



FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Just Say No!

Good advice! I started back to school 2 weeks ago and I have determined that I have become a “Yes” man. Now those who know me have come to realize that I rarely go along with something without questioning it. The “Yes” man comes when I am asked to do something that will probably help others, I usually say Yes. So what’s wrong with that?

I believe the Holy Spirit is constantly calling us to discern mission in life and how we can make the world a better place through service to others. With this in mind, if we continue to say yes to everything, we won’t have any time left when something comes along where we are called to use our spiritual gifts.

Here’s what Paul had to say about the distribution and usage of the gifts of the Spirit:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

First and foremost, God wants us to have time to spend with him in prayer, praise and petition. During this time, he can guide our decisions to say “Yes” or “No”. Another rule for myself is that I try not to say “Yes” without discussing the decision with Carole, my wife, and considering how the decision effects my children. I’m not perfect. I still say “Yes” too much.

On a practical note, as many of you know, the sacramental programs are changing. Eucharist will remain in second grade but confirmation will move to 9th grade. Because in the past, we have confirmed eleventh graders, this year’s program will include students in grades 9, 10 and 11. You guessed it. I said “Yes” to help but I ask you to pray about whether you can help as well. Maybe he wants you to say “Yes”.

No guilt trip! No begging! God wants us to say “No” so we can say “Yes”. What are some things in your life that you need to say “No” to so you can say “Yes” to God?

.....Tom deHaas



Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mk 6:17-29
 Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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.

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



Roman Dowhan, Charlotte Farinacci, Mary Grieshammer, Stefanie Hainrihar, George Halgash, Andrew Jarm, Cindy Kinley, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Mary Jo Mellody, Dorothy Pinto, Robert Popovic, Sr., Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Norma Sedar, Tony Stepec, 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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Interested in finding out how to become Catholic? Know someone who is?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a formation process for those interested in becoming a Catholic Christian. Starting in September we will meet on Sunday mornings to explore the beliefs of Catholicism and provide opportunities for you to experience the love and mercy of God and the joy of being a part of a Catholic Community of faith. If you or someone you know would like to experience what it means to be Catholic or if you have questions, you may contact Barb Pallo at St. Paul 216-531-0900 or Lisa Radey at St. Felicitas 216-289-0770.

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE!

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

PSR/CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION: PSR registrations have been mailed. If you did not receive one, there will be extra registration forms in the kiosk. Please note, the sacrament of Confirmation will now be celebrated in 9th grade. Therefore, any students 9th grade and above who have not been confirmed can be prepared to receive this Sacrament in March. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Radey, at the Parish Office at 216-289-0770 or Barb Pallo at St. Paul, at 216-531-0900.

IS GOD CALLING YOU...to share your faith with the young people of our parish family? A PSR Teachers is needed for grade 5. Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm weekly. Catechists are also needed in our Confirmation program. Gatherings for Confirmation formation will be held on Tuesday evenings. Our young people deserve the best we have to offer which is our time to share the beauty of our Catholic faith. If you feel God calling you, please call Lisa Radey at the Parish Office, at 216-289-0770.





MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 p.m.	Bartholomew, apostle Philomena Divincenzo	Aug. 24
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m.	Weekday Helen Campolieti	Aug. 25
WEDNESDAY	No Mass	Aug. 26
THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	Monica William Lah	Aug. 27
FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.	Augustine, bishop & doctor Thomas Dinardo	Aug. 28
SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.	Martyrdom of John the Baptist Bob Rossoll	Aug. 29
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Andy & Helen Yakubik Nicholas Kekic Vincent Metalonis	Aug. 30

NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE:
All liturgical Ministers need to pick up the new schedule that goes from September through November. Schedules can be found on the kiosk in the gathering area. Please carefully read the attached letter which will give you important information on diocesan Eucharistic Minister training and mandatory gatherings for all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers who plan on continuing in their ministry at our new parish.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Aug. 26.....Musarra
Grande Pointe-Sun. Aug. 30.....Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. Aug. 30.....“B” Team
Counters for Mon. Aug. 31.....“E” Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE — AUG. 29-30, 2009

