

FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

"To Love means never to be afraid of the windstorms of life; should you shield the canyons from the windstorms you would never see the beauty of the carvings." -Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and a renewal of our commitment to Jesus Christ. It is marked by days of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Lent and Easter are times for hearing the "Good News". They remind us of our great journey with Christ.

"A Setback or a Comeback"

By Catherine Galasso Vigorito

Sometime, somewhere along the way, and usually often in life, we need extra strength to carry us through difficulties, inner resilience to help us overcome our challenges, and added might to pursue the dreams of our heart...in this world, we must be strong.

The great Creator of the Universe created us with a vast inner strength, for He knew what we would be up against, so He made us equal to it all. We are tougher than we think, more resistant and steadfast. Let us step out in trust, realizing how much strength we have to handle whatever we may be facing.

We could be going through a difficult time right now, but it's not the end, because God has equipped us for this journey. Our faith is made effective when we acknowledge the good. We must rely on God's strength to make our jagged places smooth. Then, we will find, as the old adage says, *"If God brings us to it, He will bring us through it."*

Let us not just look at adverse circumstances. Instead, let us look to our God. His all-protecting and all-powerful presence encircles us, and we do not have to meet hardships alone. Thus, when we know God is with us, and is holding us in His mighty hand, we will not be so fearful about complicated matters. God is only a prayer away; He will prepare our path, see us through, and be there to help us.

We often can only see today, but our omnipresent God sees tomorrow. He wants us to have a fulfilled, victorious and blessed life. Hence, we must stay strong during trials, stand in faith, and move forward with confidence. In just the right time, we will see new doors opening, better opportunities and transformed aspirations.

God has a special plan for each of us. Let us embrace Lent as a beautiful season of grace and travel our journey with great faith, hope, passion, and love.

In Christ's Peace.....Barbara Doering



Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

LENTEN REGULATIONS REGARDING FASTING AND ABSTINENCE:

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6th and Good Friday, Mar. 21st 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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT



LENTEN MISSION: BE-ATTITUDES

The Lenten Mission,
“Sermon on the Mount”

Our next session will be on Wednesday, March 5th. This session is titled: Blessed Are The Meek and will be led by Fr. Wally Hyclak. Plan to continue your experience of the Mission. The Mission for March 5th will be at St. Christine's Church on East 222nd St. and will begin at 7:00 pm. If you need directions to St. Paul's, please call the Rectory. If you are able, please bring some bakery or other light refreshment to share at the reception which immediately follows.



MARCH 14, 2008 JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL SIMPLE SUPPER

Come and share in a simple meal of bread and soup followed by a Holy Week Craft for you to make and take home to enhance your experience of Holy Week this year. Reservation forms are in the bulletin this weekend—or you can call the Rectory to register. Just let us know how many are coming—so we can have enough soup ready.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:

Please join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross on Mar. 14th (led by Fr. John). The Stations will be at 7:00pm in the church, so there will not be Mass that evening. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to pray together with reflections and song as we journey together through the 40 days of Lent.

ATTENTION ALL ENGAGED COUPLES: This year the Pre-Cana Program will be offered in the Euclid area parishes at St. William's church on April 5, 2008. This is the only Pre-Cana Program offered in the Euclid area this year. As you know, the Diocese requires some form of marriage preparation. Pre-registration is a must, and information can be obtained by contacting Diane & Dave Radachy at 216-261-1006. We at St. Felicitas pray your Pre-Cana Day is an inspiring day full of insights and blessings!



LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Next weekend you are asked to bring any loose change you may have with you to Mass. St. Felicitas continues a special relationship with our brothers and sisters at St. Peter Claver Parish in New Orleans. Many continue to struggle to rebuild their homes and lives and are in need of our help. There will be a basket in the gathering area by the pictures from our friends at St. Peter Claver's. Please prayerfully consider this Lenten almsgiving opportunity for you to share your change with those rebuilding their homes and lives in New Orleans. All money collected will be added to the results of the school children's "penny war" and sent to St. Peter Claver's. Please be generous!



PSR FOR GRADES 1-6 Saturday, March 8th.

from 9:15am – 12:30 pm. Parents are invited to come to the Reconciliation Service in the Church at 11:00 am. Following the service you will have the opportunity to visit your child's classrooms. We thank you for your on-going commitment to your child's faith formation.



