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St. Leonard Faith Community

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Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

August Announcements:

Council - Pat Schug

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Andrée Williams
by - Mary Beery

Proclaimers of the Word:

Jim and Joan Crafton

Today's Collection Counters:

Phil Vorherr and Gene Gross

Mass Schedule:

St. Leonard Faith Community
Religious Education Classes,
9:00AM (September– May)
Sunday Mass, 10:30AM

Senior Living Community

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

Welcome!

August 24, 2014



St. Leonard Chapel

St. Leonard Faith Community is a freely formed Catholic community sharing in the Franciscan heritage. We are committed to creating, through active worship and the offering of our individual and collective gifts, a spiritual environment which opens us to the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit. 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 St. Leonard Faith Community.

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."

Collection August 17, 2014: \$1,459.00

YTD Collections: \$27,212.00

Weekly Budgeted Collection: \$3,615.00

YTD Budget: \$25,305.00

Technology Collection for \$1,560.00

Readings for the Week of August 24, 2014

Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25/Mk 6:17-29
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

September PREP Schedule:

7-Opening Breakfast/Meet the Teacher Day
 14-PREP Classes Begin
 21-PREP Classes in Session
 28-PREP Classes in Session

September CLOW Schedule:

7-CLOW Begins
 14-CLOW in Session
 21-Family Sunday - NO CLOW
 28-CLOW in Session

PREP Opening Breakfast/Meet the Teacher Day

We will be holding a breakfast for students and families in our religious education program on **Sunday, September 7th at 9:00AM** in the auditorium. After eating breakfast, students will have the opportunity to meet their teacher(s) for the 2014-2015 school year. Families are asked to bring one of the following to share: casserole/main dish, cut up fruit, or muffins/pastries/coffee cake. All items must be in the auditorium by 8:45AM at the latest. Sign-up sheets for food will be available in the vestibule after the 10:30AM Mass each Sunday in August.



Register for 2014 - 2015
 Religious Education Classes

Registration for religious education classes for the 2014-2015 academic year is underway! Our religious education classes are for students in preschool through 8th grade. Classes are Christ-centered and are designed to enliven the personal faith of students and their families. For more information about our religious education program, and to access our registration form, please visit: <http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/k-8-education>. In addition to the registration form, an emergency medical authorization form, photo release form, and registration fee must be submitted to the office for each student. Financial assistance is available.

**Apply for the Student of the Month Program!**

The Intergenerational Team would like to highlight our young people as a way for the St. Leonard Faith Community (SLFC) to get to know our students better. All students are invited to apply to be recognized as the SLFC Student of the Month. For more information, visit: <http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/student-of-the-month>.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry Survey

If you are a parent of a youth ministry student and did not receive a survey please contact the church office at 937.435.3626 so we can send you one.

We are looking for feedback from both parents and participants to expand the program.

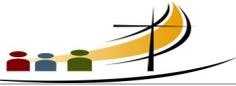
Confirmation

Reminder that the first confirmation class is **September 28** after Mass. Your Saint project is due then so don't forget! If you need help with your project please contact David Weickert at the church office at 937.435.3626.

Thoughts on Today's Readings...**Upon This ROCK****I Will Build My Church**

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, "You are Rock and on this rock I will build my church." With that, Jesus handed over the keys. Why would God choose Peter, a hard-working fisherman, to be the boss? Like any of us, Peter may have loved food, wine and sleep a little too much. He answered the questions in Cesarea Philippi correctly, but he gave the wrong answers three times before the cock crowed. Peter's job resume didn't look all that great; yet, Jesus chose this regular guy to be the leader.

Now, 266 "regular guys" later, we come to Pope Francis, who has captured our hearts with his humility, love and enthusiasm. Francis is the vicar of Christ on this earth, snapping selfies with the faithful and struggling, even as Jesus struggled, to act as the beloved of God.



We had a very good turn out for Fr. Langenbrunner's presentation August 12. Twenty one of us wrote out questions on note cards and then listened to Father Norm's insightful explanations. It seems to me that we could have a session like this every month because after two hours, not all the questions were answered and many more arose from the floor. Maybe we need a Religious Ed. class for adults to run simultaneously with the kids' classes.

One of the questions that came up had to do with the very topic that Sr. Christine Schenk discussed in her column "Simply Spirit" in the National Catholic Reporter, August 14 issue. It has to do with conscience and church teachings and I have reprinted the first part of it here as your "faith formation" teaching for the week. The "bolding" is mine.

