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Third Sunday of Lent

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

February

Council Announcements:
Tom Anacker

Today's Mass is for:

Aurelia Palcher

by: Ruth Hopkins

Proclaimers of the Word:

Tom & Mary Ellen Graham

Today's Collection Counters:

Mike Corbett

Jim Kennedy

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 28, 2016



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: 2.21.16: \$2,672.66

YTD Collections: \$112,038.00

Weekly Budget: \$3,615.00

YTD Budget: \$115,695.00

Readings for the Week of February 28, 2016

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

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Psalm 23:1-6/Ephesians 5:8-14/
John 9:1-41

February Religious Education Classes (PREP)

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**

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

Calling all Youth - Join us tonight, Sunday February 28, for "Faith, Fun, Friends and Food." Bring a friend or two and a snack to share! We will meet in St. Leonard Faith Community's Youth room, from 6:30 - 8pm.

We are all called to be Youth Ministers!

Yes, all of us, no matter our age, our jobs, our marital status, or even if we have children or not. We are all called to bring our youth into a closer relationship with God through our actions, our witness, and our prayers. I am calling you to be a part of St. Leonard Faith Community's Youth Ministry. Your help is needed in any way that you are able and willing.

If you would like to volunteer occasionally at meetings on Sunday evenings or other special dates, please contact me, Donna Leddy, so that we can get started. Please contact me:

- If you would like to share your faith story or have an interest you would like to share in an aspect of our faith.
- If you have any ideas for the youth, topics to discuss, service they can do or programs to start, I am open to any ideas.

Other ways to help include donating snacks for our meetings, supporting programs the youth may be involved in, and last but not least, praying for our youth.

Let us join together to make St. Leonard Youth Ministry the best ever.

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

Freedom brings responsibility. Our actions have consequences that sometimes bring suffering to ourselves or others. God is always patient and loving. God hears the cry of His people. God's gifts of repentance and mercy are freely given, but we must freely accept and use them.



We should be thirsty. Sin and sadness, unkindness and isolation dry us out, parch our insides, make us thirsty. We thirst for something more that no one of us alone can provide. We thirst for the One who alone slakes our real thirst. Just like the "Woman at the Well," we stand next to Jesus who knows us better than we know ourselves. We stand next to Christ the Lord who stands with us. In our thirst for life, we find resurrected life in Him.

- What dries out my life of faith?
- What will I "drink" to give me life?
- How can this "Blood of Christ" I drink in Communion sustain me?

**KNOW MERCY - SHOW MERCY****1st Scrutiny (Readings from Year A)**

Mercy loves company as misery does. Jesus was not supposed to talk with the woman at the well, but is drawn to her. As a Samaritan and a woman she is a person "without grace." Mercy is the well that gathers all outcasts to drink the living water of Christ. Harsh reality sometimes creates a solidarity of suffering as faith generates a community of healing. As the Samaritan woman who experiences the company of Christ, we are sent forth as agents of mercy to bring the living waters of God's word to others.

Lent is a time of the year that the Church calls us to repentance, to change our lives. Conversion is not the question of a moment or a time of the year, it is an undertaking that lasts an entire lifetime. Who among us can presume not to be a sinner? No one. Let us reflect on our lives and reform them in the image of Christ.

Action/Reflection: We have a Penance Service this Thursday. Come and reflect on your life. What can be improved? What have you done or failed to do that you need God's help and forgiveness?



WANTED: People serious about becoming who God intended you to be!

REASON: To experience a "Celebration of Mercy!"

WHEN: 7pm, Thursday, March 3rd

WHERE: St. Leonard Chapel

Wait! You might say isn't that when **Reconciliation** is scheduled? The answer is "Yes!" I'm renaming it because many of us, while knowing we are all sinners, frankly don't feel alienated from God. We know we are forgiven, we know we are loved, and we know we love God, so **"what is the point of a Reconciliation Service?"**

The point is that these two annual events are **communal opportunities to own and name our woundedness** - to recognize and acknowledge that part of us from which springs our meanness, our righteousness, our anger, our impatience, our greediness, our self-protective indifference, etc. "Why is that a good thing" you might ask. Besides just feeling better about yourself after saying out loud what you normally are reluctant to own up to, confession is a good thing because of the experience of God's mercy. God meets us in our woundedness. Have you ever wondered with all the design models God could have come up with, why we were created the way we are? We have the capability for brokenness and blindness, self-absorption and selfishness, etc. I have, and I've come to realize that it's there in my woundedness that I NEED God and call on God most.

Recently, I read an article about Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, the author of "*Tattoos of the Heart*," and founder of Homeboys Industries in the ghetto of Los Angeles, who has a lot to say about this topic. Fr. Boyle states, "If you aren't friends with your own wound, then you will be inclined to despise the wounded." In other words, ignoring your own wound keeps you from being compassionate, from being that channel of God's mercy that as a Christian you are called to be. That's why I addressed this column to those that are interested in becoming what God intended them to be. Didn't God intend for us to be full of overflowing love and joy that spills over and washes away the needs and wounds of others? Wouldn't God want to meet us in a place within us where God could actually help us be that? Think about it. Because what we are doing in this sacrament is getting in touch with what keeps us from experiencing God's tender love and mercy all the time. If you are not happy about your life, you are not in touch with either your own wound or God's mercy or both. That's where you begin. Ask yourself **if you are happy with your life**, with who you are, with your relationship with God, and with the other people in your life. Try to get in touch with **what in you keeps you from being happy**. That's your wound. Take that to confession and ask for help about that. See you there, but only if you are interested in being all that God intends or wishes for you!

