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Second Sunday of Lent

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

February

Council Announcements:
Tom Anacker

Today's Mass is for:

Edward O'Neil

by: Mary Ann & Jim McGuire

Proclaimers of the Word:

Gwen & Don Juszczak

Today's Collection Counters:

Joe Scullion

Mary Lou Worland

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
and Sunday 9:00AM

Welcome!

February 21, 2016



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: 2.14.16: \$1,784.00

YTD Collections: \$109,366.00

Weekly Budget: \$3,615.00

YTD Budget: \$112,080.00

Central & Eastern Europe Collection: \$205.00

1Faith, 1Hope, 1Love - Faith Community & Sr. Living Center: \$21,703.00

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2016

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26,
39a, 40-42

February Religious Education Classes (PREP)

21-PREP Classes in Session

28-PREP Classes in Session

March

6-PREP Classes in Session

13-PREP Classes in Session

20-PREP Classes in Session-Auditorium

27-**NO PREP** - Easter Sunday**February - Youth Ministry**

21-Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm

28-Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm

March

6-Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm

13-Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm

20-Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm

27-**No Youth Meeting** - Easter Sunday

Youth Ministry - Join us at 6:30-8:00pm, Sunday, February 21 for "*Faith, Fun, Friends, and Food.*" Bring a friend or two and a snack to share! In case of inclement weather closures will be announced on the St Leonard Faith Community Facebook page, through emails if you have signed up, and on WHIO-TV. Hopefully we will have sunny skies.

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

Today's readings speak to us about eye-opening experiences ... radical insights about who we are and who Jesus is. Abraham encountered God in a way that shaped Israel's future. Peter, James and John encountered Jesus in a profound way. Learning who Jesus really is and being shaped by that knowledge often comes in unexplainable moments. How wonderful it is when our faith becomes real and our eyes are opened to new possibilities!



Look at the night sky; don't pitch a tent, so many stars! Too many to count. That is the un-numberable number of Abram's descendants - of which each of us is a part. God promised then, and promises still today in covenantal love and mercy to care for us, protect us, and be our only God. This Lent, let us go looking for descendant stars, people born of Abraham and Sarah and loved by God. Let us go looking for those who need embracing. Let us go looking for those who need some special care, some covenantal kindness, many kind words. Let us look. Then let us act.

**Stripping the Palms for Passion Sunday**

We need 6 -10 people to volunteer to strip and count palms at 9:30am, Saturday, March 19 in the Sacristy. We should be finished around 11am. Many hands make fast work!

**Easter Flowers**

Would you like to honor the memory of your deceased loved ones in a special way with flowers for our chapel Easter season decorations?

Starting **February 28**, envelopes will be on the ledge, back of the pews and chair side of the chapel, which may be used for a \$10 donation.

**Know Mercy - Show Mercy**

This week we hear in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' transfiguration. We hear a voice from heaven that this Jesus is "God's chosen Son," to whom we are to listen. Discipleship calls us to LISTEN to Jesus. For example, Jesus went about doing good - so must we. Jesus welcomed all, whatever their social status, gender, ethnicity, age or sinfulness - so must we. Jesus spoke truth to power and defend the defenseless. Jesus set aside time to pray. He revealed to sinners the love and mercy of God. As we live our daily lives we are challenged by the question, "what would Jesus do?" We glimpse the glory of God that is hidden within. May we also see the glory of God in us by what we do. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Action/Reflection: Read Luke's Gospel for this Sunday and reflect on the glory of God. How can we reflect God in our daily lives?

LENT

The 3 Pillars of Lent

- **PRAYER** - nurturing your relationship with God
<http://www.melhor.org/2012/01/04/prayer-101/>

- **FASTING** - giving something up to be closer to God
<http://www.melhor.org/2012/01/04/what-to-fast/>

- **ALMSGIVING** - sharing with those in need
<http://catholicism.about.com/od/faith/practice/12061010/>




Happy Lent! I'm quoting Fr. Larry and I have to admit when I first heard him say it I almost laughed out loud. If we are "celebrating" Lent in the spirit of God's Mercy, than indeed that's an appropriate greeting. **God's Mercy = an outpouring of God's loving kindness and grace** just because we are, not because we've earned it, or deserve it, or even need it, but just because that's the way God works. Do I have a wonderful example for you to show how this works!

