



FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

A Light of Faith, Learning, and Love that Shines on the Hill...

The light of faith shines brightly at St. Felicitas School. It is taught in the daily religion instruction. It is celebrated when we gather as a community for monthly school and class Masses. Faith is strengthened when we participate in prayer services that prepare us for special liturgical seasons, such as Advent and Lent. It is the tradition of honoring Mary in the annual May Crowning, in following the footsteps of Jesus in the Stations of the Cross, and preparing for and receiving the sacraments. Faith is living the Good News by learning how to serve. Every student in every grade is active in a service project, whether it is making door decorations for our neighbors at the Grande Point Nursing Home, collecting food for area hunger centers, or lending a helping hand at parish functions, such as serving and cleaning up at the recent Spaghetti Dinner. The students of St. Felicitas are learning how to nurture and live their faith.

The light of learning shines brightly at St. Felicitas School. The excellent teaching staff presents the curriculum outlined by the Cleveland Catholic Diocese and the Standards of the State of Ohio Department of Education. The most current and best teaching strategies are implemented as well as the use of technology. The high standards and expectations are evident in the accomplishments of our students. Recently, the St. Felicitas Writing Tigers took first place at the Power of the Pen District Tournament. 4 eighth grade and 3 seventh grade students advanced to the regional tournament, and we are waiting the results to see how many will compete in the state tournament. Eighth grader, Andrew Reilinger will represent St. Felicitas at the Plain Dealer Scripps Spelling Bee in March. A group of our seventh graders have been invited to showcase their science fair projects at the Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair at Cleveland State University. Several of our eighth grade students have earned academic scholarships to area Catholic high schools for their outstanding scores on the entrance exams. I ask you to pray for the students of St. Felicitas during the first weeks of March. They will be taking the IOWA Test of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Abilities Test. These standardized tests measure the students ability to learn and their achievements in learning. We are proud that year after year, our students score higher than the national average and higher than most of the schools in our own diocese.

The light of love shines brightly at St. Felicitas School. This love can be felt and witnessed on a daily basis. It is seen in the dedication of those who work for the students; the teachers and aides, the school and parish staff, the lunch staff, and the parents. It is seen at the events that are offered by the PTU. Everyone enjoys the Sweetheart Dance, Halloween Bash, and Mother-Son Bowling to mention just a few. It is seen on the bleachers, the courts, and fields of the athletic events sponsored by the Booster Club. It is seen in the dedication of those who organize and volunteer to work Bingo and Market Day. All of these dedicated people have one goal that motivates them—the love of our children.

St. Felicitas School is TRULY a Light of Faith, Learning, and Love that Shines on the Hill. I am proud and humbled to serve as the new principal. Thank you to all teachers, parents, students and parishioners for the outpouring of love and support as I begin this new ministry.

.....Mrs. Martha Dodd



OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Why do we cover statues during Lent?

At one time, all Catholic churches covered statues during Lent. Or, more specifically, during the last two weeks of Lent, once called Passiontide. The custom of Lenten veils dates to around the year 1000.

At that time, Christians had to undergo rigorous Lenten penances. That often meant exclusion from the Mass - and, specifically, from receiving Eucharist - until Easter. A veil - called the Lenten veil, rood screen or hunger screen - hid the entire sanctuary. This remained in place during Mass, separating the faithful from the central action of the liturgy.

This Lenten separation/deprivation lasted until after the 12th century. By then, elevation of the host at the consecration had become part of the liturgical action. At the elevation, the Lenten veil was lifted away, so people could see the Host.

During the next century, the rituals of Ash Wednesday became universal in the Latin-rite church. These expressed repentance and the desire to turn back to God without disrupting the ritual of the Mass. Also, people were no longer excluded from Eucharist as part of Lenten penance, so the altar veil lost its significance and fell into disuse.

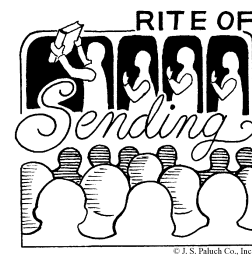
However, using veils to express the separation caused by sin remained, seen in the custom of draping statues and crosses in purple.

Like statues under purple, our lives are veiled by sin. As the Good Friday veil - whether red, the proper liturgical color of Christ's passion, or purple, the color of both repentance and royalty - is taken away, it symbolizes our prayer that our sins be taken away to reveal us as close beside Christ.

NO FLOWERS are permitted in the church during Lent. Please refrain from placing flowers on the altar or at various statues throughout the church.

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

LENT AND THE RCIA PROCESS: Throughout Lent we will be featuring weekly articles on how the RCIA process and the Lenten Rites and Scrutinies are really for the entire church. As our Catechumenate Lashawana and Candidate Donna move into the final period of preparation for the Sacraments, we the faithful have the opportunity to journey with them.



WHAT IS THE RCIA RITE OF SENDING?

