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9:00AM-1:00PM

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December 24, 2016
The Nativity of The Lord

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

December:

Council Announcements:
Frank Clement

Proclaimers of the Word:

Don & Gwen Juszczuk

Today's Mass is for:

The Intentions of Priest

Today's Collection Counters:

Tom Graham
Tom Stauffer

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



A Word of Welcome

As we gather for the celebration of this great feast, I wish to welcome, in the name of St. Leonard's Faith Community, all of you who have come to celebrate with us: the faithful members of our community who gather here week after week, guests who are here from out of town or other parishes, those who have not been to church in a while, and our college students and other young adults home for the holidays. It is a joy to have all of you here tonight, and we hope you will join us whenever you can.

We gather tonight in a nation and a world divided in many ways—opposing political parties, blacks and whites and other racial groups, citizens and refugees, rich and poor, East and West, different religions and philosophies, conservatives and liberals, LGBTQ people and those who reject them, and on and on.

We gather to celebrate the birth of the One who came to reconcile us to one another and the Father. That's the point of Christmas, because it is the mission Jesus came to fulfill. Obviously, it is a mission that is not yet complete. Yet we gather to celebrate the birth of this child because we know that God's love for us will never cease and God's purpose will eventually come to pass. We yearn for the peace and joy that the birth of this child promises.

We hope that you experience tonight the joy and peace that our community shares with one another and with you. Together with you, we commit ourselves once again to carry on the work of Christ, to spread the good news of his presence among us, and to do what we can to bring about the reconciliation that Christ wants for all of humanity and all of creation. May God's peace fill your hearts this night and always.

Fr. Larry Mick



Welcome to St. Leonard Faith Community for our Christmas Mass! It is a joy to have you here for our celebration of Christ's birth. The Christmas season is a time to make Christ visible by showing our joy to our family and neighbors. This season is a season for re-focusing on what is truly important and for living the Gospel more clearly. Christ is revealed when we love one another!

For those of you less familiar with SLFC, our community emphasizes a sense of hospitality, a commitment to ministry, and profound liturgies that allow us to walk more closely with one another on our faith journey. As a unique Catholic community within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, we are a spiritual home for many who are seeking something 'more' in their expression of faith.

If you would like to find out more about us or join our community, please call David Weickert@ [937.435.3626x3783](tel:937.435.3626x3783). You are invited to learn about who we are by exploring our website at: www.stleonardfaithcommunity.org. We look forward to the joy of getting to know you!

David Weickert, Pastoral Administrator

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.



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.

Readings for December 24, 2016

The Nativity of The Lord

Christmas—Mass During The Night

IS 9:1-6/PS 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/TI 2:11-14/LK 2:1-14

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2016

Sunday: IS 52:7-10/ PS 98:1-6/HEB 1:1-6/JN 1:1-18

Monday: ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59/PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 8AB, 16BC AND 17/MT 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 JN 1:1-4/PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/JN 20:1A AND 2-8

Wednesday: 1 JN 1:5-2:2/PS 124:2-5, 7CD-8/ MT 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 JN 2:3-11/PS 96:1-2AB, 3, 5B-6/ LK 2:22-35

Friday: SIR 3:2-6, 12-14/PS 128:1-5/MT 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 JN 2:18-21/PS 96:1-2, 11-13/JN 1:1-18

Sunday: NM 6:22-27/PS 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/GAL 4:4-7/ LK 2:16-21

*May God bless you with a festive,
loving and peaceful celebration this
Christmas and all throughout the year.*

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

St. Leonard Faith Community

December 24—Christmas Eve, Carols 6:30pm/Mass 7pm

December 25—Christmas Day, NO MASS

January 1, 2017—New Year's Day, Mass-10:30am

St. Leonard Living Center

December 24—Christmas Eve, Carols 3:30pm/Mass 4pm

December 25—Christmas Day, Mass - 9am

December 31—New Year's Eve Vigil/Mass of Mary, Mother of God - 4pm



A letter from the Kirchmer's...

Dear Friends,

As I look back on the past year and a half, my memories are many and varied—some good, some bad, some happy, some sad—but all with my thanks to the Lord for helping me through all of them.

Leaving St. Leonard was the worst, but all of you turned it into one of the most beautiful and lovely experiences Tom and I have ever known.

I would love to thank each of you by name, but hesitate lest I would leave one of you out (You know the saying, "The Old Grey Mare, she ain't what she used to be.")

So to each and every person at St. Leonard, our deepest thanks, Merry Christmas, and love that never ends.

You are in our hearts to stay.

~Tom & Betty

EPIPHANY BRUNCH

Join us as we celebrate the end of the Christmas season at the St. Leonard Faith Community Epiphany Brunch

Sunday, January 8, 2016

Auditorium after Mass

Sign up after Mass on January 1, 2017

St. Leonard Faith Community Looking Back at 2016...

