



FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

It is hard to believe this, but as a faith community we end our Christmas season this weekend. Sometimes it feels that Christmas falls between September (when the stores begin decorating) or mid November (when some radio stations begin to play continuous Christmas music) and Christmas day (when some put their trees out on the lawn.) Regardless of the dates, it hopefully was a blessed Advent and Christmas, and that 2009 will bring peace in your hearts and in our world. This week, January 12-16, our eighth graders will be completing their high school applications. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers as they make this important decision regarding their continuing education. We have already received notification that St. Felicitas School students have received high school scholarships based upon their elementary school grades and their high school entrance tests. We are proud of all of our students, and know that they are getting a quality Catholic education at St. Felicitas. The end of January brings Catholic Schools Week. There are many exciting activities planned for the week, including a school Open House on Sunday January 25. Watch the bulletin in the upcoming weeks for complete details. Monday January 5 was the feast of St. John Neumann. Born in Bohemia in 1811, John dedicated himself to the American missions and became a Redemptorist. Under his leadership in a short eight years between 1852 and his death in 1860 many parish schools in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Maryland were begun. His devotion to Catholic education led to the formation of Neumann Campus Ministries in many universities.

Father, you called John Neumann to labor for the gospel among the people of the world.

His ministry strengthened many others in the Christian faith.

Through his prayers may faith grow strong in this land.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

In Prayer and Catholic education.

.....Mrs. Linda Revay-Principal



Readings for the Week

- Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40;
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
Jn 1:35-42

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, Pat Conway, Krum Dimitrov, Charlotte Farinacci, Cindy Gates, George Halgash, Packy Hyland Sr., Andrew Jarm, Cindy Kinley, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Robert Popvic, Sr., Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Norma Sedar, and Milton Taisey

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

FR. MEHOK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY: Will resume on Monday, January 12th at 7:30pm in the School. Topic: "The Book of Job".

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations

(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 55:1-11*.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Isaiah 12:2-6*.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit; he went about doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or
1 John 5:1-9.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

He will baptize
with the
Holy Spirit



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THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY	Weekday	Jan. 12
8:15 a.m.	Bob Rossoll	
7:00 p.m.	For Our Parish Family	
TUESDAY	Weekday	Jan. 13
8:15 a.m.	Bill Brown	
7:00 p.m.	Jean Stark	
WEDNESDAY	Weekday	Jan. 14
8:15 a.m.	All Souls	
7:00 p.m.	Katherine Fiorello	
THURSDAY	Weekday	Jan. 15
8:15 a.m.	Joseph & Daniel Danolfo	
7:00 p.m.	Intentions of All Parishioners	
FRIDAY	Weekday	Jan. 16
8:15 a.m.	Bill Brown	
7:00 p.m.	Donna Blanchard	
SATURDAY	Weekday	Jan. 17
8:15 a.m.	John Stempihar	
5:00 p.m.	Louis Arko	
SUNDAY	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jan. 18
8:00 a.m.	Joseph & Mary Radachy	
10:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Wagner	
12:00 p.m.	Helen Bretz	



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Jan. 14.....Musarra
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Jan. 18.....Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Mon. Jan. 19..... "D " Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —JAN. 17-18, 2009

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. John	A. Molle	D. Abreo	P. Mayer	J. Melvin, J. Monger, M. Monger, M. Monger, B. Pophal	A. Isabella C. Malta
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Mehok	C. Fornal R. Tepley	C. Hainrihar	T. Wetzel	F. Buda, J. Kmetich, J. Radachy, J. Reilly, P. Reilly	K. Gaser Z. Martin
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. John	A. Linek J. Pesek	L. Cooke	E. Edelman	T. Bernardo, E. Dulaney, J. Miozzi, D. Hocevar, M. VanGorder	D. Brogdon T. deHaas
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Sal	D. Thomas- Greaves	K. Musarra	S. Thomas- Greaves	J. Bretz, J. Bretz, M. Dodd, J. Konchan, A. Molnar	T. Capek M. Thomas- Greaves

NEWS "ON THE HILL"

**ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:**

Sunday, January 25th marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. All St. Felicitas parishioners, school families and friends are invited to an Open House on Sunday, Jan. 25th in our school from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Come meet the teachers, see the wonderful work of our students, and enjoy some refreshments. This year the national theme is "Community Service". As part of our celebration, we are inviting any parishioner interested in playing board games, cards, chess or just enjoy some refreshments with some of the St. Felicitas Students after the 8:15am Mass on Thursday, January 29th until 10:30am. To reserve your spot, call the school office at 261-1240 by Monday, January 26th. Come and celebrate our school community with us and witness the "**Light of faith, learning and loving that shines on the hill.**"



SPAGHETTI DINNER: Save the date, Saturday, Feb. 21st from 6-9:00pm for a delicious spaghetti, meatballs, Italian sausage, salad, rolls and dessert. Advance tickets only, adults; \$9.00 and children (under 12); \$5.00. Tickets in advance only! No door sales.

BENEFIT DINNER DANCE FOR JOHN ROSACE:

Dr. John Rosace, a Pediatric Doctor, and a parishioner here at St. Felicitas has been seriously ill for most of 2008. He is the father of nine children ages 2 through 18. To show our support of him and his family, the staff of University Premier Pediatricians are having a Benefit Dinner Dance, Raffle and Auction for them on January 31, 2009 from 6-11:00pm at the Patrician Party Center, 33150 Lakeland Blvd. in Eastlake. The cost of the ticket is \$40 per person. You could also help by donating products to be auctioned or a monetary donation. Tickets are available in the Parish Office.

ST. FELICITAS FAMILY CARNIVAL: Saturday, Jan. 31st, 6:00-9:00pm in the School Gym. Games, food and awesome prizes! More information to come.

RAFFLE**MONTHLY TRIPLE PLAY**

50/50 RAFFLE: The February envelopes were passed out last week. If you need another or did not get yours, they're available during business hours at the Parish Office or in the kiosk. Next week we will have all the details for our 1st drawing of January 11th!
GOOD SELLING!

GIVING TREE: Dear Saint Felicitas Parishioners, Once again your generosity shines through. Since 1985 you have been contributing to the Giving Tree and outdoing yourselves each year. Thank you ever so much. This year gifts and gift cards went to parishioners, Birthright, Rose Mary Center and group homes, Saint Aloysius Hunger Center on Saint Clair Ave, the Prison Ministry, the Legion of Mary for nursing homes and the Thea Bowman Community Center of Epiphany Church in the Mount Pleasant area of Cleveland. The Thea Bowman Center was added at the last moment as there were so many wonderful gift cards. You put smiles on many faces and helped to provide warmth for the coming year. Please continue to keep them all in your prayers.

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. Matthew. 25:40

MUSIC MINISTRY: "*Singing is praying. When one sings one prays twice*"—*Saint Augustine*. If you are interested in joining St. Felicitas Music Ministry, please call Matthew Fodor at the Parish Office. Current members, please check the St. Felicitas' website, and go to the ministries link, for Music Ministry. Music Groups Schedules for 2008-2009 Liturgical Year are posted.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Practice will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 5:30pm. We are always welcoming new members. If you have any questions, please call Matthew Fodor; Music Director, at the Parish Office.

RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Justine Vogrin of Willoughby Hills, our winner of the **Week #14 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Justine Vogrin was also the seller winner. **Congratulations** to the Smith Family of Euclid, winners of the **January Monthly Ten Ticket Raffle**.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

ST. PAUL'S PROGRAM OF SCRIPTURE, PRAYER AND SONG: Throughout this Jubilee of St. Paul, St. Paul's Parish in Euclid has offered pilgrims wishing to honor the saint the opportunity to make a pilgrimage of prayer by visiting their church. Pilgrim visitors can make a circuit of the church and contemplate readings from St. Paul posted on the walls of the church. As the oldest parish in the Diocese of Cleveland dedicated solely to St. Paul, on Sunday, Jan. 25th St. Paul's Parish will offer a Program of Scripture, Prayer and Song to offer pilgrims a special occasion on which they can pray and sing as a congregation. The program begins at 1:30pm and will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

