



FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Lord knows we're all "busy" these days; and perhaps, it may really be true. But that makes it all the more important that we start our day with prayer. I want to share a "gem" that has come my way. This one has become a personal favorite of mine, which I manage to incorporate into my daily devotion. Please let me know if you find it helpful too.

Lord Jesus, I love you...

Lord Jesus, how often I think that I am too busy to pray;

My days are over-loaded, yet, you do not expect me to be so pre-occupied..

How could I ever not have the time to think of you.

You are always at my side Lord. You are my strength, my courage, my support...and so...

I want to make a habit of speaking to you, to share my joys and my sorrows.

And so, from the bottom of my heart, I want to say, "Jesus, I love you".

When I am tired, help me to say, "Jesus I love you",

when I find it hard to forgive, help me to say, "Jesus, I love you".

When darkness comes upon me...and I don't know where you are,

I can always call upon you, and pray, "Lord Jesus, I love you".

O, for the joys that You give me, for the graces You shower upon me,

let me often say, "Lord Jesus, I love you".

And simply to please You, let me often say..."Lord Jesus, I love You".

My tasks will become easier, my work will become a prayer which says, "Lord Jesus, I love you",

and when the evening of my life comes, and you invite me home,

Let me say, for one last time, before I depart, "Lord Jesus, I love you"...

and when You call me for judgment, be merciful,

because you know how often I have said, "Lord Jesus, I love you".

"Cut and Save"

Happy Lent.....Fr. John



LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK!



Ash Wednesday is Feb. 25th!

MASSSES will be at 8:15am, 12:00 Noon and 7:00pm.

Ashes will be distributed during each Mass.

LENTEN REGULATIONS REGARDING FASTING AND ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday, February 25th and Good Friday, April 10th are days of abstinence from meat and also DAYS OF FAST, that is limited to one single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of lent are days of abstinence from meat. With regard to the obligatory days listed above, however there is frequent question about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of the Holy Father may be simply paraphrased: The obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe as a whole or substantially the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard: failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics over 14 years of age. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51;
 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gen 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
 Mk 1:12-15



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

PRE-CANA: St. Felicitas will be offering a Pre-Cana class on Sunday, March 29th. Please call the Parish Office to register.

FORGIVEN

The people of Israel, even in New Testament times, thought of God in a very personal, intimate, and relationship-oriented manner. In our modern times, we have inherited categories about God from Greek philosophy: God as all-knowing, all-powerful, all-present. Not that God isn't these things, but if we think of God primarily that way, when we get to the end of Isaiah today ("your sins I remember no more"), we are a bit confounded. How can an all-knowing God forget anything? Isaiah's listeners would have been more inclined to rejoice at what a wonderful, loving relationship God had with them. God—who had the power to forgive their sins—forgave sins, and then completely forgot them! Jesus, in today's Gospel, is also more interested in the paralyzed man knowing that wonderful, loving, healing presence of God than he is in satisfying the scribes' pre-conceived notions about God. How often it is we, not God, who remain paralyzed by our past sinfulness, even when we have been forgiven by God and reconciled with others. Let us, instead, give God glory by picking ourselves up from our paralyzed past, and journey on as disciples of Jesus.

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'ONE BREAD, ONE BODY' LENTEN BOOKLETS: *One Bread, One Body* Lenten booklets will be available in the Gathering Area. We encourage you to pick one up to read and pray this Lenten season.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: St. Felicitas will have Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent, at 7:00pm. Therefore, there will be no 7:00pm Mass. All are encouraged to come and reflect on this amazing journey of our Savior.

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.

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.



ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS: In order to finally get our information correct on our liturgical schedule we will be available after all the Masses next weekend, Feb.28/Mar. 1. Please stop by Meeting Room 1 to verify that we have your information correct and to give us any special requests for the months of April thru June. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY Polycarp, bishop & martyr Feb. 23
 8:15 a.m. Josephine Stepec
 7:00 p.m. **No Mass**

TUESDAY **Weekday** Feb. 24
 8:15 a.m. Intentions of All Parishioners
 7:00 p.m. **No Mass**

WEDNESDAY **Ash Wednesday** Feb. 25
 8:15 a.m. Our Parish Family
 12:00 p.m. Karen Brozovic
 7:00 p.m. Frida Grcar

THURSDAY **Lenten Weekday** Feb. 26
 8:15 a.m. Rita Dinardo
 7:00 p.m. Jack Omersa

FRIDAY **Lenten Weekday** Feb. 27
 8:15 a.m. Anna H. Lang
 7:00 p.m. **No Mass—Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY **Lenten Weekday**
 8:15 a.m. Bernadette Lowery
 5:00 p.m. Al Arko