"Conscience, 'sensus fidei' and the sisters" by Sr. Christine Schenk

I was both intrigued and pleased by feedback from my July 31 column, "Top 10 quotes from the Vatican's 'sensus fidei' document." It ranged from people wondering, "Why would you waste your time on this?" to others asking for more specifics about what to do when they are unable to accept certain church teachings. This is a crucial question for those who love the church but find their consciences bid them to, in the words of " 'Sensus Fidei' in the Life of the Church," "deny assent" on teachings about birth control, women's roles and LGBT human rights, for example. The dilemma is: What to do? Surprisingly, the Vatican statement provided more encouragement for laity to engage in dialogue with each other and with church leaders than has been the case for a long time.

*Too often, **Catholics** raised in our "pay, pray and obey" Catholic culture **are unaware that it is not only our right, but sometimes our duty to speak about matters concerning the good of the church (Code of Canon Law 212.3).** Most are surprised to learn the authentic teaching of the church is that whenever there is conflict between one's conscience and church teaching, one must always obey one's conscience. **St. Thomas Aquinas says: "Anyone upon whom the ecclesiastical authority, in ignorance of the true facts, impose a demand that offends against his clear conscience, should perish in excommunication rather than violate his conscience."***

*The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters." "Of course, Catholic teaching also emphasizes that an individual's conscience does not exist in a vacuum: **"Conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened. A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator."***

*So if one finds one's educated and carefully formed conscience in conflict with a certain church teaching, how is one to act? There are some excellent criteria developed by U.S. Catholic bishops and theologians available as guides. In 1968, in response to widespread public rejection of the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* that banned contraception, the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter "Human Life in Our Day" proposed three norms for theological dissent: "The expression of theological dissent from the magisterium is in order only if the reasons are serious and well-founded, if the manner of dissent does not question or impugn the teaching authority of the Church, and is such as not to give scandal."*

(A Sister of St. Joseph, Sr. Christine Schenk served urban families for 18 years as a nurse midwife before co-founding FutureChurch, where she served for 23 years.)



Last Sunday, Larry and I went to see the "Peace Labyrinth: Quilting the Golden Rule" at our own Peace Museum in downtown Dayton. It is a must-see, amazing exhibit. First of all, Janet Bear McTavish identifies 17 religions, giving each religion a 4ft. by 8ft. quilt to explain their beliefs. The amount of work evident was daunting for me. However, the most striking thing for me was how similar the beliefs are. We truly are ONE, and yet ironically, look at how many wars are fought in religion's name? **This exhibit closes September 14.** Contact info@daytonpeacemuseum.org.

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RETREATS:

For the women, we have our own **St Leonard's Women's Retreat September 5 - 7**. Check the full page flyer in this bulletin for more information.

If you can't make that one, the last Spirit of the Season Retreat at the Benedictine Monastery in Erie is offering a **"Joan Chittister: Essential Writings" retreat the weekend of October 10 - 12**, and I'm going to that one too! Many of you know Sr Chittister from her book *The Gift of Years* discussed in several Genesis groups and book clubs. Contact: Sr. Carolyn Gorny-Kopkowski OSB spirituality@mtbenedict.org for more information.

DAYS OF REFLECTION:

Other opportunities to refresh your faith life include:

September 6 from 9:30 to noon at Mt. Notre Dame Spirituality Center in Cincinnati.

The Notre Dame de Namur Sisters will be starting their Mornings of Spirituality programs on the first Saturday of September with "Resting in God's Love." Contact Sr. Marie Smith, SNDdeN, at marie.smith@sndden.org.

Also, south of us at the St. Walburg Monastery in Villa Hills, KY (right outside of Cincinnati) the Benedictine Sister Deborah Harmeling, OSB is offering "Exploring the Illuminations of Hildegard of Bingen" on September 13 from 9:00AM - 3:00PM. A couple of us are going so carpooling is available.

Lastly, two opportunities for online study have come to my attention:

The first is a **free online book discussion** of Joan Chittister's newly published book *"Joan Chittister: Essential Writings"* (which the retreat I mentioned above is based on.) This will take place from **October 6 -October 31**.

Richard Rohr's book *"Immortal Diamond: A Study in Search of the True Self"* is another online 10 week course beginning **September 24 and ending December 3**. Register at cac.org.



New ministry schedules for September, October and November 2014 are completed and are now on the church website.



