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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

March

Council Announcements:
Bonnie Bengé

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Rock Morrissey
by - The Gamel Family

Proclaimers of the Word:

Judy Lamers
Kathy Majeski

Today's Collection Counters:

Mike Corbett
Mary Lou Worland

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!

March 15, 2015



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."

Weekly Collection: 3-8-2015: \$3,410.00

YTD Collections: \$114,349.00

Weekly Budgeted Collection: \$3,615.00

YTD Budget: \$119,285.00

Kroger Rewards: \$89.39

Readings for the Week of March 15, 2015

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

March Religious Education Classes (PREP):

15-Classes in Session (Shadow Stations of the Cross Dress Rehearsal)

22-Snow make-up day grades 4-8 at 9-10:15AM; Shadow Stations of the Cross Presentation & Lunch, After Mass

29-**NO CLASS** (Palm Sunday/Easter Break)

April Religious Education Classes (PREP):

5-NO CLASS (Easter Sunday/Easter Break)

12-Classes in Session

19-Classes in Session

26-Classes in Session (No Class for First Eucharist Students)

March Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW):

15-Monsita Corbett (adult observer: Mrs. Corbett)

22-Norm Speaks

29-**NO CLOW** (Palm Sunday/Easter Break)

April Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW):

5-NO CLOW (Easter Sunday/Easter Break)

12-Linda Niehoff

19-Linda Niehoff

26-**NO CLOW** (First Eucharist)

Family Prayer Aide Online

The Christ at the Center Home Edition Family Prayer Aide (Lent: February 22 - March 29) is an excellent family resource. The prayer aide helps families pray together and discuss the Sunday Gospel readings together. To access the prayer aide, go to <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/>, and select "Family& Home" under the "Christ at the Center" heading.

Attention Religious Education Parents

Don't forget to encourage your children to contribute money to their almsgiving cans to support the Food 4 Summer program. After Lent, students will be asked to bring their contributions to class, and the money will be donated along with the money collected for Simple Suppers. Thank you for your support of our efforts to teach our children the importance of serving the poor!



Mark Your Calendar! Important Dates for First Eucharist: **Sunday, April 19th** - First Eucharist Lunch, Retreat, & Rehearsal; 12-4PM; Knights of Columbus Room - Students should bring their completed banners. **Sunday, April 26th** - First Eucharist Celebration; 10:30AM Mass.

**Calling All budding scientists in grades pre-K through 6!**

Join us for this year's SonSpark Labs Vacation Bible School, to be held **June 21-25, from 6:00-8:30PM**. Young "scientists" will participate in experiments and games, create science-themed crafts, learn Bible stories and songs, and enjoy snacks. Most importantly, they will discover God's plan for each of them: **God's Plan 4 U = Jesus!**

To register, visit: <http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/vbs-online-registration>. For more information, contact Meghan Neumeier at 937.435.3626 or sffc.dre@gmail.com.

**Snow Makeup Day on March 22nd**

Due to the snow day on Sunday, February 22nd, there will be a mandatory makeup class for students in grades 4-8 on Sunday, March 22nd, from 9-10:15AM. An informal, optional class activity will be planned for students in grades preK-3 that morning, also from 9-10:15AM. Students who have signed up to participate in the Shadow Stations of the Cross presentation will be expected to stay for the event after Mass. The Shadow Stations of the Cross brunch and presentation should run from approximately 12-1:00PM.

SAINT OF THE DAY: March 15 - St. Louise de Marillac

She was born in France in 1591 and was educated by Dominican nuns. Although she desired to become a nun, she married Antony LeGras, an official who served the queen. After Antony's death, St. Louise met St. Vincent de Paul, and she spent the rest of her life helping him care for the poor and ill. She helped found the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and eventually became Superior of St. Vincent's Congregation of the Missions. As Superior, St. Louise and her sisters traveled throughout France, establishing hospitals and orphanages. She was canonized in 1934 and declared Patroness of Social Workers.