Across the entire world, Catholic bishops on this first Sunday of Lent will welcome those sent by the parish to gather together with their godparents and sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. The Rite of Sending, which we experienced last week at the 10am Mass with Donna and Lashawna, offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the catechumens and candidates have made, express approval of their election or recognition, and send them forth to our bishop with assurance of the parish's care and support. To send a catechumen or candidate to the bishop means that a parish has discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic Church. Today Donna and Lashawna join with others across the diocese at St. John's Cathedral to publicly show their desire to be one of the faithful and to accept the prayerful support of the Church.



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.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Gordon Bertsch, Anthony Brodник, Cynthia Capek, Jean Caresani, Pat Conway, Krum Dimitrov, Charlotte Farinacci, Cindy Gates, John Hainrihar, Stefanie Hainrihar, 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.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

ATTENTION ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

In order to finally get our information correct on our liturgical schedule we will be available after all the Masses this 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 request for the months of April thru June.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Lenten Weekday	Mar. 2
8:15 a.m.	Helen Campolieti	
7:00 p.m.	Linda Rossino	
TUESDAY	Lenten Weekday	Mar. 3
8:15 a.m.	Albina Turk	
7:00 p.m.	Jim Proctor	
WEDNESDAY	Lenten Weekday	Mar. 4
8:15 a.m.	Michael Kowalski	
7:00 p.m.	Our Parish Family	
THURSDAY	Lenten Weekday	Mar. 5
8:15 a.m.	Helen Suhy	
7:00 p.m.	Mary Bill	
FRIDAY	Lenten Weekday	Mar. 6
8:15 a.m.	Don Pinto	
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	
SATURDAY	Lenten Weekday	Mar. 7
8:15 a.m.	Joseph Gazvoda	
5:00 p.m.	Koscak Family	
SUNDAY	Second Sunday of Lent	Mar. 8
8:00 a.m.	Mary & Joe Kaurich	
10:00 a.m.	Joseph Mullally	
12:00 p.m.	Frida Grcar	
4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Mass	

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Mar. 4
Thomas-Greaves
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Mar. 8th.....Audrey & William

COUNTERS

Counters for Mon. Mar. 9th.....“D” Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE — MAR. 7-8, 2009

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	CANTOR
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. John	A. Barteld	J. Borkey	J. Borkey	L. Colo, W. Knox, J. Linsky, B. Pophal, K. Sullivan	A. Isabella C. Malta	Bill
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Sal	N. O'Toole C. Otters	T. Isabella	W. Nalepka	A. Dean, C. Gricar, M. Gricar, R. Smith, J.Volk	K. Gaser S. Henry	Paul
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. John	M. Chinchar J. Chounet	R.Apanasewicz	T.Bernardo	S. Davisson, T. Davisson, C. deHaas, T. deHaas	H. deHaas T. deHaas	Bill
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Sal	A. Molnar	J. Gale	T.Gorensek	J. Martin, K. Musarra, M. Proctor, J. Schmidt, K. Triskett	L. Bogart T. Capek	Matt

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

'A LIGHT OF FAITH, LEARNING AND LOVE THAT SHINES ON THE HILL'

OPEN REGISTRATION for the 2009-2010 school year for St. Felicitas School will take place throughout the entire month of March. Stop by the school office on any school day between 7:30am-3:00pm. The following documents are required; birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if applicable) and social security card. Please note that no registration will be considered complete until the school records of all incoming students are reviewed by the administration and registration fees are paid in full.

WOW, WHAT A TURNOUT AT THE SPAGHETTI DINNER!! Thank you, thank you. Everything about it was fantastic. And the volunteers....you were the best!! Your support is truly appreciated.

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.

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.


MALLEY'S CHOCOLATES AND CANDIES: Malley's candies are again available for Easter gift-giving through the St. Felicitas Boosters. You may take advantage of pick-up at our school or direct shipment to you if order via the internet. Brochures will be available at all Masses. Complete order forms may be dropped off with payment at the Parish Office or School Office by Monday, March 16th. Internet orders will be taken through April 6th. Please call Lynn at 440-944-1688 if you have any questions.



NIGHT AT THE RACES: Save the date; May 16th, Saturday, enjoy all the thrills and excitement of being at the track. Details to follow.

RAFFLE **MONTHLY TRIPLE PLAY 50/50 RAFFLE:** March tickets are still 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. March drawing is next Sunday! GOOD SELLING!

CYO GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Sign ups for CYO High School Girls Volleyball will be held on Tuesday March 3rd. from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Please bring three things with you to sign ups: 1.) check for \$ 60 (made out to St. Felicitas Boosters), 2.) a current CYO medical release/pre-participation form and 3.) an eligibility request form (for those joining us from other parishes) All forms and money is due at the time of sign up. All forms can be printed off of the CYO website: (<http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/yyam-cyo/athletics/CYO%20Forms.htm>). Eric Edelman is the Girls HS Volleyball CYO point of contact for St. Felicitas. He can be reached at 440-944-5867.



