax purposes of my 2007 church contributions.

Name: _____

Check either option:
 I will pick up statement at the rectory

Please mail statement to—
 Address: _____

Return this request to the collection basket or rectory.

“SHARE THE VISION, SHAPE THE FUTURE”

PLEDGE UPDATE

Pledge Total	\$1,541,103.67
Campaign Goal	\$1,700,000.00
Percent of Goal	91%
Cash Total	\$1,517,156.42
No. of Pledges	543
Average Pledge	\$2,838.13

Thank you for your generosity!

COLLECTIONS

Envelopes & Loose Change Jan. 13th.....	\$8,546.00
Children’s Envelopes.....	\$40.00
Total.....	\$8,586.00
Total Needed for Operating Expenses....	\$15,737.00
Excess/(Deficit).....	(\$7,151.00)
Collection same time period last year.....	\$8,605.00
Increase/(Decrease) over last year.....	(\$19.00)

Thank you for your generosity.
Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.

RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Sandra Madden of Euclid, our winner of the **Jan. 13th PTU Weekly Raffle**. Lauren Madden was the seller winner.

LOOKING AHEAD

WEEK OF JANUARY 21ST:

MONDAY-JANUARY 21st

SFS-No School
7:30pm Scripture Study

TUESDAY-JANUARY 22nd

7:30pm Legion of Mary
7:30pm Finance Commission Meeting
7:30pm WEA Steering Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY-JANUARY 23rd

SFS-1:30pm Dismissal

THURSDAY-JANUARY 24th

6:45pm Bingo-Team #3
7:30pm New Eucharistic Minister Meeting

FRIDAY-JANUARY 25th

6:30-9:00pm St. Felicitas PTU Carnival

SATURDAY-JANUARY 26th

7:00-8:30am Men’s Prayer Group
8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up
9:30-11:00am PSR 1st Communion Class
6:45pm Bingo-Team B

SUNDAY-JANUARY 27th

9:45am Children’s Liturgy of the Word
10:30am-1:30pm St. Felicitas School
Open House
3:30pm K of C Basketball
5:30pm Catechumenate

WEEK OF JANUARY 28TH:

MONDAY-JANUARY 28th

Catholic Schools Week
7:30pm Scripture Study
7-8:30pm First Communion Parent/Child
Session

TUESDAY-JANUARY 29th

7:30pm Legion of Mary

WEDNESDAY-JANUARY 30th

7:30-9:00pm Confirmation Program

THURSDAY-JANUARY 31st

6:45pm Bingo-Team #4

FRIDAY-FEBRUARY 1st

SATURDAY-FEBRUARY 2nd

9:00am-1:00pm Women’s Day of
Prayer and Reflection

SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 3rd

9:45am Children’s Liturgy of the Word
5:30pm Catechumenate