**Sophie's Daughters
Day of Reflection**

Sophie's Daughter will offer a one day of reflection on **September 23** from 10:00AM - 4:00PM at Bergamo with lunch at 12:00PM.

The ONE DAY of reflection at Bergamo will present Fr. Bert Buby talking about Jesus in John's Gospel. Fr. Bert founded Sophie's Daughters many years ago and gave the annual retreat until late in the 1990's.

Cost: \$25.00. Please make check payable and send to Barbara Gobrail to reserve your spot. Registration closes on September 15 so we can give an accurate account for lunch.

If you have questions, please contact me at 937-293-2079. I hope that you will join us for a relaxing time with the Lord and for a time spent with old friends.

Barbara Pflum Gobrail, 2624 Shafor Blvd., Dayton, OH 45419

Intergenerational Team Meeting

The Intergenerational Team will meet **Today** immediately following Mass in Classroom 1.



Please keep Shirley Venetos and her family in your prayers on the death of her son, Matthew John.

Ladies Retreat

Sunday, August 31, there will be a brief meeting to discuss car pooling for the Ladies Retreat on September 5-6-7. Also, information for the week-end will be available.

If you are driving yourself or already have your car filled, please let Kathy Hoefler know so that we don't leave anyone behind that needs a ride. The committee is available after Mass August 31 for questions.

Prayer and Worship Meeting

When: Wednesday Evening, **September 3**, at **7:00PM**

Where: Board Room



Pope Francis Top 10 Secrets For Happiness

1. "Live and let live." Everyone should be guided by this principle, he said, which has a similar expression in Rome with the saying, "Move forward and let others do the same."
2. "Be giving of yourself to others." People need to be open and generous toward others, he said, because "if you withdraw into yourself, you run the risk of becoming egocentric. And stagnant water becomes putrid."
3. "Proceed calmly" in life. The Pope, who used to teach high school literature, used an image from an Argentine novel by Ricardo Güiraldes, in which the protagonist — gaucho Don Segundo Sombra — looks back on how he lived his life.

"He says that in his youth he was a stream full of rocks that he carried with him; as an adult, a rushing river; and in old age, he was still moving, but slowly, like a pool of water," the Pope said. He said he likes this latter image of a pool of water — to have "the ability to move with kindness and humility, a calmness in life."
4. "A healthy sense of leisure." The pleasures of art, literature and playing together with children have been lost, he said.

"Consumerism has brought us anxiety" and stress, causing people to lose a "healthy culture of leisure." Their time is "swallowed up" so people can't share it with anyone.

Even though many parents work long hours, they must set aside time to play with their children; work schedules make it "complicated, but you must do it," he said.

Families must also turn off the TV when they sit down to eat because, even though television is useful for keeping up with the news, having it on during mealtime "doesn't let you communicate" with each other, the Pope said.
5. Sundays should be holidays. Workers should have Sundays off because "Sunday is for family," he said.

Check out next Sundays bulletin for the other 5 secrets to happiness from Pope Francis.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PEWS

Looking for artists and admirers!

 **St. Leonard**
A FRANCISCAN LIVING COMMUNITY

Studio Art & Writing Show

Friday, August 29
Saturday, August 30
11am - 7pm

Sunday, August 31
10am - 3pm

The Franciscan Center
8200 Provincial Way
Centerville, Ohio 45458

For more information or a registration form, please call 937.432.6549.

DIVORCE *Care*

Thursday Evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

September 4 to December 4, 2014

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
St. Clare Room
6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH 45459

Culture of Life - Lifetech Conference

The 11th Annual Lifetech Conference will be held on **September 6th, 2014** at the Mandalay Conference Center, just off I-75. Come represent your parish and join with speakers from across the state to explore how we can better promote the "Culture of Life" right in our own archdiocese, parishes, and homes. Learn more and register at www.lifetechconference.org. There are pamphlets in the back of the church behind the pews.

(The Lifetech Conference is officially endorsed by the Family and Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.)

WOMEN'S RETREAT

September 5th, 6th and 7th

In Mark 6:30-31 Jesus implores us to "Come Away" to take time to rest. Time away from the distractions: the smart phones, computers and the overly scheduled lives most of us lead. But to grow spiritually, we need time to sit, to breathe, and to listen and reflect on what God is calling us to do.