Let us pray for those
 who will be
 baptized and confirmed

Remember to pray for our young people who will be confirmed on Sunday, March 9th and for the members of our Catechumenate who will be receiving Baptism and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil on March 22nd.


BAPTISM WORKSHOP: Due to the icy roads last Tuesday, we have rescheduled the Baptism Workshop for Thursday, March 6th! We will meet in the Church meeting room from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Dolores Anderson, Millie Branisel, Tony Brodnick, Rosemary Conrad, Wilbur Davis, Kruum Dimitro, Charlotte Farinacci, Andrew Jarm, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Jim Pevec, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Joseph Ross, Christopher, Norma & William Sedar, Gordon Skurzak, Milena Sverko, Milton Taisey, Ken Wisniewski, and Catherine Yert
Please notify the rectory when a name can be removed from this list.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY **Lenten Weekday** **Mar. 3**
 8:15 a.m. Helen Campolieti
 7:00 p.m. Fr. John Kraker
TUESDAY **Lenten Weekday** **Mar. 4**
 8:15 a.m. Alojz Hribar
 7:00 p.m. Stanley Janz
WEDNESDAY **Lenten Weekday** **Mar. 5**
 8:15 a.m. All Souls
 7:00 p.m. Helen Campolieti
THURSDAY **Lenten Weekday** **Mar. 6**
 8:15 a.m. Don Pinto
 7:00 p.m. Jon & Elizabeth Hromco & Family
FRIDAY **Lenten Weekday** **Mar. 7**
 8:15 a.m. Rita Dinardo
 7:00 p.m. Minka Kmetich
SATURDAY **Lenten Weekday** **Mar. 8**
 8:15 a.m. Joseph Mullally
 4:00 p.m. Al Arko (*Fr. Sal*)
SUNDAY **5th Sunday of Lent** **Mar. 9**
 8:00 a.m. Dan Raycher (*Fr. John*)
 9:45 a.m. Nina Restifo (*Fr. John*)
 11:45 a.m. Fr. Kraker & Fr. Bober (*Fr. Sal*)
 3:00 p.m. *Confirmation Mass*
 7:00 p.m. Steve & Catherine Misencik (*Fr. Sal*)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Mar. 5.....Musarra
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Mar. 9.....Matt & Ron

COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. Mar. 9....."A" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —MARCH 8-9, 2008

MASS	HOSPITALITY	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	M. Monger S. Lonchar	J. Borkey	D. Abreo	M. Monger / B. Pophal / C. Barni J. Barni/ J. Borkey / T. Brokamp M. Malta / J. Melvin	J. Monger A. Schmitt
Sun. 8:00am	D. Virgo H. Drozin	D. Meyers	D. McAndrew	M. Cinalli / T. Ogrinc / S. Organiscak T. Wetzel / W. Burnett / R. Eppich C. Gricar / C. Hainrihar	S. Rosace K. Gaser
Sun. 9:45am	L. Peters M. Singer	J. Miozzi	D. Apanasewicz	L. Yama / R. Apanasewicz / J. Dreyer D. Szafranski / D. Doering / E. Doering P. Gallagher / K. Gamber	M. Wagner V. Wagner
Sun. 11:45am	M. Thomas-Greaves V. Whitmore	K. Musarra	J. Solpa	J. Vajda / K. Wetzel / K. Triskett J. Bretz / L. Grosel / E. Hlabse S. Johnson / B. Kelley	M. Thomas-Greaves J. Mello
Sun. 7:00pm	J. Boellner C. Breshnam	W. Knox	L. Bochenek	S. Calderone / T. Isabella / J. Linsky M. Luboski / J. Reilly / R. Volk M. Chinchar / C. Cinkole	A. Isabella J. Kern

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

"THE MONEY MINISTRY": Are you interested in counting money for our parish? Please help us to be good stewards of the generous donations made weekly by our parish families. We are looking for people who can count our weekly collections by being a part of a team that already exists or by forming your own 4 person team! Your team can start counting either on Sunday at 10:45 or on Monday mornings...you decide! For more information please contact the parish office at 289-0770 or email us from our parish website at www.stfelicitas.com

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS EFFECTIVE MAR.17TH: In consultation with the Finance Council and in an attempt to cut costs while still providing a sufficient number of office hours at the Parish Office, a new schedule will be implemented as follows effective Monday, Mar. 17th; M-F 8:00am-4:00pm and Sunday's 9:00am-1:00pm. There will be no office hours on Saturday. Please know that when the office is closed, an automated system will allow you to be connected to individual staff members to either speak to them directly or to leave a voice mail. There will also be an option to contact a priest immediately in case of an emergency. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

USHERS WANTED! We are looking for some men and women in the community who would be willing to help in taking up the collection each week. We are grateful for those who signed up after the appeal last weekend—we especially need ushers for the 8:00am, 11:45am, and 7:00pm Masses. There will be a brief meeting on Monday, Mar. 3rd at 7:30pm. Please call the Rectory, or just come to the meeting if you are interested. Thank You!

