



FROM OUR FINANCE COUNCIL

What a difference a year can make for all of us...

Last November, our parish was in a state of instability. We knew we would be merging but we did not yet know with whom, and if our church and property would be part of the plan. Our most recent financial statements showed some of the worst numbers in our parish history, indicating that many changes would be required. Many long time parishioners were deeply concerned about the future, and they wondered how we could suddenly find ourselves in such financial disarray. After so many proud years, they wondered how there could be so many more questions than answers. Fr. Sal was our administrator, but after enjoying 30 years under our previous leadership, most of us weren't sure of him yet and indications were that he probably would not be appointed as the new parish's pastor anyway.

One year later, the future has been revealed to us. We know with whom and when we are merging, where we will be, who will be leading us, what saint will be our patron, and most of how it all will happen. Certainly there are some remaining questions on specific details, but the major answers have been provided. And our financial situation has totally turned around – as you can see in newly released financial reports. All of this has only happened because of major sacrifices by many in our parish, through hundreds and hundreds of hours of volunteer committee and staff meetings, and due to careful planning along with tough but necessary decisions by the man appointed to make them, Fr. Sal.

The Finance Council has been one of many groups at work through this period, and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parishioners for your support – financially, physically and spiritually. We want to also thank our volunteer committee members and our loyal church and school staff. We especially want to thank Fr. Sal for his patience, courage, prayerful wisdom and for the respect and love that he has shown to the people and traditions of our proud parish.

As we now wind down the final days of St. Felicitas Parish, every parishioner can feel good about how we launch the exciting new era of St. John of the Cross Parish. But as we do, we must admit that all of these changes could not have occurred in this short period of time without God's many blessings. In fact, there can be no doubt that we are following His Plan.

What a difference God makes for all of us...



Readings for the Week

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

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, Charlotte Farinacci, Stefanie Hainrihar, George Halgash, Andrew Jarm, Cindy Kinley, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Dorothy Pinto, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Norma Sedar, Tony Stepec, Milton Taisey, Richard Warman, Catherine Yert, and Jackie Zupan

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.

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH
WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Beginning December 6th, 2009
SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

On Monday, November 2nd at the 7:00pm Mass we will remember our loved ones who have died during this past year in a very special way. If you have lost someone significant in your life during this past year please consider attending this Mass.

WE LONG TO SEE GOD'S FACE

"Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." This antiphon for today's responsorial psalm offers the focus for today's readings. As we on earth celebrate the triumph of all the saints—the ones officially canonized by the Church, and the countless others who have also reached heaven—we add nothing to their glory. But we give ourselves reason to hope. We, too, long to see the face of God and believe that we can one day be counted among those whose robes, as John tells us in the book of Revelation, are washed "white in the blood of the Lamb."

The passage from John's first letter offers further assurance: we are God's children who will one day see God. But today's Gospel pulls us past longing and reassurance into action. Jesus clearly tells us what we must do to be counted among the saints. We must be poor in spirit, hungry for holiness, merciful, single-hearted, and peacemakers! Then we, too, will see the face of God.

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ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE

My Day Begins

When we allow our memories and our imagination to clutter up our hearts there is little or no room left for God.

Until we learn how to forget and put aside the demands of our passions and learn how to discipline our memory and our imagination, our hearts are destined to be always in turmoil, our souls never at peace.

But when we learn how to forget, there is nothing running loose in our lives that can disturb us, nothing to agitate our passions, nothing to confuse our hearts.

After all, our hearts are not attracted to what they don't see.

Think about how your memories affect you. Some produce fear and apprehension, irritation or mere annoyance.

Others summon up joy or rekindle desire. None of them leaves our hearts untouched, our souls unmoved.

All of them cloud our vision of the God to whom we wish to ascend.





MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 p.m.	All Souls Alojz Hribar	Nov. 2
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m.	Weekday Helen Campolieti	Nov. 3
WEDNESDAY	No Mass	Nov. 4
THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	Weekday Joseph W. Lang	Nov. 5
FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.	Weekday William Zidar	Nov. 6
SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.	Weekday Karl Druzina	Nov. 7
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	32th Sunday in Ordinary Time Fr. Bober Felix Slemc Michael Reilly	Nov. 8



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Nov. 4.....
Thomas-Greaves
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Nov. 8.....Legion of Mary

COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. Nov. 8....."B" Team
 Counters for Mon. Nov. 9....."E" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —NOV. 7-8, 2009						
MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Sal	C. Knox S. Lonchar	W. Nalepka	K. Sullivan	T. Brokamp, L. Colo, M. Malta, J. Melvin, M. Monger	S. Rutti A. Schmitt
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Sal	J. Buda	J. Kirchmeir	M. Muehle	F. Buda, R. Eppich, A. Gaser, T. Wetzel, K. Gamber	A. Gricar C. Gricar
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Mehok	M. Singer V. Whitmore	T. Bluntzer	A. Dean	A. Busch, M. Corbo, S. Davisson, J. Dreyer, S. Dreyer	R. Corbo C. Dreyer
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Sal	K. McMahon S. Thomas-Greaves	T. Gorenssek	J. Schmidt	E. Dulaney, J. Martin, J. Radachy, A. Stokes, J. Vajda	J. Dulaney Z. Martin

GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

ANOTHER GREAT "COVERUP"-THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL BLANKET SUNDAY

The Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Blanket Sunday collection totaled \$1,152.00 in cash donations. Many needy families and individuals will receive warm blankets, essential bedding and other items for the winter months through our Ozanam Centers, Catholic Charities agencies and parish groups in our own metropolitan areas. A sincere thank to all our parishioners who assisted through their donations and prayers.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AS EASY AS 1-2-3:

St. Felicitas Manna program will be offering manna cards for purchase during the holiday season. Look for your order form in the bulletin the weekend of Nov. 14-15. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser. Completed order forms need to be returned to the parish office no later than Sunday, Dec. 6th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the first church directory for St. John of the Cross. Help support the new church by volunteering to be a greeter on nights of photography, or a caller to call fellow church members for their appointments. To volunteer, please call the parish office at 216-289-0770.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER will be Saturday, December 5th. Adult tickets will be \$12.00 and Children \$7.00. Only 250 tickets will be sold. The menu will be Italian wedding soup, salad, rolls, breaded pork chop (6-7oz), scalloped potatoes, vegetable and apple strudel. Children's menu will be breaded chicken strips in lieu of the pork chop. If you can get or donate anything for the raffle, that would be great. Donation request letters are at St. Felicitas Parish Office or after Masses, if you know of any local businesses that could donate a raffle prize. Raffle ticket prices will be 6 tickets for \$5.00. We expect to have LOTS of prizes for the raffle. Don't forget to buy your TV raffle tickets too!

SAVE THE DATE: Night at the Races is set for Saturday, April 17, 2010.

MARKET DAY: Dessert bonus days are back, just in time for Thanksgiving. Choose from ten pies and cheesecakes or four new individual indulgences. Each dessert earns extra profit for St. Felicitas. Orders are due by Tues. Nov. 10th. Pick up is Saturday, Nov. 14th. No orders will be held.

CATHOLIC RADIO RETURNS TO CLEVELAND – AM 1060

Catholic Radio has returned to Cleveland! *Living Bread Radio AM 1060* out of Canton has now expanded its coverage in Northeast Ohio to include the Cleveland area and beyond. Living Bread Radio is a daytime station, which rises and sets with the sun. AM 1060 WILB is a non-profit, listener-supported radio station that receives much of its programming from **EWTN Global Catholic Radio**. For more information about Living Bread Radio AM 1060 WILB, please call 330-966-2903 or go www.livingbreadradio.com.

DVD CELEBRATING THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF ST. FELICITAS:

Order your personal copy of the DVD presentation shown at the Prayer Service this past Tuesday. This DVD is a wonderful memoir of the many fruitful years of our parish, and the hope for the future. The DVD was produced by our Music Director Matthew Fodor, and is beautifully narrated with original orchestrations and piano. Each DVD is \$7.00. All Orders are due by November 2, 2009 and the orders will be available for pick-up the weekend of the closing Mass, November 21-22nd.

RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Leigh-Ann Halcik of Euclid, our winner of the **Week #4 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Ryan Halcik of Euclid was the seller.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$7,491.50
Children's Collection.....	\$16.50

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

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

BORROMEO SEMINARY "NOVEMBERFEST" ANNUAL ITALIAN DINNER will be Saturday, Nov. 14th from 5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Ave. Donation: adults \$9.00 and children, ages 6-12 \$4.00, children under 6 are free. Proceeds to benefit our college seminarians.

