



## Liturgy Commission

### How To Do "Stations of the Cross"

## FROM OUR LITURGY COMMISSION

Greetings from the Parish Liturgy Commission. One of our most familiar Lenten devotions is making the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. Even if one does not practice this devotion, anyone who has been in a Catholic church will recognize the images of Christ's Passion and Death that adorn the walls. While the devotion, or at least the images, may be familiar to most, here is some information about the Stations that may not be so familiar.

The idea behind the Stations or Way of the Cross is that we walk in Christ's footsteps from the judgment seat of Pilate, where He was condemned to death, to Calvary, where He died on the cross, while meditating on the sufferings He endured for our salvation. The origins of the devotion may be said to go back to the fourth century A.D., when pilgrims would travel to the Holy Land to visit the sites associated with events of Christ's life, particularly his Passion in Jerusalem (the Via Dolorosa). Often there were shrines or chapels built at these sites where the pilgrims could pray.

Then, as now, it was not always possible for the faithful to travel to Jerusalem. The practice developed of making reproductions of the holy places at churches and monasteries in Europe where Christians could simulate a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Sometimes the effort was made to reproduce the actual distance between the various holy sites in Jerusalem. Also, the number of Stations varied greatly, with some accounts providing for thirty-seven Stations. The fourteen Stations that we are familiar with today were the result of devotional writers who wrote handbooks describing how the devotion should be performed and were only loosely connected with actual practices of pilgrims to the Holy Land.

The popularity of the devotion increased when indulgences began to be granted to those who practiced it. In 1731, Pope Clement XII decreed Stations could be erected in all churches (previously only the Franciscans were granted the indulgence) and fixed the number of Stations at fourteen.

Currently, a plenary indulgence is granted those who "make the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross." (And for the record, an indulgence is "a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.") This requires the local bishop to erect the Stations in a given parish. You may notice small wooden crosses above each of the Station images. For practicing the devotion, it is the cross at each Station that is essential, and it is merely customary to add images. Before each Station, the faithful must make some "pious meditation" on the Passion and Death of our Lord. Again, it is merely customary to have specific readings and prayers before a particular Station. Finally, the faithful are required to move from Station to Station, unless the devotion is conducted publicly, in which case only the person leading the devotion is required to move while the others participating may remain in place.

As we journey toward the day of His Glorious Resurrection, peace.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30  
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35  
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19  
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89;  
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16,  
 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34  
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14  
 Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137;  
 Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;  
 Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41  
 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

### **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

### How might the Scrutinies of the RCIA process help the parish as a whole?

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent we participate in the Scrutinies. The universal Church hears the stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. These readings were chosen to be the driving force of prayerful introspection, surrender, and conversion. They offer powerful images of surrender, sin, conversion, faith, and healing. In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we must stir our souls, as if they were dying campfires, to expose any parts of ourselves that have not been purified by the burning love of the Holy Spirit. We are challenged with the Samaritan woman at the well when we thirst for the Lord, who knows what we need and provides it; we beg, with the man born blind, to see Jesus, who is the light and gives us sight; and finally we lie with Lazarus within the tomb of oblivion and death, built with the stones of our own sins, until Jesus reaches out his hand and pulls us from the pit. Take this gift of the Church and use this group of readings as Lenten reflections. The Scripture readings for each Scrutiny are listed below. Read them slowly, asking the Lord to give you the grace to hear what is being said to you.

#### **1st Scrutiny: March 15, 10:00am Mass**

(3rd Sunday of Lent)

Exodus 17: 3-7 1

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

#### **2nd Scrutiny: March 21, 5:00pm Mass**

(4th Sunday of Lent)

Samuel 16: 1b,6-7.10-13a

Psalm 23:1-6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

#### **3rd Scrutiny: March 29, Noon Mass**

(5th Sunday of Lent)

Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-7

Romans 8: 8-11

John 11: 1-45

(Note: the readings for the Scrutiny are always taken from Cycle A, regardless of the current cycle of readings being used. Each parish has the option of using these readings for all Masses, or only for the Masses where the elect are present.)

### Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast:

Date: Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> Time: 8:00-9:30am

Where: St. Felicitas School Hall

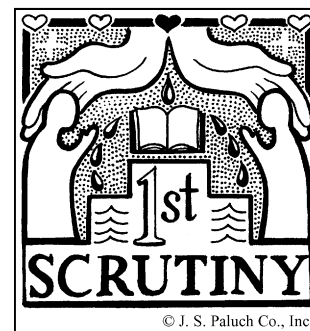
Why: Lent is a great time for prayer and reflection. This breakfast provides an opportunity for you to join with other men for a hearty breakfast and a reflection on "Hope in Hopeless Times, Certainty in Uncertain Times". The presenter will be Reverend Mr. Tom deHaas. Cost is \$4.00 or 2 for \$7. Bring a friend! Dads bring your son! Forms are available in the Parish Office. Questions, call Rich Volk (216) 383-6525 or Tom deHaas at (440) 259-3552. Registration deadline is March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.