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	CANTOR
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Sal	M.L. Bertsch R. Lamm	M. Monger	J. Monger	D. Abreo, J. Borkey, J. Borkey, M. Freas, M. Monger	R. Melvin J. Monger	B. Loeser
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Sal	C. Hainrihar	N. Anzlovar	T. Hlabse	J. Kirchmeir, T. Wetzel, K. Wetzel	J. Gricar J. Organiscak	T. Pakiz
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Mehok	D. Apanasewicz A. Dean	M. Melfi	D. Wagner	T. Bernardo, T. Melfi, J. Miozzi, V. Wagner, M. Wagner	M. Abate C. Chambers	All Music Ministry
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Mehok	D. Thomas-Greaves L. Williams	T. Gorenssek	S. Thomas-Greaves	J. Berquist, J. Bretz, A. Molnar, K. Musarra, J. Schmidt	L. Bogart M. Thomas-Greaves	A. Vento

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

New Parish Logo Contest

All registered parishioners of St. Paul and St. Felicitas are invited to be a part of a contest to create a logo for our new parish, St. John of the Cross. This logo will be used on our website, our stationery, and all correspondence from the parish. If you are interested, please forward your design to Fr. Sal by **Monday, September 21, 2009**. Members of St. Paul and St. Felicitas will be involved in the judging. The winner of the contest will receive a \$100 prize.

SAVE THE DATE: The Ladies Reverse Raffle will be held on Friday, October 16, 2009 at the Villa di Borally. Details to follow in the coming weeks.

ST. FELICITAS PRESCHOOL: is offering a eight week program for you and your two/three year old non-preschooler. Registration begins Wednesday, Sept. 9th. Please call the Preschool at 216-732-9116 for further details.

BOCCE BANQUET: Attention all Bocce Players. St. Felicitas Bocce Banquet will be Sunday, Sept. 13th from 1:00pm-7:00pm. Save the date!



SCHOOL SHOPPING?: Please stop in at the Parish Office and purchase Manna cards to use on your school supply purchases and other miscellaneous shopping. We have Arby's, Bob Evans, CVS, Dave's, Dick's, Giant Eagle, Heinen's, Macy's, Marathon, Shell, Speedway and Wendy's. If there's a specific card you would like, please contact Teri Kern at 216-731-8153.

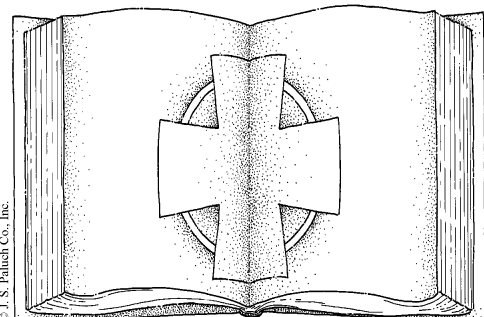
YOU CAN CHANGE A LIFE: Donate blood here at St. Felicitas on Sunday, Aug. 30th 8:30am-1:30pm.



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.

ELDERLY PARISHIONERS NEED RIDES: Some of our elderly parishioners here at St. Felicitas are in need of rides to church on Sundays. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Parish Office at 216-289-0770.

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THE WORDS OF
ETERNAL
LIFE



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NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS



COMMISSION ON CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ACTION: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched a new website stating the Catholic position on health care reform. It can be accessed at www.usccb.org/healthcare. This website provides detailed information of Catholic Social Teaching on this timely issue.

CARE FOR THE CAREGIVER: Are you caring for a loved one and beginning to feel burned out? Are you helping to care for a friend and finding yourself overwhelmed by stress? A workshop for caregivers to learn how to better care for themselves while caring for their loved ones is being offered by the Office for Women in Church & Society and the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry. *Care for the Caregiver: Stress Reduction for Family and Friends* will be held on Thursday, Aug. 27th, from 7:00-9:00pm at St. Monica Church, 13623 Rockside Rd. Garfield Hts. Please call Leanne Mahovlic at 216-696-6525, ext. 3070 or Jason Lewis at 216-334-2974 or e-mail jrlewis@clevelandcatholiccharities.org for registration information.

THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME invite you to the 47th Annual Barbecue/Boutique on Sunday, September 20 & 27 from Noon to 5:00 P.M. Enjoy barbecued chicken or ribs, apple pie, beverages. Select sisters' handmade items in the Boutique. Tickets available at the door: \$9/chicken, \$12/ribs. Held at Notre Dame Educational Center, 13000 Auburn Rd., Chardon, OH-south of Mayfield Road (Rt. 322). Rain or shine, handicapped accessible. Take-out dinners also available.

YAFF Lenten Series: Young Adult Faith Formation invites ALL married and single Catholics in their 20's & 30's to deepen their faith and build friendships within the Catholic Church this Fall! Just a 7-week commitment, YAFF gives you a chance to discover God in the everyday with a community of young adults. The Fall Series begins the week of October 12th at St. Noel, Willoughby Hills; St. Charles Borromeo, Parma; and St. Barnabas, Northfield. Meetings are held one evening a week and all sites offer an optional dinner. Advanced registration is required. For more information, contact Margaret Vogel, Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office, (216) 334-1261 ext. 28; mjvogel@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

HOLY CROSS 85th ANNIVERSARY 5K RACE & 1 MILE RUN/WALK will be Saturday, September 19th at 9:00am. Proceeds benefit the Outreach Ministries of Holy Cross Parish. The course begins at the corner of E. 200th and Lakeshore Blvd. Race route is flat and through residential area. Entry fee is \$15. Preregistration for adults and \$20. day of race, \$10. Preregistration for children(14 & under)and \$12. day of race, and a family rate(4 or more) \$12. Preregistration only. If you have any questions, please contact Hermes Sports & Events at 216-623-9933, or www.hermescleveland.com.

CLAMBAKE: The Sisters of the Most Holy Trinity will host a clambake on Saturday, September 19th, serving 6:30-8:00pm, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, 21281 Chardon Rd. By reservation only, contact Sr. Rochelle at 216-481-8232 by Sept. 13th. \$30.00 per person; \$55. per couple, includes 12 clams or 10oz. strip steak, baked 1/4 chicken, baked sweet potato, clam chowder, pasta, rolls and butter, clam broth and corn on the cob. Proceeds to benefit the upkeep of the Shrine.

“WHAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHES ABOUT THE ISSUE OF IMMIGRATION” will be Fr. Joseph Callahan's topic on Wednesday, Sept. 9th from 12:00-2:00pm, at a luncheon at St. Noel's Parish Hall, 35200 Chardon Rd. The luncheon is sponsored by Breadth of Life and tickets are \$17.00. For reservations call Judy Schmidt at 216-732-7408 by Sept. 2nd.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$8,257.00
Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$12,080.00
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(3,823.00)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$60,583.02
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	\$84,560.00
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(23,976.98)

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



St. Felicitas Church September, 2009

C-Church P-Parish Office
 S-School G-Gym
 MR1-Meeting Room #1
 MR2-Meeting Room #2
 MR3-Meeting Room #3

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	2 7:00pm(MR1) Oktoberfest Mtg	3 6:45pm Bingo Team #3(G)	4 1:30pm SFS Dismissal	5
6	7 SFS-No School	8 7:00pm Back to School Night 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	9 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice(C)	10 6:45pm Bingo Team #4(G)	11	12 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S) 6:45pm Bingo Team A(G)
13 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)	14 7:00pm PSR Meeting(S) 7:00pm Finance Meeting (MR1) 7:00pm PTU Meeting(S) 7:30pm School Development Mtg(S)	15 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	16 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice(C) 7:00pm Boosters Mtg(S)	17 6:45pm Bingo Team #1(G) 7:30pm Spiritual Development Mtg (MR1)	18	19 8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up(G)
20 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)	21 7:00pm Baptism Class	22 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	23 1:30pm SFS Dismissal 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice(C)	24 SFS-No School 6:45pm Bingo Team #2(G)	25	26 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S) 6:45pm Bingo Team B(G)
27 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)	28 6:30-7:30pm PSR-1st Class	29 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)	30 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice(C)			