



# St. Felicitas Catholic Church

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November 6, 2011 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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*THANK YOU, BOB!*

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## Mass Schedule:

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am  
 12:15(Spanish) 4:30pm(Vietnamese)  
 Saturday 8:15am, 4:30pm (Vigil)  
 Daily (Mon-Fri) 7:00am, 8:15am  
 Holy Days 7:00am, 8:15am, 7:00pm  
 1st Friday Exposition 12:30 - 4:45pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:15 to 4:00pm or by appointment

## Baptism

4th Sunday of every month 2:00pm  
Contact Parish Office for information.

## Marriage

Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to the wedding

## Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8:45am-4:30 pm Fri 8:30am - 12:30pm

## Parish School

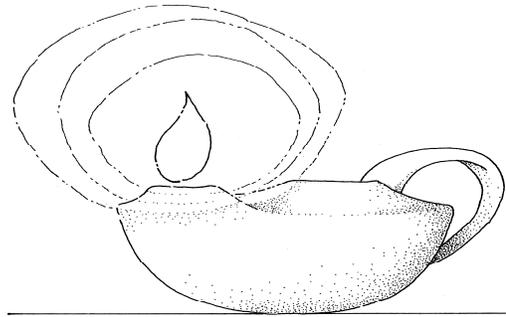
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
November 6, 2011

*Stay awake, for you know neither  
the day nor the hour.*

— Matthew 25:13

**The bridegroom is here!  
Come out to meet him.**



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### Bob Smyth (1924- 2011)

A legend has passed. A parishioner who was serving Saint Felicitas for over 50 years has gone home to God. We are saddened and we miss him; but we are happy that we knew him. I met Bob Smyth in 2008. As a newcomer to Saint Felicitas, it took me time to get to know Bob. Eventually we became close friends and practically every morning we met and discussed about works pertaining to the parish. Bob became my mentor regarding facilities and maintenance and advised me on the care of the Church property. Every contract and work done at the parish was under his supervision. I would like to list a few of the projects that Bob supervised at Saint Felicitas during the last four years alone:

- Replaced the water pump and pipes
- Remodeled parts of the parish offices, updated computer systems and phones
- Painting of the Church, Rectory and parish offices
- Fixed the roof of the Church and the children's restrooms in the school
- Repaired the parking lots
- Remodeled the gym (floor, windows and painting the outside)
- Helped with refinishing the school patio
- Advent wreath (motorizing), energy efficient lights in the Church
- Replaced equipments – ovens, freezers, etc.
- And the list keeps growing!

Bob was a very humble, hard working and dedicated person. He never looked for recognition or fanfare. He was at the Church premises almost every day taking care of one thing or another. Although he knew things better than I do, he always consulted and informed me before doing any work! One day Bob turned to me and said, "You know father, you and I should have met 20 years ago."

It was Bob's great desire to have his great grandson – Bryson Smyth – baptized. We baptized the baby on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 2011. Bob passed away peacefully at his home the next day, Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 2011 after receiving the sacraments.

He died as he lived! He was a courageous fighter, independent till the last days of his life. He was bed-ridden for less than a week. He accepted his sickness as a good Christian and offered himself to God's will. His last moments were painful, yet on meeting him I always saw that broad smile on his face; he would greet me saying, "O Father, you have come." On his sick bed we discussed the works in the parish. He had a great memory almost till his last breath. Even on the day before he died, he was able to tell me exactly where a particular key was...he recalled some of the names of the contractors that I could not remember. As Clare Zipp says, "Bob Smyth was Saint Felicitas." He amazed me that he was thinking so much of the Church and the school even during his final days.

He has touched the lives of everyone here at the Church through his selfless service and dedication. He did not accept any payments for his services, so we know that his reward will be great in heaven. We pray for the repose of his soul. We extend our prayers and support to his family.

In gratitude for what Bob Smyth has been for the Church, we are dedicating a window in Msgr. McGinty Hall in his honor and memory. Bob had great respect for the late Msgr. McGinty. So it is fitting that Bob finds a place in the McGinty Hall.