Blessing: May you be blessed by the God of RECONCILIATION, uniting all that is divided in you, healing all that is unsettled around you. May God's abundant love and mercy motivate your own efforts towards reconciliation within and around you. May your actions on behalf of healing and mercy draw many from a hurting world into harmony and justice. May the God of Reconciliation be with you.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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

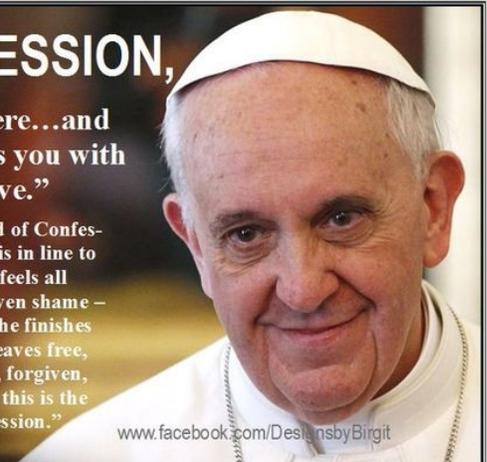
CONFESSION,

**Jesus is there...and
He receives you with
so much love."**

Do not be afraid of Confession! One who is in line to confess himself feels all these things – even shame – but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves free, great, beautiful, forgiven, [...] happy. And this is the beauty of Confession."

~ Pope Francis

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Day of Caring - Pancake Brunch

Enjoy pancakes, entertainment and friends. Thank you for supporting Day of Caring. If you still need tickets there may be some available at the door.

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/artsscience/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.



Each year, the Catholic Ministries Appeal offers us the opportunity to live as disciples of Christ by supporting ministries serving people throughout our archdiocese. Please join with your fellow parishioners of St. Leonard Faith Community and all the other parishes in the archdiocese as we all work together to support the CMA. **A GREAT BIG THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY! TO DATE \$10,593 HAS BEEN PLEDGED TOWARD OUR GOAL OF \$7,389 (143% of goal.)** Envelopes are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule in the back of chapel. For more information and 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!

Holy Thursday Meal - You are Invited!



In a few weeks we begin the holiest days of the year, Sacred Triduum. Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Eucharist was established within the Passover meal by Jesus and His Apostles. Join us as we celebrate Holy Thursday as a Community.

Sign up in the church vestibule March 13 and 20 for the Holy Thursday meal. There is no charge for the meal which will start promptly at 6:15pm and Mass will follow at 7pm.



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 today, envelopes will be on the back ledge of the pew side and on the chair side of the chapel, which may be used for a \$10 donation.

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



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!

BOOK CLUB - Time for another great book

The book club will be discussing "*Loved as I Am*" by Miriam James Heidland at 6pm Monday, March 21st. The book Club will meet at the home of Berdie Maranto. If you are interested in joining the discussion or for more information e-mail Anne at: knann89@aol.com.

Ministry Schedules

New ministry schedules for March, April, May and Holy Week 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.

Saint Andrew Abbey

The Benedictine Monks of St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland invite single, Catholic men between the ages of 18-45 to their next special Lenten "*Living with Benedict*" monastic experience at the Abbey which is located at 10510 Buckeye Rd., Cleveland, OH. There is no charge but reservations are required. Contact Fr. Finbar at 216.721.5300, ext. 273 or finbar@cbhs.edu.

SAINT LUKE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

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Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter Catholic Church
6161 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights, OH 45424
Admission: \$8/each \$20/family

Tickets & Information: St. Peter Parish Office
Call (937) 233-1503 or visit www.saintpeterparish.org

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Planting a Lenten Garden

Here's what you need to plant in your garden:

Three rows of Squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash criticism
3. Squash indifference

Seven rows of Peas:

1. Prayer
2. Penance
3. Perseverance
4. Politeness
5. Preparedness
6. Purity
7. Patience

Seven Heads of Lettuce:

1. Let us be unselfish and loyal
2. Let us be charitable
3. Let us search the scriptures
4. Let us not be weary in well doing
5. Let us be obedient
6. Let us be truthful
7. Let us love one another

No garden is complete without **Turnips**:

1. Turn up for daily Mass and weekly Eucharistic Adoration
2. Turn up for prayer and Bible study
3. Turn up with a smile, even when things are difficult
4. Turn up with determination to do your best in God's service

Conclude with **Thyme**:

Thyme with God, Thyme for fun, Thyme for rest.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There will be much fruit in the garden because you reap what you SOW!





Special prayers are requested:

Donna Ames, Seth Barnthouse, 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, Aurelia Palcher, 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:

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:

- 2-Wednesday, "Maximilian," St. Peter Catholic Church, 7pm, Huber Heights
 - 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
 - 21-Monday, Book Club, 6pm
 - 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.)