



FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

My Walk on the Via Dolorosa

As we walk into the courtyard, I notice how lovely it is. It's so inviting with its Roman architecture and beautiful flowers and as much as I would like to sit there for a while, it is the building off to the side that holds my attention. It's dark as we enter and immediately everyone gets quiet. We can't help it. For we know that it was in this room that the message of love could not have rung clearer; the things He said and did all came down to the moment that He came to this place. We know that it was in

this room that our Savior was tried by Pontius Pilate and eventually condemned to death. It was in this place that He started that long walk to Calvary, and with humbled hearts, my family and I decide to walk with Him.

The street is narrow and lined with many shops, homes and even a school. People are busy going about their day to day business. There is laughing and talking and many merchants trying to call you into their stores. I feel an urge to ask them to be quiet as I try to walk the footsteps of my Jesus. But as we walk along pausing at each marked station it becomes clearer to me that this was probably exactly as it was two-thousand years ago. I realize that I have been walking this walk of His each and every day of my life. As I have walked through unforeseen challenges, animosity, pain, loneliness and insecurity I now know that they are all steps that have already been taken. I understand in a new way that I can be joyful as this walk He took carries all the pain of my life.

As Christmas remains only as a memory and Ash Wednesday is right around the corner, it is not too soon to decide how we will choose to walk through Lent. As we follow His footsteps, either in Jerusalem or Euclid, Ohio, can we feel peace in the knowledge of God's love and mercy? Can we quiet ourselves and block out some of the many distractions of the world so as to remember that walk?

This is the walk that with each step, took on my pain, my sinfulness, my anger and my discouragement.

The walk that said "I Love You."

May we prepare for Lent as vigorously as we did Christmas!!

Thank you for all the many prayers as my family and I were in the Holy Land. Know that all of you were also in mine.

.....Lisa Radey



Readings for the Week

Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21;
Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147;
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;
Mk 1:29-39

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



ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at all Masses the weekend of Feb. 7 and 8th. Those who suffer illness, and the elderly are invited to receive this powerful sacrament.

BAPTISM WORKSHOP: Baptism workshop for expecting parents will be held on Tues., Feb. 16th in the School from 7-9:00pm. If you are expecting during the next five or six months, please call the Parish Office 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.

'ANSWER THE CALL" CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE-FEBRUARY 28, 2009:

Men! Need a spiritual jump start? Make plans to attend the Catholic Men's Conference at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron. It will be a day where hundreds of Catholic men of all ages will gather together for dynamic speakers, Danny Abramowicz and Gerry Faust, and music fellowship and much more. The Master of Ceremonies will be St. Felicitas' own Ray Somich and The Men's Prayer Group would enjoy having you join us for the day. The single registration cost of \$30.00 includes a box lunch but if we can get a group we can reduce the cost to \$20. Please join the Men's Prayer's Group from St. Felicitas by contacting Rich Volk at 216-383-6525, or Deacon Tom deHaas, 216-289-0770, or Steve Dreyer at 440-781-5001.

PRAY FOR OUR SECOND GRADERS as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, Feb. 7th. May they grow closer to God as they experience this sacrament of healing.

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God. There are, no doubt, both false and true prophets around us today. The whole history of our church is filled with both. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of church authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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OLD PALMS: The weekend of February 7th and 8th we are asking parishioners to bring in any old palms that you may have in your homes. Since the palms are blessed, the proper way to dispose of them is to burn them. We will be burning palms at the 8:15am School Mass on February 20th. These holy ashes will then be used at all of our Liturgies on Ash Wednesday when we, as a community of faith, enter the sacred journey of Lent.



