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February 10, 2013

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Presiding Today:
Fr. Larry Mick

In Today's Mass We Pray For:
Lynne Jannett
by: The Jannett Family

Proclaimers of the Word:
Chris & Amanda Jennings

This Week's Readings:

February 10, 2013
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 13, 2013

Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:12-18
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

February 17, 2013

1st Sunday of Lent
Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

Welcome!

St. Leonard Faith Community is a freely formed Catholic community sharing in the Franciscan heritage. We are committed to creating a spiritual environment where the Holy Spirit comes alive through active worship and the offering of our individual and collective gifts. 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 in the St. Leonard Senior Living 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.

Fellowship: Refreshments are served after the liturgy. Fellowship helps to promote a sense of community. We invite everyone to join us as we continue our celebration in friendship and love.

Donations: A collection basket is not passed during the Liturgy. However, collection baskets are available on the ledge behind the back pews/chairs for donations that will assist in the operation of the Faith Community.



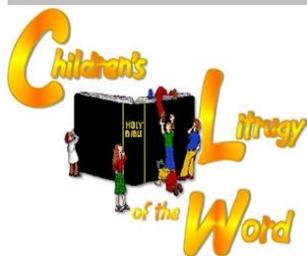
Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

St. Leonard Faith Community: Sunday Mass at 10:30 AM

Senior Living Community Mass: 4:00pm Saturday, Sunday 9:00 AM.

Week Day Mass schedule as posted on the Chapel door.

Religious Education - Meghan Neumeier



CLOW will resume on February 17th, BUT we still need adult volunteers and we welcome teen assistants.

If you like working with young people and sharing God's word, CLOW may be just what you are looking for!

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered every Sunday during the 10:30am Mass. Please contact Meghan Neumeier, DRE @ 937.435.3626 or email: slfc.dre@gmail.com to volunteer.

Youth Ministry - Noel Kupras-Bauer



Youth Ministry:

Yes, we are meeting today unless otherwise announced. See you in the Youth Ministry room. We have valentines to finish, and I thought we'd do some Yoga.



Confirmation:

Only 3 more weeks until our next class. Get going on those interviews!!

Dear Faith Community,

Our Confirmation candidates are going to be needing some mentoring and prayers during their preparation period. If you are interested in being a mentor (allowing a confirmand to shadow you in your ministry to our faith community, or in your service) please let Noel Kupras-Bauer know, (noelkb@gmail.com or 428 0853) Thanks.



WEDDING BELLS !

Today our Mass will include the exchange of marriage vows for two new members of our Faith Community. During Mass, Anne Koenig and Fred Koenen will be united in Holy Matrimony with Fr. Mick officiating.

WELCOME guests who have joined us to celebrate the beginning of their new life together.

We are delighted to share in this very special celebration for Anne and Fred and wish them many blessings as they begin their married life. Our sincere congratulations!



Next Sunday, **February 17**, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and train seminarians in a region still struggling in the aftermath of

atheistic Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and aid, your donations help restore the strength of the Church in the region. Please give generously to the Collection next week.

Community Life Ministry-Ladies Group

The Ladies Group is in the process of planning our activities for the coming year. We would love to have your ideas and help in planning these activities. We are also looking for a person who would be a co-chair of this group. The activities can be held in the evenings, during the day, or on Saturday. We are very flexible. Please contact Sharon Alberts at 937.438.8065 salberts@woh.rr.com, or Judie Woods at 937.439.0128 jawoods40@aol.com.

Looking forward to hearing from many of you at SLFC.

SOPHIE'S DAUGHTER RETREAT

Sophie's Daughter will be having its annual retreat **March 15-17, 2013** at Maria Stein. Mary Hallinan will be giving the retreat and the theme is "**HOPE**". The cost is \$190 but scholarships are available. Please contact any of the following for registration forms.

Mary Ann McGuire 937.885.0871

Bonnie Bengel 937.299.1423

Barbara Gobrail 937.293.2079

Deadline for signing up is **February 22**.

St. Vincent Shelter UPDATE:

At our January 2013 Epiphany Brunch, we collected **225 Baby Items** for families at the shelter.

We collected from the vestibule barrel for 2012:

*487 Food Items

*19 Bags of Toiletries

*6 Bags of Clothes.

THANK YOU fellow St. Leonard Folks for your **Generosity**.

Louise Nelson



KROGER PLUS CARD

Kroger's has extended Community rewards to Charitable organizations until 2014!

