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St. Leonard Faith Community

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome!

February 23, 2014

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

February Announcements:

Council - Darryl McGill

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Carla Curry

by: Doris Mueller

Proclaimers of the Word:

Sara Workman and

Bob Ramsey

“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.

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.

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.”

Mass Schedule:

St. Leonard Faith Community
Faith Formation, 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

Collection February 16 - \$ \$4372.00

Weekly Budgeted Collection - \$3,750.00

YTD Collections - \$109,785.84

YTD Budget - \$116,250.00

Readings for the Week of February 23, 2014

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16
Sunday: Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34



February CLOW Schedule:

23-Kathy Moroney

March CLOW Schedule:

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

9-Family Sunday - No CLOW!

16-TBD

23-Kaitlynn Jensen (adult observer: Deanna Jensen)

30-Spring Break - **No CLOW****Want to Help Your Children Stay Engaged During Mass?**

Consider using the Children's Worship Bulletins, found in the bags in the back of the chapel (pew side). The Children's Worship Bulletins are rooted in Scripture and contain pictures, puzzles, mazes, word games, and more. Two sets are available: one for children ages 3-6, and one for children ages 7-12. Children may take the bulletins home, but we ask that they leave the clipboards and bags in the chapel.


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cross

Shadow Stations of the Cross & Religious Education Breakfast. This year, on **Sunday, April 6th**, our religious education students will once again be presenting the Shadow Stations of the Cross. The program will begin at approximately **9:30AM** in the Auditorium. All members of the community are invited to join us for this creative rendition of the Stations of the Cross. Beginning at 9:00AM in the Auditorium, we will have a light potluck breakfast for religious education students, parents, and teachers. Parents are encouraged to sign up to bring a food item in the vestibule after Mass on March 2, March 9, March 16, and March 23.

Family Prayer Aide Online

The Christ at the Center Home Edition Family Prayer Aide (Ordinary Time: Jan 26 - March 2, 2014) 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.



Retreat for Junior High Students. The Archdiocese's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Office of Evangelization and Catechesis will hold the Ignite Retreat for junior high students from **March 21-23, 2014** at the Bergamo Center. Ignite is a high-energy, weekend discipleship retreat for youth with demonstrated leadership abilities. This year's theme is "Jesus 24/7: To Know, To Love, To Serve." The cost is \$130 per person (\$150 after February 20, 2014). Financial assistance is available. If your son or daughter is interested in attending, please contact: Meghan Neumeier @: sffc.dre@gmail.com or 937.435.3626.

SAVE THE DATE'S: Vacation Bible School, June 22 - 26, 2014**NEWS FROM YOUTH MINISTRY**

PIZZA PARTY - Sunday, March 2, 12:00PM Gather in the youth room for pizza to plan events and service projects. We will discuss the greatly anticipated mission trip and plan other monthly events. Please contact Renee Clement at: renee-clement@ymail.com or call 937.435.4240 by **February 26** if attending (we want to make sure we have enough food!) Parents are welcome to attend.

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

There once was a preacher whose homilies went on forever. During one service, a large plant fell over behind the pulpit. The preacher smiled sheepishly and said, "Well, that's the first time I've ever put a plant to sleep."

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues to teach us valuable lessons, and we should be bright-eyed and attentive. For example, Jesus tells us to love our enemies — and well we should. After all, we are the ones who made them.

If a bully strikes us on one cheek, we might be able to shrug it off. If they strike the other cheek, it will take monumental restraint not to strike back. But this is what we are called to do. A few chapters later in Matthew, Peter asks Jesus if forgiving seven times is enough. Jesus says no; we are to forgive 70 times seven.



2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

The Catholic Ministries Appeal offers us the opportunity to live as Disciples of Christ by supporting ministries serving people throughout our Archdiocese. Through the generosity of many families here at St. Leonard Faith Community, a total of \$11,490.00 was contributed to the 2013 CMA. Thanks to you, we exceeded our last year's goal (\$6,714.00) by \$4,776.00 and since 50% of the overage comes back, SLFC received \$2,358.00 in January 2014, from the Archdiocese, which is being used for our Youth Ministry. This year, our financial goal is to raise **\$6884.00**. Every registered Faith Community household should receive a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr this week. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card sealed in its return envelope to Mass next weekend. Make your checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. Your participation is vital to reaching our parish goal. Thank you! For more information, please visit CatholicAppeal.info.

FAITH FORMATION

This week we have a lot to cover because this week's **Brief Summary** deals with Simple Suppers. Simple Suppers is something that Faith Formation (FF) has offered and advocated every year to enrich our Lenten observance and strengthen community. When it was first organized, the gatherings incorporated the three directives of Lenten practice, **Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving**.