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Gordon Bertsch, Anthony Brodnik, Jean Caresani, Pat Conway, Krum Dimitrov, Charlotte Farinacci, Cindy Gates, George Halgash, Packy Hyland Sr., Andrew Jarm, Cindy Kinley, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Robert Popvic, Sr., Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Norma Sedar, and Milton Taisey

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



**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.

NIGHT OF REFLECTION FOR ALL INVOLVED IN ANY MINISTRY OR COMMITTEE HERE AT ST. FELICITAS:

With gratitude for all that you do for our parish community, on Tuesday, Feb. 24th. at 7:30pm, there will be an evening of prayer, reflection, and song for all involved here at St. Felicitas. We will recommit ourselves to our baptismal call to serve and renew ourselves in our ministry. The greatest gift we give to one another is to pray with and for each other, so please plan to join us for this special evening.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	The Presentation of the Lord	Feb. 2
8:15 a.m.	Helen Campolieti	
7:00 p.m.	Mary Ivec	
TUESDAY	St. Blaise, bishop & martyr	Feb. 3
8:15 a.m.	Bob Rossoll	
7:00 p.m.	Helen Campolieti	
WEDNESDAY	Weekday	Feb. 4
8:15 a.m.	Peric Family	
7:00 p.m.	Katherine Fiorello	
THURSDAY	Agatha, virgin & martyr	Feb. 5
8:15 a.m.	Juliana Gorenek	
7:00 p.m.	Karen Brozovic	
FRIDAY	Paul Miki, martyr	Feb. 6
8:15 a.m.	All Souls	
7:00 p.m.	Patrick O'Connor	
SATURDAY	Weekday	Feb. 7
8:15 a.m.	For Our Parish Family	
5:00 p.m.	Margaret Walsh	
SUNDAY	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Feb. 8
8:00 a.m.	Lawrence Ogrinc	
10:00 a.m.	Frank Tamburello	
12:00 p.m.	John Grabnar	

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Feb. 4
Thomas-Greaves
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Feb. 8....Chris B. & Dawnmarie

COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. Feb. 8....."B" Team
 Counters for Mon. Feb. 9..... "E" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE — FEB. 7-8, 2009

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. John	R. Lamm	W. Knox	K. Sullivan	D. Baioni, M. Freas, J. Barteld, S. Lonchar, M. Zoul	C. Fatica J. Monger
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Mehok	N. O'Toole C. Otters	A. Dean	W. Nalepka	S. Calderone, R. Gaser, E. Perme, M. Muehle, T. Ogrinc	K. Gaser T. Henry
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Sal	V. Kostelec C. Nych	D. Apanasewicz	R. Apanasewicz	J. Dreyer, S. Dreyer, E. Dulaney, A. Koballa, F. Koballa	D. Brogdon J. Nych
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Sal	R. Manning	K. Musarra	J. Schmidt	S. Johnson, S. Kelley, M. Dodd, K. Wetzal, T. Wetzal	M. Wagner V. Wagner

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

Close to 2000 postcards from St. Felicitas in opposition to FOCA to be sent to Washington

A sincere thank you to all of you who took the time this weekend to sign postcards in opposition to the Freedom of Choice Act. Many parishioners have commented about how this action helped them to feel truly unified and as though they really do have a voice and can make a difference. While the battle is far from over, we will continue to work together to educate and empower this community and others to stand up against abortion and all crimes against life and humanity. Please continue to pray for the end of abortion and a greater awareness of the sanctity of EVERY life in our world. A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who helped to coordinate this effort.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Saturday, Feb. 21st from 6-9:00pm, come and enjoy a delicious dinner of spaghetti, meatballs, Italian sausage, salad, rolls and dessert. Advance tickets only, adults; \$9.00 and children (under 12); \$5.00. Tickets available at the Parish Office or after the weekend Masses.

RAFFLE **MONTHLY TRIPLE PLAY 50/50 RAFFLE:** February tickets are available at the Parish Office, or in the kiosk, or after all weekend Masses. Please start getting into the habit of turning in your sold tickets in the collection basket.
GOOD SELLING!



CARING COOKS MINISTRY: Are you or your family enduring an illness, recovering from surgery or another emergency, the "Caring Cooks" can help. On a short-term basis, the Caring Cooks will provide meals during a difficult time. Call the Parish Office for further information. If interested in joining this ministry to help your fellow parishioners during their difficult time, also contact the Parish Office.

