



Where is God?

It's an easy question to ask but impossible to answer (for us). But my investments are falling! I've lost a loved one! My kids don't listen to me! My boss doesn't like or respect me! School is too hard!

Where is God in all this mess? Why doesn't he help? Have you asked him?

What am I talking about? Lent and Prayer. I am suggesting you go on a journey....like Elijah in 1 Kings 19:11-14

Then the LORD said, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD--but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake--but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire--but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave. A voice said to him, "Elijah, why are you here?" He replied, "I have been most zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts.

Prayer time is sometimes most powerful when it becomes quiet time. Elijah learned this in the cave.

Early morning? Late at night? Lent is a journey that we begin a week and a half from now. I'm suggesting you begin lent by doing something Carole, my wife and I do every morning. That is: Read the daily readings for Mass and share the reflection on One Bread, One Body, a publication by Presentation Ministries. Actually, to be honest, we share it Monday through Friday over the phone after I arrive at school and she is at home. But we start our day together with it and I know it makes a difference in my day and hers.

As I learned in Weight Watchers, if you do something for 21 days, it becomes a habit. This is a good habit I'm suggesting you start this Lent. Presentation Ministries have provided 800 copies of One Bread, One Body for parishioners to try for a couple months. They are found at the entrance of the church or in the parish office. They are free. Or you can make a free will offering to keep the subscription. It is also available on-line at presentationministries.com

Make prayer a habit this Lent.....and beyond.

.....Thomas deHaas



Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25;
 Ps 41; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

Parish Mission Statement

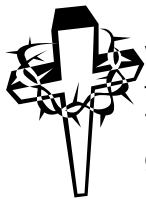
Saint Felicitas is called to be a diverse, faith-filled Christian community. Rooted in the Eucharist and Catholic tradition, we are unified in the Spirit of hope and love. Individually and collectively, we are responsible to fulfill God's will as Jesus did by striving to grow in unconditional respect for, acceptance of, and service to everyone.



**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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT



LIVING STATIONS-ALL YOUTH INVITED: We will be doing living Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 3rd, 7:00pm in the church. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate.

Please call the Parish Office and leave a message for Matthew Fodor, Director of Music Ministries.

GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes: he was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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NO EVENING MASSES: Please note there will be no 7:00pm Mass on Monday, February 23rd. and Tuesday, February 24th.

'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 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 or log onto www.cmfneo.com to register and/or learn more about the conference.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CDs

The CDs have arrived. We now have eight new titles. Please check them out and remember to put \$3.00 in the donation box for each CD taken. One of my favorite CDs is the one called Why a Protestant Pastor Became Catholic. Scott Hahn has made it known that he is militantly anti-Catholic. He studies for the Protestant ministry and discovers he is wrong about Catholicism. As he goes through much angst, his wife, Kimberly, becomes quite concerned as her father and brother are already Protestant ministers. One of the new CDs is called Pastor's Wife's Journey Home. This CDs tells us about Kimberly Hahn's examination of Catholicism. Take this journey with both Scott and Kimberly and learn about Catholic faith and good works through scripture. If you would like to write about a CD that you have enjoyed please give Andrea Dean a call at 440-944-1157.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| MONDAY | Weekday | Feb. 16 |
| 8:15 a.m. | For Our Parish Family | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Joann Ulrich | |
| TUESDAY | Weekday | Feb. 17 |
| 8:15 a.m. | Robert Grossman | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Nick Battistone | |
| WEDNESDAY | Weekday | Feb. 18 |
| 8:15 a.m. | Leo Burrello | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Thomas Hagen Sr. | |
| THURSDAY | Weekday | Feb. 19 |
| 8:15 a.m. | Intentions of all Parishioners | |
| 7:00 p.m. | John Stempihar | |
| FRIDAY | Weekday | Feb. 20 |
| 8:15 a.m. | All Souls | |
| 7:00 p.m. | Dorothy Carrick | |
| SATURDAY | Peter Damian, bishop & dr. | Feb. 21 |
| 8:15 a.m. | Joseph Shell | |
| 5:00 p.m. | Jean Consolo | |
| SUNDAY | 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Feb. 22 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Ann Opeka | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Anna Jerse | |
| 12:00 p.m. | Fr. Kraker & Fr. Bober | |

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Feb.18.....Musarra
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Feb. 22.....
Matt & Ron and Jack & Sandy L.

COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. Feb. 22.....“C” Team
 Counters for Mon. Feb. 23.....“F” Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE — FEB. 21-22, 2009

| MASS | PRESIDER | HOSPITALITY | LECTOR 1 | LECTOR 2 | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | SERVERS | CANTOR |
|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------|------------|
| Sat. 5:00pm | Fr. John | A. Molle | D. Abreo | P. Mayer | J. Barteld, J. Melvin, J. Monger, M. Monger, M. Monger | J. Monger S. Rutti | B. Loesser |
| Sun. 8:00am | Fr. Mehok | H. Drozin R. Tepley | C. Hainrihar | D. McAndrew | F. Buda, J. Radachy, J. Reilly, P. Reilly, A. Rodriguez | S. Henry T. Henry | A. Vento |
| Sun. 10:00am | Fr. Sal | A. Dean | D.Apanasewicz | D. Wagner | L. Bochenek, L. Fulton, C. Goodin, N. Somich, R. Volk | R. Corbo W. Fistek | B. Loesser |
| Sun. 12:00pm | Fr. Sal | D. Thomas-Greaves | T. Hlabse | S. Thomas-Greaves | J. Bretz, J. Bretz, M. Dodd, J. Konchan, A. Molnar | L. Bogart T. Capek | M. Fodor |

NEWS "ON THE HILL"

MARTHA DODD; NEW PRINCIPAL: Effective Feb. 6, 2009 Mrs. Linda Revay is no longer serving as Principal of St. Felicitas School. We are grateful for her service to our community. Mrs. Martha Dodd, a dedicated professional educator with a long history of educational excellence at St. Felicitas has assumed full leadership responsibilities. Please remember Martha Dodd and Mrs. Revay in your prayers.

