

FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

What is Real?

What is Real? From The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams

“What is real?” asked the Rabbit one day when they were lying side by side near the nursery fender before Nana came in to tidy up the room. “Does it mean having things that buzz inside you or a stick out handle?”

“Real isn’t how you are made,” said the Skin Horse. “It’s a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, then you become real.”

“Does it hurt?” asked the Rabbit.

“Sometimes,” said the Skin Horse for he was always truthful. “When you are real, you don’t mind being hurt.”

“Does it happen all at once, like being wound up,” he asked, “or bit by bit?”

“It doesn’t happen all at once,” said the Skin Horse. “You become. It takes a long time. That’s why it doesn’t often happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are real, most of your hair has been loved off and your eyes drop off, and you get loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don’t really matter at all because once you are real, you can’t be ugly, except to people who don’t understand.”

I came to St. Felicitas as a third grader in 1966. That was over 43 years ago. I have come to a time when it is time to say goodbye. Not only to St Felicitas but to our parish as a Deacon. I have asked to be assigned closer to our home in Perry, Ohio (my mom still thinks it’s Perry, Pennsylvania). I have been assigned as Deacon at St. Mary Church in Painesville.

So what do I say after 43 years? You have been real to me and I have tried to be real to you. As I reflect on the passage from the Velveteen Rabbit, some parts really fit for me. My hair has been loved off, my eyesight has dropped off, I am loose in the joints, and yes, I have become somewhat shabby. But my kindergarteners at school remind me every day, “When a child loves you, you become real!” Thank you for loving me! You have been real to me. I hope and pray I have been the same. You will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Love in Christ.....Tom deHaas



Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14,
18; Mk 13:24-32

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

WOMEN'S GROUP: The next Women's Group will be meeting on Wednesday November 11th at 7:00 p.m. in meeting room #3 at the church. Join us for an evening of fellowship and faith sharing while forming new friendships. Our December meeting will be December 9th at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

The core vocation in the Gospel of Mark is the vocation, or call, to discipleship. Today's Gospel passage provides us with one last example of what the vocation to discipleship means, and one example of what it doesn't mean. A destitute widow shows us that discipleship means following Jesus' way of service, even if it requires giving one's livelihood (or life). The scribes show us by their bad example that discipleship should entail a vocation to extend God's care to those who are most in need.

In our reading from the book of Kings another widow and her son are close to death. They, too, give what little they have, but they are rewarded by Elijah with food enough for a year. And the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus sacrificed his life "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Hebrews 9:28).

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**CLOSING MASS
WEEKEND SCHEDULES:**

Nov. 21 Sat. 5:00pm Mass
Nov. 22 Sun. 8:00am Mass
10:00am & 12:00pm Canceled
Nov. 22 Sun. 3:00pm Closing Mass for
St. Felicitas-Bishop Lennon presiding
Reception to follow in the gym

**OPENING MASS
WEEKEND SCHEDULES:**

Nov. 28 Sat. 5:00pm Mass-Canceled
Nov. 29 Sun. 8:00am & 10:00am-Canceled
Nov. 29 Sun. 10:00am Opening Mass for
St. John of the Cross
Bishop Lennon presiding
Reception to follow in the gym



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Nov. 9
 7:00 p.m. Joseph Osborne

TUESDAY Leo the Great, pope & dr. Nov. 10
 8:15 a.m. Thomas deHaas Sr.

WEDNESDAY No Mass Nov. 11

THURSDAY Josaphat, bishop & martyr Nov. 12
 7:00 p.m. Helen Suhy

FRIDAY Frances Xavier Cabrini Nov. 13
 8:15 a.m. William Perko Sr.

SATURDAY Weekday Nov. 14
 5:00 p.m. Koscak Family

SUNDAY 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Nov. 15
 8:00 a.m. Marge & Joe Kaurich
 10:00 a.m. Helen Kramer
 12:00 p.m. John & Ana Iskra & Family

REMINDER FOR LECTORS: All lectors who wish to continue in ministry at St. John of the Cross need to attend a lector training either on November 10th at 7pm OR November 14th at 11:00am. Both gatherings will be held in the church. Thank you.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Nov. 11....VanGorder
 Grande Pointe-Sun. Nov. 15.....Audrey & William

COUNTERS

Counters for Sun. Nov. 15....."C" Team
 Counters for Mon. Nov. 16....."F" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —NOV. 14-15, 2009						
MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 5:00pm	Fr. Sal	A. Barteld R. Lamm	D. Abreo	M. Freas	J. Barteld, T. Burrello, J. Solpa, D. Carosello, M. Zoul	N. Cavotta M. Kingu
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Sal	R. Tepley	N. Anzlovar	L. Miller	S. Calderone, C. Preto, F. Zalar, K. Wetzel, T. Ogrinc	Z. Martin
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Sal	A. Linek J. Pesek	G. Haritonovich	R. Somich	P. Gallagher, M. Haritonovich, D. Hocevar, D. Szafranski, L. Yama	C. Chamber A. Hocevar
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Mehok	R. Manning A. Molnar	K. Musarra	S. Thomas-Greaves	J. Bretz, R. Jezeski, S. Kelley, J. Konchan, D. Thomas-Greaves	N. Isabella M. Thomas-Greaves


GOOD NEWS "ON THE HILL"

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 week-end 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 parish pictorial directory for St. John of the Cross. Help support the new parish 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.

