

FROM OUR LITURGY COMMISSION

Liturgy Commission

SEEING RED: The color red has great liturgical significance, over and beyond being the Holy Father's color of choice in footwear. Red is the color of blood, and so it is used to celebrate the shedding of Christ's Blood on Good Friday. By extension, it is used to celebrate the martyrs, those who shed their blood to bear witness to Christ. We saw red for this purpose on Saturday to commemorate the apostles and martyrs Sts. Philip and James. Red is also the color of fire and so is associated with love, as when we speak of "hearts on fire" or the "fire of your love" or "burning love."

All these meanings come together in a few weeks on the Feast of Pentecost. This feast is celebrated seven weeks after Easter and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the birth of the Church. Prior to our Lord's Passion and the shedding of his Blood out of Love for his people, Jesus promised his disciples that they would not be left orphaned. He would rise and ascend into heaven to prepare a place for us, but he would send his Spirit to be our Advocate and Comforter. For nine days after Christ's Ascension (that is a novena), Mary and the Apostles were together in prayer. On the tenth day, there came from the sky the sound of a mighty rushing wind as the Holy Spirit descended upon them as tongues of Fire. Filled with this Spirit, the Apostles went out and began to preach the Good News.

There are many interesting traditions associated with the Feast of Pentecost. In Italy, rose petals, representing the tongues of fire, used to be dropped from the ceiling of the church. In France, trumpets were blown to recall the mighty rushing wind. In other places, doves, a traditional symbol of the Holy Spirit, were released. At St. Felicitas, we will be adorning the church for this feast by using the color red. We should be aware of the significance of this, for the Blood Christ shed is the measure of his Love for us.

As Catholics, we believe that the Holy Spirit builds, animates, and sanctifies this Church whose beginning is traced to the Feast of Pentecost. As our clustering teams go about the business of preparing the local Church for the future, we pray for the Spirit's guidance and take comfort in knowing that we have not been left orphans, that the Spirit does abide with us in our efforts to proclaim and establish God's Kingdom. This year, the Feast of Pentecost falls on the same day as Mother's Day, an appropriate coincidence because the Church is also our mother. If you find yourself wondering what to wear to Mass this Sunday, we recommend something red.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
 Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a,
 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5;
 Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104;
 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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



ELEMENTARY PSR CLOSING MASS AND SOCIAL will be held on Saturday, May 10th! Students should report to their homerooms at 9:15 am. Mass will be in the church at 11:00 am.

Parents and family members are invited to attend. Our sixth graders will receive certificates as they move on to Junior High next year. Following the Mass we will have a social in the School Hall. The program will conclude at 12:15! All students should be picked up at that time! Thanks for all your support throughout the year. Special thanks goes out to our dedicated staff of teachers and volunteers.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION CLASS! We send our congratulations and best wishes to the forty-seven children who

receive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. Special thanks go out to their teachers for their hard work and to the parents who have walked this year of preparation with them. May the wonder of these children receiving Communion for the first time remind all of us of what a gift the Eucharist is to each of us!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: We would like to begin having Eucharist Adoration each first Friday of the month from immediately after the 8:15am Mass until the 7:00pm Mass. If you are able and interested in praying for an hour during those days, please call Frank Buda at 216-486-3267.



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.



Baptism workshop for expecting parents will be held **on TUESDAY, May 13th** in the School from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. If you are expecting during the next five or six months, please call the Parish Office 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.



ST. ANTHONY NOVENA will continue each Tuesday until June 10th. The Novena is held in conjunction with the 7:00 pm Mass.

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.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



Delores Anderson, Millie Branisel, Tony Brodnick, Rosemary Conrad, Wilbur Davis, Krum Dimitrov, Charlotte Farinacci, Andrew Jarm, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Christopher, Norma & William Sedar, Milton Taisey, Ken Wisniewski, and Catherine Yert

Please notify the rectory 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. May 7.....Davisson
Grande Pointe-Sun. May 11.....Legion of Mary

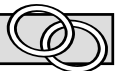
COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. May 11....."A" Team
Counters for Mon. May 12....."E" Team

