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1:00PM

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The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

December Announcements:

Council - Pat Schug

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Jerry Cozart
by - Mary Cozart

Proclaimers of the Word:

Dix & Mary Beth Firestone

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

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

Welcome!

December 28, 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."

Weekly Collection: 12-21-14: \$4,438.00

YTD Collections: \$74,021.00

Weekly Budgeted Collection: \$3,615.00

YTD Budget: \$79,520.00

Readings for the Week of December 28, 2014

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40
Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

December Religious Education Classes (PREP):

28-Christmas Break-NO PREP

January Religious Education Classes (PREP):

4-Classes in Session (Epiphany Activity Day)
 11-Classes in Session
 18-Teacher Retreat-NO CLASS

December Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) :

28-Christmas Break-NO CLOW

January Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW):

4-Monsita Corbett (adult observer: Mrs. Corbett)
 11-Youth Mass-NO CLOW
 18-Jim McGee

Advent Holy Buckets

This Advent and Christmas, our religious education students are participating in the Holy Buckets Program. This program benefits the Missionary Childhood Association, which provides basic support for outreach, including education and health care efforts to children in mission countries. By participating in the Holy Buckets Program, our students are learning about their brothers and sisters in mission countries. They are also learning about the importance of donating their gifts to help others in need. The Holy Buckets will be in the vestibule **Today, Sunday, December 28th**. Students and families are strongly encouraged to donate money, written prayers, and written acts of service. Community members are also welcome to donate.

Attention volunteers who work with children:

If you have taken the VIRTUS Child Awareness Training Session, then you are required to complete monthly training bulletins online. Failure to complete three or more consecutive training bulletins will require you to retake the VIRTUS Child Awareness Session. You must be registered on virtusonline.org in order to access the bulletins. A bulletin reminder will arrive by email from system@pub.virtus.org on the first Sunday of each month. When you are ready to read your bulletin, follow these directions:

1. Go to www.virtusonline.org. Enter your user ID and password.
2. Click on "Training" at the top toolbar.
3. Click on "Training Bulletin Report" box on the right side of the screen to see your complete report.
4. Under "Type," click on "Click here for details."
5. Read each bulletin listed. Answer the question at the bottom of each bulletin, and click "Submit."

Please contact Meghan Neumeier at sffc.dre@gmail.com or [937.435.3626](tel:937.435.3626) with questions.

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

On a February morning in 1861, Julia Ward Howe rose early from her bed to write down the words of a song before she fell asleep again. She wrote the first lines of "*The Battle Hymn of the Republic*:" "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

After seeing God in the burning bush, Moses was changed forever. Ezekiel saw the wheel in the sky. Abram walked with God. Their eyes were filled with the glory of the Lord.

In a vision from the Holy Spirit, Simeon's eyes were filled with the glory of the Lord when Joseph and Mary entered the temple. Perhaps all of us have seen the glory of the Lord. Think back to an encounter or other unexplained vision. Close your eyes and find that whispered moment when you were closest to our Lord Jesus Christ.

THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO PURCHASED A POINSETTIA IN REMEMBRANCE OF A LOVED ONE. PLEASE TAKE YOUR POINSETTIA HOME AFTER THE JANUARY 11TH MASS.

**St. Leonard Student of the Month**

Eric Pelletier is our Student of the Month for December! Eric is in seventh grade at Tower Heights. He is a student musician and a plate holder at St. Leonard. Eric enjoys playing the viola, playing video games, writing, and drawing. Eric's dad is in the Air Force, and Eric has lived in Oklahoma, Florida, Germany, New Jersey, and Virginia (in addition to Ohio). Eric shared his musical talents with the Faith Community at the Guadalupe Intergenerational Faith Formation Session after Mass on December 14th. Eric will be getting confirmed on May 9th. If you are interested in applying for our Student of the Month program, then please visit our website at: <http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/student-of-the-month>.

MEETING**January Intergenerational Team**

The Team will meet on Sunday, **January 11th**, immediately following Mass in **Classroom 3**. Please be sure to have a conversation with your ministries regarding what we covered at our last meeting.



FAITH FORMATION - Noel Kupras-Bauer
noelkb@gmail.com

After last Sunday's poem by St. John of the Cross calling us to be midwives of God, the feast of the birth of Jesus calls us to give birth to this Christ Child, not just celebrate an historical fact., as Meister Eckhart, a 13th century Dominican mystic wrote

"We are celebrating the feast of the Eternal Birth which God the Father has borne and never ceases to bear in all eternity... But if it takes not place in me, what avails it? Everything lies in this, that it should take place in me." **Meister Eckhart**

"It is fitting then to share this blessing with you today: May the God of INCARNATION be with you. May the Word of God become flesh in you, revealed and embodied in the experiences of your life and in the communication of your truth. May your companionship empower all who journey with you and may you put flesh on the Divine Presence in the world. May the blessing of the INCARNATE God be with you."

Maxine Shonk, OP

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

OUR GIFT TO YOU

Faith Formation's Programs for 2015
Now is the time to mark your new calendars!

Jan 20: *"The Art in Our Chapel:"* A Guided Tour by Joe Scullion, 7PM in the St. Leonard Chapel.