1. As neighbors in the community, we see first-hand how the recent economic challenges have impacted local organizations. The need has never been greater. That's why **we're dedicating \$4 million** to assist local charitable organizations of all sizes, through the 2013 Kroger Community Rewards Program starting May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014.
2. As a reminder, your supporters must re-enroll their Kroger Plus Cards online during the month of April to participate in the program for 2013.

If you have not registered your Kroger plus card please register TODAY.

REFLECTING ON THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent begins on Wednesday when we will again hear the challenge to “Repent and believe the Good News.” All of us were called at Baptism to grow in our faith and to examine our commitment to follow Christ. Lent reminds us again that we are mortal and Our time in this world is limited.

Lent initially developed as the time for the catechumen to deeply examine his or her commitment to Baptism, to examine any areas in life that might be blocking entering a new life in Christ through the sacrament. Their culture, previous religious experience, government, societal values, family and friends could make this choice very difficult. In time, members of the faith community joined the catechumens and used the time of Lent to reexamine their own Baptismal commitments. Conversion to a new life in Christ is a life-long process that does not end at Baptism, but only begins there.

This Lent, as we examine our growth in the faith as individuals and as a faith community, we ask your participation in this process by sharing in the areas that we still need to overcome in our faith journey. There will be slips of paper available on the First and Second Sundays of Lent to anonymously submit areas that you feel as an individual or as a faith community, need to be improved. Examples might include concealed racial bias or how about the influence of consumerism or perhaps the tendency to judge others. The slips will be collected and used for formulating petitions for the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of this season.

We ask that you reflect on the readings for these three Sundays to help you formulate the areas that you and the faith community need to work on. The Third Sunday, The Samaritan Woman at the Well, asks us what we thirst for in our lives. Is this thirst a good thirst, or one that can mislead us? On the Fourth Sunday we examine the healing of the Man Born Blind. We believe we see and understand, but can we be blind to the truth? On the Fifth Sunday we examine the Raising of Lazarus. There are ways we can die inside, yet, if we ask God’s help, we can find new life in Christ who promises eternal life in our Baptism. We can only change if we recognize imperfections, name them and ask God’s help to overcome them. Then, when Easter comes, we may renew our baptismal commitment with fresh enthusiasm and dedication.

GUIDELINES FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

During the season of Lent we joyfully prepare to celebrate the Paschal feast, with minds and hearts renewed. In Lent the community of faith is blessed with a spirit of loving **reverence for God** and of willing **service to neighbor**. **Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 13**, and continues through the afternoon of Holy Thursday, March 28. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes replicates an ancient penitential practice and symbolizes our dependence upon God's mercy and forgiveness. During Lent, the faithful are called to renew their baptismal commitment, while catechumens prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The **three traditional pillars** of Lenten observance are **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. The Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and reflection on Scripture, to fasting, and to promoting a more just and peaceful world. The penance that all do together on Fridays is just a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms shows a sign of renewed commitment to Catholic social teaching—supporting the rights of all people to adequate food, shelter, and health care.

The key to a fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to our continuing conversion and baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstinence from sin during Lent but more to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of obligatory **fast** and **abstinence**. **Fridays** in Lent are days of obligatory **abstinence**.

Abstaining from the meat of warm-blooded animals, (eg, beef, chicken, pork) is obligatory for all Catholics who have reached their **14th year**.

Fasting from unnecessary food is obligatory for all Catholics who have completed their **18th year** and have not yet reached their **60th year**. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal a day. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal.

Fast and **abstinence** are serious obligations and are laudable practices even when not required. **No one**, however, is obliged or encouraged to fast or abstain if doing so would endanger one's **health** or cause unreasonable **hardship**. The spirit of the law is to be observed as well as the letter, (eg, substituting lobster for chicken) would not respect the spirit of abstinence. Good Catholics, whatever their circumstances, try to observe the spirit of Lent the best they can.

Pancake Brunch!



**Pancakes, Syrup,
Sausage, Eggs, Fruit,
Coffee & Juice!!!**

DATE: February 24, 2013

TIME: 10:00am - 2:00pm

WHERE: Station House Restaurant at the
Franciscan Center

COST: Adults - \$6.00 per person

Children (12 and under) - \$4.00

Seniors over 55 - \$4.00

Tickets will be available after Mass for three weeks prior to the event. A ticket will ensure that you and your family can be seated. Walk-ins can only be seated if tickets are still available at that time.

We look forward to seeing you and serving you in the beautiful
Station House at the Franciscan Center.