ST. FELICITAS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2009-2010 school year will be weekdays, from 8:00am-1:00pm for all parishioners. We have programs for children who will be 3 or 4 yrs. of age by August 1, 2009 and for children who will be 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.

ST. FELICITAS PRESCHOOL SESSION 3 TOTS: St. Felicitas Preschool is offering an eight week program for you and your 2 or 3yr. old non-preschooler beginning Mar. 18th from 9:00-10:30am and 12:00-1:30pm. Registration begins Wed., Mar. 11th from 8:00am-1:00pm. Cost is \$80.00. Call 216-732-9116 for further information.

RAFFLE**MONTHLY TRIPLE PLAY**

50/50 RAFFLE: March 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. February's 10 winners are posted on the kiosk! GOOD SELLING!

USHER & HOSPITALITY MEETING: Is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 16th in the church at 7:30pm. All ushers and hospitality ministers are encouraged to attend. Thank you.



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.

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, Ana Milovan, 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.

MORE NEWS "ON THE HILL"



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

LOST AND FOUND: The Lost and Found is located in the gathering area under the counter space. If you are missing any articles, take a look in the basket. Any unclaimed articles will be donated by Monday, Feb. 16th and the first Monday of each month following.

FLOWER DONATIONS: Arts & Environment is asking for your help to defray the cost of our seasonal decorations and flowers. Any monetary amount is greatly appreciated. Please drop in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Thank you.

RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Sandy Mullin of Willoughby Hills, our winner of the **Week #19 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Sandy Mullin was also the seller. **Congratulations** to the Hribar Family of Euclid, winners of the **February Monthly Drawing**.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS



'EVERYBODY'S CHURCH': The inspiring and historic story of "The Cathedral of St. John The Evangelist—Everybody's Church" will air Monday evening, Feb. 16th at 9:00pm on Channel 25 WVIZ/Ideastream PBS for Northern Ohio. This program is recognition of the 160th anniversary of the Roman Catholic Cathedral and 60th anniversary of its rededication following 1948 expansion and renovation.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE FISH FRY:

Fish dinners will be served on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25th at the Shrine, 21281 Chardon Rd. from 4:30pm-6:45pm. Tickets are \$8.00, which includes two pieces of fish, home fries or french fries, apple-sauce or coleslaw, pasta fagioli, coffee or tea and bread and butter. (1 skewer of shrimp \$2.50).

COLLECTIONS

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| Last Week's Regular Collection..... | \$7,837.50 |
| Weekly Collection Goal..... | \$12,080.00 |
| Excess (Deficit)..... | \$(4,242.50) |
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| Fiscal YTD Collection..... | \$331,307.30 |
| Fiscal YTD Goal..... | \$386,560.00 |
| YTD Excess (Deficit)..... | \$(55,252.70) |

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



**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

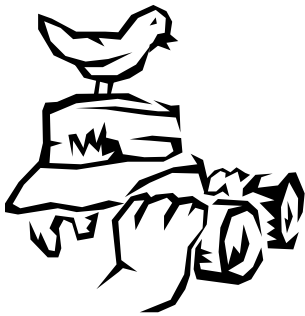
***TICKETS AVAILABE AT THE PARISH OFFICE**

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.

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 16TH

MONDAY-FEBRUARY 16th

SFS-No School

7-9:00pm Baptismal Class(S)

7:30pm Usher & Hospitality Meeting(C)

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

TUESDAY-FEBRUARY 17th

2:30-4:00pm Girl Scout Meeting (MR1)

5:30-6:45pm Children's Choir Practice(C)

7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 18th

5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C)

7:00pm Boosters Meeting(S)

7:30pm CMG Practice(C)

THURSDAY-FEBRUARY 19th

6:45pm Bingo-Team #4(G)

FRIDAY-FEBRUARY 20th

SATURDAY-FEBRUARY 21st

8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up(G)

9:15am-12:30pm PSR Grades 1-8(S)

6:00-9:00pm Spaghetti Dinner(G)

SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 22nd

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)

12:00pm Rite of Election for Confirmation

Candidates-practice after Mass(C)



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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23RD

MONDAY-FEBRUARY 23rd

7:00pm Parent/Child Gathering-Gr.2(C)

7:30pm Finance Meeting(MR1)

TUESDAY-FEBRUARY 24th

5:30-6:45pm Children's Choir Practice(C)

7:30pm Night of Reflection for all

Ministries and Committees(C)

7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 25th

Ash Wednesday-day of fast and abstinence Ashes will be distributed at all Masses;

8:15am, 12:00noon, and 7:00pm

5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C)

8:00pm CMG Practice(C)

THURSDAY-FEBRUARY 26th

6:45pm Bingo-Team #1(G)

7:30pm Parish Council Meeting(MR1)

7:30pm Music Ministry Meeting(C)

FRIDAY-FEBRUARY 27th

A day of abstinence

7:00pm Stations of the Cross(C)

SATURDAY-FEBRUARY 28th

6:45pm Bingo Team B

SUNDAY-MARCH 1st

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)



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