OUR COVENANT WITH OUR MERCIFUL AND LOVING GOD

Again this Sunday, we are reminded that we are unfaithful to our covenant commitment to God. Once more we are shown that God calls us back to this holy agreement. God sends messengers, the prophets, who are ignored and abused until the Lord lets these evil deeds have their effect on God's people and they are conquered, their capitol city and temple and palaces destroyed, are many of the people exiled. When their enemies and in turn conquered, the Israelites are released from their exile by a foreign king and their return is financed by this new kingdom. When God shows mercy on His people, what a return they have. God shows such wonderful love! The covenant is renewed! We are once again reminded that we have been saved by grace through faith a gift from God. Our good news comes to us through Nicodemus, that as the serpent in the desert was lifted up so will the Son of Man be lifted up. God loves us so much that we are given the gift of eternal life. We only need to accept this gift and open up to fullness of life in God.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I am in awe of Your love. You came freely and with mercy to rescue us from death and offer us new life. We can never deserve this demonstration of divine affection; it was then, and is now, a matter solely of Your love. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you.

Activity: Our parish penance service is this **Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 pm.** Come celebrate our merciful and loving God. Reflect this week on how you can improve your relationship with God and better serve your community.



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?

Envelopes are on the ledge, back of the pews and chair side of the chapel, which may be used for a \$10 donation.

Holy Thursday Donations Procession

Social Justice is integral to liturgy. Jesus connected the Last Supper with service by washing the feet of the disciples. The Holy Thursday liturgy further emphasizes this aspect of Eucharist by directing that the collection for that day should be donations (money or goods) for those in need. On Holy Thursday, when we gather at the altar, we will be collecting donations of everyday living supplies including food, diapers, and toiletries. Please bring something, even if it is small, to participate in this symbolic procession.

Reconciliation Services:

Faith Community - Reconciliation Service - March 19,
7:00PM

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FAITH COMMUNITY

Holy Thursday - April 2, Dinner 6:15PM, auditorium
Mass 7:00PM

Good Friday Service - April 3, 7:00PM

Easter Vigil - April 4, 9:00PM

Easter Sunday Mass - April 5, 10:30AM

St. Leonard Senior Center:

Holy Thursday Mass - April 2, 4:00PM

Good Friday Service - April 3, 2:00PM

Easter Sunday Mass - April 5, 9:00AM



The liturgy calls for bells to be rung during the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil. If you have bells at home, please bring them both those nights so that we can make a joyful noise to the Lord together.

Volunteers - Needed

PALM SUNDAY is coming fast. We will have a palm stripping get-together on **Saturday, March 28 at 9:30AM** in the sacristy.

More hands make for quicker work, so we can use 10 or more people to separate and count the palm strips. A person with strong hands to lop the base off of the plants is needed.

Holy Week - we are in need of 2 volunteers who would be interested in carrying candles for the 3 days of Holy Week Liturgy processions. If you are interested, please contact David Weickert at the church office at 937.435.3626 x 3783 or email: slfc.pa01@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Ministers are needed for our services during Holy Week. Signup sheets are posted on the back shelf for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil. Please help wherever you can. Additional ushers will be needed during the foot washing Thursday; candle lighting Saturday; and passing the collection baskets Easter.



Triduum

INVITATION CARDS AVAILABLE SOON

Your Membership ministry has prepared a card which you can use to invite friends, relatives and neighbors to join us at our Holy Week services. Personal invitations work best and we attribute the slight increase in attendance after Christmas to the cards, which you distributed/mailed. We will distribute the cards to our community on March 22 and 29th. Now would be a good time to prayerfully develop your list of individuals to invite to our Triduum and Easter Mass. It is your opportunity to invite new members to "Come Grow With Us" at this special time of the year.