Over the years, the gatherings have gone from a simple meal of soup, bread, and water to sometimes an added salad and/or dessert and wine. Although there's nothing wrong with feasting, and a gathering of 8 to 12 people tends to lend itself to celebration, it takes away from the "stripping away to the bare essentials" that the Lenten season is intended to bring into focus for us. I'd like to encourage a back-to-basics simple meal this year so that we are reminded of our need to **fast** every now and then, to clear our body of this accustomed glut, our minds of constant want, and our wills of often unaccustomed exercise.

Besides gathering and eating, the evening includes **prayer** and **sharing**. This year we will be using the Benedictine sister, Joan Chittister's booklet "*Desert Spaces*" as the bases of our weekly discussion. It's organized around scripture and the wisdom of the desert fathers and mothers of the early church, whose practices led to the monastic communities still in existence today. Dedicated to union with God, some of their spiritual practices will be the basis for the **Morning of Prayer** scheduled for the first Saturday in Lent, March 8th at the Franciscan Center. I hope you've put that on your calendar as well.

Lastly, at every gathering for Simple Suppers, there is a basket left out in the open to encourage **almsgiving**. The idea is to give an offering every time you come, in the amount that you would pay if you were eating out, more or less according to your means. The money collected goes to some program that feeds the poor. Last year the money collected was used to feed the children during the summer who normally receive free breakfasts and lunches during the school year.

I hope this sounds interesting to you and that you sign up during the next three Sundays. Meet me (Noel) in the vestibule before or after Mass.

Coming Up

Besides Simple Suppers, I want to emphasize the Morning of Prayer, March 8, 10AM to 1PM in the Franciscan Center as a way to kick-start your Lenten observance this year. Please call me at 937.428.0853 to sign up, or sign up at the same time you sign up for Simple Suppers.

Women Called to Holiness, is meeting Friday, March 7th at 10am to noon. Contact Barb Gobrail at 937.293.2079, for directions and details. New members are welcome!

Links to other Events:

There are tons of internet links that are loaded with prayers and inspiration. Check out monasteriesoftheheart.org this week. It's a wonderful, free link that, if you sign up, offers great stuff once a week to spruce up your prayer practices, as well as put your faith in action. Also, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur are offering one of their Mornings of Spirituality this coming Saturday, March 1 at 9:30AM at their Motherhouse. If you are interested in going, please contact me so we can make arrangements.

Have a great week!

Noel Kupras-Bauer

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SPRING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The Spring ministry will be sent out this week via email. Please print the schedule so you can refer to it and highlight your assigned times for service. To print: load "excel view" to get the schedule; set "print area" before printing. If you are unable to print the schedule on your computer, you can find the schedule on the church website: stleonardfaithcommunity.org. Some printed copies are in back of the church for those who do not have computer access.

MINISTRY VOLUNTEER'S ARE NEEDED!

The number of volunteers in our ministries have gone down in recent years due to physical limitations and moving out of the area. This is causing the present members to serve more frequently than they had anticipated. We are in need of VOLUNTEERS to serve.

The greatest need at this time is Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers. Additional needs are: Sacristans, bread bakers, and head greeters. Volunteers will be trained and schedules are personalized as much as possible. Please contact Caryl Rose at 937.434.8855 or the church office at 937.435.3626, if you can join us.

Women Called to Holiness, is a group of women who meet once a month (generally the first Friday of the month) and discuss a chapter in a book selected by the participants. The group selected its name from the first series of books used for discussion and more recently we are using Richard Rohr's book "*Falling Upward*." We are looking for new members. Please join us!

Contact Mary Cozart at 937.435.2939 (leave a voice-mail if no one answers). We meet at 10 :00AM and the next session is on **March 7**.

SOHPHIA'S DAUGHTER RETREAT

April 4 - 6, Maria Stein. Watch for further details.



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday March 5th. We will burn the palms from last year after Mass on **March 2nd**.

Palms for ashes need to be brought in no LATER than next Sunday, March 2. They will be burned after Mass and we cannot accept palms after the burning.

Intergenerational Team Meeting

We are in the process of assembling a team of parents, religious education teachers, and ministry representatives who will be instrumental in planning and executing family-focused activities and initiatives, including but not limited to, Family Sunday Masses, Youth Masses, Advent pairing of families, intergenerational faith formation activities, and family service projects. The first Intergenerational Team meeting will be **Sunday, March 2nd**, immediately following Mass in Classroom 1. For more information, please contact Meghan Neumeier at: slfc.dre@gmail.com or 937.435.3626.