CLEANING HELP NEEDED: In the anticipation of our opening Mass for St. John of the Cross, we will be cleaning the church Tuesday, Nov. 24th at 10:00am. Please bring a bucket and some rags. If you have any questions, please call Terry Burrello at 440-460-0105. Thank you.

 **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. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. 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!

RAFFLE WINNER



Congratulations to Patricia Wokety of Richmond Heights, our winner of the **Week #5 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Patricia Wokety was also the seller.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE

*"Therefore as long as we cling to what we can understand, imagine, or even desire, especially as long as we depend on our own efforts, we will not reach a goal that transcends all that we are, all that we can achieve.
We must move
from knowing to unknowing,
From daylight to the night of faith."*



COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....	\$8,981.00
Children's Collection.....	\$11.00
Maintenance for October.....	\$5,636.00

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

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS-AFTER YOUR LOVED ONE HAS DIED: A special free program for the bereaved will be offered on Sunday, November 15th from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at the De-John-Flynn-Mylott of Willoughby Hills, 28890 Char-don Rd. For more information or to make reservations please call 440-516-5555.

CRAFT FAIR AT LAKE CATHOLIC: Come do your Holiday shopping at the Lake Catholic High School Music Boosters 26th Annual Craft Fair on Sat., November 14th 9am -3pm, 6733 Reynolds Rd. (Rt. 306 & Bellflower), Mentor, Oh. Door Prizes, 50/50, Bake Sale, and our famous cheesy potatoes! Admission is \$2 (ages 12 & over). For more info call 440-951-0077 x330 (table rentals are still available).

HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL: In the bulletin today, you'll find a special flier from the US Bishops Conference asking you to please contact your Representative and Senators immediately and urge them to fix these bills with pro-life amendments. The bulletin insert includes a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button. The bishops have asked for our swift action and the commitment of our prayers for this critical effort. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them.

Prayer – Health Care Leaders

Almighty and Eternal God, help us this day to direct our attention and concern to the poor, needy and sick in our local communities. Let us hear their hopes and their struggles. Help us to respond in an effort to restore their faith and their belief in their human dignity. May we find within ourselves the conviction to always put the powerless foremost in our minds and hearts. Let us so live that all who know us may know that you are a God who cares, when they experience our care and concern. Let us draw strength from each other as we share our talents for the good of the people we serve in all of our facilities- - We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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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 NOVEMBER 9TH

MONDAY-NOVEMBER 9th
 6:30-7:30pm PSR (S)
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)

TUESDAY-NOVEMBER 10th
 7:00pm Lector Training (C)
 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR3)

WEDNESDAY-NOVEMBER 11th
 3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir Practice (C)
 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)
 7:00pm Women's Group (MR3)

THURSDAY-NOVEMBER 12th
 6:45-9:00pm Marriage Course (MR3)
 6:45pm Bingo-Team #1(G)

FRIDAY-NOVEMBER 13th

SATURDAY-NOVEMBER 14th
 7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group (S)
 8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up (G)
 11:00am Lector Training (C)
 6:45pm Bingo Team A (G)

SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 15th
 10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16TH

MONDAY-NOVEMBER 16th
 6:30-7:30pm PSR (S)
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)
 7:30pm Finance Meeting (MR3)

TUESDAY-NOVEMBER 17th
 7:00-9:00pm Confirmation Formation (S)
 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR3)

WEDNESDAY-NOVEMBER 18th
 3:00-4:00pm Children's Choir Practice (C)
 6:00-7:30pm Girl Scout Meeting (MR3)
 7:00pm Adult Music Group Practice (C)
 7:00pm Boosters Meeting (S)

THURSDAY-NOVEMBER 19th
 6:45pm Bingo-Team #2(G)
 7:30pm Usher Training (C & MR3)

FRIDAY-NOVEMBER 20th
 7:00pm Junior High Dance (G)

SATURDAY-NOVEMBER 21st
 5:00pm Mass

SUNDAY-NOVEMBER 22nd
 8:00am Mass
 10:00am and 12:00noon Masses are Canceled
3:00pm Closing Mass for St. Felicitas
Reception afterwards in the gym