Sponsored by:



See other side for details

The St. Leonard Faith Community and the Senior Living Community together are supporting this event this year and we are pleased to join a long list of other host sites. Our Social Justice Ministry, with assistance from the Social Committee, the Youth Group and the Senior Living Community here at St. Leonard will be promoting and serving the Brunch. We hope you can join us.

We thank the Senior Living Community for their facility and support, without which this would not be possible!



Hunger is not a choice—giving is!
Who is Day of Caring? (updated)

Day of Caring is a locally managed and operated nonprofit charity. Established in 1991, its mission is to increase awareness of the staggering challenges of hunger and homelessness. To help fulfill this mission, over the years 10,000 volunteers have participated in hosting an annual Pancake Brunch—its signature fundraiser. To date, Day of Caring has raised and given back to the designated charities more than \$500,000. The unique feature of the Pancake Brunch is that 100% of all ticket sales go directly to the designated hunger and homelessness coalitions in the individual counties where the Brunch is served. In Montgomery County, proceeds will be sent to hunger and emergency housing coalitions.

The first Pancake Brunch involved 12 sites, 250 volunteers, served about 3,000 brunches and donated \$8,000 to hunger and housing coalitions in Montgomery County. In 2012, about 50 sites and 1,200 volunteers in six counties served 8,000 brunches and raised \$50,000. Day of Caring is more than a one-day event; they create opportunities for people to get involved in the community. In 2003, they sponsored a Youth Volunteering in Action Workshop, a project-oriented activity, where high school students were given the opportunity of volunteering at one or more organizations over a 3-day period.

Hunger (updated)

Some 132,000 food-insecure people are living among us in greater Dayton. *Feedwire, Fall 2012, The Foodbank*

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP (aka Food Stamps), currently helps nearly 45 million low-income people purchase food for their families – that’s 1 in 7 Americans. The program is designed as a safety net to help ensure that people have access to food during difficult times, with the majority of people leaving the program within nine months. More than half of food stamp recipients are children and eight percent are over 60 years of age. *Fighting Poverty With Faith.*

Homelessness (updated)

- A minimum-wage earner would have to work 89 hours a week to afford a two-bedroom apartment at 30% of his or her income, which is the federal definition of affordable housing. *National Low Income Housing Coalition*
- More than 2.5 million very low-income families with children have severe housing cost burdens and pay more than 50% of their income for housing. *Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University*
- The number of unsheltered and sheltered homeless people was 65 and 388, respectively, in Montgomery County in 2012. *Dayton Daily News*

***“We are well advised to live simply, eat slowly, care deeply, serve generously,
love truly, look kindly, pray faithfully, decide wisely, and speak tenderly.”***

From Advent Daybreaks by Bishop Robert Morneau



Day of Caring—Pancake Brunch. Today we continue the sale of tickets to the Pancake Brunch at Station House on **February 24.** All proceeds are used to support hunger and homelessness coalitions in our area. We join 50

other host sites in Montgomery and surrounding counties holding this event. It is our privilege to be a part of this and to be collaborating with and including the Senior Living Community here at St. Leonard. Bob Niehoff and Louise Nelson will be at a table in the vestibule selling tickets for the next two weeks. See the flyer for more details.

Circles. - The SLFC Social Justice Ministry will be joining St. Francis of Assisi parish in preparing and serving the meal for a Circles gathering on the evening of **Tuesday, February 12** at 5:00 pm. We provide cookies and mixed fruit dessert for 60 people. If you can bake cookies or prepare a fruit dessert see Bob Niehoff or call 885-0527. This is an innovative program to lift people out of poverty. It seeks to transform people in generational poverty and partner them with volunteers, faith based groups and community leaders.

Engaging Our Conflicts: An Exploration of Nonviolent Peacemaking. This much anticipated module was developed by Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service, the international leader in this work. The eight-session module explores the power and potential of nonviolent peacemaking in our lives and in the world. Participants will learn about nonviolence and how to apply it in real issues that they are interested in taking action on. St. Francis of Assisi, Wilmington Pike, John Paul II & All Saints Rooms, **Thursdays, February 21–March 14, and April 4–April 25, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.** See bulletin board for more details.



Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 13th, the Lenten season includes 40 weekdays, 5 Sundays before Holy week and the crowning triumph of the Resurrection at Easter.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS



Please keep in your prayers the Schmitz family on the loss of Jack.

PALMS



We will be burning the palms today after Mass for Ash Wednesday.

Thoughts on Today's Readings

One perfect Sunday morning, Fr. Hookum, an avid fisherman and owner of many fishing trophies, couldn't resist the temptation to sneak off to his favorite fishing hole. He called a neighboring parish, pretending to be sick, and got his Masses covered.