Retreats are an ideal getaway and provide the setting needed to rekindle a relationship with God. They enable us to seek God's healing grace and connect with others who are struggling to grow spiritually.

We will be providing such a time and place on September 5th, 6th and 7th at Maria Stein. This year our retreat leader is Sr. Maxine Shonk, a Dominican Sister and good friend of our previous leader, Sr. Carol. Music will be provided by Michelle Nehrbass, a dear friend to some of our ladies in the past.

Sign-ups: Sunday, August 17th and 24th, immediately after Mass. \$50.00 non-refundable deposit at the time of registration.

Cost: \$175.00 (total)

Payable to: St. Leonard's

Provided: Private room with bath, all meals and snacks.

Transportation: Car pooling will be available

Mass with Fr. Larry on Saturday evening and there will be plenty of time to be with your sisters from St. Leonard's.

Scholarships are available and are kept strictly confidential. Please contact Kathy Hoefler at 937.602.9690.

If you have any questions please contact or see any of our Retreat Committee:

Kate Anacker - 937.436.4571

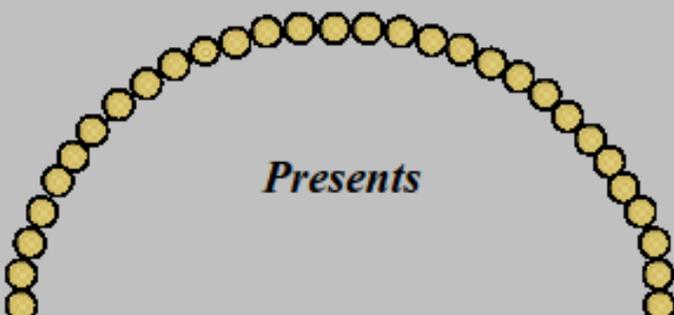
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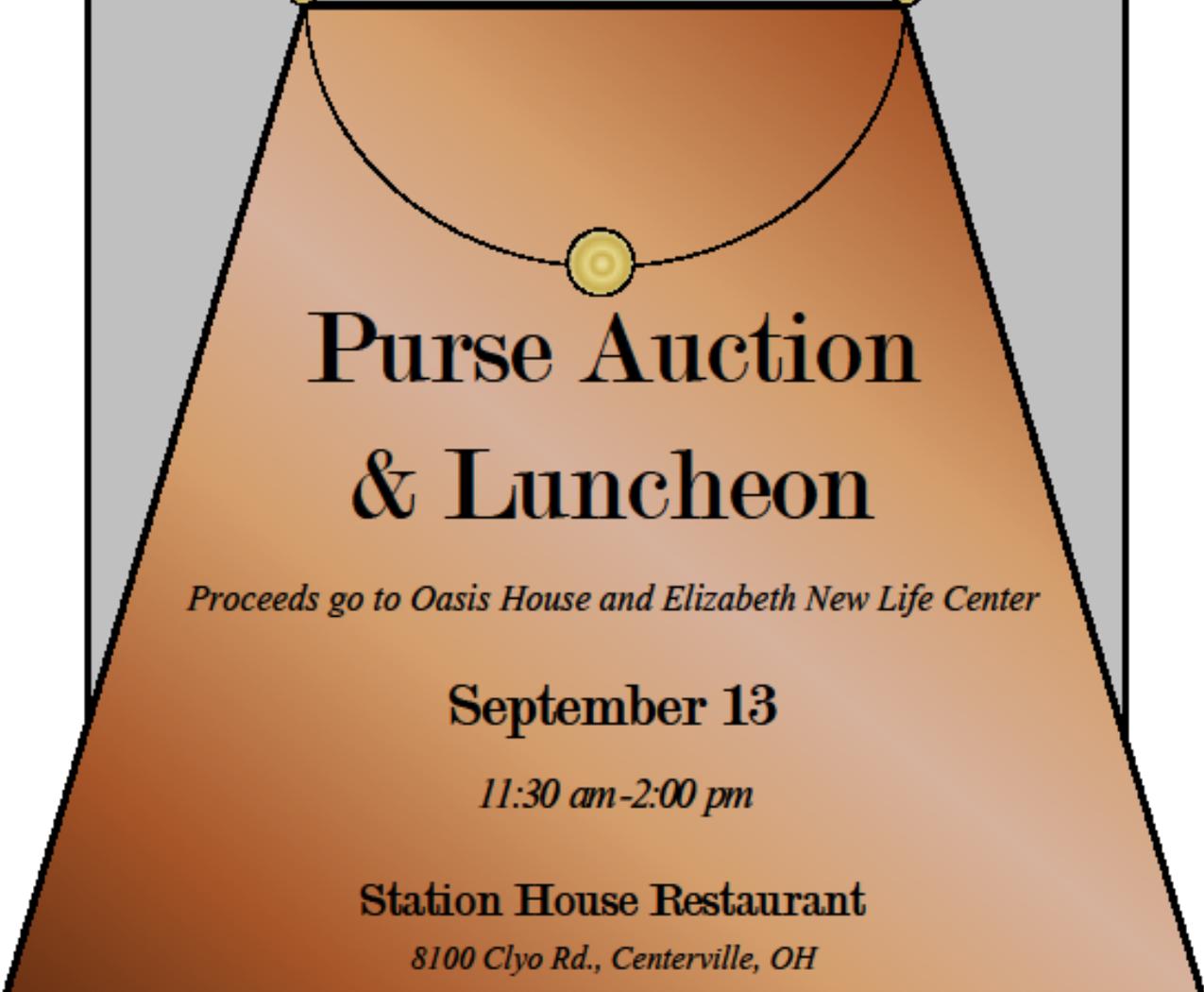
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ALL WOMEN "COME AWAY" FOR A TIME OF REST

