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St. Leonard Faith Community

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5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2013

Welcome!

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Aline Stritch

by: Jim Stritch

Proclaimers of the Word:

Pat Cartwright and

Alberta Guise

St. Leonard Faith Community is a freely formed Catholic community sharing in the Franciscan heritage. We are committed to creating a spiritual environment where the Holy Spirit comes alive through active worship and the offering of our individual and collective gifts. Through a variety of ministries, we reach out to respond to the needs of others, with love. Our mission will be to live our Christian Faith, to grow spiritually, and to be actively involved in the community and in the St. Leonard Senior Living Community.

Worshipping with us for the first time? During the preparation of the gifts we follow the gift bearers to gather around the altar to receive Our Lord as a Community. If you would like to learn more about our Community with the possibility of becoming a member, information packets are available at the back pew.

Fellowship: Refreshments are served after the liturgy. Fellowship helps to promote a sense of community. We invite everyone to join us as we continue our celebration in friendship and love.

Donations: A collection basket is not passed during the Liturgy. However, collection baskets are available on the ledge behind the back pews/chairs for donations that will assist in the operation of the Faith Community.

Sunday Readings:

April 28, 2013

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

May 5, 2013

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

St. Leonard Faith Community: Faith Formation 9:00 AM
Sunday Mass, 10:30 AM

Senior Living Community Mass: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 AM., Saturday
4:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM. Communion Service Monday 9:00 AM



CLOW Volunteer:

April 28 - Monsita Corbett

Religious Education Closing Breakfast May 5th

Today is the last day of the 2012-2013 academic year for religious education and Children's Liturgy of the Word. The religious education closing breakfast is next Sunday, May 5th. We ask that families bring one of the following to share: casserole/main dish, cut up fruit, or muffins/pastries/coffee cake. We will provide paper products, coffee, juice, and milk. Please note: all items must be in the auditorium by 8:45AM at the latest.

PREP and CLOW Resume April 28th

Religious education classes and Children's Liturgy of the Word resume on Sunday, April 28th. This will be the last formal day of classes for the 2012-2013 academic year. The religious education closing breakfast is **Sunday, May 5th**.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

The Archdiocese has published a document for parents about protecting their children from child abuse. The link below will connect you to this resource, *How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Guide for Parents and Guardians*. The document describes healthy and unhealthy relationships, types of abuse, frequently asked questions, good safety rules and contact numbers for every county in the Archdiocese: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/safe-environment-for-children-and-youth/how-to-protect-your-children-from-child-abuse/>.

VIRTUS® Child Protection Training on May 19th

Aurelia Palcher will be holding a VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session for the Decree on Child Protection on **Sunday, May 19th at 8:30AM** in Classroom 1 at St. Leonards. All volunteers who intend to work with children at St. Leonards (especially CLOW, PREP, and VBS teachers) must attend a VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session for the Decree on Child Protection. Volunteers who have been through the previous child protection classes have until June 30, 2014 to be re-trained under the new VIRTUS® system. New volunteers who need training must attend the new VIRTUS® training. Other members of the community are also welcome to come for their own personal benefit. Please register online at <http://virtusonline.org/>. Contact Meghan Neumeier with questions.

Vacation Bible School :

June 23-27
6:00-8:30pm.

Save the Dates

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Youth Ministry - Noel Kupras-Bauer

Many thanks from the Youth Group for all the donations we've already received for our Yard Sale, but we could use more donations. The Yard Sale will be held June 7th and 8th so you still have time to gather what you no longer want or need in your home and donate it to us. Either bring your items to the office or call Larry Bauer (428 0853) for a pick up. Noel will be in Memphis for the next two weeks because of little Jude's surgery. Thanks.

Important Meeting for Senior High Teens and their Parents!!!!

TODAY, there will be two meetings **after Mass** to discuss how we can improve our program for our teens. The teens, facilitated by Noel Kupras-Bauer, will be meeting in the 6th grade classroom, and the parent meeting, facilitated by Aurelia Palcher, will meet in the Knights of Columbus Room.

It was brought to our attention that perhaps there are factors, of which we are unaware, that need to be surfaced so we can make the program more meaningful for these members of our Community. This will give the teens and their parents the opportunity to voice such factors. Hopefully, this gives you enough notice to arrange to be at the meeting, and to think about how we may be able to engage our youth in a way that will be meaningful for them at this point in their lives. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but do have some suggestions, please contact Noel Kupras---Bauer either in person, phone 937.428. 0853 or email noelkb@gmail.com.

Council Nominations Committee

The Council Nominations Committee, comprised of former chairs Therese Mileti, Bill Byrne, and Phil Taylor, inform the community of three open Council positions. These positions include two three-year appointments and one two-year appointment. The appointments commence **July 1, 2013**. Interested individuals should contact the Nominations Committee for further information.