Fr. Hookum hadn't been on the water five minutes before he snagged a fish that bent his pole almost to breaking. After he struggled through a half-hour battle, he finally landed it — the biggest fish he had ever seen, and surely one that would break the world record.

Observing from heaven, St. Peter turned to God and asked, "Why reward this priest with such a fine catch? He lied. He let down his congregation.

"God smiled at St. Peter. "I'm *punishing* him. Who can he tell?" In today's Gospel, Peter has a fishing story he can tell everyone about.

Delve into The Gospel of St. Luke



Sr. Beth Grismer

Wednesdays in Lent

beginning February 13, 9:15-11:00 a.m.,

and again February 20, 7:00-8:45 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi parish, All Saints Room

In Luke,
Jesus is the Compassion of God.
Luke is a master storyteller
and weaver of Gospel themes.
We will reflect on what Luke is
telling us about God, Jesus, and disciple-
ship –in his unique stories and style.

Questions/registration:

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937-433-0128 x205

February: EVENTS

10-Wedding @ Mass

10-Youth Mtg.-11:45am

12-Circles-5:00pm

13-Ash Wednesday

13-The Gospel of Luke @ St. Francis 9:15am

20-Simple Suppers-6:00pm

20-The Gospel of Luke @ St. Francis 7:00pm

21-Presentation "What Do You Do
When Your Teenage Children Question
Their Faith?"-7-8:15pm, St. Charles

21-Peacemaking 6:30-9:00pm

24-"Day of Caring" Pancake Brunch
10am, Franciscan Center.

27-Simple Suppers-6:00pm

MARCH:

1-Fish Fry-St. Francis Parish 5:00pm

6,13, 20-Simple Suppers 6:00pm

9-Youth Rally Fenwick H.S.

14-Peacemaking 6:30-9:00pm

15-17-Sophia' Daughter Retreat

20 & 21- Sermon on the Mount 7:00pm

"ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, FISH FRY

Where: 6245 WILMINGTON PIKE, CENTERVILLE

When: Friday, March 1

Time: Family Dining-5:00pm-7:30pm (Adults only-7:30pm-11:00pm)

Donations: Adults: \$13.00 Advance/\$15.00 @ the door. Children: 6-12 years \$8.00, children under 6 free.

Menu: Fish, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, and MORE and a variety of beverages.

Casino games, Raffles and much more will begin at 8:00p.m.

CARRY OUTS, AT \$10.00 PER DINNER, ARE AVAILABLE ONLY FROM 5:00PM TO 6:30PM, AND OF COURSE, AS USUAL THE FISH IS BEING PREPARED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOB HECHT FAMILY.

NO ONE UNDER 21 YRS OF AGE WILL BE ADMITTED AFTER 8:00PM.

If you have any questions or desire additional information, please feel free to call the St. Francis Parish office at 937.433.1013 or the undersigned at 937.689.2570 (daytime) or 937.848.2679(evenings).

Special prayers are requested for the following:



Mike Aschenbrenner, Rachel Bauer, Pam Botkins, Paul Brunk, Terrie Dawson, Jen Fahey, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Dan Jackson, , Kaleen Job, Fr. Tod Lavery, Kathleen Lewis, Greg Murill, Carol Nugent, Fred Pottschmidt, Christine Sabick, Veronica Shedan, Louise Sieber, Louise Seiler, Tracy Steffen, Richard Sterban, James Stritch, Ted Vukin, Dave Williamson, Fr. Sam Zebron

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. They will remain on the list for four weeks unless the office is notified otherwise. Hospitals do not notify the 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
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Worship	Anne Romer	Bill Moroney
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Faith Formation	CeAnn Chalker	Bonnie Bengé
Community Life	Open	Judi Woods
Pastoral Care	Judy Lamers	Kathy Hoefler

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 Aurelia Palcher at 937.885.7158.

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

Bulletin announcements:

St. Leonard Faith Community Office
8100 Clio Road, Centerville, Ohio 45458
Call 937-435-3626 or email:
linda.parks@stleonardfaithcommunity.org
Bulletin information must reach our office no later than 11:00 AM on TUESDAY.

Pictures of community members at community sponsored events may be posted on the web. A photo release form must be on file.

Faith Community Website:
www.stleonardfaithcommunity.org

Office Hours: Monday–Friday: 9:00 AM –4:00 PM

News from the Pews–Help the community stay in touch! Contact the office @ 937.435.3626 or email:
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