I started my Lenten "retreat" with Ash Wednesday liturgy and my list of how I was going to show compassion to myself by keeping a regular prayer time, focusing on healthy foods first, etc., and by Sunday morning I am so disappointed that three days in, I had already floundered! Then I came to our community gathering on Sunday morning, and joined first with six others to discuss Fr. Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations (cac.org) for the past week. Rohr always gives us so much to discuss but what I took away that morning was the question that kept arising. We are taught that to be disciples of Jesus, we are to live the two great commandments as Jesus did – namely, **to love** God with all our being and **to love** our neighbor as ourselves. Here's the question "Why aren't we taught how to love? How do we learn it?"

At first, I thought that we learn how to love by experiencing it. You know when you feel loved, valued and appreciated. Then I thought of the *Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy*. Those 14 directives are certainly specific enough ways of responding to others needs, but they can be executed without any great love or compassion on our part, and when that happens, the receiver knows and sees it as a hand out and not necessarily as an act of Mercy. So that left me wondering. Monday night at our first Simple Supper gathering we were discussing the very short but powerful commentary of Sr. Joan Chittister. I was graced with another insight when one of our group was talking about his service and was actually describing how to teach someone that they are loved by God. It comes down to something as simple as recognizing and honoring that the other person exists – a smile when encountering a person, a positive comment about something they do or say that makes them feel unique, appreciated or merely noticed.

When we live in an area where people respond that way to each other rather easily, it is considered a friendly place. It's usually a safe place too. That doesn't happen too frequently in population-dense or run down areas because people don't feel safe and don't want to target themselves, which is why no one probably took my suggestion last week to take bagged lunches to the homeless in the park next to the library downtown. Here may be the point of this Lenten Retreat in this "Year of Mercy." Sr. Chittister says, "Lent is not about penance. Lent is about becoming, doing, and changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life (aka LOVE) in us right now." If we don't see the other whose needs we are responding to as one of us, that's the change that has to happen first. You would take a bagged lunch to your brother if he was in that park, wouldn't you? **Well he is there!** Maybe we need to revisit that suggestion about bagged lunches. If you go, talk to that person you're bringing lunch to. He's a person loved by God, too. Just a suggestion to turn your Lent into a celebration of Mercy instead of a penance that you get down on yourself for not keeping every day of Lent!

Blessing: May the God of CONVERSION be with you, freeing you to let go and to experience inner renewal that is a transformation of heart and spirit. **May your personal transformation make God's love transparent through you** and draw others to face the challenge of change in their own lives. May the blessing of CONVERSION, the blessing of Transformation be upon you. –Sr. Max Shonk, OP



CONGRATULATIONS! Our Faith Community has pledged \$8593.00 to this year's CMA which is more than \$1200.00 over our goal of \$7389.00.

Archbishop Schnurr sends his special thanks to everyone from St. Leonard Faith Community who has supported the 2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. For more information check the bulletin board or to pledge securely online, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. You can text to donate: **Text the phrase "2016CMA" to 555-888** (standard data and message rates may apply). Thank you!

Ash Wednesday Collection (Church in Central & Eastern Europe.) Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this collection, you are helping to **restore the Church and build the future**. Please visit: www.usccb.org/ccee.



Day of Caring - Pancake Brunch

Tickets for the Pancake Brunch, February 28, are on sale today. After today, tickets can be purchased by calling Roz Feicht at 937.361.9012 or picked up at the church office until Thursday, February 25. Unsold tickets will also be available at the Station House door while supply lasts. Adults \$5 per person; children under 10, \$3. All proceeds support the Foodbank and Dayton Housing Coalition via Day of Caring. **Personal hygiene items: toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo and deodorant can also be donated** and dropped off at the Brunch to support Day of Caring's distribution throughout our area.