Contact information:

Phil Taylor: [937.672.3065](tel:937.672.3065), Taylorph39@gmail.com

Therese Mileti: [513.934.5634](tel:513.934.5634), tmileti@sbcglobal.net

Bill Byrne: [937.436.1271](tel:937.436.1271), wbyrne38@gmail.com

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

A *Welcome Luncheon* is being planned for new members on **Sunday, May 19**. This is a great time for new members to meet each other and Faith Community members .

If you are currently attending St. Leonard Faith Community and would like to become a member, we would love to have you join us! Please complete a registration form located on the shelf behind the pews and place in the offering box. If you would like more information about membership please contact Ruth Hopkins at [937.435.1997](tel:937.435.1997) or the church office at [937.435.3626](tel:937.435.3626).



Again this year St. Leonard's Outreach will participate in the Food4Summer program. This is a way of providing food to children who receive breakfast and lunch during the school year. Funds collected during the Lenten Simple Suppers are used to purchase needed items which are then distributed weekly to the children. We will be working with several other Centerville churches to see that there is food available for those who need it.

In addition to purchasing the food, SLFC members will be involved in process of packing the bags. Packing and distribution of the food takes place weekly at the Centerville United Methodist Church. The food is usually packed on a Wednesday evening. Members of the Outreach Committee will have sign-up sheets after Mass on May 19 and 26 for those who would like to help with this project. We will need about seven helpers for each week we are assigned to pack the bags.



Social Justice

Postcard Campaign for Immigration Reform. The following is taken from a USCCB news release that contains information from an April 22 immigration reform press conference with Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, and Bishop John Wester of Salt Lake City. Cardinal Dolan said, "Let me commend the Senators who have introduced bi-partisan legislation in the Senate. They are showing great leadership and courage in moving this issue forward, and the bishops will work with them and other members of Congress to achieve the most humane legislation possible while also insuring the integrity of our borders. Now is the time to address this issue. We can no longer wait to reform our broken system. As we speak, thousands of people are being deported and an untold number of families are being divided. Human beings continue to die in the American desert. This suffering must end."

If you wish to support humane comprehensive immigration reform, **stop by the table at coffee and donuts today to sign postcards**. The postcards are addressed to Senators Brown and Portman and to your Congressional representative and will be hand-delivered to the Members of Congress. No postage is necessary.

Immigration Reform and the Catholic Church. Eight Senators (Republicans and Democrats) have introduced legislation to provide for comprehensive immigration reform in the U.S. Senate. What will this mean? What are the U.S. Bishops, including our own Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, saying about this issue? Why is immigration relevant to us as Catholics? You are invited to attend a special program on immigration reform on Thursday, May 9th at St. Helen Church, Riverside (contact: Mfar-gey@aol.com) or **Thursday, May 16th at St. Francis of Assisi Church**, (contact: mesinger@sfac.org), 7-8:30 PM each

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Question of the Week:

When have you seen the power of love overcome a bad situation?





Catch the Building Spirit
Catholics & Presbyterians Building Together

2013 House Build

It's that time of year again when we ask for your financial and volunteer help in support of this worthy project. This is the 21st year the Catholics and Presbyterians will be working together to provide affordable housing to a family in need.

This year's partner family:



Jose, Erica Enriquez and family

Jose and Erica Enriquez moved to Dayton in 2005 after living in California for many years. The family moved into a very small rental where all the children share limited space. One day a friend from church called Erica to tell her about the Habitat for Humanity program. Jose and Erica filled out the application and, "With much prayer and belief, things began to happen fast", says Erica.

Jose and Erica have four active children ages 5 to 17. Jose, the oldest, plays football and gets good grades; Alexis plays the Baritone in the school band, and has done so for more than nine months. Yesenia lights up the room with her winning smile as she talks about how she loves to play with her dolls and how she is such a good student in school. Daniel, the youngest, a very energetic 5 year old, devotes his time to basketball, playing with his friends, and of course, excelling in school. The family of six, after living in such a cramped space and suffering the ill effects of those crowded spaces on their family, believes their prayers are being answered. According to Erica, Habitat has been an unforeseen blessing.

Jose works as a concrete finisher and has been with the same company for the past seven years. Erica works part-time occasionally but wants to make sure her children get all the care and attention they need. Erica says that her experience working toward her sweat equity was very educational. She says, "I never knew how to hold a hammer correctly and now I have helped to frame a house. I feel so strong and smart." Now both Jose and Erica are confident that they can conduct many home repairs on their own. They are very thankful to God and Habitat for answering their prayers.



Party of the year and you are invited!
NIGHT AT THE RACES.

St. LEONARD'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 10215 will be hosting a Night at the Races Party.

Post time: Friday, May 10

Where: Undercroft.

Ticket includes: A dinner of pulled pork with all the trimmings. And a ticket in a reverse raffle for \$500.00.

