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January 13, 2013

The Baptism of the Lord

Presiding Today:
Fr. Larry Mick

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Tina Gobrail
by: Barbara Gobrail
Aline Stritch
by: Jim Stritch

Proclaimers of the Word:
Tony & Liz Haley

This Week's Readings :

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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

January 20, 2013
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
John 2:1-11

Welcome!

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.

REMINDER!!

Youth Group meets **TODAY** after Mass in the Youth Ministry room in Chaminade Hall. There's pizza, so you don't have to gobble those donuts on your way there! We have lots to decide and discuss, besides have some fun, so see you there.



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 (9:00 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: We will be meeting **next Sunday**, Jan 20th, right after Mass in the K of C room (behind the stage downstairs) for Fr Larry's talk on the theology of Confirmation. Grab your donut and coffee and meet us there.

Other points of interest:

Catholic HEART Workcamp! (www.heartworkcamp.com –check it out)

"Show your unique colors in a world that can seem so black and white when we conform. THIS SUMMER move forward and see yourself in a new way, as Christ sees you. Your eyes will be opened to the world and to your God-given potential to help change it. Join us at Catholic HEART Workcamp in our mission to BE Christ through serving others."

Those of you who went last summer and spoke so highly of Catholic HEART Workcamp have another chance to gather your friends and go this summer. All 8th through 12th graders are welcome. We are again joining St Albert's. They have reserved slots for the week of **July 14 – 19th in Pittsburg, PA**. I will be attending an organizational meeting for that in February. If you are interested, either text me, Noel Kupras-Bauer at 937.478.4823 or email @ noelkb@gmail.com your name and contact info.

SAVE THE DATE! The first Archdiocese of Cincinnati Youth Rally will take place on **Saturday, March 9, 2013** at Fenwick High School in Middletown, featuring Catholic speakers/musicians ValLimar Jansen, Chris Padgett, Pasquale Talarico and others! We'll have awesome music, inspiring witness, breakout sessions, adoration, and Mass with Archbishop Schnurr. It will be an afternoon/evening event that includes dinner. More information is coming soon, but have your youth mark **March 9, 2013** on their calendars now for our biggest archdiocesan high school youth event ever!

WELCOME

Director of Religious Education

Barbara Gobrail volunteered to fill the DRE position until we were able to hire another person. I am happy to inform you that Meghan Neumeier has been hired effective **Monday, January 14th**.

Meghan has a Master's Degree in Theology from the University of Dayton. She has taught at Incarnation and St. Ursula Academy in Cincinnati and also volunteered at several Churches in the Archdiocese in Faith Formation Programs. Currently she is employed on a part time basis at the University of Dayton for online courses in theology. She and her husband have just returned to Dayton after a brief move to New York connected with her husband's job. I will arrange a meeting to introduce her to the teachers and parents involved in Religious Education in the very near future.

Meanwhile our appreciation goes to Barb for her very generous offer and efforts to keep the program together during the interim.



Aurelia Palcher

Religious Education Classes resume TODAY 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. Newcomers 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



Social Justice

New Hope Church. IMPORTANT NOTE: When you donate non-food items for the New Hope Church, please include the receipt so we

can match your contribution dollar-for-dollar. Your donations will always go to the Church with or without a receipt but we cannot match them unless you provide a receipt. Thank you.

Annual Global Solidarity Conference: **Cords of Human Kindness, Ties of Love,** (Hosea 11:4), the 2013 annual Global Solidarity Conference will focus on the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of a "Call to Family, Community and Participation."

Mary Beth and Adakole Iduh will make a keynote presentation on how the people of Nigeria are lifting themselves out of poverty because of the US Catholic community's assistance through Catholic Relief Services. The Conference also will look at ways to support families here in the US and around the world as part of the Year of Faith. Workshops also will study issues that have a significant negative impact on families, such as poverty, pornography, the sex trade, human rights violations and immigration. The all-day conference is **Saturday, February 2**, at Kennedy Union on the University of Dayton Campus. For more information and to register call 937.224.3026 or visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction. A brochure is posted on the bulletin board. Cost varies from \$10 to 40.

Save the Date. A Day of Caring, Pancake Brunch at the Franciscan Center, **February 24**, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. No coffee and donuts on this Sunday. Details later.

**Faith Community Members are Welcome
to attend any or all of these programs at St. Charles Church in Kettering.**

DO YOU HAVE FAITH?

Do you struggle sometimes with your faith? Are you looking for an increase of faith? The following presentations may be of help to you on your spiritual journey. Pope Benedict XIV has designated the coming year as the “Year of Faith”. The Year of Faith is a “summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with Him. Please join us for one, or all of the following presentations. Each session is offered twice. All presentations will be held in the Charles Borromeo Room.

