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St. Leonard Faith Community

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Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Times

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

July Announcements:

Council - Bonnie Bengé

In Today's Mass We Pray:

Andrée Williams
by - Bonnie & Joe Mercari

Proclaimers of the Word:

Dick Rose & Joe Scullion

Today's Collection Counters:

Jim McGee and Joe Scullion

Mass Schedule:

St. Leonard Faith Community
Religious Education Classes,
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

Welcome!

July 6, 2014



St. Leonard Chapel

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."

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.

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."

Peter Pence Collection July 6, 2014: \$1,462.00

YTD Collections: \$155,647.29

Weekly Budgeted Collection: \$3750.00

YTD Budget: \$169,250.00

Readings for the Week of July 6, 2014

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| Sunday: | Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30 |
| Monday: | Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26 |
| Tuesday: | Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38 |
| Wednesday: | Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7 |
| Thursday: | Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Mt 10:7-15 |
| Friday: | Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23 |
| Saturday: | Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33 |



Youth CLOW Helpers Needed!

We are looking for junior high and high school students who are interested in assisting teachers in the Children's Liturgy of the Word classroom during Mass for the 2014-2015 academic year. Students will be assigned to specific dates in advance. Interested students should contact Meghan Neumeier at slfc.dre@gmail.com or [937.435.3626](tel:937.435.3626) by Monday, July 28th.

Summer Day of Service for Junior High and High School Students

Students in junior high and high school, along with their families, are encouraged to attend our Summer Day of Service on Monday, **August 11th from 7-8:30PM**. Students and their families will work together to decorate the religious education classrooms for the 2014-2015 academic year. Light snacks will be provided. Confirmation students may count this activity towards their service hours for the Faith Community.



PREP Teacher Orientation August 18th

All new and returning PREP teachers are required to attend the PREP Teacher Orientation on **Monday, August 18th**, from 6:30-9:00PM in Classroom 1. If you cannot make the orientation, please contact Meghan Neumeier at slfc.dre@gmail.com or [937.435.3626](tel:937.435.3626) to set up an alternative time to cover the material.

Is God Calling YOU to Teach?

"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!'" (Isaiah 6:8). We are looking for teachers for our preschool and K/1 religious education classes for the 2014-2015 academic year. We are also always in need of teachers for your Children's Liturgy of the Word program. Please spend some time prayerfully considering God's call to share your faith with our children, the future of our Church. As an added incentive, we offer PREP teachers a 50% discount on tuition for religious education classes. If you are interested in teaching, then please contact Meghan Neumeier at 937.435.3626 or slfc.dre@gmail.com.

Attention VBS Volunteers

If you lent items (i.e. stuffed animals) to be used for this year's VBS, and have not picked up your items yet, then please do so after Mass. All lent items are in Classroom 3.



Register for Religious Education Classes 2014-2015

Registration for religious education classes for the 2014-2015 academic year is underway! Our religious education classes are for students in preschool through 8th grade. Classes are Christ-centered and are designed to enliven the personal faith of students and their families. For more information about our religious education program, and to access our registration form, please visit: <http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/k-8-education>. In addition to the registration form, an emergency medical authorization form, photo release form, and registration fee must be submitted to the office for each student. Financial assistance is available.



Apply for the Student of the Month Program!

The Intergenerational Team would like to highlight our young people as a way for the St. Leonard Faith Community (SLFC) to get to know our students better. All students are invited to apply to be recognized as the SLFC Student of the Month. For more information, visit:

<http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/student-of-the-month>.

Parents' Corner July 2014

Summer is an exciting time of year, filled with beautiful weather and the anticipation of vacation. However, summer can also be an exhausting time of year, filled with summer camps and preparation for the upcoming school year. Despite the busyness, it is still important to help children grow in their knowledge and love of God over the summer months. Not sure where to start? Try these ideas:

1. Before you go on vacation, look up shrines, basilicas, and holy sites near your travel destination.
2. Consider incorporating a visit to these holy sites into your travel plans.
3. Integrate Bible verses into your daily summer activities. Visiting the zoo? Read and discuss Genesis 1:24-25. Stargazing? Read and discuss Job 38:31-33. Stuck inside on a rainy day? Read and discuss Mark 4:35-41.
4. July is filled with the feast days of saints, including St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Bonaventure, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. Ignatius of Loyola. Choose a saint and rent a book or movie to learn about the holy person.
5. Create a family faith scrapbook with favorite family prayers, pictures of your children's sacraments, and faith-filled memories. This makes a great gift for college-bound graduates, as well as First Eucharist and Confirmation students.
6. Find a cause or charity to support. Set up a lemonade stand to raise money for the cause/charity.

