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9:00AM-1:00PM

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## *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### **Presiding Today:**

Fr. Larry Mick

### **August**

### **Council Announcements:**

Frank Clement

### **Proclaimers of the Word:**

Jai Rezy

Barb Cleary

### **Today's Mass is for:**

George Cruise

By: Pat Cruise

### **Today's Collection Counters:**

Jim McGee

Tom Graham

### **Mass Schedule:**

#### **St. Leonard Faith Community**

Religious Education Classes

9:00AM (September - May)

Sunday Mass 10:30AM

#### **Senior Living Community**

##### **Mass:**

Monday - Friday 9:00AM

Saturday 4:00PM

Sunday 9:00AM



St. Leonard Chapel

## **Welcome!**

August 20, 2017

### *News from the Pastoral Administrator*



#### **Reading Signs from God in our lives**

Signs take three main forms - immediate, intellectual, and communal, and these signs are part of our broader discernment of how to make important choices. Immediate signs are emotional things, or events we experience—often, this is the only thing people mean when they say “signs.” Intellectual signs arise from our own conscious reflection on what we think God is calling us to be. For example, knowing your gifts and weaknesses, and reasoning whether a particular choice is good based on its compatibility with your abilities and likes. Communal signs are what you learn while listening carefully to people who might be true guides to us: those who know us best, who we respect, who are wisdom figures.

Taken together, these signs can give us a picture of who we are and where we might go. When evaluating signs, look to see whether the sign is pushing towards a more loving direction. Since God is love, and by listening to signs we look to move into closer relationship with God, if the signs push us into isolation or away from love, then most likely the sign is not an authentic one.

It is important to take signs into consideration when making decisions, but they are not reliable guides apart from the rest of your commitments, experience, knowledge, and loves. However, an authentic awareness of signs can draw you into deeper love with God, family, neighbor and world, and can help to build an authentic identity for yourself. God talks to us in ways that respect all of who and what we are. How can you make time to listen to what God might be saying to you?

**Worshiping 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.

**Collections:** We do not pass a collection basket during the Liturgy. Collection baskets are available on the ledge behind the back pews/chairs for donations that will assist in the operation of the Faith Community.

Please make checks payable to: “St. Leonard Faith Community.”

**Weekly Collection: 8.13.17 \$3,872**

**YTD Collections: \$19,474**

**Weekly Budget: \$2,900**

**YTD Budget: \$20,300**

**2016 YTD Collections: \$16,806**

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

All are welcome

Reading I      Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (the Lord's house open to all)

Reading II      Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 (Israel's final conversion; the triumph of God's mercy)

Gospel            Matthew 15:21-28 (faith of the Canaanite woman)

Key Passage:    For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. (Isaiah 56:7)

Adult: The woman in this story was persistent in prayer. For what do you pray insistently?

Child: For what do you ask God to give you most often?

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

Today's readings could not be more timely, given the political discourse regarding refugees and all those who are different from us – whether culturally, racially, economically, religiously or in any other way. In Scripture, we hear these questions: Who are worthy to be God's people? Who are worthy to hear the good news? The answers are that Israel is open to all; and the disciples are to be open to all. All are worthy in God's sight. The message for us could not be clearer.

*Thank you!*

*"Several weeks ago at Sunday Mass, I became over-heated and did not feel well. I am grateful to my St. Leonard's family for helping me feel better that day.*

*Thank you for the prayers, concern, and love.*

*God Bless,*

*Margie Young"*

***What our members are saying about  
St. Leonard Faith Community...***

*"Four years ago, after having moved south of town, we found SLFC. We were delighted and amazed by the friendly welcome we received. SLFC continues to be the place where we feel welcomed by all. We love the exceptional liturgies that often include sacraments other than the Eucharist. This is a place where we feel at home and close to God's heart."*

Membership Directories

If you did not get your St. Leonard Faith Community membership directory, please stop by the SLFC office during regular office hours to pick one up.

***Thanks to our Evangelists!***

We recognize the community members who represented SLFC at the Baby Boomer Festival. They met with festival attendees, who were interested in SLFC and provided them with materials describing our community.