Feb 10: *"From St. Francis to Pope Francis to you!"* A 90 minute multimedia presentation looking at the impact of climate change on the poorest in the world. At 7PM, location TBA.

Mar 10: *"The Mysticism of St. Francis"* by David Weickert, P.A., 7PM, Chaminade Hall Auditorium.

Apr 14: *"Our Resurrection: What Do You Expect?"* A discussion led by Noel Kupras-Bauer based on readings and Scripture, 7PM, Chaminade Hall Auditorium.

May 12: A Presentation on *"Discipleship"* by Fr. Satish in the 7PM, Chaminade Hall Auditorium.

June 9: *"The Spirituality and Charism of our Franciscan Heritage and How it Plays Out in Our Community."* Presentation by Sr. Katerie of the St. Leonard Senior Center, 7PM, Chaminade Hall Auditorium.

**Please join us for any or all of these.
Bring your friends!**

You are invited to participate in the 38th annual Men's retreat for the parish of St. Francis of Assisi.

MEN'S RETREAT

This year's theme
Spirit of Truth

Bergamo Center, January 9-11, 2015

Father Tom Gaeke, from our Archdiocese, will direct the retreat.

The topics will include:

- Finding truth in scripture
- How to understand the Truth of Jesus and John
- Our personal integrity
- Knowing the truth about ourselves.

Cost:

Single room - \$160

Double room - \$125

Commuters - \$80

For details contact Bill Moroney at 937.885.7649.

A great way to start 2015

BOOK CLUB

The book club will be meeting and discussing *"With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life"* by Henri J.M. Nouwen on **January 19th at 6:00PM** at Kate Anacker's home. Please consider joining the book club which meets once a month.

For directions, please e-mail Annie Koenig at knann89@aol.com Copies of the book are available at St. Mark's bookstore in Centerville.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PEWS

Prolife Rosary Van Trip

You are invited to travel by van on **Saturday, January 17, 9:00AM - 3:00PM** from the University of Dayton to City Hall in Cincinnati for the Prolife Rosary Procession and Rally. Bring or buy your lunch. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian.

Cost: \$8 per person or \$3 for students; payment to *"Campus Ministry"* is due by Wednesday, January 14, 2015, to Gloria Dodd, University of Dayton, 300 College Park, Dayton, OH 45469-1390. For more information, contact Gloria Dodd at gdodd1@udayton.edu or 937.229-1431. The trip is sponsored by the Flyers for Life: Faculty/Staff Group.



EPIPHANY BRUNCH

Theme: “ Gift of Wisdom”

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

Sunday, January 11, 2015

Auditorium after Mass

Sign up on Sunday, December 28th or January 4th

before or after Mass.

MEET-N-EAT

St. Leonard Faith Community presents...

Poetry:

Deepening Our Spirit

Learn more about your Catholic faith. Bonnie Neumeier, co-founder of the Drop Inn Center and the Peaslee Neighborhood Center, Over-the-Rhine, Cincinnati will give a presentation for parents of Religious Education Students. Other adult members of the Faith Community are welcome.

- **Sunday, January 11th**
- **9:00-10:15 AM**
- **Knights of Columbus Room**

A light breakfast will be provided.

Artistic ability is not required. Please R.S.V.P. to Meghan Neumeier at slfc.dre@gmail.com or 937-435-3626 by Monday, January 5.



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Special prayers are requested:

Mike Bennett, Joe Bensman, Amy Buxton, Shirley Chee (mother of Alberta Guise), Karrie Coggeshall, Conor Crippen, George Cruise, Terrie Dawson, Kerry DeLuca, Grace Detling, Betty Gillespie, Jim & Bill Kiefer, Kelly King, Vincenzina Krymow, Brandon Le, Mary Ann McGuire, 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, Roman Thieben (Larry & Noel Bauer's grandson), 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

Ministry	Chair	Council Liaison
Membership	Mary Ellen Graham & Bill Moroney	Maureen Josenhans
Worship	Mary Cozart	Pat Schug
Justice & Service	Bob Niehoff	
Faith Formation	Noel Bauer	John Nelson
Community Life	Shirle Speaks	Bonnie Bengé
Pastoral Care	Mary Ann McGuire	Darryl McGill

Calendar of Events

December:

31-Wednesday, Sr. Living Center, New Year's Vigil, Mass of Mary, Mother of God, 4PM

January 2015

1-Thursday, New Year's Day, Senior Living Center Mass, 9AM

4-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM

7-Wednesday, Faith Formation meeting, church office, 7PM

11-Sunday, Meet-n-Eat, KofC room, 9AM/Youth Mass, 10:30AM/Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Epiphany Brunch after Mass/Confirmation Class after Mass/Intergenerational Team mtg. after Mass, Classroom 3

14, Wednesday, Prayer & Worship meeting, boardroom, 7PM

18-Sunday, Mass, 10:30AM/Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM

19-Monday, Book Club, 6PM

20-Tuesday, Faith Formation, "Tour of the Chapel," by Joe Scullion, 7PM

25-Sunday, Mass, 10:30AM/Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM

*Please see Religious Education page for PREP and CLOW schedule.



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 937.750.3438.

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

Bulletin announcements:

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Bulletin information must reach our office no later than

11:00 AM on TUESDAY (articles may be edited for content and space).