SUNDAY **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** Mar. 1
 8:00 a.m. Frank Rantasa
 10:00 a.m. Helen Coe
 (mother of Donna Apanasewicz)
 12:00 p.m. Helen Bretz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Feb.25.....Brokamp
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Mar. 1.....Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Mon. Mar. 2....."A" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —FEB. 28-MAR. 1, 2009							
MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	CANTOR
Sat. 5:00pm		M.L. Bertsch	J. Monger	M. Monger	J. Borkey, J. Borkey, T. Brokamp, T. Burrello, T. Isabella	J. Bryda A. Schmitt	A. Vento
Sun. 8:00am		S. Glavic C. Hainrihar	L. Bochenek	L. Calderwood	W. Burnett, M. Cinalli, K. Gamber, W. Nalepka, J. Page	A. Gricar C. Gricar	
Sun. 10:00am		A. Linek J. Pesek	T. Bluntzer	N. Somich	M. Haritonovich, J. Kovelan E. Perko-Drake, C. Preto, L. Yama	D. Brogdon J. Nych	
Sun. 12:00pm		S. Thomas- Greaves	J. Bretz	J. Johnson	C. Cinkole, R. Jezeski, B. Popovic, A. Stokes, J. Vajda	Z. Martin M. Thomas- Greaves	

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

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!

EVER WANTED TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER?:

There will be a training session for all children grades 4 and higher who would like to be altar servers, on Saturday, March 7th at 11:00am in the church. This training session is mandatory for all who wish to serve. If you have not received a registration form and plan to attend, please call the Parish Office to register.

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.

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, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Norma Sedar, and Milton Taisey

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



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.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$9,004.77
Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$12,080.00
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(3,075.23)

Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$398,640.00
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	\$340,312.07
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(58,327.93)
Church in Latin America.....	\$510.00

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

RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Paul & Cynthia Preto of Willowick, our winners of the **Week #20 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Paul & Cynthia Preto were also the sellers.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

**WILLOUGHBY HILLS-PANCAKE BREAKFASTS:**

The Willoughby Hills Recreation Commission will hold All-You-Can-Eat pancake breakfasts from 8:30am-2:00pm on Sunday, March 1 and March 8 at the WH Community Center, 35400 Chardon Rd. Menu includes regular and blueberry pancakes, French toast, sausage, juice and coffee. Adult pre-sale tickets may be purchased at City Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 pre-sale, \$6.00 at the door. Tickets for ages 6-12 are \$3.00, and children under 5 are free. For more information, call 440-975-3540.

YAFF LENTEN SERIES: Calling men and women in their 20s and 30s! Join other young adults for Faith Formation, a six-week program that provides young adults with a place to share their faith with one another in a small group setting. The east side's series begins at Willoughby Hills St. Noel's Parish, on Monday, March 2nd from 6:30-8:45pm. An optional dinner will be served at 6:00pm. For more information, contact Margaret Vogel, at 216-334-1261, ext. 28, or mjvogel@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

BENEDICTINE LENTEN FISH FRY: Benedictine High School, 2900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. will be having fish fries every Friday during Lent, from 4:30-7:30pm, \$6.50. For more information call 216 421-2080, ext. 156 or visit www.cbhs.net.

HOSPICE RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS: Hospice of the Western Reserve addresses the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of seriously ill people and their families. Committed and passionate volunteers allow us to care for thousands of patients and their families. A few hours of your time will make a world of difference for our neighbors. Our next volunteer education begins at Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185th St., Cleveland, Wednesdays, February 25th-April 8th from 6:00-9:00pm. If you are interested in attending, please call 216-383-5280.



**JOIN US FOR ST. FELICITAS PTU'S 4TH ANNUAL
RISE UP ON THE HILL
ADULT NIGHT OUT BENEFIT**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009
7:30 PM TO 12:30 AM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

**\$5 PER PERSON PRESALE
\$7 AT THE DOOR**

***TICKETS AVAILABE AT THE PARISH OFFICE
ALL PRESALES RECEIVE THREE CHINESE RAFFLE TICKETS**

BYOB AND AN APPETIZER/DESSERT TO SHARE

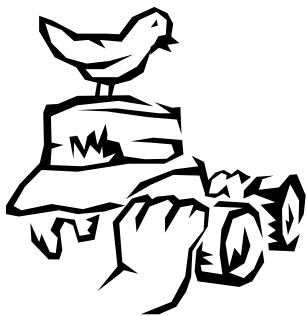
*** SIDEBOARDS * SILENT AUCTIONS * 50/50 RAFFLE * CHINESE RAFFLES * DJ & DANCING * FUN ***

****VIVA NEW SMYRNA****

**BACK AGAIN THIS YEAR IS THE CHANCE TO WIN A WEEK'S STAY AT A NEW SMYRNA BEACH,
FLORIDA CONDO**

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT OUT

**ANY QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO JENNIFER BRETZ
216-731-8275**



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 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)



WEEK OF MARCH 2ND

MONDAY-MARCH 2nd

7:00pm PTU Meeting(S)

TUESDAY-MARCH 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-MARCH 4th

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

THURSDAY-MARCH 5th

6:45pm Bingo-Team #2(G)
7:30PM Bereavement Meeting(MR1)

FRIDAY-MARCH 6th

A day of abstinence
7:00pm Stations of the Cross(C)

SATURDAY-MARCH 7th

11:00am Altar Server Training(C)
7:30pm-12:30am Adult Night Out

SUNDAY-MARCH 8th

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)
4:00pm Confirmation

**Set Clocks
Ahead**



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