2008 CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE: Christmas and New Year's mark the end of the calendar year; it also means that we are quickly approaching the conclusion of this year's Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. We are pleased to announce that as of November 30th, we have surpassed our \$10 million goal and have 10,000 more donors than last year! With this in mind, we are supplying all parishes with an end of the year bulletin insert providing information on each parish's progression towards their individual 2008 Annual Appeal Goal. Look for this insert in today's bulletin. Thank you for your support in 2008.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$11,006.00
Weekly Collection Goal.....	\$12,080.00
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(1,074.00)
Fiscal YTD Collection.....	\$11,006.00
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	\$12,080.00
YTD Excess (Deficit).....	\$(1,074.00)

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

St. Felicitas Matching Gift Program Update

Our Matching Gift Program has expired. With the blessing of an anonymous donor and our parish family's prayers and generosity, we have eliminated a major portion of our church renovation debt. With the help of your prayers, support, and our Matching Gift donor, this program generated \$125,070.86 since launching in September of this year. Many thanks to our anonymous donor and our entire St. Felicitas Family!!!! We will continue to publish our Building Fund balance in our weekly bulletin as part of our ongoing effort to eliminate this debt. While our Matching Gift Program has ended, contributions can still be made to our fund by dropping an envelope in our weekly collection, through the mail or by stopping by the Parish Office. Please be sure to make your check out to "The St. Felicitas Building Fund". Once again, thanks to all of you whose prayers and financial support have helped us tremendously over these past few months and over the course of our Share the Vision, Shape our Future campaign. May God continue to bless our St. Felicitas Family as we work together to face all of our challenges in 2009!
-Your St. Felicitas Capital Campaign Committee

"SHARE THE VISION, SHAPE THE FUTURE"

**Capital Campaign Update
Building Fund Balance**

Total Cost Church Remodel:	\$1,724,205.67
Cash Total:	\$1,686,083.73
Difference:	\$ 38,121.94

Please make your check payable to the St. Felicitas Building Fund for any future contributions.
Thank you for your prayers and generosity!

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Dear Father:
I need a statement for tax purposes of my 2008 church contributions.

Name: _____

Check either option:
 I will pick up statement at the Parish Office by January 31st
 Please mail statement to—

Address: _____

Please return this request to the collection basket or Parish Office by Jan. 25th.

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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 JANUARY 12TH

MONDAY-JANUARY 12th

7:30pm PSR Teachers Meeting(S)
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study(S)

TUESDAY-JANUARY 13th

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

WEDNESDAY-JANUARY 14th

5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C)
 7:30-9:00pm Confirmation Formation
 (MR1-3)
 7:30pm CMG Practice(C)

THURSDAY-JANUARY 15th

6:45pm Bingo Team #3(G)
 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting(MR1)

FRIDAY-JANUARY 16th

SATURDAY-JANUARY 17th

9:15am-12:30pm PSR Grades 1-8(S)

SUNDAY-JANUARY 18th

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

WEEK OF JANUARY 19TH

MONDAY-JANUARY 19th

SFS-No School
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study(S)

TUESDAY-JANUARY 20th

2:30-4:00pm Girl Scout Meeting(MR1)
 5:30-6:45pm Children's Choir Practice(C)
 7:30pm School Dev. Meeting(S)
 7:30pm Legion of Mary(MR2)
 7:30pm CMG Practice(C)

WEDNESDAY-JANUARY 21st

5:30pm Traditional Choir Practice(C)
 7:00pm Boosters Meeting(S)
 7:30pm CMG Practice(C)

THURSDAY-JANUARY 22nd

6:45pm Bingo-Team #4(G)

FRIDAY-JANUARY 23rd

SATURDAY-JANUARY 24th

8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up(G)
 6:45pm Bingo Team B

SUNDAY-JANUARY 25th

Catholic Schools Week Begins

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)
 11:00am-1:00pm Open House at
 St. Felicitas School



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The Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2009

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

— Isaiah 55:1