**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.

**MISSION RECEPTION:** We hope all who attended our parish mission this past week found it a prayerful start to the Lenten season. On the final night of the mission there will be a reception. Anyone who can help bake please call Lisa Radey at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

**LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPER:** Friday, March 27 will be the Lenten Simple Supper in the school. Come join us in fellowship and prayer for a bowl of soup. All your donations will go towards our collections for the Thea Bowman Center serving the needy within the city of Cleveland.



**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK  
OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**



Gordon Bertsch, Anthony Brodnik, 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, Leslie Richards, Norma Sedar, and Milton Taisey

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



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>Mar. 16</b>
8:15 a.m.	Anna Sustar	
7:00 p.m.	Gordon Skurzak	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Patrick, bishop</b>	<b>Mar. 17</b>
8:15 a.m.	James Kirchmeir Jr.	
7:00 p.m.	Patrick O'Connor	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>Mar. 18</b>
8:15 a.m.	Bob Rossoll	
7:00 p.m.	Angela Janz	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>Mar. 19</b>
8:15 a.m.	Helen Suhy	
7:00 p.m.	Josephine Faraci	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>Mar. 20</b>
8:15 a.m.	Olinda Turiate	
7:00 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Lenten Weekday</b>	<b>Mar. 21</b>
8:15 a.m.	Victoria Pinto	
5:00 p.m.	Mary & John Semen	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Mar. 22</b>
8:00 a.m.	Victor Kmetich	
10:00 a.m.	Burton Emig	
12:00 p.m.	Mary & Lawrence Vitas & Family	

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Mar. 18.....Musarra  
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Mar. 22 .....  
 .....Sandy T., Tina & Chris H.

**COUNTERS**

Counters for Sun. Mar. 22..... "B" Team  
 Counters for Mon. Mar. 23..... "F" Team

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE —MAR. 21-22, 2009**

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	CANTOR
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Sal	S. Lonchar	M. Freas	L. Williams	D. Abreo, C. Barni, J. Barni, D. Carosello, M. Malta	J. Melvin R. Melvin	Children's Choir
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Sal	H. Drozin S. Glavic	L. Miller	T. Wetzel	R. Eppich, C. Hainrihar, T. Ogrinc, R. Tepley, F. Zalar	A. Gricar C. Gricar	Ray Somich
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. John	A. Dean C. Nych	J. Miozzi	E. Perme	T. Bernardo, M. VanGorder, M. Cox, L. Grosel, J. Chounet	D. Brogdon W. Fistek	Anita Vento
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. John	K. McMahon	K. Musarra	J. Linsky	J. Berquist, J. Reilly, D. Thomas-Greaves, J. Bretz, S. Thomas-Greaves	M. Wagner V. Wagner	Matt Fodor

## GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

**Viva Adult Night!!** The PTU's fourth annual Adult Night was a great success again this year. People came to support the school and enjoyed a night of good food, good friends, great raffles, music and dancing. Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all the volunteers and donors that helped make the night a success. We couldn't have done it without you.

**CHILDREN CHOIR MEMBERS:** We are inviting those in Grades K-7 to join together along with the adult choir to sing the music for the Easter Sunday 10:00am Liturgy on April 12th. Please contact our Director of Music, Matthew Fodor at the Parish Office 216-289-0770 if your child is interested in participating.

**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.

**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 times will be from 8:00am-1:00pm. Cost is \$80.00. Call 216-732-9116 for further information.

### RAFFLE

#### MONTHLY TRIPLE PLAY

**50/50 RAFFLE:** Congrats to the ten winners of \$200.00 each for the March 8th drawing. April tickets are now available after weekend Masses, in the kiosk, or at the Parish Office. Please continue to turn in sold tickets in the collection basket.

#### GOOD SELLING!

**MANNA NEWS:** Buying a Honey Baked Ham for Easter? We can order Honey Baked Ham gift cards in \$50.00 denominations. Please contact Teri Kern at 216-731-8153 if you would like to place an order for the gift card.



**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.

### *'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.

**St. Felicitas Drama Club will present Guys and Dolls Jr.** in the Regina High School Auditorium (1857 South Green Rd., South Euclid). Show times on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21 are at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 22 are at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children and seniors. This is a great show with wonderful music.



**NIGHT AT THE RACES:** Save the date; May 16th, Saturday. Enjoy all the thrills and excitement of being at the track, and plenty of food and beverages too!