Do you have other ideas for helping your children grow in their faith over the summer? Share them on our Facebook page!



FAITH FORMATION - Noel Kupras-Bauer
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Zombies and Faith Formation???

July 15 at 7:00PM we will be gathering in the Board Room for a presentation on Thich Nhat Hanh. Many of you may not have heard of this Vietnamese Buddhist monk who is a present day spiritual leader, so I'm going to give you an introduction to him via his writings in this and next week's bulletin, hopefully whetting your curiosity. He stresses "mindfulness" and "presence." Here are 3 paragraphs from "*The Pocket, Thich Nhat Hanh*".

The miracle of mindfulness is, first of all, that you are here. Being truly here is very important—being here for yourself and for the one you love. How can you love if you are not here? A fundamental condition for love is your own presence. In order to love, you must be here. That is certain. Fortunately, being here is not a difficult thing to accomplish. It is enough to breathe and let go of thinking or planning. Just come back to yourself, concentrate on your breath, and smile. You are here, body and mind together. You are here, alive, completely alive. That is a miracle.

Some people live as though they are already dead. There are people moving around us who are consumed by their past, terrified of their future, and stuck in their anger and jealousy. They are not alive; they are just walking corpses. If you look around yourself with mindfulness, you will see people going around like **zombies**. Have a great deal of compassion for the people around you who are living like this. They do not know that life is accessible only in the here and now.

We must practice resurrection, and this is an everyday practice. With an in-breath, you bring your mind back to your body. In this way you become alive in the here and now. Joy, peace, and happiness are possible. You have an appointment with life, an appointment that is in the here and now.

You can see how this fits with our Christian theology. Jesus offered us peace. In imitation, we offer each other peace every Eucharist. This peace is accessible with every mindful breath, allowing us to look and offer compassion to everyone we meet like Jesus did and encourages us to.

If you want to learn more and practice mindfulness meditation, see you July 15th in the Board Room at 7:00PM.

Thoughts on Today's Readings...



In a famous *New Yorker* cartoon, two men are standing before a large billboard that reads "STOP AND THINK." They stare at it for awhile, and one of them says, "Kind of makes you want to stop and think."

Today's Gospel does the same. Jesus says, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. ... For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." Upon hearing this, we might stop and think that yes, indeed, we are heavily burdened. We might even think that Jesus' invitation sounds too good to be true.

"Faith is to believe what you do not see," Saint Augustine once observed. "The reward of this faith is to see what you believe." It's not easy to follow Jesus in our time and place, but if we do, Jesus will give us the faith to see what we believe. In that moment, in His peace, we will truly know rest.



Peter Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's work in the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help with the Holy Father provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

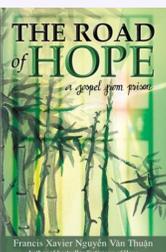


SOCIAL JUSTICE - Bob Niehoff
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A film about Worker-Owned Cooperatives. There is growing interest in firms that are owned and managed by their workers. Such firms tend to be more profitable and innovative, and more committed to the communities where they are based. "SHIFT CHANGE" is a documentary film by veteran award-winning filmmakers Melissa Young and Mark Dworkin. It tells the stories of employee-owned businesses that compete successfully in today's economy while providing secure, dignified jobs in democratic workplaces. The Evergreen Cooperatives of Cleveland and the more familiar Fair Trade coffee organization are among the featured firms. If you are an insomniac or simply a night owl consider tuning in to the film "SHIFT CHANGE", which will air in Dayton on PBS on July 8 on WPTD-16.1 HD and WPTD-16.5 at 11:00PM. Learn more by visiting the link <http://shiftchange.org/> and watch the trailer. Our Social Justice Ministry is pursuing a worker-owned cooperative for the Dayton area.

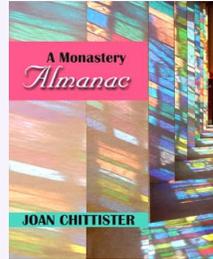
New Hope Studio: We are delighted to host the New Hope Church traveling art sale on two consecutive Sundays, July 13 and 20 after Mass in the Auditorium at coffee & donuts. Please stop by the tables to meet our brothers and sisters in Christ and consider purchasing their art on display or simply make a generous contribution to the art class. The proceeds will be shared by the artists, the New Hope Church and the new Studio, which will open in September at the church complex on Xenia Avenue. The travelling art show will continue at various other faith communities until the Studio opens its doors.