*Father Augustine*

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY

## IN ORDINARY TIME

November 6, 2011

Second Collection: Maintenance  
 9:00 & 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 Hospitality Sunday after the Masses

6:30 pm Confirmation Class-Youth Ministry - Gym

Events of the Week Nov. 7 thru Nov. 12			
<b>MON</b> 11/7	8:30 am 3:00 pm	School Bell Choir School Choir Practice	AE Rm AE Rm
<b>TUE</b> 11/8	8:30 am 3:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	School Bell Choir CCD Parent Faith Share Adult Confirmation Spanish Catechist Meeting Facility Meeting	AE Rm SMC SMC AE Rm SJC
<b>WED</b> 11/9	1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Golden Glow Club RCIA Spanish Prayer Group	Hall SMC AE Rm
<b>THU</b> 11/10	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Baptism Class Eucharistic Minister Meeting Spanish Teachers Meeting	SMC Church Hall
<b>FRI</b> 11/11	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	<b>VETERANS' DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> Spanish Childrens Choir Vietnamese Choir	Hall AE R,
<b>SAT</b> 11/12	3:30 pm	Confessions	Church

### COLLECTIONS

Our Weekly Need: \$11,500.00

Oct. 30, 2011

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 9,592.00</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>\$ 13.00</b>
<b>Catholic Voice</b>	<b>\$ 1,409.00</b>

### STEWARDSHIP

*Our Stewardship last week, in the amount of \$479.60 went to Christmas Cheer Project in Peru.*

*This week's Stewardship will go to the Vietnamese Missions.*

### Eucharistic Minister Meeting

All Eucharistic Ministers are required to attend the Eucharistic Minister Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Church. This meeting is part of the Ministers' spiritual formation, as well as an opportunity to review your ministry as ministers of the Holy Eucharist.

If you have any questions or concern, please call Sr. Magdalena Duong at 347-1287 or Debi Parker at 483-4865.

Thank you for your dedicated and wonderful service at the table of the Lord. May God bless you and your family with God's abundant love and grace.

In Christ,  
Debi Parker & Sr. Magdalena

### 2011 Thanksgiving Food Drive

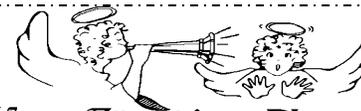
The St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) conference request food donations from our parish family.

The conference will hold a Thanksgiving parish wide food drive to assist the families in our community. Donation boxes will be available at the church the weekend of **November 12-13, 2011**.

We are seeking specific food items for Thanksgiving: pumpkin, potatoes, stuffing, instant potatoes, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, assorted canned vegetables, jello, pudding, cake mix and frosting, cornbread muffin mix, rice, chicken broth, flour, sugar, salt, fresh yellow onions, crackers.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Dimas Resendez, President  
St. Felicitas SVdP Conference



Your Attention Please  
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The priests will be away from **Tuesday, November 14 to Thursday, November 17th** for a spiritual retreat, so there will be **NO** 7a.m Mass on those days.

For those who had an intention on one of those days, we will notify you and offer another date for your Mass.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL

On Monday, we celebrated Halloween at our school. Everyone had great costumes. I was especially impressed by how many home-made costumes we had. We clearly have some very creative parents and students. The students went trick or treating around the school and then had early dismissal to prepare for their Halloween Night.

We also celebrated All Saints Day with a student parade around the campus comprised of 1st, 3rd and 4th graders. They marched all around singing "When the Saints Go Marching In" and ended at the St. Felicitas Statue for a picture.

On All Souls' Day we had Mass to celebrate our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. In addition, a few parents were gracious enough to make a beautiful "Dia de los Muertos" altar for all of our pictures of loved ones. It is a wonderful tribute and you should come check it out if you can!

Meghan Jorgensen  
Principal

The "Special Evening with Marie Lawson Fiala" has been postponed to a later date.

Watch the Bulletin for further information and time when the Evening will be held.

If you have any other questions, contact Sandi—483-4880.

The New Altar Server Schedules are available in the vestibule or can be picked up at the Church Office during the week if you have not already received the copy through the e-mail.

