

Parish Finance Commission

FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

It has been proven that most people are resistant to change. Perhaps it is a belief that we are better off knowing what we have – even if it is not good – rather than encountering the unknown. But if we think about it, many of the best things that happened in our lives came through being open-minded to change. New relationships and trying new things brought about new opportunities and new hope.

Our Finance Commission members truly hope that we all greet the upcoming merger with the people of St. Paul's Church with this same open-mindedness for change. Undoubtedly things will be different, with even an upcoming name change. But we will have so many opportunities to meet new friends and to positively impact new families. Perhaps most exciting, we will all be like parents of a new child – with our own abilities to nurture it, protect it from harm, add to its growth with our experiences and talents, and someday when we leave this community or leave this earth, we will know that a part of us will remain to continue to impact the lives of others, for generations to come.

Some of our older parishioners may have been involved in starting St. Felicitas or other churches. But for most of us, this may be our first and likely only opportunity to be part of something so incredibly meaningful and life-changing. To start any community organization is significant, but to help start a new Catholic parish may be our ultimate spiritual blessing. God knows that we can do this, or His Plan would not have included us in it.

Our Finance Commission awaits this merger with great expectation and hope. We have made excellent strides in the last year with a new budgeting process and evaluations of all operations and expenses, and these efforts will continue. Additional parish membership will now provide more opportunities to improve and grow our parish, as we continue to meet the spiritual needs of every parishioner while striving for maximum efficiency. These are truly exciting times for all of us!

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our parish. May God bless you and your family.

.....*Ray Somich and the St Felicitas Finance Commission*



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22; 1
 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

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, Krum Dimitrov, Charlotte Farinacci, Cindy Gates, Stefanie Hainrihar, George Halgash, Packy Hyland Sr., Andrew Jarm, Manda Jukic, Cindy Kinley, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Robert Popvic, Sr., Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Leslie Richards, Norma Sedar, Milton Taisey, and Catherine Yert

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



**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.

Prayer for Vocations

***O loving and gracious God,
Father of all, you bless your people in
every time and season and provide for their
needs through your providential care. Your
Church is continually in need of priests,
sisters and brothers to offer themselves in
the service of the gospel
by lives of dedicated love.***

***Open the hearts of your sons and
daughters to listen to your call in their
lives. Give them the gift of understanding
to discern your invitation to serve you and
your Church.***

***Give them the gift of courage to follow
your call. May they have the spirit of young
Samuel who found fulfillment in his life***

***when he said to you,
"Speak Lord, for your servant is
listening."***

***We ask this through Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Redeemer.***

Amen.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR
FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: Today, May 3rd, the Universal Church celebrates Good Shepherd Sunday. Pope Paul VI, in 1963, dedicated this day as a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Through the vocation of marriage, priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and the single life, we are called to further the Kingdom of God. Let us pray for faithfulness to all our vocations. Visit www.clevelandcatholicvocations.com for more information.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Six new titles of compact disks are coming soon. Be sure to watch the display in the gathering area. Rich Volk tells us that the Men's Prayer Group has enjoyed Matthew Kelley's [A Call to Joy](#) which is very inspirational. For those of us who are little on the "mature" side I have ordered [What Every Couple Should Know about Marriage and Prayer](#) by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. Remember Bishop Sheen's television show where an angel always erased the blackboard? For those of you who enjoy Dr. Scott Hahn, there will be two new titles. I understand Scott Hahn will be in Cleveland in person this summer. Another CD is only Catholic music. These CDs are a very convenient way to learn about our faith and be inspired at the same time. As always let me know topics or titles you would like. Call Andrea Dean at 440 944-1157.

SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	Easter Weekday	May 4
8:15 a.m.	Helen Campolieti	
7:00 p.m.	For Our Parish Family	
TUESDAY	Easter Weekday	May 5
8:15 a.m.	Bob Rossoll	
7:00 p.m.	For Our Parish Family	
WEDNESDAY	Easter Weekday	May 6
8:15 a.m.	Katherine Woodard	
7:00 p.m.	Helen Campolieti	
THURSDAY	Easter Weekday	May 7
8:15 a.m.	George Matic	
7:00 p.m.	Thomas Lindsay III & Jennie Capasso	
FRIDAY	Easter Weekday	May 8
8:15 a.m.	Linda Rossino	
7:00 p.m.	Francis (Bud) Holaus	
SATURDAY	Easter Weekday	May 9
8:15 a.m.	Joseph Shell	
5:00 p.m.	Stefi Arko	
SUNDAY	Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 10
8:00 a.m.	Anthony & Ann Modic	
10:00 a.m.	Minka Kmetich	
12:00 p.m.	Josephine Faraci	

BANNS OF MARRIAGE 

II. Christopher Chambers & Kristeen Beyer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. May 6.....Schmidt
 Grande Pointe-Sun. May 10.....Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Mon. May 11th....."A" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —MAY 9-10, 2009

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	CANTOR
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. John	M.L. Bertsch R. Lamm	D. Abreo	J. Borkey	D. Rymer, B. Pophal, M. Zoul, W. Nalepka, K. Sullivan	J. Mello J. Bryda	R. Somich
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Sal	S. Glavic C. Hainrihar	R. Smith	T. Wetzel	F. Buda, M. Cinalli, R. Eppich, W. Burnett, S. Calderone	C. Gricar J. Gricar	A. Vento
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Mehok	V. Whitmore D.Apanasewicz	D. Wagner	V. Wagner	J. Kovelan, R. O'Donnell, D. Szafranski, J. Oberle E. Perko-Drake	J. Nych M. Wagner	P. Zaepfel
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Mehok	L. Williams S. Thomas-Greaves	J. Bretz	T. Gorenssek	S. Kelley, J. Konchan, J. Martin, A. Molnar, K. Musarra	M. Thomas-Greaves C.Chiappero	P. Zaepfel

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"



NIGHT AT THE RACES: After the week-end Masses you can purchase your admission ticket for \$15.00 which includes plenty of food and beverages, buy horses for \$15.00 each, or sign up to volunteer. You can also turn in ads for the program. Come Saturday, May 16th and enjoy all the thrills and excitement of being at the track!

RAFFLE

MONTHLY TRIPLE PLAY 50/50 RAFFLE: May tickets are now available after week-end Masses, in the kiosk, or at the Parish Office. Don't forget the drawing is May 10th-Mother's Day, it will be here before you know it. Please continue to turn in sold tickets in the collection basket.

ST. FELICITAS PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: will be Saturday, May 16th from 9:00-11:00am and Sunday, May 17th from 9:30-11:30am. We currently have open registration for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. We have programs for children 3 or 4 yrs of age by Aug. 1st and for children 5 yrs of age by Jan. 30, 2010. You may call/ or visit the school Mon. thru Fri. from 8:30am-2:00pm. For further information call 216-732-9116.



"SAVE THE DATES" Vacation Bible School will be July 13 through July 17. If you are interested in helping please call Rhonda Dulaney at 440-953-0403.

ST. FELICITAS JUNIOR HIGH DANCE: All 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders are invited to attend St. Felicitas' School Dance on Friday, May 29th from 7:00-10:00pm in the school gym. Admission price is \$5.00. Only the following schools will be permitted; St. Felicitas and PSR, St. Justin Martyr/St. Mary Magdalene, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Paschal, St. William and Holy Cross.



Save the date...Fr. Sal's 10th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration

It seems hard to believe that almost 10 years have passed since May 29, 1999, that life changing day on which I was ordained. I could have never imagined how blessed I would be by the love and support of so many in so many communities, especially the communities of St. Hilary, St. Basil and St. Felicitas, in which I have served as a priest. In gratitude for all that you have done to sustain me and grace my life and the ministry of which I am a part, please join me in a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Felicitas at 3:00 PM on Sunday, May 31st. This Mass will be followed by an open reception at the St. Noel Banquet Center, 35200 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills. I look forward to sharing this special day with all of you in gratitude to God for all of His blessings.

In Christ's peaceFr. Sal



WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR: Please plan to attend our Parish Wills and Estate Planning Seminar on Monday, May 11th at 9:00am or Monday, May 18th at 6:30pm. A volunteer estate-planning attorney from the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Foundation will present the May 11th program in the church's gathering area, while the May 18th program will be in the school. People of all ages and estates of all sizes will benefit from this presentation. Please see Anita at the Parish Office for a sign up sheet that contains more information.

RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations Jim Smdel of Mentor, our winner of the **Week #30 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Mia Rivera was the seller.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS



OUR LADY OF LOURDES SHRINE GIFT SHOP: has a wide variety of beautiful First Communion and Confirmation items at very affordable prices as well as gift items for all occasions. The shop is open seven days a week, from 10:00am-4:30pm all year round, at 21281 Chardon Rd., 216-481-0900.



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT SAINT JOHN CATHEDRAL: Couples who were married in 1959 are invited to celebrate their wedding jubilee with Bishop Richard Lennon on Sunday, July 26th, at 2:30pm at the Cathedral in Cleveland. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

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CAN YOU VOLUNTEER TO SAVE A BABY'S LIFE?: Birthright, a Pro-Life Pregnancy Service, is in urgent need of volunteers. Please consider volunteering at the Birthright office located at 960 East 185th Street, Cleveland. Volunteer hours are 10:00am to 1:00pm or 1:00pm to 4:00pm. For additional information and to arrange for your training, please call Fran Zeglen at the Birthright office on Monday or Wednesday at 216-486-2800.

DONATE THAT OLD CAR TO THE SVDP: Donate your used car, van, or pickup truck to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Diocese of Cleveland, and avoid the hassles and headaches of trading it in or selling it yourself. Your vehicle will be sold and the proceeds used by the St. Vincent de Paul Society in their charitable programs that assist the needy and suffering throughout the Diocese. You may also be eligible for an income tax deduction. For more information call 216-696-6525, ext. 3150, or 1-800-869-6525, ext. 3150; check out our website at www.svdpcle.org.

"SHARE THE VISION, SHAPE THE FUTURE"

Capital Campaign Monthly Update	
Building Fund Balance	
Total Cost Church Remodel:	\$1,724,205.67
Cash Total:	<u>\$1,690,198.59</u>
Difference:	\$ 34,007.08
Please make your check payable to the St. Felicitas Building Fund for any future contributions.	
Thank you for your prayers and generosity!	

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.



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COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$9,111.50
Weekly Collection Goal.....	<u>\$12,080.00</u>
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(2,968.50)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$435,367.59
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	<u>\$519,440.00</u>
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(84,072.41)
Maintenance Fund for April.....	\$5,043.00

Office of Catechetical Services (Newman Campus)
Collection-May 10th

**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 MAY 4TH

MONDAY-MAY 4th

7:00pm PTU Meeting(S)
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study(S)

TUESDAY-MAY 5th

2:30-4:00pm Girl Scout Mtg(MR1)
 5:30-6:45pm Children's Choir Practice(C)
 7:00pm St. Anthony Novena(C)
 7:00pm Liturgy Meeting(MR1)
 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

WEDNESDAY-MAY 6th

6:30-8:00pm Learning Fair(S)
 7:30pm Adult Choir Practice(C)

THURSDAY-MAY 7th

6:45pm Bingo-Team #2(G)

FRIDAY-MAY 8th

SATURDAY-MAY 9th

7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S)
 9:15am-12:30pm PSR(S)
 6:45pm Bingo Team A

SUNDAY-MAY 10th-*Mother's Day*

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



WEEK OF MAY 11TH

MONDAY-MAY 11th

9:00am Wills & Estate Seminar(C)
 7:00pm Spring Band Concert(S)
 7:30pm PSR Teachers Meeting(S)
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study(S)

TUESDAY-MAY 12th

5:30-6:45pm Children's Choir Practice(C)
 7:00pm St. Anthony Novena(C)
 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)
 7:30pm School Development Meeting(S)

WEDNESDAY-MAY 13th

7:30pm Adult Choir Practice(C)

THURSDAY-MAY 14th

6:45pm Bingo-Team #3(G)
 7:30pm Spiritual Development Mtg(MR1)

FRIDAY-MAY 15th

1:00pm May Crowning(C)

SATURDAY-MAY 16th

6:00pm Night at the Races(G)

SUNDAY-MAY 17th

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