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Easter Weekday Minka Kmetich Dec'd members of Popovich family	May 5
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Easter Weekday Helen Campolieti Mary & Joseph Stanish	May 6
WEDNESDAY 8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Easter Weekday Andrew & Retta Nagy Helen Campolieti	May 7
THURSDAY 8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Easter Weekday Martin & Mary Lally Gordon Skurzak	May 8
FRIDAY 8:15 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Easter Weekday Francis Holaus Joseph Shell	May 9
SATURDAY 8:15 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Easter Weekday Agnes Caper Frank & Ann Koshak (<i>Fr. John</i>)	May 10
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pentecost Anthony & Ann Modic (<i>Fr. Sal</i>) Andreana Somich & Tessa Bluntzer (<i>Fr. Mehok</i>) Mary Radachy & Ann Urankar (<i>Fr. Sal</i>) Katherine Fiorello (<i>Fr. John</i>)	May 11

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



I. Frank Buda & Joan Boellner
I. Ryan Whitely(Holy Cross) & Shauna Kollar

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —MAY 10-11, 2008

MASS	HOSPITALITY	COMMENTATOR	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	T. Zallnick R. Lamm	J. Borkey	M. Freas	D. Abreo / M. Zoul / C. Barni J. Barni / J. Borkey / T. Brokamp M. Malta / J. Melvin	J. Melvin R. Melvin
Sun. 8:00am	K. Stih C. Fornal	L. Calderwood	D. McAndrew	M. Cinalli / P. Reilly / R. Smith T. Wetzel / F. Zalar / L. Cooke R. Eppich / M. Muehle	S. Rosace K. Gaser
Sun. 9:45am	J. Cavanaugh G. Kasulones	E. Perme	A. Krutko	S. Hovanscek / R. Apanasewicz R. O'Donnell / L. Yama / D. Doering S. Davisson / T. Davisson / M. Cox	S. Rutti T. deHaas
Sun. 11:45am	G. Slogar S. Sowa	M. McNeeley	J. Bretz	J. Konchan / A. Molnar / E. Perko- Drake /D. Thomas-Greaves / L. Grosel A. Stokes / J. Vajda / J. Radachy	W. Thomas- Greaves M. Wetzel
Sun. 7:00pm	K. Capek T. Capek	W. Knox	J. Linsky	S. Calderone / J. Linsky / J. Reilly R. Tepley / M. Chinchar / C. Cinkole L. Colo / M. Luboski	J. Kern Z. Martin

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR OF ST. PETER CLAVER IN NEW ORLEANS: It is always good news when mail comes to us from people who have had the opportunity to see our community and our city and know people are still in need of help. Such is the case of the wonderful church community of St. Felicitas. We continue to move forward and share the support that comes our way. The blessings continue to come to St. Peter Claver Church from caring people so we can continue our mission and our journey of renewal for those affected by the hurricanes of 2005. We are in receipt of the check in the amount of \$1,856.10, the various gift cards, and Christmas cards from the school. Please extend our thanks to the many people who made this gift possible. Thank you for your continued support. I want you to know you and your families are in our prayers. With gratitude, Rev. Michael P. Jacques

RETIREMENT STRATEGIES FOR LIVING A LONG LIFE. WHAT'S YOUR PLAN TO DEAL WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS? St. Felicitas parishioner Stan Davisson will present an informative seminar designed to educate about options for providing for long term health care to deal with chronic illness. The objective will be to clarify options and dispel myths about what you can count on from the government. Ample time will be available for questions. This seminar will help you to plan for care as you live a long life. Monday, May 12th at 7:30 pm.

CRAFT SHOW AT ST. FELICITAS: A holiday craft show is being planned as a fundraiser for St. Felicitas. If you are interested in renting a table, organizing the event, providing food service, or otherwise participating, please contact Char Knox at 216-481-1807 or e-mail at crazylikeknoxes@roadrunner.com. We are having an introductory meeting on Wed., May 14, at 7:00 pm, in the meeting room in the gathering area in the church. Hope to see you there.

MANNA REMINDER: We will be selling Manna after all Masses this weekend, and the weekend of May 17 & 18th. Thank you for your support!

ADOPT-A-GARDEN-PLOT: Ever wish you could plant your favorite perennials near the Shrine? Or add annuals to the gardens around the Church? 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? Please contact Ellen Perme at 216-404-0685. There will be a short meeting Thursday May 8th at 7:30pm.