Shadow Stations of the Cross

The St. Leonard Religious Education students will present the Shadow Stations of the Cross after Mass on **March 22nd**. This year, there will be a potluck lunch followed by the Stations. The event will last about an hour. Everyone is invited to this community event! If you are interested in coming, please sign up on March 8th or 15th. Bonnie Bengel and Shirle Speaks are coordinating the food donations for this event.



FAITH FORMATION - Noel Kupras-Bauer
noelkb@gmail.com

I have only one question for you this week.

Is what is described in the following poem something you desire? If so, make your own retreat with a walk to a place that inspires you to find the Holy One.

Inward Journey

Gazing into a clear lake, past glimmering waters' mirrored scenes, past memories, plans, idle thoughts scattering like fish that swim and flit, I seek the living stillness in a caverned pool of quiet deep within where soul dwells and God waits.

Gazing into the clear space of sunlit sky, past drifting clouds or swooping birds, past all enticing, I fall through the sky to the deep within, seeking the silent heartbeat of the hidden holy place in the quiet where soul dwells and God waits.

I hear the Holy singing, sounding in Silence, clear and pure. I wait for a Word to rise from the Stillness and the Silence I stay silent and still with longing for the touch of the Holy, in the secret place where God waits to be found.

by Linda Robinson



SOCIAL JUSTICE - Bob Niehoff
niehoff29@woh.rr.com

Good Friday Walk for Justice and Peace. A cross section of people from the Greater Dayton area will shoulder the crosses of social injustices as they make 14 stops throughout the west side of downtown Dayton on **Good Friday, April 3. The annual walk begins at 12:00 noon at the Old Courthouse at Third and Main Streets and takes about two hours to complete.** You are free to walk as much of the course as you can. **All ages are welcome to participate.** It is held rain or shine.

Each year 14 issues are chosen to correspond with the 14 Stations of the Cross. They reflect both new and ongoing social justice issues and are symbolic of the stations. Attendees will reflect on several new issues this year, including Black Lives Matter, food deserts and transportation, terrorism and non-violence. The Walk for Justice and Peace on Good Friday is an ecumenical tradition in Dayton.

The Walk is sponsored by more than 30 churches, faith communities and social justice organizations, which include the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office, the Dayton Hispanic Ministry Office, the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative, Sisters of the Precious Blood, UD's Center for Social Concern and the Greater Dayton Christian Connection.

Leaders in Social Justice. The University of Dayton's Speaker Series continues in March featuring leaders in social justice issues. These talks are free and open to the public. Tickets are not required. Parking is available without a permit in B and C lots only. Parking in any other campus lot requires a permit. **The final series event— 7:00PM Thursday, March 26, in the Kennedy Union ballroom — features playwright, actor and professor Anna Deavere Smith** and her brand of theatre that highlights community, character and diversity in America. Smith, who received a National Humanities Award from President Barack Obama in 2012, visited people across America using Walt Whitman's idea to "absorb America and inspiration" and performs vignettes of them to re-create a diversity of emotions and points of view on controversial issues.



Coffee with Fr. Larry

Plan to join Fr. Larry **Today, March 15**, for coffee and discussion on the Triduum. Triduum means Three Days and refers to the three days from Holy Thursday to Easter. But wait - that's four days! Come learn why it really counts as three days and explore what each liturgy during those days celebrates. We will meet in Classroom 3 as soon as everyone has time to pick up a donut and something to drink. We will aim for about a 30-minute session. Come share your insights and questions!



THE ST. LEONARD FAITH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION CLASSES PRESENT...

THE
SHADOW
STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS

MARCH 22, 2015
12:00 PM
AUDITORIUM

ALL ARE WELCOME!



