



SAINT LEONARD FAITH COMMUNITY



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 here with us.

We welcome those of you who are guests from out of town or from other parishes. It is good to have you with us tonight.

We welcome those who have not been to church for a while. We are glad you have joined us once again and hope that this feast will be a real "coming home," the beginning of a regular habit of worship with us.

We extend a special word of welcome to our college students and other young adults home for the holidays. It is a joy to see your bright and shining faces among us.

And, of course, we rejoice in all those here whose familiar faces we see week by week. It is you who make our community such a wonderful experience.

In his recent exhortation on evangelization, Pope Francis wrote that our "first proclamation must ring out over and over: 'Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.' " That's what we celebrate this night, and it is a message I hope you take home with you and always remember. —Fr. Larry Mick

Christmas Carols

"Sussex Carol" - Solo

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" - Congregation - Journey #207

"Born Today" - Choir

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing" - Congregation - Journey #195

"Rise Up and Follow That Star" - Choir

"O Holy Night" - Solo

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" - Congregation - Journey #204

"Jesus At Your Name" - Choir

Christmas Mass

Prelude: "Personent Hodie" (children's procession and dance)

Entrance Hymn: - "O Come All Ye Faithful" - Journey #193

Gloria: Refrain - Congregation - "Gloria in excelsis Deo!"

Psalm: "Forever I Will Sing" - Gather #49

Gospel Acclamation: "Today Is Born Our Savior/ Alleluia" - Journey #215

Preparation of Gifts: "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming" - Song sheet or Journey #168

Mass of Redemption - Song sheet

("Holy, Holy, Holy", "The Mystery of Faith", "Amen" and "Lamb of God")

"Lord's Prayer" - Song sheet

Communion Hymn: 1.) " Silent Night" - Journey #199 2.) "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" - Gather # 379

Meditation: "If This Child Were Born Today" - Choir

Recessional Hymn: "Joy To the World" - Journey #194

“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 Saint 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 or contact the church office at 937.435.3626.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Deceased family and friends of Ruth Hopkins

Charles Foster

Mary Rathman & Madeline Cleary

Jim Bengé

Bernie Williams

The Golch families

Norman Speaks, Sr.

The Moroney family

The Fitzmartin family

O'Connor-Cozart family

Deceased family members of Ralph & Beverly Francis

Robert & Betty Saunders

Niehoff & Cappel families

Kennedy & Logan families

Charles & Marie Shanesy

Albert's & Wagner Families

Michaeline & Harry Holliday and the little ones

Deceased members of the Christopher family

Mary & Carl Reardon, John New and the

Clevenger family

Vernon M. Glaser

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lentz & Irma Neibert

Bill Hoell

Mary De Saro & Helen Josefus

Helen Rulzinski

Norm Speaks Sr., Brook Speaks, Ray & June Lee

Fitzgerald & Taylor families

Matthew Venetos

Deceased members of the Wootan and Detzel

families

Schuster & Palcher families

Mary Scullion

Jeffrey Williams

Ruth Hopkins

Mary Beth Firestone

Barb & Millie Cleary

Bonnie Bengé

Antoinette Williams

Rosalie Gloch Schoenfeld

Wife and family-Kathryn Speaks

Bill & Kathy Moroney

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Denise Cozart

Ralph & Beverly Francis

Jim & Debbie Brown

Bob & Linda Niehoff

Jim & Marcelline Kennedy

Ken, Colleen, Leslie & Michael

Sharon Alberts

Susan Barde

Ron & Pat Christopher

Jim & Connie Clevenger

Marjorie Glaser

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Hubbell

Jensen Family

Rose Ann Sebesta

Elaine Sendelback

Norm & Shirle Speaks

Phil & Liz Taylor

Shirley Venteos

Pat Detzel

Aurelia & John Palcher

Joe Scullion

Andrée Williams