We thank Sharon Alberts, Susan Barde, Susan Coburn, Pat Cruise, Mary Beth and Dix Firestone, Lucette Fogel, Mary Ann McGuire, Pat Rooney, Rose Wurst, and David and Danielle Weickert.

We are all called to spread the Word in whatever way we can. If you would like to participate in similar efforts, please let us know.

*Mary Ellen Graham and Bill Moroney,  
Membership Ministry Chairs*

St. Leonard Faith Community welcomes  
Ryan Craig



Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ryan graduated from Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. He has a background in medical assisting, commercial and residential cleaning, and gardening. He will be returning to school for paralegal studies.

Ryan moved to Franklin, Ohio over two years ago. After a long absence from the Church, he was introduced to our faith community through his good friend and mentor, Bonnie Bengé.

Ryan feels it is a privilege to be a part of our faith community and is looking forward to serving.

*Welcome!*

Looking for artists and admirers!

St. Leonard  
Studio Art &  
Writing Show

Thursday, August 24  
10am - 6pm

Friday, August 25  
10am - 6pm

Resident Only Open House  
Wednesday, August 23  
2 - 5pm

The Franciscan Center  
8200 Provincial Way  
Centerville, Ohio 45458



For more information or a registration form,  
please call 937.432.6549 or email lancek@stleonard.net

Registration forms are available at The Franciscan Center reception desk  
or online at [homelshere.org/stleonard/artshow](http://homelshere.org/stleonard/artshow) or  
[homelshere.org/stleonard/events](http://homelshere.org/stleonard/events)



*Attention Ladies!!*

**What: 15th Annual Ladies Retreat Gathering**

**When: October 13–15, 2017**

**Where: Maria Stein**

**Details:**

- We will be leaving at 6:00pm on Friday, October 13 and returning around noon on Sunday, October 15.
- All rooms are private with a bathroom.
- Meals and snacks are provided.
- All materials needed are provided.
- Total cost is \$185 per person. Partial scholarships are available and will be kept strictly confidential.
- Our presenter this year is Sr. Carol Gaeke, OP.
- Just to give you a little sneak preview...the title this year is “Wrapped in God’s Love—The Heart of Prayer.”
- This is a great way to get to know the other ladies, have some fun, and come back refreshed in God’s Spirit.
- Sign ups will be in September with more details to follow.
- If you have questions, please call Kathy Hoefler at [\(937\)602-9690](tel:9376029690).



The University of Dayton Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (UDOLLI) program starts September 18th and covers over 70 subjects with no exams, grades or formal education required. A single registration fee of \$80 entitles you to register for as many of the seminars as you wish.

To read the brochure, visit [go.udayton.edu/udolli](http://go.udayton.edu/udolli).

For information please call the Office of Special Programs and Continuing Education at 937-229-2347.

## Taking a Look at White Privilege



As Charlottesville has demonstrated, our country is still in need of healing from its white privilege founding. Our Gospel values call for loving our neighbor as ourselves. Just who is our neighbor anyway? That is THE question. For insight, read the Good Samaritan parable in Luke 10: 25-37.

The anti-racism task force of Weaver's of Justice is embarked on a continuing conversation and action efforts to end racism. On August 26th, we will be focusing on White Privilege – what it is and how it has affected people throughout our community. Our goal in selecting this topic is to bring about awareness of how it helps or harms people and what we can do to bring about racial solidarity, so that all people may have the human dignity that God intended.

**See the flyer in today's bulletin for details about our free meeting on Saturday morning, August 26.**

*Supported by the SLFC Social Justice Ministry.*



## Patriot Day Celebration

An open house honoring all veterans, police, firefighters, EMTs, and first responders. We will be holding a flag ceremony and having a time of reflection at 4:30 pm. Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served.

**SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS:**  
Xenia Hospitality Chorus, Barbershop Quartet

**Monday, September 11, 2017**  
4:00 - 6:00pm

The Franciscan Center at St. Leonard  
8200 Provincial Way  
Centerville, Ohio 45458

RSVP by September 6 to Kelly Lance at 937.432.6549 or lancek@stleonard.net

## DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY

If you are a Catholic who is newly divorced or separated, you may be going through a very difficult time right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. Your Church is here to offer the support and ministry you need and deserve. There are two excellent Catholic-sponsored divorce-recovery support groups in the local area to help men and women heal from this life trauma. Both groups feature nationally recognized experts on divorce through professional video input and small group discussions. There are recovery topics such as, anger, loneliness, new relationships, annulments, etc.

### CATHOLIC-SPONSORED DIVORCECARE

This group meets on Thursday evenings, September 7 through December 7 from 7:00-9:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, Ohio. Cost is \$25 per person and scholarships are available.

For more information, or to register, call Marcelle Toma at [\(937\) 312-1157](tel:9373121157) or email her at [mtoma@woh.rr.com](mailto:mtoma@woh.rr.com)

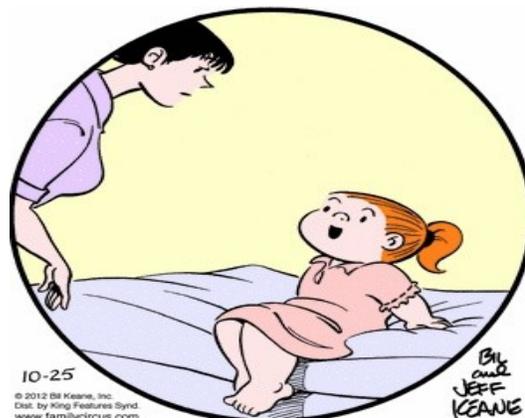
### CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE

This group meets on Monday evenings, August 28 through November 20 from 7:00-8:30pm in the "Candle Room" of St. Christopher Church, 435 E. National Road, Vandalia, Ohio. Cost: is \$25 per person.

Register online at:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=670e37>

For questions, call Noreen Wendeln at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Family & Respect Life Office at 937-222-0227.



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Bill  
and  
JEFF  
KEANE

**"Which do you think I'd be better at — bein' a saint or an angel?"**



### Community Formation

Donna Leddy - Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry [slfc.dre@gmail.com](mailto:slfc.dre@gmail.com) or 937.435.3626

## Register for PREP

*Let us help you grow your child in the Catholic faith*



Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

Registration for PREP, Parish Religious Education Program, is now open online at <http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/religious-education-registration>.

We have classes available on Sunday mornings for Preschool (depending on number of registrations) through 8th grade. If you are a new member, or are

interested in attending, there will be packets available in the vestibule of the Chapel and in the Faith Community Office. For information about the program, you may contact Donna Leddy at [slfc.dre@gmail.com](mailto:slfc.dre@gmail.com) or 937-435-3626.

## St. Leonard Faith Community Youth Ministry (SLFCYM)

**Sunday night High School Youth Ministry is back!**



We are meeting on Sunday nights from 6:30-8:00pm in the youth room in Chaminade Hall. Right now, we are planning a lock-in for the fall and making plans for raising funds, so we can go to NCYC in Indianapolis in November. Join us for the fun, friendship, food and faith. All 9th-12th graders are welcome. Bring a friend or 2 or 3 or....

*Don't fret 6th–8th graders, there are plans involving you as well.*

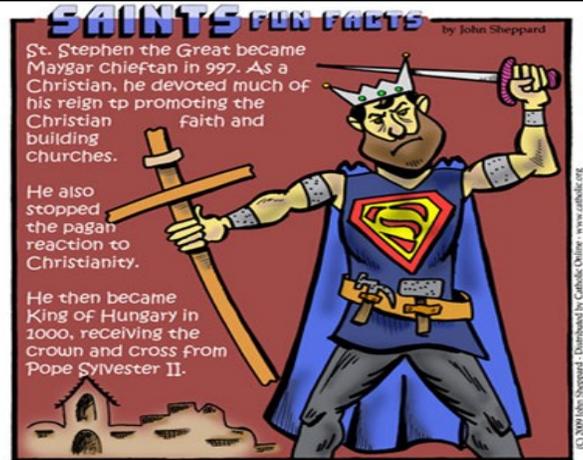
*Stay tuned for more information! There are exciting adventures ahead!*

### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

August 20—Kathy Moroney & Pat Rooney

August 27—Linda Niehoff & Donna Leddy

September and October schedules are coming soon!



