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January 6, 2013

The Epiphany Of The Lord

Welcome!

Presiding Today:
Fr. Ken Baker

In Today's Mass We Pray For:
Janet Delli Carpini & DeeDee &
Glen Shaw

by: Vincent & Peggy
Delli Carpini Families

Proclaimers of the Word:
Bill & Mary Ellen Hagan

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Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

January 13, 2013
The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 or
Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7
Acts 10:34-38 or
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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.

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.

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.

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

Religious Education Classes will resume January 13 at 9 AM.



I need CLOW teachers for the coming year and would appreciate all who volunteer. The lesson to be taught is already mailed ahead of time and it centers on the readings for each Sunday. New comers are encouraged to see me for instructions. Service is about once a month (the more teachers that we have, the less often one is asked to serve). Sign-up sheets are in the back of chapel on both sides

Thank you,
Barbara Gobrail
Interim DRE

Healing Ministry

The Healing Ministry and Laying On of Hands is an expression of Jesus' concern for the sick. His disciples continue this practice by praying in the Name of Jesus. We invite you to come and pray with us after Mass for your intentions.

We will be at the Baptismal font waiting for you, praying as representatives of our entire St. Leonard Faith Community.

Judy Lamers, Chair
Pastoral Care

Membership Ministry Needs You!!!

We are looking for someone who is good at organizing communications and likes meeting new people. Our Membership ministry needs someone to help with welcoming our new members and organizing communications about St. Leonard Faith Community's events with the community at large. If you are looking for a great way to become involved, contact Renee Clement at : reneeclement@ymail.com or 937.435.4240.

YOUTH MINISTRY

An Open Letter to St Leonard's Teens:

What do you call a gathering of young people, enjoying pizza and good conversation involving probing questions like where do you think God was during the Sandy Hook massacre? Planning a challenging ropes course excursion, or scheduling a reconnoitering mission to check out other youth groups, or just plain having fun?

I call it "Youth Group."

It has come to my attention, thanks to the one person that showed up at the last Youth Group meeting, that your idea and my idea of Youth Group may be radically different. There will be no sacrament preparation in our meetings. Youth Group is about your distinct time to gather and be yourself with other interesting people, some of them the friends you bring.

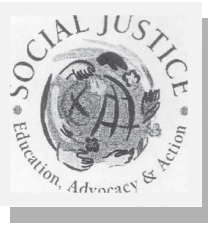
I do think that meeting right after Mass on Sundays is a better idea though. So, **we will be meeting in the Youth Group Room in Chaminade Hall at 11:45 on January 13 January 27 and February 10** until further notice.

Hope to see all you high schoolers there, especially the 5 that responded to my last letter. (It's a nice feeling to know you are not talking to yourself! Thanks!)

CONFIRMATION NEWS!

Mandatory Confirmation preparatory classes will be held on the **first Sunday** of the month **beginning January 13** during regularly scheduled 7th and 8th grade Religious Education classes (9:30 in the Youth Ministry room.) These classes will be taught by Noel Kupras-Bauer and are open to all registered Faith Community members in grades 7th through 12th.

PARENTS mark your calendar for January 20th presentation on Confirmation by Fr. Larry Mick. Details to follow.



Social Justice

Introduction to the Peacemaking

Circle. Social Justice Ministry will hold another Peacemaking Circle here at the Franciscan Center on **Tuesday, January**

8 at 7:00 pm. Circle offers people a safe place to tell their stories. Every person has a story and every story has a lesson to offer. In Circle people touch one another's lives by sharing stories that have meaning to them. Circles bring together the ancient wisdom of community and the contemporary value of respect for individual gifts, needs, and differences in a process that:

- *Honors the presence and dignity of each participant
- *Values the contributions of every participant
- *Emphasizes our connectedness
- *Supports emotional and spiritual expressions
- *Gives equal voice to all

Today is the last day to register for Peacemaking Circle. Sign up at the table in the vestibule after Mass.

New Hope Church. We will be providing the Sunday evening dinner at the Church on **January 13.** Noel Kupras Bauer is our coordinator. She will be providing the menu and other details today. If you'd like to volunteer see Noel after Mass. Also, our Community has been most generous in donating non-food items for their members because food stamps cannot be used to purchase everyday household supplies e.g. laundry detergent, shampoo, bathroom tissue, deodorant, diapers (#2 and #3) etc. If you can donate any of these items we will match your donation dollar-for-dollar. We have a box on the right side as you enter the Chapel. Over the past 16 months you have donated products worth \$900 and we have matched this with another \$900 in products from our Charitable Fund. The Church is very grateful for your support. We touch many lives in this poor neighborhood with your help. Thank you.

JANUARY

EPIPHANY BRUNCH

Join us as we celebrate the end of the Christmas season at the St. Leonard Faith Community Epiphany Brunch **TODAY, January 6** in the Auditorium after Mass.



Men's Retreat

January 11-13, 2013

Advent is a time of waiting.