**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.

**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 at 216-731-8275**

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT HOTLINE: The Diocese has established a hotline for all diocesan and parish employees, volunteers, vendors, parishioners or other interested parties who can now report suspected financial irregularities. An independent third party company assures confidentiality and anonymity if requested to investigate any financial misconduct. The hotline is 1-888-235-1723 or online at www.dioceseofcleveland.org and click the financial misconduct hotline button.

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND "REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2008" is the Diocesan effort to provide greater transparency, accounting, and responsible stewardship. The summary and detailed financial data as well as a review of Church activities across all eight counties of the Diocese can be found at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/finance and also in the February 20th edition of The Universe Bulletin newspaper.

REGINA HIGH PRESENTS "CINDERELLA": The Regina High Drama Department will perform Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella*, March 6, 7, 13 and 14 in the school auditorium. Performance times are 7:30pm each day. Ticket price is \$8.00. The school is located at 1857 S. Green Rd.

IRISH AMERICAN CLUB-EAST SIDE would like to invite you to participate in our annual St. Patrick's Day Mass. The Most Reverend Bishop Lennon will be the main celebrant at the Mass which will be celebrated Tuesday, March 17th at 10:00am at St. William's Church, 367 E. 260th St. in Euclid.

Lake Catholic High School Theatre Program presents our spring musical, *Jekyll & Hyde* on 3/14, 3/15, 3/20, 3/21 and 3/22 (Fri., Sat. & Sun.) at 7:30pm in the Lake Catholic Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens/alumni (advanced sales only) and \$5 for students, and will be on sale in the Lake Catholic Spirit Shop on March 6. For more information call 440-951-0077 x253 or visit our website at www.lakecatholic.org.

RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Frank Andrzejczyk of Richmond Heights, our winner of the **Week #21 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Frank Andrzejczyk was also the seller.


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.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$9,808.00
Weekly Collection Goal.....	<u>\$12,080.00</u>
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(2,272.00)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$350,120.07
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	<u>\$410,720.00</u>
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(60,599.93)

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



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.

"SHARE THE VISION, SHAPE THE FUTURE"

**Capital Campaign Monthly Update
Building Fund Balance**

Total Cost Church Remodel:	\$1,724,205.67
Cash Total:	<u>\$1,687,030.85</u>
Difference:	\$ 37,174.82
Please make your check payable to the St. Felicitas Building Fund for any future contributions.	
Thank you for your prayers and generosity!	



St. Felicitas Church

March, 2009

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)</p>	<p>2 7:00pm PTU Meeting(S)</p>	<p>3 2:30-4:00pm Girl Scout Meeting(MR1) 5:30-6:45pm(C) Children's Choir 7:00pm Liturgy Meeting(MR1) 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)</p>	<p>4 5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C) 7:00pm Euclid Lent Mission (St.Christine) 7:30pm CMG Practice(C)</p>	<p>5 6:45pm Bingo Team #2 7:00pm Bereavement Meeting(MR1)</p>	<p>6 A day of abstinence 7:00pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>7 11:00am Altar Server Training(C) 7:30pm-12:30am Adult Night Out(G)</p>
<p>8 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C) 4:00pm Confirmation</p>	<p>9 7:30pm PSR Teachers Meeting(S)</p>	<p>10 5:30-6:45pm(C) Children's Choir 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2) 7:30pm School Dev. Mtg(S)</p>	<p>11 5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C) 7:00pm Euclid Lent Mission (St.Christine) 7:30pm CMG Practice(C)</p>	<p>12 6:45pm Bingo Team #3 7:30pm Spiritual Development Meeting(MR1)</p>	<p>13 A day of abstinence 7:00pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>14 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S) 9:15am-12:30pm PSR Grades 1-8 (S) 6:45pm Bingo Team A</p>
<p>15 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C) 1-4:00pm Boy Scout Derby(G)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 2:30-4:00pm Girl Scout Meeting(MR1) 5:30-6:45pm(C) Children's Choir 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)</p>	<p>18 5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C) 7:00pm Euclid Lent Mission-Communal Penance (St.Christine) 7:00pm Boosters Mtg(S) 7:30pmCMG Practice(C)</p>	<p>19 6:45pm Bingo Team #4 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting (MR1)</p>	<p>20 A day of abstinence 7:00pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>21 8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up(G) 11:00am-4:00pm Girl Scout Friendship Day(G)</p>
<p>22 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)</p>	<p>23 7:00pm Parent/Child Gathering for Grade 2(S)</p>	<p>24 5:30-6:45pm(C) Children's Choir 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)</p>	<p>25 5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C) 7:00pm Euclid Lent Mission (St.Christine) 7:30pmCMG Practice(C)</p>	<p>26 6:45pm Bingo Team #1 7:30pm Music Ministry Mtg(C)</p>	<p>27 A day of abstinence 7:00pm Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>28 9:15am-12:30pm PSR-Grade 2(S) 6:45pm Bingo Team B</p>
<p>29 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 2:30-4:00pm Girl Scout Meeting(MR1) 5:30-6:45pm(C) Children's Choir 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)</p>				