Opportunity may knock once,  
But temptation bangs on the front  
door forever.1

*Pray for The Sick & Homebound:*

Peggy Miller, Danel and Raymond Bautista, Josie Herrera, Evelyn Lake, Shirley King, Julie Chin, Oscar Bickerton, Jose Julian Garcia, Jewel Sharma, Bailey Gendreau, Jim Lachemeyer, John Vargas, Barbara Houston, Jack Bollinger, John Cooke, Cesar DeLeon, David Silva Jr, Audris Woo, Amanda Jean, Theresa & Mario Pellini, Roseta Laguana, Elaine Desa, Gerard Poyatos, Dolores Smith, Lisa Bigman, Barbara Holt, Jesus Montoya, Lisa Dmoski, Elston, Alejandra Reyes, Rhodera Posa, Joseph Andrade, Viola Litvinchuk, Mae Zeffaro, Hortense Prado, Juanita & Robin Lagatao, Larry, Aguon, Angel Echallas, Josefa Gaerlan, Elizabeth LeFargo, Mia Lara,  
**PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED.....**  
Bob Smyth,

***Mass Intentions Oct. 30 thru Nov. 6***

Sun. 11/6	7:30 am	Ping Jackson
	9:00 am	Joe Riccio †
	10:30 am	St. Felicitas Parishioners
	12:15 pm	Juanita Jimenez †
Mon .11/7	7:00 am	Felicidad S. Javier †
	8:15 am	Robert Duenas
Tue. 11/8	7:00 am	Ryland Suarez (Birthday)
	8:15 am	All Souls †
Wed.11/9	7:00 am	Piping Pagdangana (Birthday)
	8:15 am	Earl Granahan †
Thurs 11/10	7:00 am	Augustine Mary Trie Nguyen†
	8:15 am	Felix Panglinan †
Fri. 11/11	7:00 am	John Heasley †
	8:15 am	All Souls
Sat..11/12	8:15 am	Maria Gumataotao †
	4:30 pm	St. Felicitas Parishioners
Sun. 11/13	7:30 am	Mark Maki †
	9:00 am	Gergario Arenas †
	10:30 am	Lucy Valenzuela †
	12:15 pm	Maria del Refugio Maldonad†

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6  
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Lk 17:7-10  
 Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46;  
 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
 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: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;  
 Ps 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6;  
 Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

# INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?



All children of the parish in Grades 5 through 8 are invited to join the Altar Server Ministry. Participating in this ministry is an excellent opportunity for the children to learn more about our faith and why we as Catholics do the things we do. To serve God and others at the Lord's Table is truly a wonderful gift.

Being an altar server requires that your child serve about 1 to 3 times a month. Occasionally, we ask your child to serve at 7:30 AM Sunday Mass. They will need to arrive at church 15-20 minutes early to help get the Church ready for mass. They will need to attend a few training sessions, which you will be notified of well in advance. They will need to make every effort to serve the Mass they are schedule for, or get a replacement. We also ask that the parent/guardian serve as "altar parent" once every couple of months and to make 16 reminder phone calls for one weekend a year. This role will be explained at the Altar Server Parent Meeting.

If your child would like to become an Altar Server, please come to the parish office to learn more about it and also to fill out a form. Thank you.

God bless,  
Katie Cronin, Susan Dionisio, and Sr. Cecilia.

## Reconciliations: Advent 2011

### Faith Formation

Tuesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – 3:45 pm  
Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 Pm

### School

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 to 12:00 (1:00 pm to 2:30 pm for those who cannot attend the parish reconciliation)

### Parish Reconciliation

Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> : 7:00 pm

## THANK YOU!

From Alzheimer's Disease Research:

Dear Fr. Joseph:

On behalf of the Board of Directors & the entire staff of the American Health Assistance Foundation (AHAF) I would like to personally thank the parishioners of St. Felicitas Parish for their support of Alzheimer's Disease Research. We truly appreciate that a portion of the money raised from the Sunday Collection was dedicated to our organization.

ADR is devoted to funding important groundbreaking research into the nature, causes & possible cures for this debilitating disease. Since 1986, ADR has funded more than \$74 million to support Alzheimer's research & has made significant progress in the understanding & treatment of this puzzling disease. With your help & the support of others, we know we can eventually defeat this cruel & dreadful disease.

