

**FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF**



It has almost been six months since I have arrived at St. Felicitas. I am so very grateful to all of you who have supported me, encouraged me, and yes, had patience with me, as I not only made the transition from one community to another, but also as I learn, daily, what it means to be an Administrator of a parish and a servant leader of a parish.

You all heard me say at Mass last weekend that I have big dreams for this parish, and I do. I also know that you have dreams as well. I look forward to working together in love and charity to make all of those dreams for our community a reality. As soon as the proposal for clustering is completed, I plan, in conjunction with Parish Council, to hold a town hall meeting at which we will share our visions and our hopes. We are all one community of believers in which no one opinion is less important than another, and I want, to the extent that I can, to hear all that EACH of you has to say. I truly value your input with respect to our future. This is OUR parish, OUR community, OUR future. We will do this TOGETHER!

This past weekend, I stood before you and did what every Pastor/Administrator dreads doing...asking parishioners to consider being open to contributing more to the parish, both financially and ministerially as we embark on this Stewardship campaign for Offertory Enhancement. What I truly did not expect was the very positive response that I received in phone calls, letters, e-mails, and from people who took the time to speak to me after Mass. I was truly energized by your enthusiasm and willingness to be open to the ways in which God is calling each of us to share the gifts we have been given, our time, our talent, our treasure!

Again, as I said this weekend, the Church on the Hill does have needs, but our greatest need is each of you. May God bless each of you and this, our community of St. Felicitas, as we journey into an exciting and faith-filled future!

.....Fr. Sal



Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66;  
1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16;  
Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

**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

### **NEXT STEPS IN THE CLUSTERING PROCESS**

**By The Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon**

Easter joy fills our hearts and the life of the Church! The great Paschal Triduum, the Octave of Easter, and the entire 50 days of the Easter season communicate to us and deepen within us the gift of eternal life in the risen savior. This eternal life is a dynamism and a call to vibrancy that the Church of Cleveland received several years ago in Bishop Pilla's Vibrant Parish Life initiative. In this Easter season, we are entering a new and important step in the Vibrant Parish Life clustering process. May the power of the Holy Spirit and the gift of eternal life guide us in this period of communication, consultation, consensus and, finally, recommendation.

For eight months now all of the 69 cluster planning teams within the diocese have been meeting in response to my May 2007 letter calling all of our parishes to a new and revitalized mission employing the rich resources of the Church for the sake of building up the kingdom of God, evangelizing all peoples, and sanctifying the faithful everywhere in our diocese.

The task of each cluster planning committee was to first identify the resources and realities within the cluster. This first stage of the process involved honest and detailed sharing, prayerful reflection and an openness to a renewed understanding of the mission of our diocesan Church and the equitable distribution of our resources throughout our diocese for the future. This conversation demanded great dedication and generosity from everyone. I am edified by all the sincere effort that has been put forth. I see this work as an expression of the eternal and vibrant life we celebrate this Easter.

Communicating all of this insight to the wider parish community has been a challenge for the cluster teams. The communications liaison for each cluster planning team has had the responsibility to prepare informational updates for each of the parishes in the cluster. Helping the parishioners of each parish to appreciate the complexities of clustering and the demands of Vibrant Parish Life is no small task; it is one that we must intensify going forward. Parish bulletin announcements, newsletter articles, town hall meetings, and parish

council updates are just a few of the means by which the cluster planning teams can keep the parishes informed about this important work.

Communication is fundamental to the next phase of the process. The cluster planning teams have been discerning what may be a responsible plan for the cluster. These plans are to address the issues of evangelization, the increased participation of the faithful in Sunday Mass, as well as specific issues particular to each cluster (in some cases fewer parishes, schools, and clergy).

Finally, the plan must be financially sound, meaning that parish collections must be sufficient to support all ministries. In this new phase of the process these plans are to be presented to each parish pastoral council, finance council, and the parishioners at large so that people may know what is being proposed and so team members may hear from their fellow parishioners.

(This is part one of the article that appeared in the Universe Bulletin April 4, 2008 issue. Part 2 will appear here next week)



Baptism workshop for expecting parents will be held **on TUESDAY, May 13<sup>th</sup>** in the School from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. If you are expecting during the next five or six months, please call the Rectory at 216-289-0770 to register. Because the Bishop considers this program a necessary preparation for baptism, the parents of every child to be baptized are expected to attend. There is a \$2.00 registration fee to cover the cost of materials. Please note the change of day: this workshop will be held on Tuesday.

**LEGION OF MARY:** Attention Auxiliary Members of the Legion of Mary. The Acies will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Willoughby, today, April 20th at 2:00pm. Come join us. Bring a dessert to share (optional).