What Exactly is Faith? And, How Do I Know If I Possess It?

Presenter: Fr. Satish Joseph – Associate Pastor of Immaculate Conception and St. Helen Parish

Faith is possibly the single-most important element of the Christian life. What exactly is “Faith”? Is it a personal belief that God exists? That you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? That you believe in the teachings of the Catholic Church? That God walks with us in our daily lives – even in the worst of times? If someone asks you “Do You Have Faith”, how would you respond? Come and explore the meaning of faith in our lives, and discover that you, indeed, possess the gift of faith.

January 17th – 7:00 -8:15 p.m.

What Should you Do When Your Adult Children Lose Their Faith

Presenter: Mary Wlodarski, Pastoral Associate at Holy Trinity Parish

How should we approach our children who no longer go to Mass, or, are not connected to a parish? We all want the very best for our children, and as practicing Catholics, we anguish when our children stop going to Mass. What is our responsibility as parents to encourage our children to go to Mass, or join a parish? Many parents believe that it is their responsibility to make sure they return to the Faith. If we don’t say anything, we feel guilty. How can we show our children how much we love our faith without permanently damaging the relationship?

January 30th 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

January 31st 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

What Do You Do When Your Teenage Children Question Their Faith?

Presenters: Joe Ollier – Coordinator of Youth Ministry at Ascension Heather Dunn Coordinator of Youth Ministry at St. Charles Danny Dunn – Coordinator of Youth Ministry at Church of the Incarnation

As our children grow up, they have an affiliation with the faith traditions of their parents. It is only natural that as they begin to think for themselves, that they will question their faith. And given the level of resistance, we sometimes we wonder if they have any respect for our religious traditions. Take heart. Our children are spiritual, they have souls, and they desire to be whole. They are on a quest – and the questioning is normal. How we respond to the resistance is very, very important.

February 6th 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

February 21st 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Birthday greetings to Aurleia Palcher who celebrated her birthday this week. Happy Birthday!

Epiphany Brunch

Thanks to the Community Life Ministry for planning the Epiphany Brunch and to all who contributed their time and food to make it such a great Community celebration.

Christmas Flowers

If you made a donation for a flower in memory of a loved one, you are invited to take a poinsettia home after Mass TODAY, if you so wish.

Thanks to all of those who provided the lovely Christmas decorations for the Chapel, whether you were on the artistic end of decorating or the physical team that helped to do such things as carrying decorations from the attic and helping to clean up.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



If you signed up for the prayer shawl ministry, we will be meeting **Saturday, January 26 @ 11:00am** at Judy Lamer's home. **MEN ARE**

WELCOME and if you have never knitted before, join us and we will teach you how!

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS



Please keep Ruth Hopkins and her family in your prayers for the loss of her brother, Ralph "Jack" Barhorst this week.

January 2013 Events:

- 13-Confirmation Classes start
- 13 & 27-Youth Mtg. 11:45am
- 17-What Exactly is Faith" presentation 9:15-10:30am, St. Charles
- 20-Presentation Fr. Mick-Confirmation
- 13-New Hope Dinner
- 20-Movie Night,6:30pm, Sr. O's rm.
- 26-Prayer Shawl Ministry, 11:00am
- 30-Presentation "What should you do when your adult children lose their faith"-9:15-10:30am, St. Charles
- 31-Presentation "What should you do when your adult children lose their faith"-7-8:15pm, St. Charles

FEBRUARY:

- 2-Annual Global Solidarity Conf.
- 6-Presentation "What do you do when your teenage children question their faith?-9:15-10:30am
- 10-Youth Mtg.-11:45am
- 21-Presentation "What do you do when your teenage children question their faith?-7-8:15pm, St. Charles
- 24-Day of Caring Pancake Brunch 10am, Franciscan Center.



The Sacrament of Baptism

Thoughts on Today's Readings

The Sacrament of Baptism is God's welcoming meal for the newly initiated as they become the children of God. But the meal does not only nourish them; it graces and feeds everyone who participates in this sacramental welcome.

If the baptized ones are infants, later they will need to be told what happened that day. The parents and godparents are charged with the responsibility of bringing the child up in the practice of the faith. Everyone who witnesses the baptism is also called to help the parents and godparents care for the faith of the newly christened. And whether the initiate is a child or an adult, as Jesus was, all who are present will grow in their own faith as they encourage this new member of the Body of Christ.

Special prayers are requested for the following:



Barbara Armstrong, Rachel Bauer, Pam Botkins, Paul Brunk, Terrie Dawson, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Greg Jackson, Fr. Tod Laverty, Kathleen Lewis, Mary Ann McQuire, Howard Neff, Carol Nugent, Christine Sabick, Veronica Shedan, 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:
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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:
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