SOCIAL JUSTICE



Pancake Brunch. If you don't have a ticket yet, come anyway; **we should have tickets available at the door.** **Station House Restaurant, Today, February 23, 10:00AM - 2:00PM.**

Death Penalty. On February 7 Governor Kasich issued a reprieve to Greg Lott whose execution had been scheduled for March 19. Because of the stay, Miami Valley Ohioans to Stop Executions (MVOTSE) is considering an **interfaith prayer service of thanksgiving Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 pm, at College Hill Community Church.**

Also, please mark your calendars for this date: **Friday, March 14**, at Holy Angels Multi-Purpose room, **Speakers: Joe D'Ambrosio** (recently exonerated from Ohio's Death Row) and **Fr. Neil Kookoothe** (instrumental in his release). **Soup and Bread at 6:00PM, discussion at 6:30PM.**

6th Annual Global Solidarity Conference. The conference theme this year is "Caring for All Life All Through Life," **Saturday, March 15, at UD's Kennedy Union.** Catechists may obtain credit toward certification from the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. **Cost:** Students \$15, Participants \$40 and Catechetical Credit \$50. See brochure on the bulletin board.



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REPORTING ABUSE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI - If you know someone who has been abused at any time by an agent of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (priest, deacon, employee or volunteer), the Archdiocese urges you to contact Sandy Keiser, LISW, the Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, at 513.263.6623 as well as the victim's secular legal authorities.

MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE - The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms, as a serious matter. If you are or have been abused by an employee or volunteer of the Archdiocese, or are aware of abuse currently taking place, please contact Sandy Keiser, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse at 513.263.6623, or 1.800.686.2724 x6623. This is a confidential, dedicated line to accept calls related to child abuse.

ARE YOU FEELING A NUDGE IN YOUR LIFE; IS IT TOWARD SERVING GOD IN RELIGIOUS LIFE? If you are a woman between the ages of 20-40 and are interested in exploring this nudge, consider making the Online Discernment Retreat sponsored by Communities of Women Religious in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Diocese of Covington. You can meet with a Director via Skype, email or phone, during Lent 2014.

To register or get more information, please contact Cathy Bauer, OSB (bauerosb@yahoo.com; text message at 859.468.6040 or phone at 859.331.6324.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS - 2014

This annual Mass will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 for both Dayton and Cincinnati at 2:00 PM. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will preside at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati, and Bishop Joseph Binzer will preside at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Dayton. A letter has been sent to all Pastors with more details along with the Parish Response card for number of scrolls and invitations needed. Contact the Family and Respect Life Office at 513.421.3131 x2653 if you have any questions.

St. Leonard Faith Community



When: Saturday • March 1

Time: 6:30PM

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Where: St. Leonard - Auditorium

Dinner • Dancing • Socializing

Music by the Shakertown Stompers

Contact the church office for reservations

937.435.3626

Let the Good Times ROLL!





Special prayers are requested :

Mike Aschenbrenner, Barb Barnes, Albert Chee (Alberta Guise's father), Pichi (Monsita Corbett's mother), Conor Crippen, Terrie Dawson, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Mary Ellen Hagan, Kelly King, Ashley Parks, James Stritch, 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 notified 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.



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FEBRUARY:

23-Sunday, Cast Your Nets, Holy Redeemer Parish, New Bremen, OH

23-Sunday, PREP classes resume

23-Sunday, Pancake Brunch, Franciscan Center

23-Sunday, Simple Suppers sign-up starts

25-Tuesday, Council meeting, Boardroom, 7PM

MARCH:

1-Saturday, Mardi Gras Party, Auditorium, 6:30PM

2-Sunday, Intergenerational Team Mtg., Classrm 1, after Mass

2-Sunday, Burning of the Palms after Mass

2-Sunday, Youth PIZZA Party, Youth room, 12:00PM

3-Monday Peacemaker, Franciscan Center, 7-9PM

5-Wednesday, **Ash Wednesday & Eastern Europe collection**

7-Friday, Women Called to Holiness, 10AM

8-Saturday, Morning of Prayer, Franciscan Center, 10AM

9-Sunday, Family Sunday (NO CLOW)

14-Friday, Death Penalty speakers, Holy Angels Multi-purpose rm, 6PM

15-Saturday, "Caring for All Life", UD, Kennedy Union

18-Tuesday, Interfaith Prayer Service of Thanksgiving, College Hill Community Church, 7PM

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 Gene Gross at 937.433.5241.

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

Bulletin announcements:

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Bulletin information must reach our office no later than **11:00 AM on TUESDAY.**