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Monday – Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Friday - 9:00AM - 4:00PM
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Wednesday & Thursday
9:00AM - 1:00PM

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Presiding Today:

Fr. Jerry Haemmerle

January

Council Announcements:

Frank Clement

Proclaimers of the Word:

Jim Fulwiler

Barbara Armstrong

Today's Mass is for:

Donna Ames

By: Lynn Plummer & Corky

Today's Collection Counters:

Jim Kennedy

Mary Lou Worland

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

Sunday 9:00AM



St. Leonard Chapel

Welcome!

January 7, 2018

News from the Pastoral Administrator

A Celebration of Hope!



The feast of Epiphany is a celebration of hope and challenged expectations. The world is at a new beginning in Christ, and we have only begun to realize the greatness to which we are called. Epiphany is the first indication that Jesus is not going to be the messiah that was expected. The expectation was that the messiah would liberate and lead the Jewish people as king David did. Who are these magi from the East? Certainly not Jews. Even as the life of Jesus is set in motion, God calls us to embrace the risk of loving more broadly.

Epiphany is also a reminder to look for inspiration and the work of God outside of our tradition and outside our expectations. The first recognition comes not from God's chosen people who have been formed by God to recognize such a sign, but from a foreign people. This is also a feast of humility for us as a Church, as we look beyond our typical boundaries and listen to outsiders - to whom God has revealed himself. How can you challenge your expectations in this new year? How can we listen to different people and learn more about God from them?

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."

Weekend Collection: 12-31-17: \$1,336

Weekly Budget: \$2,900

2016 YTD Collections: \$83,065

YTD Collections: \$87,692

YTD Budget: \$88,300

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

In this time of increased nationalism, erecting barriers, and labeling others as threats or enemies, this feast calls us to a powerful counter-message. Our field of vision and inclusion must be much larger than that of the status-quo. It must have been shocking to learn that God's love extended not only to the Gentiles, but to the whole world. It may be equally shocking to realize that our boundaries are also too narrow. This feast is an epiphany about God's will for Christ's impact and ours on the world.

Ministry Schedules

The new ministry schedules for January and February are now on the church website. Please check the schedules and print them, so you can refer to them in the coming weeks. If you are unable to access a computer, there are printed copies on the back pew.



The book club will discuss *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer* by David Stendl-Rast on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6:00pm. For more information, please email Rita Rodgers at ritarodgers8@gmail.com.



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“Upon you the Lord shines ... Nations shall walk by your light.”

Sheepish Epiphany:

Wait—AM I shining the light of Christ for anyone?

EPIPHANY BRUNCH

Join us as we celebrate the end of the Christmas season at the St. Leonard Faith Community Potluck Epiphany Brunch today in the auditorium after Mass.

ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT "Heal Us Lord"

New Year: New Beginnings

You are invited to join the men of St. Francis for the 41st Annual Men's Retreat for fellowship, worship and prayer. This year's theme is, "Heal us Lord." The retreat master will be Deacon Chris Rauch from St. Francis, along with Fr. Ethan Moore and Fr. Timothy Kallahert. Also joining us will be Marty McClain, our Senior High Youth Minister.

The retreat will be held at the Bergamo Center at Mount St. John in Beavercreek starting on Friday evening, January 12, and ending mid-day on Sunday, January 14.

For more information, contact Bill Moroney at 937-654-4791 or Marc Martens at 937-438-8844.

CATHOLIC-SPONSORED DIVORCECARE 11th Year at St. Francis of Assisi Church

This is a 13 week support group, held on Thursday evenings, 7:00-9:00pm from January 11 to April 12 at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH.

Cost is \$25 per person, and scholarships are available.

For more information or to register, contact Marcelle Toma at 937-312-1157 or mtoma@woh.rr.com.

You are welcomed if you are divorced or separated and may be going through a very difficult time right now. You should not have to feel isolated or cut off from the Catholic Church. This support group deals with such recovery topics as anger, loneliness, new relationships, annulments, etc.

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12-29-2014
MY NEW YEARS RESOLUTION THIS YEAR IS TO DO THE THINGS I SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOING LAST YEAR



For the New Year

I am the New Year.
 I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
 I am your next chance at the art of living.
 I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned during the last twelve months about life.
 All that you sought the past year and failed to find is hidden in me;
 I am waiting for you to search it out again with more determination.
 All the good that you tried to do for others and didn't achieve last year is mine to grant --
 providing you have fewer selfish and conflicting desires.
 In me lies the potential of all that you have dreamed but didn't dare to do,
 all that you hoped but did not perform,
 all you prayed for but did not yet experience.
 These dreams slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of an enduring purpose.
 I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Christ who said,
 "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5).
 I am the New Year.