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



Delores Anderson, Helen Bretz, Millie Branisel, Tony Brodnick, Rosemary Conrad, Wilbur Davis, Kruum Dimitro, Josephine Faraci, Charlotte Farinacci, Andrew Jarm, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Jim Pevec, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Christopher, Norma & William Sedar, Milena Sverko, Milton Taisey, Ken Wisniewski, and Catherine Yert

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Apr. 21</b>
8:15 a.m.	Maria & Lucio Faraci	
7:00 p.m.	John Stempihar	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Apr. 22</b>
8:15 a.m.	Mary Jane Delsanter	
7:00 p.m.	Rachel Strainic	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Apr. 23</b>
8:15 a.m.	Richard Cinalli	
7:00 p.m.	Victor Kmetich	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Apr. 24</b>
8:15 a.m.	Luke, William & Robert Lally	
7:00 p.m.	Andrew Carson	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Mark, evangelist</b>	<b>Apr. 25</b>
8:15 a.m.	Andrew Pinto	
7:00 p.m.	George Pepock & Robert Slaughter	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	<b>Apr. 26</b>
8:15 a.m.	Ronnie Brown	
4:00 p.m.	Dec. Members of Koscak Family <i>(Fr. John)</i>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Apr. 27</b>
8:00 a.m.	John & Ann Iskra & Fam. <i>(Fr. John)</i>	
9:45 a.m.	Anica Absec <i>(Fr. Mehok)</i>	
11:45 a.m.	Stanley & Josephine Noch <i>(Fr. John)</i>	
7:00 p.m.	Martin, Mary & William Kozar <i>(Fr. Mehok)</i>	



**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Apr. 23.....Brokamp  
Grande Pointe-Sun. Apr. 27.....Legion of Mary

**COUNTERS**

Counters for Sun. Apr. 27..... "D" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE — APRIL 26-27, 2008					
MASS	HOSPITALITY	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	M.L. Bertsch J. Monger	K. Sullivan	M. Freas	T. Brokamp / M. Malta / J. Melvin M. Monger / M. Monger / M. Zoul C. Barni / J. Barni	P. Koenig C. Malta
Sun. 8:00am	S. Glavic T. Jones	L. Calderwood	T. Wetzel	C. Hainrihar / P. Reilly / R. Smith F. Zalar / R. Tepley / L. Cooke R. Eppich / C. Gricar	K. Gaser A. Gricar
Sun. 9:45am	S. Tuscano H. Williams	D. Wagner	G. Haritonovich	F. Koballa / A. Koballa / A. Dean E. Perme / M. Wagner / E. Doering P. Gallagher / K. Gamber	W. Fistek R. Corbo
Sun. 11:45am	Z. Ivey R. Manning	M. McNeeley	T. Hlabse	S. Thomas-Greaves / A. Stokes E. Dulaney / J. Bretz / L. Grosel K. Musarra / J. Solpa / J. Vajda	W. Thomas-Greaves J. Mello
Sun. 7:00pm	E. Mellody J. Mellody	L. Bochenek	K. Baioni	L. Fulton / M. Chinchar / C. Cinkole A. Rodriguez / C. deHaas / L. Colo M. Luboski / R. Volk	L. Bogart J. Bryda

**GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"**

**MANNA MINISTRY:** We are updating our Manna Roster, if you are interested in selling Manna after one Mass each weekend, and haven't completed the school survey, please call Teri Kern at 216-731-8153.

**BOCCE SIGN-UPS:** With Spring here-Summer and Bocce will soon follow. For the next two weekends we will have Bocce Sign-ups for the Men's (Monday nights), Women's (Wednesday nights), and Couples' (Friday night) leagues. Sign-up forms are in Gathering Area of the Church. This is a wonderful way to enjoy the sport and get to meet many other parishioners. Hope to see **YOU** on the courts!

**50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT SAINT JOHN CATHEDRAL:** Couples who were married in 1958 are invited to celebrate their wedding jubilee with Bishop Richard Lennon on Sunday, July 27th, at 2:30pm at the Cathedral in Cleveland. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

**ADOPT-A-GARDEN-PLOT:** Ever wish you could plant your favorite perennials near the Shrine? Or add annuals to the gardens around the Church? Know of any plants that the deer *won't* eat? Do you or someone in your family have the greenest thumb in the neighborhood? Or do you just want to be part of something mulch bigger-made up of smaller plots that enhance the grounds here at St. Felicitas. In the upcoming weeks, aerial views and photos of the parish grounds will be posted, so that you may decide what area you wish to cultivate. There are no ground rules-only that it be pleasing to the Lord! The parish will supply the plot, God will supply sunlight and rain, you supply the green thumb and plants of your choosing. And yes, we still have plenty of thyme, as most spring planting should not be done until after the last frost. For more details, contact Ellen Perme at 216-404-0685, or Fr. Sal at the Parish Office. There will be a short meeting in early May to weed out questions, sprout friendships, and sow enthusiasm.

**RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE** will be at St. Felicitas on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 1:00pm.

**SCOUT CORNER NEWS:** Come one, come all!! All parishioners are invited to a Pancake Breakfast sponsored by our own Boy Scout Troop #367, on Sunday, Apr. 27th after the 9:45am Mass and before the 11:45am Mass. Free to everyone. This should be a great event for all our church family.

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May 11th	Youth Mass	7:00pm Mass with open gym until 9:00pm
July 12th	Relay for Life	Please join our team at the website/ registration forms in kiosk
Aug. 3rd	THE FEST	Save the date; Noon-8:00pm with Mass & fireworks

We will be selling flowers Mother's Day weekend after all the Masses for Relay for Life. Please call/ email Jeff Linsky at 440-585-3238 or linsclub@adelphia.net to sign up at a Mass you will be attending to help sell. This should only take a few minutes and shouldn't conflict with any family plans you may have.

**BOOSTER FLOWER SALE** pick up will be Saturday morning, May 3rd from 10:30am-12:30pm in the Church parking lot.

**NEW MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY:** The St. Felicitas Music Ministry Program is instituting a cantor program for all of our Masses. We feel that the presence of a cantor at the ambo inviting the congregation to sing will be a great benefit to our congregational singing. Several current members of our music ministry program have generously stepped forward to begin this vital ministry in our church and for this we are grateful. This is an opportunity for additional parishioners who are gifted vocally to make a difference in our parish by participating in this new ministry. This new music ministry position will require a simple audition but please be assured that all interested parishioners will be welcomed into our music ministry program as appropriate to your comfort level and ability. Please contact Bill Schoeffler after any Mass or at 216-233-1936.

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Music Rehearsals for Bells are on Tues. 7:30-9:00pm, CMG's rehearsals are Wed. 7:30-9:00pm, sings at 9:45am Mass, Traditional Choir's rehearsals are Sun. 11:00am, sings at 11:45am Mass, Children's rehearsals are Wed. 2:30-3:30pm and Sat. at 3:00pm in the former choir loft. Our Music Ministry Program is welcoming new members into all groups at this time. Please contact Bill Schoeffler after Mass or at 216-233-1936.

**“SHARE THE VISION, SHAPE THE FUTURE”**

**PLEDGE UPDATE**

Pledge Total	\$1,541,203.67
Campaign Goal	\$1,700,000.00
Percent of Goal	91%
Cash Total	\$1,542,955.89
No. of Pledges	544
Average Pledge	\$2,838.13

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**COLLECTIONS**

Envelopes & Loose Change Apr. 13th.....	\$9,226.50
Children’s Envelopes.....	<u>\$36.00</u>
Total Donations Received.....	\$9,262.50
Total Needed to cover Parish Weekly	
Operating Expenses.....	\$15,737.00
Excess/(Deficit).....	<u>(\$6,474.50)</u>
Collection same time period last year ....	\$10,023.00
Increase/(Decrease) over last year.....	(\$760.50)

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

**RAFFLE WINNER**



**Congratulations** to Emily Kern of Euclid, our winner of the **Apr. 11th PTU Weekly Raffle**. Bill Kern of Euclid was the seller winner.

**Congratulations** to Lauren Bestvina of Willoughby Hills, our winner of the **Apr. 18th PTU Weekly Raffle**. Linda Bestvina of Willoughby Hills was the seller winner.



**LOOKING AHEAD**

**WEEK OF APRIL 21ST**

- MONDAY-APRIL 21st**  
SFS-No School  
7:30pm Fr. Mehok’s Scripture Study
- TUESDAY-APRIL 22nd**  
7:00pm St. Anthony Novena  
7:30pm Legion of Mary
- WEDNESDAY-APRIL 23rd**  
SFS-1:30pm Dismissal
- THURSDAY-APRIL 24th**  
6:45pm Bingo-Team #3  
7:30pm Parish Council Meeting
- FRIDAY-APRIL 25th**
- SATURDAY-APRIL 26th**  
8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up  
9:30-11:0am PSR 1st Communion Class  
6:45pm Bingo-Team B
- SUNDAY-APRIL 27th**  
9:45am Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
10:45-11:45am Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

**WEEK OF APRIL 28TH**

- MONDAY-APRIL 28th**  
7:30pm Fr. Mehok’s Scripture Study
- TUESDAY-APRIL 29th**  
7:00pm St. Anthony Novena  
7:30pm Legion of Mary
- WEDNESDAY-APRIL 30th**
- THURSDAY-MAY 1st**  
6:45pm Bingo-Team #4
- FRIDAY-MAY 2nd**
- SATURDAY-MAY 3rd**  
9:00-11:00am First Communion Rehearsal
- SUNDAY-MAY 4th**  
9:45am Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
1:30pm First Communion Mass