St. Stephen the Great Feast Day—August 16

### St. Leonard High School Youth Ministry (SLFCYM)

August 20—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room

August 27—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room

September 3—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room

September 10—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room

September 17—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room

September 24—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room

October 21—Encounter/CJ

### Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

September 10—9:00-10:15am—Opening Day/  
Auditorium

September 17—9:00-10:15am—Classrooms

September 24—9:00-10:15am—Classrooms

October 1—9:00-10:15am—Classrooms

October 8—9:00-10:15am—Classrooms

October 15—9:00-10:15am—Classrooms

October 22—9:00-10:15am—Classrooms

October 29—9:00-10:15am—All Saints/Auditorium



**Special prayers are requested:**

Nate Arrowood, Barbara Barnes, Peggy Barnes, Noel Kupras Bauer, Mary Beach, Mary Beery, Mike Bennett, Patty Carlin, Shirley Chee, Jim Crafton, Conor Crippen, Terri Dawson, Martin Dobbe, Norm Fogel, Ralph Francis, Cathy Fullerton, Sam Gibbs, Barbara Gilmore, Barb Gobrail, Margaret Healy, Peg Lutz, Margaret Haemmerle, Greg and Cathy Jackson, Gerry Mullen, Tom & Betty Kirchmer, Brian Moroney, Anita Nelson, Louise Nelson, Angela Paolo, Hugh Skees, David and Eleanor Pleva, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Bob & Genny Schmid, Pam Truitt, Jay Werner, Bob Whitehouse, Chris Wuebben, Patrick Wuebben.

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 and will remain on the **list for 4 weeks unless otherwise notified.** Hospitals do not notify our office when a church member is admitted. Please contact the church office if you would like to make it known that a family member is in the hospital.

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**Ministries Of The Church**

Ministry	Chair	Council Liaison
Membership	Mary Ellen Graham & Bill Moroney	Norm Fogel
Worship		Pat Cruise
Justice & Service	Pat Schug	Ellie Parker
Faith Formation	Noel Kupras-Bauer	Frank Clement
Community Life		Mary Beth Firestone
Pastoral Care	Mary Ann McGuire	Norm Speaks

**Calendar of Events**

- Sunday, August 20**  
-Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom  
-Mass, 10:30am  
-Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room
- Tuesday, August 22**  
-Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm, Boardroom
- Thursday, August 24—Friday, August 25**  
-St. Leonard Studio Art and Writing Show, 10:00am-6:00pm, Franciscan Center
- Saturday, August 26**  
-Proclaim the Good News to All the World—Catechist Retreat, 10:00am—2:00pm, St. Leonard Classrooms
- Sunday, August 27**  
-Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom  
-Mass, 10:30am  
-Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room
- Monday, August 28**  
-Catholic Divorce Survival Guide, 7:00-8:30pm, St. Christopher Church, Candle Room
- Sunday, September 3**  
-Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom  
-Mass, 10:30am  
-Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room
- Monday, September 4—Labor Day—Faith Community office is closed.**
- Wednesday, September 6**  
-Farmers' Market, 2:00-6:00pm, St. Leonard Campus
- Sunday, September 10**  
-Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom  
-Mass, 10:30am  
-New Hope Church, 5:00-8:00pm  
-Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room

*“The environment is God’s gift to everyone and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole.”*  
(Saint John Paul II 2009)

**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 contact David Weickert at 937.750.3438.

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

**Bulletin announcements:**

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937.435.3626 or email: [slfc.office@gmail.com](mailto:slfc.office@gmail.com)  
Bulletin information must reach our office no later than **11:00 AM on TUESDAY.** Articles may be edited for content and space.