(Author unknown)

Help is needed for Youth Ministry

I would like to invite adults to prayerfully consider if they are being called to minister to our 6-12th grade youth. There are many ways that you can help in this ministry, such as prayer, attending our meetings and sharing your wisdom, or just hanging out and playing games and watching movies. The requirements are the same as a volunteer with CLOW. Training is available, Virtus training is required, preferably once a month meetings, and especially a love and respect of our youth. "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!" Is 6:8

St. Leonard Youth Ministry (SLFCYM)

- January 7 - 6:00-8:00pm—Youth Room
Epiphany Party
- January 14 - 6:30-8:00pm - Youth Room
- January-21 - 6:30-8:00pm - Youth Room
- January-28 - 6:30-8:00pm - Youth Room

Help is urgently needed for—Children’s Liturgy of the Word! CLOW takes place every Sunday during the Liturgy of the Word. The children gather in Sister O’s room, down the hall from the chapel, and listen to the readings, pray the Psalm and hear the Gospel from the Lectionary for Masses with Children. They are then led on a reflection of the readings with the help of the adults and a very good weekly resource. We then close with the Creed and the Prayer of the Faithful before returning to join the assembly for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

This is a very satisfying ministry to help our children and youth learn the teachings of Christ and how to live them. Please prayerfully discern if this ministry is for you. Training is available. In addition, you need to be Virtus trained. Virtus is the Archdiocese training on Child Protection. It consists of a class, offered throughout the area at various times, and a bulletin to read, which is emailed to you monthly. You are also required to do an online security check. All of these things are provided to you at no cost. Just think of the rewards!

Optimally, I would like to have enough adults so that everyone would only be assigned once a month. With two adults needed for each week, eight wonderful ministers would be great! Right now I have four. So, please consider being a part of God’s plan to “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20a

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

- January 7 - Donna Leddy & Monsita Corbett
- January 14 - Donna Leddy & Ryan Mahle
- January 21 - Donna Leddy & Norm Speaks
- January 28 - Donna Leddy & Monsita Corbett

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

- January 7 - 9:00-10:15am/**Epiphany/All Classes in Auditorium**
- January 14 - 9:00-10:15am - Classrooms
- January 21 - 9:00-10:15am - Classrooms
- January 28 - 9:00-10:15am - Classrooms/
5th & 8th grade ACRE Test



Special prayers are requested:

Nate Arrowood, Noel Kupras Bauer, Mary Beach,
 Mary Beery, Mike Bennett, Doug Campbell, Patty Carlin,
 Shirley Chee, Jim Crafton, Conor Crippen, Terri Dawson,
 Norm Fogel, Peggy Fulwiler, Sam Gibbs, Barb Gobrail,
 Elda Gotos Gay, Margaret Healy, Ruth Hopkins, Peg Lutz,
 Margaret Haemmerle, Betty Kirchmer, Mary Ann McGuire,
 Brian Moroney, Anita Nelson, Louise Nelson, Angela O'Reilly,
 Angela Paolo, Hugh Skees, David and Eleanor Pleva,
 Bob Schmid, Katie Speaks, Jim Tieman, Pam Truitt,
 Elaine Vorheer, Jay Werner, Bob Whitehouse

A prayer list is published in the bulletin to inform the faith 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 church member is admitted. Therefore, if you want to make someone's hospital stay known, please contact the faith community office.

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Ministries Of The Church

Ministry	Chair	Council Liaison
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Worship	David Weickert	Pat Cruise
Justice & Service	Pat Schug	Ellie Parker
Faith Formation	Donna Leddy	Frank Clement
Community Life	David Weickert	Mary Beth Firestone
Pastoral Care	Mary Ann McGuire	Norm Speaks

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord

- PREP, 9:00-10:15am, Auditorium
- Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
- Mass, 10:30am
- Epiphany Brunch, after Mass, Auditorium
- Youth Ministry, 6:00-8:00pm, Youth Room

Thursday, January 11

- DivorceCare, 7:00-9:00pm, St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, January 12

- St. Francis Annual Men's Retreat, Bergamo Center

Sunday, January 14

- PREP, 9:00-10:15am
- Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
- Mass, 10:30am
- New Hope Church, 5:00-8:00pm
- Youth Ministry, 6:00-8:00pm, Youth Room

Monday, January 15

- Book club, 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 17

- Prayer & Worship Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm, Boardroom

Thursday, January 18

- DivorceCare, 7:00-9:00pm, St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, January 21

- PREP, 9:00-10:15am
- Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
- Mass, 10:30am
- Youth Ministry, 6:00-8:00pm, Youth Room

Tuesday, January 23

- Council Meeting, 7:00-8:00pm, Boardroom

Thursday, January 25

- DivorceCare, 7:00-9:00pm, St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, January 28

- PREP, 9:00-10:15am
- Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
- Mass, 10:30am
- Youth Ministry, 6:00-8:00pm, Youth Room

Pastoral Care Services, Sacraments and Funerals:

Contact the Faith Community Office to request pastoral care services, sacraments, or other needs. If the office is closed and you have a pastoral care need, please contact David Weickert at 937-750-3438.

Scheduling Mass Intentions: Contact the Community Office at 937.435.3623 to request Mass intentions.

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 11:00AM on TUESDAY. Articles may be edited for content and space.