**MARKET DAY:** There's still time to get your Market Day order in to help us earn extra dollars this month during Dessert Bonus Days! Remember for every three qualifying desserts purchased, one entry will be placed into a raffle for a MP3 Player. Order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) until March 17th. If you have any questions, call Alice at 216-261-1574

**CORRECTION WEBSITE:** The correct website for the Thea Bowman Center is [www.theabowmancenter.info](http://www.theabowmancenter.info).

**NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS**



**The Euclid Hunger Center** is in immediate need in stocking their food supply. St. Felicitas would like to respond by having a can food/non perishable food collection the weeks of March 28 & 29th AND April 4 & 5th. There will be baskets in the gathering area to place items in. Thank you for your kind generosity.

**Euclid High School presents "Beauty and the Beast"** Friday, April 17th @ 7:30pm Saturday, April 18th @ 2:00pm and 7:30pm Sunday, April 19th @ 2:00pm. Ticket prices: Students and Seniors \$6.00; Adults \$10.00. In additional we will be offering a Prince and Princess Luncheon and Theater Saturday, April 18, @ 12noon \$10.00 for Student/Children \$13.00 for Adults. For additional information or to purchase tickets in advance contact Marsha Knauss at Euclid High School at 216-797-7828.

**SESA Alumni Reunion:** SESA, a Catholic singles group which was based out of St. Paschal Baylon Church in Highland Hts., is looking for past members for a SESA Reunion picnic to be held June 14th, 2009. If you were once a member and would like to be re-united with friends, please contact us either by email at [sesaalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:sesaalumni@yahoo.com) or phone at 440-646-0667. Please leave name, address and phone number. We would like to see you again at this event!

**CATHOLIC MINISTRY TO THE INCARCERATED:** Lead by Fr. Neil Walters and Deacon Martin Thiel, is in great need of your financial support. They provide many needed services to the inmates and staff of Cuyahoga County Jail including; stamped envelopes, pencils, writing paper, bibles, etc. Please make your check payable to CMTI (Catholic Ministry to the Incarcerated) and mail to: Rev. Mr. Martin A. Thiel, St. Thomas Moore Church, 4170N. Amber Dr. Brooklyn, OH 44144. Thank you.


**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:** The Catholic Relief Services Collection combats poverty, displacement, human trafficking, unjust policies, the effects of natural disaster and emergencies, and hunger around the world. This work is essential to fulfill humanitarian obligations and put Catholic social teaching into practice. Please be generous in next week's Collection.

**RAFFLE WINNER**



**Congratulations** to Jane Vajda of Lyndhurst, our winner of the **Week #23 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Jane Vajda was the seller.


**Congratulations** to Kelly Petrunic of Richmond Heights, our winner of the **March Monthly Drawing**.



**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.

We  
proclaim  
Christ  
crucified



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**COLLECTIONS**

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$10,729.00
Weekly Collection Goal.....	<u>\$12,080.00</u>
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(1,351.00)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$373,261.59
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	<u>\$434,880.00</u>
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(61,618.41)
Black & Indian Missions Collection.....	\$515.00

**Catholic Relief Services-March 22nd**

**Thank you for your generosity.  
Your support is needed and 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 MARCH 16TH:

#### MONDAY-MARCH 16th

#### TUESDAY-MARCH 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-MARCH 18th

5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C)  
 7:00pm Euclid Lent Mission-Communal  
 Penance(St. Christine)  
 7:00pm Boosters Meeting(S)  
 7:30pm CMG Practice(C)

#### THURSDAY-MARCH 19th

6:45pm Bingo-Team #4(G)  
 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting(MR1)

#### FRIDAY-MARCH 20th

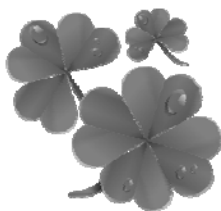
*A day of abstinence*  
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

#### SATURDAY-MARCH 21st

8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up(G)  
 11:00am-4:00pm Girl Scout Friendship  
 Day(G)

#### SUNDAY-MARCH 22nd

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



### WEEK OF MARCH 23RD:

#### MONDAY-MARCH 23rd

7:00pm Parent/Child Gathering  
 for Grade 2(S)

#### TUESDAY-MARCH 24th

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

#### WEDNESDAY-MARCH 25th

5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C)  
 7:00pm Euclid Lent Mission(St. Christine)  
 7:30pm CMG Practice(C)

#### THURSDAY-MARCH 26th

6:45pm Bingo-Team #1(G)  
 7:30pm Music Ministry Meeting(C)

#### FRIDAY-MARCH 27th

*A day of abstinence*  
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

#### SATURDAY-MARCH 28th

8:00-9:30am Men's Lenten Prayer  
 Breakfast(G)  
 9:15am-12:30pm PSR-Grade 2(S)  
 6:45pm Bingo Team B

#### SUNDAY-MARCH 29th

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



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