Book Club



The book club will meet on Monday, August 25th at 6:30PM to discuss "The Road of Hope: A Gospel from Prison" by Francis Xavier Van Thuan. We will meet at the home of Page and Mary McGirr. If interested in joining this discussion and to obtain directions to the McGirr's residence,

direct your e-mail to knann89@aol.com.



A Blessing from July

It's July when the summer begins to wear even the most dedicated of sun lovers down. Life begins to feel sticky; nights get close; days get long and dry. Everything becomes a major effort; we slow down like rusted cogs on old wheels. Time suspends. Nothing much gets done. Day follows day with not much to show for any of them. Oh, yes, monastics know all about that kind of thing. In ancient monasteries the warning of Evagrius of Ponticus to "beware the devil of the noonday sun" loomed large. *Acedia* they called it. Spiritual sloth.

July is the month that teaches us, as the Desert Monastics said, to prepare ourselves for the "heat of the noonday sun," for those times in life when going on and going through something will take all the energy, all the hope we have. Then, July reminds us that on the other side of such intensity, such demanding effort, comes the harvest time of life when we see that all our efforts have been worth it.

The question in every life, of course, is how to keep on going when it seems fruitless. A Zen saying: "O snail, climb Mount Fuji, but slowly, slowly." If we are to persevere for the long haul, we must not overdrive our souls. We must immerse ourselves in good music, good reading, great beauty and peace so that everything good in us can rise again and lead us beyond disappointment, beyond boredom, beyond criticism, beyond loss.

The prayer from Mary Lou Kownacki's, *The Sacred in the Simple*, calls us all to new energy at the break point of every day. It reads:

Let not the heat
of the noonday sun
wither my spirit
or lay waste my hopes.
May I be ever green,
a strong shoot of justice,
a steadfast tree of peace.

-adapted from *A Monastery Almanac* by Joan Chittister

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,

from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
this great land will always be "one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(USCCB, [Fortnight for Freedom](#))

Items of Interest

If you have news you would like to share with the church community (i.e. new baby) please contact the church office at 937.435.3626 or slfc.office@gmail.com. You can also complete a new from the pews form in the red book and place in the offering basket.

The church office will be closed
Mondays, July 14 and 21.

New Member Welcome and Kirchmer's Anniversary Reception



DID YOU KNOW...

Church Bulletin

That you can view the church bulletin Thursday online before Sunday Mass?

Go to: www.stleonardfaithcommunity.org, homepage, information, bulletin, and click on the date to view.

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.

Mass Readings

The USCCB website provides the daily Mass readings for the entire liturgical year. Go to: www.usccb.org/bible/readings.



Special prayers are requested:

Joe Bensman, Amy Buxton, Shirley Chee (mother of Alberta Guise), Conor Crippen, George Cruise, Terrie Dawson, Kerry DeLuca, Gina Gentry, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Mary Ellen Hagan, Dick Hopsickler, Jim & Bill Kiefer, Kelly King, Brandon Le, Dennis McCormick, Michael Morrison, Beverly Mullins, Nichael Mustaine, Anita & Doug Nelson, Fr. Joe Rigali, Angela O'Reilly, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Marvin Skeens, Jasmine Skees, Payne Sigmman, Jay Underwood, Marlene Vorherr, Charlie Weigel, Kent Wingate, 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. 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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| Faith Formation | Noel Bauer | Jim McGee |
| Community Life | Shirle Speaks | Bonnie Benge |
| Pastoral Care | Judy Lamers | Darryl McGill |

Calendar of Events

- JULY:**
- 6-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/Rohr Chats, 6th gr. Classrm, 10:00AM
 - 8-Tuesday, "Shift Change" film, PBS, 11:00PM
 - 10-13 - Youth Mission Trip
 - 12-Saturday, House of Bread
 - 13-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM, /Rohr Chats, 6th gr. Classrm, 10:00AM/New Hope Art Sale after Mass Auditorium, New Hope Church 5:00PM drop-off, Chaminade Hall
 - 14, Monday, church office closed
 - 15, Tuesday, Thich Nhat Hanh presentation, 7:00PM
 - 16-Wednesday, Food4Summer packing
 - 20-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/New Hope Art Sale after Mass, Auditorium
 - 21-Monday, church office closed
 - 22-Tuesday, Church Council mtg., Boardroom, 7:00PM
 - 27-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM
 - 29-Aug 4 Silent Retreat, Spirituality Center, Freemont,
 - 30-Wednesday, Food4Summer packing

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 David Weickert at 513-633-9145.

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** (articles may be edited for content and space.)