St. Leonard Faith Community Women's Group



Presents



**Purse Auction
& Luncheon**

Proceeds go to Oasis House and Elizabeth New Life Center

September 13

11:30 am-2:00 pm

Station House Restaurant

8100 Clys Rd., Centerville, OH

Luncheon \$16 - Chicken Caesar Salad, Dessert and Drinks

(If you have special dietary needs, tell us when signing up.)

Reservation by September 9 to Sharon Alberts 438-8065 or salberts@woh.rr.com



Special prayers are requested:

Joe Bensman, Amy Buxton, Shirley Chee (mother of Alberta Guise), Conor Crippen, George Cruise, Terrie Dawson, Kerry DeLuca, Gina Gentry, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Mary Ellen Hagan, Dick Hopsickler, Jim & Bill Kiefer, Kelly King, Brandon Le, Dennis McCormick, Michael Morrison, Beverly Mullins, Michael Mustaine, Anita & Doug Nelson, Fr. Joe Rigali, Angela O'Reilly, Kacey Risher, Ann Marie & Scarlett Schmitz, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Marvin Skeens, Payne Sigman, Sarah (Bauer) & Baby Thieben, Jay Underwood, Marlene Vorherr, Charlie Weigel, Kent Wingate, Baby Luke

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. Hospitals do not notify our 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.

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Ministries Of The Church

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Faith Formation	Noel Bauer	John Nelson
Community Life	Shirle Speaks	Bonnie Bengé
Pastoral Care	Judy Lamers	Darryl McGill

Calendar of Events

AUGUST:

- 24-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/ CLOW Teacher orientation 9-10:30AM, Classrm. 1/Rohr Chats, 6th gr. Classroom 10:00AM/ Intergenerational Team mtg. after Mass, Classrm. 1
- 26-Tuesday, Church Council mtg., Boardroom, 7:00PM
- 29 & 30 -Friday and Saturday, St. Leonard Living Center Art show, Franciscan Center, 11:00AM-3:00PM
- 31-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/Ladies Retreat meeting after Mass/St. Leonard Living Center Art Show, Franciscan Center, 10:00AM-3:00PM
- 31-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/ Rohr Chats, 6th gr. Classroom 10:00AM

SEPTEMBER:

- 3-Wednesday, Prayer & Worship meeting, Boardroom 7:00PM
- 5-6-7 Ladies Retreat, Maria Stein
- 7-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM, Grandparents Day/PREP Breakfast & Meet the Teacher Day 9:00AM/Rohr Chats, 6th gr. Classroom 10:00AM
- 9-Tuesday, Presentation Medicare/Medicaid, sponsored by Faith Formation, 7:00PM, Auditorium
- 13-Saturday, Women's Group Purse Auction and Luncheon, Franciscan Center, 11:30AM
- 17-Wednesday, MVOTSE Interfaith Vigil, 7:00PM
- 21-Family Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/Rohr Chats, 6th gr. Classrm, 10:00AM

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 David Weickert at 513-633-9145.

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

Bulletin announcements:

St. Leonard Faith Community Office
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937.435.3626 or email: 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.)