Waiting for Christmas and being renewed. To continue the renewal process you are invited to the Men's Retreat 2013. This year, we will join with the Man-to-Man Fellowship group at St. Francis parish and hold a "joint retreat". Retreat 2013 "Come Holy Spirit" will be led By Fr. Benedict O'Cinnsealaigh, S.T.D. President and Rector of the Athenaeum and Mount St. Mary's on **January 11, 12, 13 2013** Retreat Center (about a 15 min. drive from St. Leonard's). You will find he is intelligent, organized and witty.

Costs: Single occupancy room \$ 160; double occupancy room \$125, Commuter \$ 80. If you have questions or want a **registration form** or agenda contact: Bill Moroney at 937.654.4791.



Movie Night "Pay It Forward"

When: Sunday, January 20

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Sister O's room
Popcorn & Lemonade

Come join us for a great night out!

Friday Night Date Nights



For Married and Engaged Couples

Sponsored by St. Leonard, St. Francis, Incarnation, St. Henry & St. Charles

Program located in the Franciscan Center at St. Leonard's in Centerville

Cost: \$10.00 per couple - covers dessert and program. Dinner and Bar separate.

See menu link below.



Free Childcare Available by established/vetted adults

Please RSVP for childcare at 434-9272



Dinner 5:00 - 7:00p.m.

Menu: <http://www.stleonard.net/services/wellness-center/the-station-house/>



Presentation & Conversation 7-8:30 p.m.

January 11th ~2013

How to Grow Without Growing Apart - Living in a mile-a-minute society like ours makes staying connected a challenge for any married couple. With lives so full, how do we continue to grow as persons without growing apart as a couple? Nationally-acclaimed speaker and psychologist Dr. Dennis O'Grady will help us learn to walk life's path together, with joy, purpose, and support—and lots and lots of communication!

February 1st

How a Nut Saved My Marriage - This energizing and interactive evening presents the secret to keeping your marriage healthy in the midst of life's stress and burdens. Come and enjoy the humorous and wise style of Jeanne Hunt's presentation as she offers a few surprises for even the most happily married couple.

Our Thanks from the Gene Gross Family

The months of November and December were very difficult for us given Mary Jane's extended hospital stay. Throughout this period we were buoyed by your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards and email messages. We were particularly touched at the time of Mary Jane's passing by the outpouring of love and grace, from the prayers to meals to the beauty of your participation in the Funeral Mass (and the delightful meal that was offered afterwards). It is difficult to put our gratitude into words, but want you to know it is deep and your actions will long be remembered.

Dear Friends at St. Leonard,

Many thanks for your kind remembrances of an old man at Christmas and on his birthday. As I read your many greetings, voices and faces from Faith Community and the Franciscan Living Community filled my heart with joy. As most of you know, the last three months have been a baptism of fire for me...and my situation pales in comparison with that of my Franciscan brother Tod. We celebrated a quiet, low key, and peaceful Christmas together. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Peace and every blessing,
Loren Connell, OFM

January 2013 Events:

8-Peacekeeping Circle, 7:00pm
11-Date Night 5:00pm
11-13 Men's Retreat
13-Confirmation Classes start
20-Presentation Fr. Mick-Confirmation
13-New Hope Dinner
20-Movie Night, 6:30pm, Sr.O's rm.
26-Prayer Shawl Ministry, 11:00am

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Jim Kennedy
The Spirit of Giving

Jim Kennedy was featured in the Catholic Social Service of Miami Valley magazine "Good News" for his service and dedication to the CSSMV food pantry for the past 18 years.

"It is where the tires meet the road," explains Jim. Each day that I volunteer provides an opportunity to reach out to encourage someone who wants to make changes to their life."

You can check out the full article in the winter issue of CSSMV Good News.

Thoughts on Today's Readings

All December long, we have been awash in Christmas card images of bejeweled kings riding camels across the desert, following yonder star; or manger scenes with kneeling kings worshipping at the crib; or cards in glittering foil, displaying the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We have stood before our own parish crèche and tried to imagine that most wonderful night of the world.

Then, suddenly, the images stop. (Christmas lasts one more week on the liturgical calendar, but we won't find any Christmas cards of Christ's baptism.) Maybe this year, as we leave Christmas behind and step out into the cold, dark winter, we are called to become modern-day magi, kings who step into those images and bring them to life in our own time and place. The magi made the extraordinary effort to travel a great distance, across unknown lands, following the Christmas star. That star of the Holy Spirit will surely guide us, too. We can then offer our humble lives to the real King.

Special prayers are requested for the following:



Barbara Armstrong, Pam Botkins, Paul Brunk, Terrie Dawson, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Greg Jackson, Fr. Tod Laverty, Kathleen Lewis, Mary Ann McQuire, Carol Nugent, Christine Sabick, Veronica Shedan, Paul Vergamini, Ted Vukin, Dave Williamson, Chris Wuebben, Jim Wuebben, Sr., 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
Membership	Open	Renee Clement
Worship	Anne Romer	Bill Moroney
Justice & Service	Bob Niehoff	Jim McGee
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
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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: linda.parks@stleonardfaithcommunity.org

