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1:00PM

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First Sunday of Lent

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

February

Council Announcements:
John Nelson

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Vicky Ramsey
by - Jim & Mary Ann McGuire

Proclaimers of the Word:

Mary Cozart & Judy Lamers

Today's Collection Counters:

Joe Scullion
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!

February 22, 2015



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.

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.

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: 2-15-2015: \$5,415.00

YTD Collections: \$106,164.00

Weekly Budgeted Collection: \$3,615.00

YTD Budget: \$108,440.00

Readings for the Week of February 22, 2015

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

February Religious Education Classes (PREP):

22-Classes in Session

March Religious Education Classes (PREP):

1-Classes in Session

8-Classes in Session

15-Classes in Session (Shadow Stations of the Cross Dress Rehearsal)

22-NO MORNING CLASS (Shadow Stations of the Cross Presentation & Lunch, After Mass)

29-NO CLASS (Palm Sunday/Easter Break)

Family Prayer Aide Online

The Christ at the Center Home Edition Family Prayer Aide (Ordinary Time/Lent: February 8 - March 8) is an excellent family resource. The prayer aide helps families pray together and discuss the Sunday Gospel readings together. To access the prayer aide, go to <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/>, and select "Family & Home" under the "Christ at the Center" heading.

Religious Education Toiletry Drive - New Hope Church

The St. Leonard Faith Community regularly collects toiletries to support New Hope Church's program to provide for people in Dayton who are living in poverty. Beginning on **Sunday, February 8th through March 15th**, each Religious Education classroom will have a collection box for toiletry donations. Religious Education families are encouraged to donate the following items: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, shampoo, dish detergent, laundry detergent, paper products, and diapers. Please include store receipts with your donations so the donations can be matched by the Faith Community's benevolent fund. This is a great way to teach our children about the importance of serving those living in poverty.

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

22-Norm Speaks

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

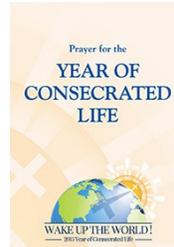
1-Family Sunday-NO CLOW

8-Monsita Corbett (adult observer: Mrs. Corbett)

15-Monsita Corbett (adult observer: Mrs. Corbett)

22-Norm Speaks

29-NO CLOW (Palm Sunday/Easter Break)

**The Year of Consecrated Life**

On November 29, 2013, Pope Francis made an announcement to make 2015 be a year dedicated to consecrated life. This dedication celebrates the 50th anniversary of the publication of the conciliar decree on the renewal of consecrated life, *Perfectae Caritatis*, which seeks to embrace the future with hope and encourages us to live the present passionately, radically evangelical, and to "wake the world up." For more information, check out: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/religious/consecrated-life-2015/>.

Calling all budding scientists in grades pre-K through 6!



Join us for this year's SonSpark Labs Vacation Bible School, to be held **June 21-25, from 6:00-8:30PM**. Young "scientists" will participate in experiments and games, create science-themed crafts, learn Bible stories and songs, and enjoy snacks. Most importantly, they will discover God's plan for each of them: God's Plan 4 U = Jesus!

To register, visit: <http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/vbs-online-registration>. For more information, contact Meghan Neumeier at 937-435-3626 or slfc.dre@gmail.com.

SAINT OF THE DAY: February 22

St. Margaret of Cortona— She was born in Tuscany in 1247. After enduring her mother's death at seven-years-old, followed by rejection by her stepmother, St. Margaret sought refuge in the arms of a young man from Montepulciano. St. Margaret soon bore a son out of wedlock. Nine years later, her son's father was murdered. St. Margaret returned to her father's home as a penitent. Her father refused to accept her and her son, so St. Margaret went to the Friars Minor at Cortona, where she received hospitality and counsel. St. Margaret devoted the remainder of her life to assisting the poor and the ill. She joined the Third Order of St. Francis, and her son joined the Franciscans. St. Margaret founded a hospital and the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mercy. St. Margaret had a great devotion to the Eucharist and to the Passion of Christ, and she encouraged many people to return to the sacraments.