Laudato Si' - Everything is Connected: Teaching Pope Francis' "Integral Ecology" March 3 - 5, 2016.

Join scholars and experts for an interdisciplinary engagement with Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. We will discuss the vision of environmental interconnection and the call to action from the perspectives of theology, ethics, economics, science and policy. **The event is free with the option to pay \$10 for lunch on Friday.** The **Keynote talk**, entitled *Laudato Si', Paris and the Future of Climate Policy* will be presented by Ottmar Edenhofer, Ph.D, Professor of the Economics of Climate Change at the Berlin Institute of Technology at the University of Dayton's Kennedy Union Ballroom 6:45pm, Thursday, March 3. Register at: <https://www.udayton.edu/artssciences/ctr/hsi/conferences/laudato-si/index.php>.

Sessions: 9am-5pm, Friday, March 4th and 9am-11:40am, Saturday, March 5th. Both sessions at River Campus Auditorium.

Speakers and Topics:

- *The God of All Creation* - Elizabeth Groppe, Xavier University
- *Humanity's Role in Creation* - Daniel Castillo, Loyola University Maryland
- *The Liturgy and the Environment* - Sandra Yocum, University of Dayton
- *The Spirituality of Laudato Si'* - Douglas Christie, Loyola Marymount University
- *Integral Ecology: Francis' Moral Vision of Interconnection* - Vincent Miller, University of Dayton
- *The Environment and the Poor* - M.T. Davila Andover, Newton Theological School
- *Francis' Economics* - Anthony Annett, Earth Institute, Columbia University
- *Ecology: The Science of Connection* - Leanne Jablonski F.M.I., Hanley Sustainability Institute
- *The Science of Climate Change* - Robert Brecha, Hanley Sustainability Institute
- *Climate Change: Mitigation and Adaptation* - Ottmar Edenhofer, Chief Economist at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Co-Chair of Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Working together to Address the Climate Crisis - Erin Lothes, College of St. Elizabeth

This event is Path Eligible. *Laudato Si'* is sponsored by the Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture and the Hanley Sustainability Institute.

Please Keep Them In Your Prayers:

Jim and Marge O'Neil on the death of Jim's brother, Edward O'Neil on February 5, 2016.

Kelly Ann King , daughter of Rick & Barb Hungerford (former members) passed away Friday, February 12, at home after more than a two year fight against triple negative breast cancer. The family wishes to thank each and everyone for your thoughts and prayers over these past two years. Kelly was very courageous until the end and her parents were so proud of her.



Ladies Retreat News

The Ladies Retreat is scheduled for September 16, 17 and 18, 2016. This is one week later than normal due to a conflict at Maria Stein. Get the dates on your calendar now and plan to attend our 14th annual retreat.

We are so excited to announce that our Retreat Leader will be Mary Hallinan whom most of us know from past retreats. Mary is excited to be joining us and plans are already being made. Further details will follow.

2015 OUTREACH REPORT

The St. Leonard Faith Community Outreach Committee receives a tithe of 10% from the weekly collections. These funds are distributed to charitable organizations in the Miami Valley area as a contribution from our community. The following agencies received funds from the Faith Community in 2015:

Artemis	\$ 300.00
Building Bridges	\$ 300.00
Castle	\$ 300.00
Centerville Food Pantry	\$ 300.00
Daybreak	\$ 800.00
Elizabeth New Life	\$ 500.00
Good Shepherd Ministries	\$ 300.00
House of Bread	\$1000.00
Samaritan Homeless Clinic	\$ 500.00
St. Mary Development	\$ 300.00
St. Leonard Benevolent	\$4000.00
St. Vincent Hotel	\$1000.00

TOTAL DONATIONS \$9600.00

Our 2015 Thanksgiving Food Drive enabled us to give 15 baskets of food to families in need at Building Bridges and to some of the part-time employees of the St. Leonard Senior Living Community. The Christmas Gift project collected nearly 80 gifts for people at Building Bridges, some of the residents of the Senior Living Community and other places.