ST. FELICITAS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2009-2010 school year starts on Wednesday, Feb. 4th from 8:00am-1:00pm and 6:30-7:30pm for all parishioners. We have programs for children 3 or 4 yrs. of age by August 1, 2009 and for children 5 yrs. of age by January 30, 2010. You may call/visit the school Mon.-Fri. from 8:30am-2:00pm. For further information call 216-732-9116.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

The Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a free throw contest for all boys and girls 10 to 14 in the parish area. Participants do not need to be members of the parish (nor Catholic) it is open to all. The event will be Monday Feb 2 from 7 to 9. This is a very informal fun event, however we must have signed permission slips from a parent or guardian. These will be available that night. St Felicitas School students wishing to participate will have the opportunity in their gym class. Any Questions please call Jim Brown at 216-731-9023.

RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Anna Pepcock of Richmond Heights, our winner of the **Week #17 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Anna Pepcock was the seller.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$12,305.00
Weekly Collection Goal.....	<u>\$12,080.00</u>
Excess (Deficit).....	\$225.00
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$310,336.80
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	<u>\$362,400.00</u>
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(52,063.20)

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

"SHARE THE VISION, SHAPE THE FUTURE"

Capital Campaign Update

Total Cost Church Remodel:	\$1,724,205.67
Cash Total:	<u>\$1,686,610.86</u>
Difference:	\$ 37,594.81

Please make your check payable to the St. Felicitas Building Fund for any future contributions. Building Fund contribution envelopes are available at the kiosk.

FUTURE CAMPAIGN UPDATES WIL BE PUBLISHED ON A MONTHLY BASIS

Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

RISE UP ON THE HILL ADULT NIGHT OUT BENEFIT

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009

7:30 PM TO 12:30 AM

\$5 PER PERSON PRESALE

\$7 AT THE DOOR

*TICKETS AVAILABE AT THE RECTORY

BYOB AND AN APPETIZER/DESSERT TO SHARE

- . SIDEBOARDS * SILENT AUCTIONS * 50/50 RAFFLE *
- . CHINESE RAFFLES * DJ & DANCING * FUN *

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT.

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LOOKING FOR GENEROUS PARISHIONERS TO DONATE

LAST YEAR THE PTU RECEIVED AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE FROM THE ST. FELICITAS PARISH FAMILY AND WE HOPE WE CAN COUNT ON YOU AGAIN. WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF ITEMS TO BE USED IN OUR BASKETS AND FOR OUR SILENT AUCTIONS. THESE ITEMS CAN BE UNUSED ITEMS FROM YOUR HOME, GIFT CERTIFICATES, WHOLE BASKETS OR GIFTS OF TIME AND TALENT. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DONATE, PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER BRETZ AT 216-731-8275 OR DROP IT OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE. YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.



LOOKING AHEAD

C-Church
 P-Parish Office
 S-School G-Gym
 MR1-Meeting Room #1
 MR2-Meeting Room #2
 MR3-Meeting Room #3

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2ND

MONDAY-FEBRUARY 2nd

7:00pm PTU Meeting(S)
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study(S)

TUESDAY-FEBRUARY 3rd

2:30-4:00pm Girl Scout Meeting(MR1)
 5:30-6:45pm Children's Choir Practice(C)
 7:00pm Liturgy Meeting(MR1)
 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 4th

5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C)
 7:30pm CMG Practice(C)

THURSDAY-FEBRUARY 5th

6:45pm Bingo-Team #2(G)

FRIDAY-FEBRUARY 6th

SATURDAY-FEBRUARY 7th

10:00am First Reconciliation(C)
Anointing of the Sick at Vigil Mass

SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 8th

Anointing of the Sick at all Masses
 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)
 2:00-4:00pm Father-Daughter Dance(G)



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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9TH

MONDAY-FEBRUARY 9th

7:30pm PSR Teachers Meeting(S)
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study(S)

TUESDAY-FEBRUARY 10th

5:30-6:45pm Children's Choir Practice(C)
 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)
 7:30pm School Dev. Meeting(S)

WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 11th

5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C)
 7:30pm CMG Practice(C)
 7:30-9:00pm Confirmation Gathering(MR1-3)

THURSDAY-FEBRUARY 12th

6:45pm Bingo-Team #3(G)
 7:30pm Pre-Cana Team Meeting(MR2)
 7:30pm Spiritual Development Mtg(MR1)

FRIDAY-FEBRUARY 13th

SATURDAY-FEBRUARY 14th

7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S)
 6:45pm Bingo-Team A(G)

SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 15th

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)
 1:00-4:00pm Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet(G)