Time: 6-7:00 pm.

Horseracing and betting from 7pm. till?

A portion of the proceeds help support the Elizabeth New Life Center.

See Norm Speaks or Gene Gross after Mass.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT NORM SPEAKS AT 937.902.3642.



Mother -Daughter Luncheon

Bring your daughters and granddaughters and join us on **May 18th**. The luncheon will be held at the Station House Restaurant from **12-2 PM**. There will be door prizes, entertainment, a hat contest, and a raffle to benefit the youth group. So wear your favorite hat, and if you'd like, bring a tea set to display, and a box of your favorite tea bags to share with others.

You can sign up **before and after Mass on April 28th and May 5th**, or contact **Sharon Alberts 937.438.8065**.

Thoughts on Today's Readings

In today's Gospel, we are told to love one another. We don't usually think of that command as applying to the animal kingdom, but God made animals with the same loyalties and instincts we experience. Such loyalty was demonstrated last spring when elephants seemed to grieve over the death of the man who had saved them from poachers a decade before. Conservationist Lawrence Anthony gave sanctuary to two herds of wild elephants, taking them onto his 5,000-acre game preserve. He became known as the "Elephant Whisperer." When Anthony died, elephants came from miles away to his compound on the vast Thula Thula game reserve in the South African KwaZulu, apparently to pay their respects to the man who had cared for them.



VOLUNTEER AT ST. LEONARD'S AMERICANA BOOTH

St. Leonard's Marketing Committee is in need of some enthusiastic and energetic individuals who are looking for an unique way to get involved with Centerville's annual Americana Festival.

Spend part of your Fourth of July spreading the word about St. Leonard Faith Community while helping at our booth in the children's area. The St. Leonard booth will offer a craft activity for kids and the more volunteers the better to give the youngsters a hand in completing a fun project. The event will take place on July 4, in Centerville and volunteers are needed between 9 am. and 4 pm. and to set up and take down the tent. **SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND THEN LOOK FOR SIGN-UP DATES IN MAY AND JUNE.** For more information contact Susan Tatar at: statar8333@aol.com or [937.848.2553](tel:937.848.2553).



NEWS OUTSIDE THE PEWS:

University of Dayton Football Camps

Youth Camp July 9 -12

Grades (1-4) 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

(5-8) 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Contact Landon Fox

[\(937\)-229-4588](tel:937-229-4588)

\$10 off if registered by June 7th



UPCOMING EVENTS

8200 Provincial Way Centerville, Ohio 45458
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Friday, May 3rd

5:00 PM- 8:00 PM

All You Can Eat Fish Fry Fried Haddock, French Fries, Slaw and Hushpuppies - **\$ 11.95**

Sunday, May 12th

Mother's Day Buffet - More details to come.
SAVE THE DATE!!!



Special prayers are requested :

Mike Aschenbrenner, Jude del Pozo Bauer, Pam Botkins, Paul Brunk, Ann Louise Burr, Conor Crippen, Terrie Dawson, Jen Fahey, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Kaleen Job, Annabeth Kamman, Amy Konstantelos, Jo Krymow, Fr. Tod Laverty, Kathleen Lewis, Greg Murill, Carol Nugent, Fred Pestian, Fred Pottschmidt, Christine Sabick, Veronica Sheddan, Tracy Steffen, Richard Sterban, James Stritch, Ted Vukin, Dave Williamson, Fr. Sam Zebron and Hannah.

A prayer list is published in the bulletin to inform the community of those with special needs. Persons may be placed on the prayer list by calling the office. They will remain on the list for four weeks unless the office is notified otherwise. Hospitals do not notify the office when a parishioner is admitted. Please contact the church office if you would like to make it known that a family member is in the hospital.

APRIL EVENTS:

30-Catholic Heartwork Camp registration DUE

MAY EVENTS:

5-Sunday, Religious Ed. Breakfast

10-Friday, Nite at the Races, auditorium, 6:00 pm

16-Thursday, Immigration Reform program, St. Francis

18-Saturday Mother/Daughter Luncheon 12:00am-2:00pm, Franciscan Center (details to follow)

18-Saturday, Good Shepherd Fundraising Gala, 5:30pm

19-VIRTUS® Child Protection Training, 8:30am

19-Sunday, New Member Luncheon and 10:30 am Mass

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5th Sunday of Easter

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:35

Pastoral Care Services, Sacraments and Funerals:

Requests for pastoral care services, Sacraments or any other needs should be made to the Community Office. If the office is closed and you have a pastoral care need, please call Aurelia Palcher at 937.885.7158.

Scheduling Mass Intentions: Requests for Mass intentions may be made by contacting the Community Office @937.435.3626.

Bulletin announcements:

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Bulletin information must reach our office no later than 11:00 AM on TUESDAY.

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