RENEWING OUR COVENANT WITH OUR MERCIFUL AND LOVING GOD

For the next five weeks of Lent, the first readings, from the Hebrew Scriptures, focus on the theme of covenant relationship. This week we reflect on the covenant God made with Noah after the flood. This covenant God made with the earth in the person of Noah that the earth would not be destroyed by water again. Water is used to save the just and destroy the unjust. Perhaps it is also a challenge to the people of the earth to care for God's creation. The sign of the rainbow and its wonderful spectrum of colors remind us of our challenge to respect the beauty of God's creation. Psalm 103 reminds us that "God touches all in the heavens and on earth. Everything is full of sacred presence."

Actions: Perhaps this week our families could come together and review its recycling efforts, take a look at what food we may be tempted to waste, and how we can cut our use of our natural resources (heating, lights, water, etc.). Promise God that the gift of the earth that has been given to us will be respected and returned to God in the beauty that it has been given us.



Congratulations! Faith Community has donated 114% of our goal! Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from **St. Leonard Faith Community** who has supported the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal and if you have not yet made your pledge, envelopes are available in the vestibule, please consider doing so this week. For more information and to pledge securely online, please visit: CatholicAppeal.info.

Ministry Schedules

New ministry schedules for March, April and May are completed and are now on the church website. Please check the schedules and print so you can refer to them in the coming months.

If you are unable to access a computer there are printed copies on the back pew.



FAITH FORMATION - Noel Kupras-Bauer
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February's monthly program was on Ecology and St. Francis' legacy. Fourteen of us gathered in the Board Room to watch video clips from the Archdiocesan sponsored program "*From St. Francis to Pope Francis to You*" and to discuss the information garnered. If you missed it you can still go on line to Youtube.com and look up Carbon Footprint Calculator: Calculate Your Footprint Now. It was eye opening to see how some of the things we take for granted, like the length of our showers, affect the rest of the world. Besides the calculator, I suggest you **check out "The St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor"** on the "The Catholic Climate Covenant" website.

Our community is formed in the Franciscan spirit, so knowing a little more about St. Francis, other than he is the patron saint of animals, is something our committee is stressing in three of the next four programs. In March, **David Weickert will talk about St. Francis' Mysticism**. Only a mystic would call everything in creation Brother or Sister! Maybe re-watching "*Brother Sun, Sister Moon*" would be a good idea!

Speaking of brothers and sisters, one thing that really resonated with me from February's program was using the phrase "**our brothers and sisters who suffer**" instead of the words "the poor." Maybe it was Pope Francis who was urging us to do that, but it made sense to me. Nobody wants to identify with the word "poor." It has shameful connotations. But everyone can identify with those "who suffer" because we all suffer. Think about it. Would just that little change soften our hearts more?

One last thing: a hundred years ago, the monk and mystic, **Thomas Merton** was born. There's probably a lot being planned to celebrate his centenary, so I want to share with you **part of a psalm he wrote** in hopes that you will pray it. You will definitely hear St. Francis echoed here.

"Today, Father, this blue sky lauds you... The distant blue hills praise you, together with the sweet smelling air that is full of brilliant light...I too, Father, praise you, with all these my brothers, and they give voice to my own heart and to my own silence.

We are all one silence, and a diversity of voices. You have made us together, you have made us one and many, you have placed me here in the midst as witness, as awareness, and as joy." Thomas Merton, Conjectures of a Guilty By-stander, pp. 131-132.



SOCIAL JUSTICE - Bob Niehoff
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HUNGER SOILDARITY CHALLENGE

As a way of standing in solidarity with people who are hungry throughout our region, the Dayton Weavers of Justice parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati encourage the community to take a **HUNGER SOILDARITY CHALLENGE** by experiencing what the poor must endure to find and buy food in their food-desert neighborhoods.

Many of these poor urban neighbors live on limited income with no transportation and must walk to get groceries at nearby gas stations, pharmacies or dollar stores for lack of a convenient traditional grocery store.

To take up the CHALLENGE:

- Start during the week of March 22-28 and do the challenge for as many days as you can endure it during this week or start on any day during Lent and do one or more days during Lent.
- Limit every meal to \$1.50 per person or \$4.50 for three meals per person per day.
- Ideally, purchase your food at a gas station, pharmacy or dollar store within walking distance of your home and, if possible, walk to get your food because people on low income have to do just that—some in neighborhoods without sidewalks.
- Record your experiences, feelings and thoughts in a journal or on a piece of paper and submit them to a Social Justice member for publication in a future bulletin.

Pope Francis is drawing attention to the crisis of hunger in the world through Caritas programs, including “*One Human Family, Food for All Campaign*.” Visit: <http://food.caritas.org/> and listen to Francis’ message and check out the Lenten activities calendar and much more.