SAVE THE DATE-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Planning your vacations or summer camps? Don't forget to mark your calendars for St. Felicitas Vacation Bible School. This years fun filled week will be **July 7th-July 11th**. If you are interested in teaching or helping out please call Rhonda Dulaney at 440-953-0403.

ST. FELICITAS PRESCHOOL SESSION 3 TOTS: St. Felicitas Preschool is offering an eight week program for you and your 2 or 3 yr. old non-preschooler beginning March 19th, from 9:00-10:30am. Registration begins Wed., March 12th from 8:00am-2:00pm. Cost is \$80.00 For further information call 216-732-9116.

YOUTH CORNER

March 9th	Youth Mass	7:00pm Mass with open gym until 9:00pm
March 10th	Scripture Study and Conversation	6:30-8:30pm
July 12th	Relay for Life	Please join our team at the website/ registration forms in kiosk

We are always welcoming new members, come and see what we're all about. If you have any questions, please call Jeff Linsky at 440-585-3238 or email linsclub@adelphia.net.

RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Dorene Zajec of Highland Heights, our winner of the **Feb. 24th PTU Weekly Raffle**. Tommy Grosel of Euclid was the seller winner.

"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	\$1,528,084.95
No. of Pledges	543
Average Pledge	\$2,838.13

Thank you for your generosity!

COLLECTIONS

Envelopes & Loose Change Feb. 24th....	\$10,724.25
Children's Envelopes.....	\$33.00
Total Donations Received.....	\$10,757.25
Total Needed to cover Parish Weekly Operating Expenses.....	\$15,737.00
Excess/(Deficit).....	<u>(\$4,979.75)</u>

Collection same time period last year\$9,118.00
 Increase/(Decrease) over last year.....\$1,639.25


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



St. Felicitas Church

March, 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6:30pm- 12:00am SFS PTU Adult Night Out
2 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word 1:30pm First Reconciliation 5:30pm Catechumenate	3 7:00pm PTU Meeting 7:00pm PSR Teachers Mtg	4 7:00 SFS Parent Info Session 7:30pm Liturgy Comm. Meeting 7:30pm Legion of Mary	5 7:00pm Parish Mission at St. Robert	6 6:45pm Bingo Team #1 7:00pm Baptismal Workshop	7 A day of abstinence <i>Feast of St. Felicitas</i>	8 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group 9:15am-12:30pm PSR Gr. 1-6 6:45pm Bingo Team A
9 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word 3:00pm Confirmation Mass 5:30pm Catechumenate 7:00pm Youth Mass	10 6:30-8:30pm PSR Junior Hi 6:30-8:30pm Scripture Study & Conversation for 9-12thGrade 7:00pm Parish Mission at St. Christine	11 7:30pm Legion of Mary 7:30pm School Development Meeting	12 7:00pm Boosters Mtg	13 6:45pm Bingo Team #2 7:30pm Spiritual Dev. Meeting 7:30pm Parish Council Mtg	14 A day of abstinence 6:30-8:30pm Simple Supper 7:00pm Stations of the Cross	15 8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up
16 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word 3:30pm Catechumenate	17	18 7:30pm Legion of Mary 7:30pm Finance Commission Meeting	19 7:00pm Mass followed by Tenebrae Service	20 1:30pm Dismissal SFS SFS vacation 3/21-3/28 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper- Adoration until 10:30pm	21 A day of Fast and Abstinence 12:00-3:00pm Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion	22 Blessing of Food at 1:00 & 3:00pm 8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass
23  ALLELUIA! Easter Masses: 8:00am, 9:45am and 11:45am No 7:00pm Mass	24	25 7:30pm Legion of Mary	26	27 6:45pm Bingo Team #3	28	29
30 9:45am Children's Liturgy of the Word 5:30pm Catechumenate	31 SFS-classes resume 7:00-8:30pm 1st Communion Parent-Child Session					