As in years past, our community has shown great generosity to those in need. Thanks to everyone who contributed to these projects.

Holy Week Schedule:

Faith Community:

Holy Thursday - March 24, Dinner 6:15PM, auditorium
Mass 7PM

Good Friday Service - March 25, 7:00PM

Easter Vigil - March 26, 9:00PM

Easter Sunday Mass - March 27, 10:30AM

St. Leonard Senior Center:

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent , 3:15pm,
February 12 - March 18

Holy Thursday Interdenominational Service, 11am, Thursday,
March 24

Holy Thursday Mass - 4pm, Thursday, March 24

Good Friday Service - 2pm, Friday, March 25

Easter Sunday Mass - 9am, March 27

SR. LIVING CENTER
3:00PM, MARCH 2, 2016

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

ST. LEONARD FAITH COMMUNITY
7:00 PM, MARCH 3, 2016

DAY OF CARING

Pancake
BRUNCH



Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause.

Sponsored by: St. Leonard Faith Community and Sr. Living Center

One hundred percent of all sales and donations go toward the support of the Day of Caring.

When: February 28, 2016, 10am - 1pm

Where: Station House Restaurant, St. Leonard Campus

Cost: \$5.00 per person / \$3.00 for children under 10

Meal includes: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Fruit, Milk, OJ, and Coffee.

Tickets will be on sale February 7 thru 21, 2016

After the 10:30 am Mass or

Faith Community Church Office, 937.435.3626/Roz Feicht, 937.361.9012

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(Optional: Bring personal hygiene products for the underprivileged.)



St. Leonard Knights of Columbus, 10215

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Doors open at 5:00pm

Dinner 6:00 - 8:00 PM

\$12 Adults, \$5 Children 6-14

Children 5 and under free

Includes dinner and beverages.

St. Leonard's Auditorium

Tickets available @ Gee Gees or
contact Gene Gross, 937.902.8788 or
Norm Speaks, 937.902.3642.





Special prayers are requested:

Donna Ames, Mike Bennett, Joe Bensman, Amy Buxton, Shirley Chee, Conor Crippen, Ron Christopher, Terrie Dawson, Beth Ennis, Norm Fogel, Ruth Hopkins, Joanne Jannetta, Julie Kennedy, Tom Kirchmer, Nicholas Ladd, Brandon Le, Elaine Lunne, Justin Mastrangelo, Rose Mayl, Therese Mileti, Michael Morrison, Anita Nelson, Angela Paolo, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Hugh & Jasmine Skees, Betty Ann Streit, Hannah Taylor, Jim Tieman, Linda Versic, Elaine Vorherr, Marlene Vorherr, Bob Whitehouse, 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 unless otherwise notified. 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		Fred Konen
Pastoral Care	Mary Ann McGuire	Shirley Venetos

Calendar of Events

February:

- 21-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45am/Mass 10:30am/
Pancake Brunch sign up before and after Mass
- 27-Saturday, KofC Spaghetti Dinner, Auditorium, 6-8pm
- 28-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45am/Mass 10:30am/
Day of Caring Pancake Brunch, Station House Restaurant,
10am-1pm/Easter Flower envelopes will be available

March:

- 3-Thursday, Reconciliation, Chapel, 7pm
 - 3-5, Laudato Si': "*Integral Ecology*," University of Dayton
 - 6-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45am/Mass 10:30am
 - 13-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45am/Mass 10:30am
 - 16-Wednesday, Prayer & Worship Meeting, Boardroom, 7pm
 - 19-Saturday, Stripping of the Palms, Sacristy, 9:30am
 - 20-Palm Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45am/Mass 10:30am
 - 22-Tuesday, Church Council Meeting, Boardroom, 7pm
 - 24-Holy Thursday, Dinner 6:15pm, Auditorium, Mass 7pm Chapel
 - 25-Good Friday Service, Chapel, 7pm
 - 26-Saturday, Easter Vigil, Chapel, 9pm
 - 27-Easter Sunday, Mass 10:30am
- *See Religious Education page for PREP and Youth Ministry 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 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.)