Very truly yours,  
Barbara S. Spitzer  
Gift Planning Officer

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From Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

Dear Fr. Joseph,

Thank you for your contribution of \$561.57 to the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Your continued prayers & generosity enable the Sisters to further the mission of St. Katharine Drexel "fostering unity & community" while serving in educational, spiritual, & social service ministries throughout the United States and Haiti.

Your selfless giving & personal sacrifice truly exemplify the legacy of St. Katharine Drexel. May God reward you & your family with abundant blessings & peace.

What a wonderful parish St. Felicitas must be! We would love to have you visit if you are ever here in the Northeast. You certainly add to our feeling of thanksgiving.

Sister Patricia Suchalski, SBS  
President



When putting in your Sunday offering, if it is in a plain envelope, please put your NAME AND ADDRESS

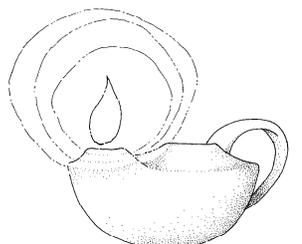
so that we can determine to whom we apply the credit. Thank You.

## La Eucaristía es nuestro banquete



La Eucaristía es una celebración de hermanos y hermanas a la que se acude a participar, no a ver. Vamos a ella a comer y a beber algo muy especial, con una actitud muy especial. La celebración plena y total de este sacramento se da solamente cuando se participa plena y totalmente en este banquete. No es como quien va a una fiesta de cumpleaños y, al invitarle a pasar a la mesa dice: “Yo sólo vine a ver, muchas gracias”. Pero la Eucaristía no es algo mágico, es divina, no mágica; no obra en nosotros a menos que participemos en ella como se espera que lo hagamos. Vamos a ella no a manifestar lo que no somos, sino a reafirmar lo que somos, hijos e hijas de Dios, por eso es banquete gozoso. Vamos a dar gracias por lo que Dios ha hecho en nosotros, por lo que queremos que haga. Vamos a sentarnos a la mesa para compartir de un mismo pan y celebrar la misma alegría: que Cristo se hace pan para que todos comamos; que se hace vino para que todos bebamos. Coman y beban. —Miguel Arias. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

¡ El novio está aquí!  
Salgan a recibirlo



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### ESPERAR LO INESPERADO

Si alguna vez se te pasó por la mente que a Jesús le faltaba un poco del sentido del humor, el Evangelio de hoy destierra esa noción. La parábola de Jesús sobre las cinco jóvenes precavidas y las cinco jóvenes descuidadas es sumamente chistosa. Las circunstancias de la parábola sin duda resultaban familiares a los que escuchaban a Jesús, como lo son para nosotros. Las bodas nunca, *nunca* comienzan a la hora. Siempre hay un retraso. Botones que se caen al último minuto. Flores que se marchitan. Vehículos llenos de invitados atascados en el tráfico. Solistas que contraen laringitis. ¡Novias, novios o sacerdotes que llegan tarde! Así que la única manera razonable de encarar una boda es con buen sentido del humor, conscientes de que algo va a salir mal, y, cuando eso suceda, sonreír.

Jesús cuenta esta historia chistosa para alentarnos a que seamos vigilantes, sí; a estar preparados, sí. Pero no nos la cuenta para que nos amarguemos y nos ensombrecamos. Los apesadumbrados tiemblan, titubean, pierden de vista su lugar y propósito, y se quedan dormidos. Los festivos saben que sucederá lo inesperado —más que seguro— así que están despiertos en su puesto y listos para cumplir su propósito en el acto. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

### ORACION DE SAN PATRICIO



**Cristo, acompáñame, Cristo conmigo;  
Cristo detrás de mí; Cristo en mí;  
Cristo ante mí; Cristo a mi lado;  
Cristo a mi derecha; Cristo a mi izquierda;  
Cristo cuando me acuesto;  
Cristo cuando me siento;  
Cristo cuando me levanto;  
Cristo en el corazón de quien me recuerda;**

**Cristo en los labios de quien habla de mí;  
Cristo en cada ojo que me ve;  
Cristo en cada oído que me escucha.  
La salvación es del Señor.  
La salvación es del S E Ñ O R.  
La salvación es de Cristo.  
Que tu salvación, oh Señor,  
este siempre con nosotros.**