Baptisms



Epiphany



Pancake Breakfast



Parish Picnic



Ladies Annual Luncheon



Diaper & Bottle Drive



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



All Saints Day



Catch the Building Spirit



House of Bread



Vacation Bible School





Feliz Navidad: The Latin Flavor of the Nativity

The University of Dayton Libraries have once again opened their doors to the Dayton community for **Feliz Navidad: The Latin Flavor of the Nativity**, an all-new display of Nativities from around the world shown in four separate exhibits in the **Roesch Library building**.

UD's Marian Library has one of the largest collections of international Nativities in the United States which they share in this annual festival of crèches.

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30am–4:30pm
Saturday and Sunday, 1:00pm-4:00pm
Closed December 23-26, 30-31, and January 1-2.

St. Leonard's also has crèches from the University of Dayton's Marian Library on display in the chapel.

One of the unique things about the nativities is that they express the culture of the lands of their origin. In each culture there's something different in the way each nativity scene looks. This is a wonderful way for people to see how people around the world tell the story of the Christ child's birth.

A WONDERFUL WAY TO CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

"Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake, Amen!"



Men's Retreat: A great way to start 2017

We are invited to join our brothers from St. Francis of Assisi parish at the Bergamo Center for our annual men's retreat on January 13-15, 2017.

This year's theme is **BE NOT AFRAID**, scripture's most common message. We will explore our biggest fears; vulnerability, alienation, and becoming our true self. We will conclude by addressing how to change our motivation from fear to love.

Our Retreat master is Brother William Sprauer, OSB, from the St. Meinrad Archabbey.

Cost: Single room, \$180; Double room, \$145, Commuter, \$100.

For details, contact Bill Moroney at 937.654.4791 or Jim Kracus at 937.376.0131. Additional details on topics and registration forms are available in the SLFC office.

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 is an excellent Catholic-Sponsored divorce-recovery support group in the local area to help men and women heal from this life trauma. Let us walk with you as you navigate through this difficult journey.

CATHOLIC-SPONSORED DIVORCECARE

This group meets for 13 weeks on Thursday evenings, January 5 thru March 30, from 7-9pm at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH. Cost is \$25 per person and scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call Marcelle Toma at 937.312.1157 or mtoma@woh.rr.com.



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered on Thursday, January 19, during the 9:00am Mass in the St. Leonard Chapel.



Christmas Flowers December 24, 2016



In Memory of:

The Santez, Walsh & Abner Families
The Alberts & Wagner Families
Michaeline & Harry Holliday
Jim Bengé
Sharon Brinkman
Ron Christopher
Mike Cleary
Martha Greenwell
The O'Connor & Cozart Families
Deceased members of the Detzel Family
Deceased members of the Wootan Family
Charles Foster
Deceased members of Ralph & Beverly Francis Families
Donna Graham
Mary Jane Gross, The Gross & Stolle Families
Deceased Barhorst Family members
Harry & Lorraine Murphy
Jeanette Osterday
Robert, John & Brenda McCrate
Catherine Durno
The Fitzmartin & Moroney Families
Charles & Marie Shanesy
Vicky, Jose & Virginia
Kathy Hoeflinger
Helen & Lou Leibold
Frank Sebesta, Mike McWilliams, Mary De Saro & Helen Josefus
Neal Tidwell
Mary Jane Topp
Bruce Truitt, Todd Truitt, Ashley Hohlbein & Emily Hohlbein
Matthew H. Venetos & Matthew J. Venetos
Robert Whelan
Jim
Len Zimmermann III, The Zimmermann & Kraimer Families
Jesus

From:

Steve & Chris Abner
Sharon Alberts
Susan Barde
Bonnie Bengé
Lynn & Bob Brinkman
Pat Christopher
Barb Cleary
Bob Cox
Denise Cozart
Frank Detzel
Pat Detzel
MaryBeth Firestone
Ralph & Beverly Francis
Tom & Mary Ellen Graham
Gene Gross
Ruth Hopkins
Jim & Marcelline Kennedy
Dennis McCormick Family
Ann McCrate
Mileti Family
Bill & Kathy Moroney
Ken Nartker Family
Bob Ramsey & Sara Workman
Caryl Rose
Martha & Jim Schumann
Rose Ann Sebesta
Cathy Tidwell
Bill & Mike Topp
Pam Truitt
Shirley Venetos
Gertrude Whelan
Lee & Patt White
Len & Mary Zimmermann
Us



Religious Education Classes (PREP)

No Classes until January 8, 2017

8 January- Ephiphany Lesson, All classes in the room by the auditorium.

10 January- Confirmation Formation, 6:30-7:30pm, Youth Room

15 January- **No Class—MLK Weekend**

17 January- Confirmation Formation, 6:30-7:30pm, Youth Room

22 January- PREP Classes in Session, 9:00-10:15am

24 January- Confirmation Formation, 6:30-7:30pm, Youth Room

29 January- PREP Classes in Session, 9:00-10:15am

31 January- Confirmation Formation, 6:30-7:30pm, Youth Room

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

CLOW will continue on January 8, 2017

Schedule TBA

Volunteers are needed for this important Ministry!

"Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it."

Mission: To adapt liturgical celebrations and make them more accessible to children so they may be gradually led to full, conscious and active participation in the Sunday liturgical assembly.

Don't stop the Celebration! Christmas isn't over—it is just beginning! It's a **Season**, not simply one day. Sunday is Christmas Day, the first day in this eight day celebration of the Octave of Christmas.

Day 1 of Octave - **Christmas Day** - The joy of the Nativity and our Savior's entrance into the World.

Day 2 of Octave - **Feast of St. Stephen**, the first martyr. The reading is from Acts telling us his story. Pay attention to who watches the cloaks! <http://www.usccb.org/bible/acts/6:8>

Day 3 of Octave - **Feast of St John**, Apostle and Evangelist. This apostle's name is associated with the wonderful tradition and writings that receive his name and the disciple whom Jesus loved. <http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/20:1>

Day 4 of Octave - **Feast of the Holy Innocents**, commemorating the horrible slaughter of the innocent children from the infancy narratives of Matthew. Today we could reflect on the unborn, newly born and innocent children who are deprived of dignity and life in our day. <http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/2:13>

Day 5 of Octave - **Presentation in the Temple**. Simeon has been promised by the Holy Spirit that he will not see death until he has seen the Christ of the Lord. As he held and blessed the child, his parents were amazed at what was said about him. <http://www.usccb.org/bible/luke/2:22>

Day 6 of Octave - **Feast of the Holy Family**. This is a great time to reflect on the Holy Family and how they can help us as a family of faith and of God, and on the everyday realities of living as a family in that time and contemplating their life as the Holy Family. <http://www.usccb.org/bible/matthew/2:13>

Day 7 of Octave - **John's Prologue** gives us the beginning of John's Gospel, which is all about the Incarnation. A great Gospel to spend time in reflection. <http://www.usccb.org/bible/john/1:1>

Day 8 of Octave - **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, commemorates the divine motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the God-Bearer, Mother of our Lord and God Jesus Christ. It is also celebrated as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/bible/luke/2:16>

So keep Celebrating!

Have a Blessed, Peaceful and Merry Christmas Season!



Special prayers are requested:

Noel Kupras Bauer, Mary Beery, Bonnie Bengé, Mike Bennett, Steve Cartwright, Shirley Chee, Kelley Church, Jim Crafton, Conor Crippen, Terri Dawson, Norm Fogel, Sam Gibbs, Barb Gobrail, Ruth Hopkins, Catherine Jannett, Joanne Jannetta, Tom & Betty Kirchmer, Peg Lutz, Brian Moroney, Eleanor Neimer, Anita Nelson, Bob Niehoff, Angela Paolo, David and Eleanor Pleva, Bob Schmid, Hugh Skees, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Marisa Thomas, Jay Werner, Bob Whitehouse, Chris 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	John Nelson
Worship		Pat Cruise
Justice & Service	Pat Schug	Maureen Josenhans
Faith Formation	Noel Kupras-Bauer	Frank Clement
Community Life		Mary Beth Firestone
Pastoral Care	Mary Ann McGuire	Fred Konen

Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 24—The Nativity of The Lord—Christmas Vigil
-Carols, 6:30pm, St. Leonard Chapel
-Mass, 7:00pm

Sunday, December 25—The Nativity of The Lord —Christmas Day
-NO MASS

Monday, December 26
-St. Leonard Faith Community Office is closed

Tuesday, December 27
-Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Boardroom

Saturday, December 31—New Year's Eve

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Sunday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
-Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
-Mass, 10:30am
-World Day of Peace Mass, 11am, St. Christopher Church, Vandalia

Sunday, January 8—The Epiphany of The Lord
-Epiphany Whole Community Catechesis, 9:00-10:15am, Auditorium
-Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
-Mass, 10:30am
-Epiphany Brunch, after Mass, Auditorium
-New Hope Church, 5:00-8:00pm

Tuesday, January 10
-Confirmation Formation, 6:30-7:30pm, Youth Room

Friday, January 13—Sunday, January 15
-St. Francis of Assisi 40th Annual Men's Retreat, **Be Not Afraid**, Bergamo Center, Mount St. John.

Sunday, January 15
-No PREP, Martin Luther King weekend
-Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
-Mass, 10:30am

Tuesday, January 17
-Confirmation Formation, 6:30-7:30pm, Youth Room

Thursday, January 18
-Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, 9am, St. Leonard chapel
-Prayer & Worship Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm, Boardroom

Sunday, January 22
-Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
-PREP, 9-10:15am, Classrooms
-Mass, 10:30am

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:
St. Leonard Faith Community Office
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.)