St. Leonard Faith Community is one of 17 faith communities of Weavers of Justice.

Healing Service - February 15, 2015



Social Justice Day

Sunday, March 1, 11:45 AM

During Coffee and Donuts, Auditorium

All members of the St. Leonard Faith Community can “give alms!” Join us for various social justice-oriented activities for all ages:

1. Assemble “Socks of Love” to benefit patients at the St. Leonard Health & Rehab Center.
2. Color pictures to bring a smile to residents at nursing homes and military personnel overseas.
3. Make cards to support our Faith Community members who are ill/homebound/grieving.
4. Drop off diaper donations for the poor.
5. Write letters to Congress to support the positions of the U.S. Bishops.
6. Learn more about our Community’s Social Justice initiatives.

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Sr. Helen Prejean speaking at UD

Sr. Helen is an internationally known death penalty activist and the author of the book “*Dead Man Walking*.” She divides her time between raising awareness about the death penalty and counseling death row prisoners. The event is on **February 26th, 2015 at 7:00PM in the RecPlex at UD.**



February Student of the Month

Maria Loal is our Student of the Month for February! Maria is a sixth grader at Magsig Middle School in Centerville. She enjoys St. Leonard Religious Education class games, stories, and lessons. Her interests include school (especially math), exercising, and running. She is also thinking about trying out for basketball. Maria is the second oldest child and the oldest girl in a family of seven. 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>.



St. Leonard Knights of Columbus



FISH FRY & MONTE CARLO

When: FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015



Time: Starts at 7:00PM
Carry Out – 5:00 til 6:30PM

Cost: \$ 12.00 in advance
\$ 15.00 at the door

All You Can Eat

Place: St. Leonard Auditorium
8100 Clys Rd., Centerville, Ohio

For Tickets:
Gene Gross at 937.433.5241
John Vallo 937.435.7494
Norm Speaks 513.855.4246 or
Gee Gee Market

NO ONE UNDER 21 WILL BE PERMITTED AFTER 8:00PM



Special prayers are requested:

Tom Barhorst (Ruth Hopkins brother), Mike Bennett, Joe Bensman, Marjorie Bleicher, Amy Buxton, Shirley Chee (mother of Alberta Guise), Karrie Coggeshall, Conor Crippen, George Cruise, Terrie Dawson, Kerry DeLuca, Bruce Ford, Peggy Fulwiler (Jim Fulwiler’s mom), Betty Gillespie, John Hopsicker & family, Jim & Bill Kiefer, Kelly King, Adrian Konstantelos, Vincenzina Krymow, Brandon Le, Mary Ann McGuire, Beverly Mullins, Anita & Doug Nelson, Fr. Joe Rigali, Angela O’Reilly, Kacey Risher, Scarlett Schmitz, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Marvin Skeens, Hugh & Jasmine Skees, Payne Sigman, Roman Thieben (Bauer’s grandson), Jim Town, Ron Volosin, 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 until the office is contacted to remove them. 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.

St. Leonard Faith Community Staff

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Calendar of Events

- February**
- 22-Sunday, Meet& Eat, KofC room, 9am/Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass, 10:30AM/ “Day of Caring” Pancake Brunch, Station House Rest.,10am-1pm/Confirmation class after Mass
- March**
- 1-Family Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass 10:30am/Eucharistic Ministries training session, chair side of the Chapel, after Mass/Social Justice Day, auditorium after Mass
 - 6-Friday, KofC Fish Fry, auditorium, Carryout: 5:00-6:30pm, Dinner 7pm
 - 8-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass 10:30am/ Intergenerational team mtg. after Mass, classrm 3/New Hope Church
 - 10-Tuesday, Faith Formation presentation “The Mysticism of St. Francis,” auditorium, 7pm
 - 15-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass 10:30am/ Confirmation class after Mass/Coffee with Fr. Larry Classroom 3
 - 16-Monday, Book Club, 6pm
 - 18-Wednesday, Prayer & Worship mtg., Boardroom, 7PM
 - 22- Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass 10:30am/ Confirmation class after Mass/Shadow Stations of the Cross and lunch after Mass, auditorium
 - 24-Church Council mtg., Boardroom, 7PM
 - 29-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass 10:30am
- *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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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).

Ministries Of The Church

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