ANNUAL RICHMOND HEIGHTS CRAFT SHOW will be Saturday, Nov. 7th from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at the Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge, 27285 Highland Rd. Fifty-one creative crafters will display and sell handmade crafts, providing quality workmanship and offering great holiday ideas. There is no admission charge for entry into the Craft Show. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 216-383-6313.

DIOCESAN SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE

The Catholic Bishops of Ohio have reviewed three state wide, non partisan, issues that will be before the electorate on November 3, 2009. Issue 1 is a proposed Constitutional Amendment that would authorize the state to issue bonds to compensate veterans of the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq Conflicts. The Catholic Bishops of Ohio are "not opposed" to the passage of Issue 1. Issue 2 is a proposed Constitutional Amendment that would create the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board. The Bishops support passage of Issue 2. Issue 3 is a proposed Constitutional Amendment that would allow one casino in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo. The Bishops are opposed to Issue 3. In arriving at their decisions, the Bishops of Ohio cite relevant Catholic Social Teaching and suggest several questions for reflection by voters in making prudential judgments on these issues. Parishioners can find detailed background on all three issues at <http://www.ohiocathconf.org/l/elections/ELECTION%202009.htm>

The Diocesan Social Action Office encourages everyone to exercise their civic responsibility and to vote on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. To receive regular e-mail updates on key state and national legislation that are the priorities of our Church, contact axcoplan@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

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St. Felicitas Church—November, 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)</p>	<p>2 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR 7:00pm All Souls Mass (C) 7:30pm (S) Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study</p>	<p>3 7:00-9:00pm (S) Confirmation Formation 7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)</p>	<p>4 3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir Practice(C) 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts(MR3) 7:00pm Adult Music Group(C)</p>	<p>5 6:45-9:00pm Marriage Course (MR3) 6:45pm Bingo Team #4(G)</p>	<p>6 6-9:00pm(G) Fall Sports Banquet</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)</p>	<p>9 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR 7:30pm (S) Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study</p>	<p>10 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2) 7:00pm Lector Training (C)</p>	<p>11 3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir Practice(C) 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)</p>	<p>12 6:45-9:00pm Marriage Course (MR3) 6:45pm Bingo Team #1(G)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up (G) 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S) 11:00am(C) Lector Training 6:45pm Bingo Team A(G)</p>
<p>15 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)</p>	<p>16 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR 7:30pm (S) Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study 7:30pm Finance Meeting (MR1)</p>	<p>17 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2) 7:00-9:00pm (S) Confirmation Formation</p>	<p>18 3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir Practice(C) 6:00-7:30pm Girl Scout(MR3) 7:00pm Adult Music Group(C) 7:00pm (S) Boosters Mtg</p>	<p>19 6:45pm Bingo Team #2(G)</p>	<p>20 7:00pm SFS Junior High Dance (G)</p>	<p>21 5:00pm Mass</p>
<p>22 8:00am Mass 10:00am and 12:00pm Masses are canceled 3:00pm Closing Mass for St. Felicitas Reception afterwards in the gym</p>	<p>23 No Mass 7:30pm (S) Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study</p>	<p>24 No Mass 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)</p>	<p>25 No Mass 3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir Practice(C) 7:00pm Adult Music Group(C)</p>	<p>26  Thanksgiving No Mass 9:00am Mass at St. Paul</p>	<p>27 No Mass</p>	<p>28 No Mass 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group(S) 6:45pm Bingo Team B(G)</p>
<p>29 8:00am and 12:00pm Masses canceled 10:00am Opening Mass for St. John of the Cross Reception afterwards in the gym</p>	<p>30 6:30-7:30pm(S) PSR 7:30pm (S) Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 0 auto; width: 80%;"> <p>PARISH DIRECTORY</p> <p>During the entire month of November Photos will be taken for our new parish directory at the following times: Monday—Thursday 3:00-8:00pm Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 60%; text-align: left;"> <p>C-Church P-Parish Office S-School G-Gym MR1-Meeting Room #1 MR2-Meeting Room #2 MR3-Meeting Room #3</p> </div>				