YOUTH CORNER

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.

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

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

GOLF-A-THON: Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cleveland's annual Golf-a-Thon is Monday, June 2nd at Legend Lake Golf Course in Chardon. It is a great day of fun and fellowship in support of IHN. To reserve your spot, contact Mark Rabkin, 440-247-6422 or merabkin@althans.com.

VATICAN SPLENDORS FROM ST. PETER'S BASILICA, the VATICAN MUSEUMS and THE SWISS GUARD: On May 31st this exhibit will make one of three exclusive U.S. stops in Cleveland at the Western Reserve Historical Society. The exhibit contains approximately 200 objects from the Vatican. The exhibit is presented in settings as a lesson for us all to better understand our history and faith. Spaces are limited, but our parish will have a special opportunity to reserve admission, with a discount, before the general public. You can purchase tickets online at ticketmaster.com or by calling 1-888-5vatican. Enter or mention discount code: parish.

INVITATION TO 1ST COMMUNICANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES: to join in a Corpus Christi celebration of Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Lennon, on Sat., May 24th at 4:30pm. The children will participate in a procession with Bishop Lennon.

“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	\$1,545,955.57
No. of Pledges	545
Average Pledge	\$2,838.13

Thank you for your generosity!

COLLECTIONS

Envelopes & Loose Change Apr. 27th....	\$10,105.00
Children’s Envelopes.....	\$37.00
Total Donations Received.....	\$10,142.00
Total Needed to cover Parish Weekly	
Operating Expenses.....	\$15,737.00
Excess/(Deficit).....	<u>(\$5,595.00)</u>

Collection same time period last year	\$9,990.00
Increase/(Decrease) over last year.....	\$152.00
Maintenance for April.....	\$3,735.00

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

RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Richard & Mary Schulz of Euclid, our winners of **Week 30th PTU Weekly Raffle**. Richard & Mary Schulz were also the seller winners.

- C-Church
- S-School
- MR1-Meeting Room #1
- MR2-Meeting Room #2
- P-Parish Office



LOOKING AHEAD

WEEK OF MAY 5TH:

MONDAY-MAY 5th
 7:00pm(S) PTU Meeting
 7:30pm(S) Fr. Mehok’s Scripture Study
 7:30pm(P) PSR Faculty Meeting

TUESDAY-MAY 6th
 7:00pm(C) St. Anthony Novena
 7:30pm(MR1) Legion of Mary
 7:30pm(MR2)Liturgy Commission Meeting

WEDNESDAY-MAY 7th

THURSDAY-MAY 8th
 6:45pm(S) Bingo-Team #1
 7:30pm(MR1) Spiritual Development Mtg
 7:30pm(MR2) Adopt-a-Garden Meeting

FRIDAY-MAY 9th

SATURDAY-MAY 10th
 7:00-8:30am(MR1) Men’s Prayer Group
 9:15am(S) PSR Grade1-6
 6:45pm(S) Bingo Team A

SUNDAY-MAY 11th-Pentecost
Mother’s Day
 9:45am(C) Children’s Liturgy of the Word
 7:00pm(C) Youth Mass

WEEK OF MAY 12TH:

MONDAY-MAY 12th
 7:30pm(S) Fr. Mehok’s Scripture Study
 7:30pm(S) Long-term Care Seminar

TUESDAY-MAY 13th
 7:00-9:00pm(S) Baptismal Workshop
 7:00pm(C) St. Anthony Novena
 7:30pm(MR1) Legion of Mary
 7:30pm(S) School Development Meeting

WEDNESDAY-MAY 14th
 7:00pm(S) SFS-Spring Band Concert
 7:00pm(MR1) Craft Show Meeting

THURSDAY-MAY 15th
 6:45pm(S) Bingo-Team #2
 7:30pm(MR1) Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY-MAY 16th
 1:00pm(C) SFS-May Crowning

SATURDAY-MAY 17th
 9:00am-12:00pm(S)Clothing Swap & Shop

SUNDAY-MAY 18th
 9:45am(C) Children’s Liturgy of the Word
 8:30am-1:00pm(S) Bloodmobile