St. Leonard Student of the Month

Luke Flais is our Student of the Month for March! Luke is in second grade at Cline Elementary School. Luke attends Religious Education and Children's Liturgy of the Word classes at St. Leonard and serves as a plate holder at Mass. Luke received his First Reconciliation in December and will receive his First Eucharist on April 26th. Luke enjoys reading, telling jokes, and playing video games. He also plays flag football, basketball, and baseball. If you are interested in applying for our Student of the Month program, then please visit our website at: <http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/student-of-the-month>.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PEWS

NAIM - So you missed the NAIM (Catholic Widow and Widowers) March meeting, but it is not too late to join!

For the March 22 Mass and brunch or the 50th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, April 17 contact: Roberta Patterson at 937.435.5756 for more information or to join NAIM.



YOUTH STRINGS SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, March 22, 2015 7:00 pm
Kettering Adventist Church

*Works by Telemann, Grieg,
Bartok, and Bernstein!*

Free Admission!

◆ Open to the Public ◆

The orchestra is sponsored by
the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and
the Dayton Philharmonic Volunteer Association.
The Dayton Philharmonic Youth Strings consists
of 62 members in grade 6-12,
chosen by audition from 27 schools throughout
the Miami Valley





Special prayers are requested:

Tom Barhorst (Ruth Hopkins brother), Mike Bennett, Joe Bensman, Marjorie Bleicher, Amy Buxton, Shirley Chee (mother of Alberta Guise), Karrie Coggeshall, Conor Crippen, George Cruise, Terrie Dawson, Kerry DeLuca, Bruce Ford, Peggy Fulwiler (Jim Fulwiler’s mom), Betty Gillespie, Lee Hoof, Jim & Bill Kiefer, Kelly King, Adrian Konstantelos, Vincenzina Krymow, Brandon Le, Mary Ann McGuire, Beverly Mullins, Anita & Doug Nelson, Fr. Joe Rigali, Angela O’Reilly, Kacey Risher, Scarlett Schmitz, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Marvin Skeens, Hugh & Jasmine Skees, Payne Sigman, Roman Thieben (Bauer’s grandson), Jim Tieman, Jim Town, Ron Volosin, 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 until the office is contacted to remove them. 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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Calendar of Events

- March**
- 15-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass 10:30AM/ Confirmation class after Mass/Coffee with Fr. Larry Classroom 3 after Mass
 - 16-Monday, Book Club, 6PM
 - 18-Wednesday, Prayer & Worship mtg., Boardroom, 7PM
 - 19-Thursday, Reconciliation, 7PM
 - 22- Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass 10:30AM/ Shadow Stations of the Cross and lunch after Mass, auditorium/Distribute Triduum invitation cards/Youth Spring Concert, Kettering Adventist Church, 7PM
 - 24-Church Council mtg., Boardroom, 7PM
 - 26-Thursday, Social Justice series “Anna Deavere Smith” UD, 7PM
 - 28-Saturday, Palm stripping, Sacristy, 9:30AM
 - 29-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass 10:30AM/ Distribute Triduum invitation cards
- April**
- 2-Holy Thursday, Dinner 6:15PM, Mass 7PM
 - 3-Friday, Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace, Old Courthouse, Dayton, 12PM/Good Friday Service, 7PM (Holy Land Collection)
 - 4-Saturday, Easter Vigil, 9PM
 - 5-Easter Sunday Mass 10:30AM (no coffee and donuts after Mass)
 - 14-Tuesday, Faith formation presentation, “Our Resurrection: *What Do You Expect,*” auditorium, 7PM
- *Please see Religious Education page for PREP and CLOW 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 call David Weickert at 937.750.3438.

Scheduling Mass Intentions: Requests for Mass intentions may be made by contacting the Community Church 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).

Ministries Of The Church

Ministry	Chair	Council Liaison
Membership	Mary Ellen Graham & Bill Moroney	Maureen Josenhans
Worship	Mary Cozart	Pat Schug
Justice & Service	Bob Niehoff	Tom Anacker
Faith Formation	Noel Bauer	John Nelson
Community Life	Shirle Speaks	Bonnie Bengé
Pastoral Care	Mary Ann McGuire	Darryl McGill