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St. Leonard Faith Community

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Second Sunday of Lent

Welcome!

March 16, 2014

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

March Announcements:

Council - Bonnie Bengé

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Thanh Lai

by: Gene Gross

Proclaimers of the Word:

Judy Lamers & Kathy
Majeski

"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.

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.

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."

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

Collection March 9- \$2,912.00

Weekly Budgeted Collection - \$3,750.00

YTD Collections - \$116,141.24

YTD Budget - \$127,500.00

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2014

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: 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
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

March CLOW Schedule:

16-Kaitlyn Jensen (adult observer: Mrs. Corbett)
 23-Kaitlynn Jensen (adult observer: Deanna Jensen)
 30-Spring Break - No CLOW

March PREP Schedule:

16- Class in Session
 23-Stations of the Cross Dress Rehearsal; Class in Session
 30-Spring Break - No Class

SAVE THE DATES: Vacation Bible School, June 22 - 26, 2014, 6-8:30PM



Shadow Stations of the Cross & Religious Education Breakfast. This year, on **Sunday, April 6th**, our religious education students will once again be presenting the Shadow Stations of the Cross. The program will begin at approximately **9:30AM** in the Auditorium. All members of the community are invited to join us for this creative rendition of the Stations of the Cross. Beginning at 9:00AM in the Auditorium, we will have a light pot-luck breakfast for religious education students, parents, and teachers. Parents are encouraged to sign up to bring a food item in the vestibule after Mass on March 2, March 9, March 16, and March 23.

Retreat for Junior High Students. The Archdiocese's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Office of Evangelization and Catechesis will hold the Ignite Retreat for junior high students from **March 21-23, 2014** at the Bergamo Center. Ignite is a high-energy, weekend discipleship retreat for youth with demonstrated leadership abilities. This year's theme is "Jesus 24/7: To Know, To Love, To Serve." The cost is \$130 per person (\$150 after February 20, 2014). Financial assistance is available. If your son or daughter is interested in attending, please contact: Meghan Neumeier @: sffc.dre@gmail.com or 937.435.3626.

New Teen Library. We have a small collection of books available for teens and their parents to borrow. Our junior high and high school students will oversee the lending and return of these books during Coffee and Donuts, beginning today, March 16. If you have books that you would like to donate to our teen library, then please add your name to the donation sign-up list during Coffee and Donuts. We are looking for age-appropriate books about our faith.



LENT 2014: REFLECT ON AND RENEW YOUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Most believers catch a glimpse of God's presence in our lives. As quickly as it came, the vision is gone. We know God has been there, but it quickly becomes a memory. We need those mountaintop experiences to sustain our commitment to God. We cannot make them happen, but we can put ourselves in a position to receive them when God chooses to be transfigured before us. Reflecting on this experience can give birth to something new and noble, such as compassion, forgiveness and love.

Sunday, Second Sunday of Lent: Abraham was called to leave his home and set out for a land "I will show you." What an act of faith in the Lord! God has called us to "a holy life," according to His own design. We don't earn it; it is promised to us if we open ourselves to the wonderful God.

Prayer: Father of light, in you is found the fullness of life and limitless truth. Open our hearts to the voice of your Word and free us from the original darkness that shadows our vision. Restore our sight that we may look upon your Son who calls us to repentance and a change of heart. Amen.

Activity: What relationships can you repair before Easter? What grudges can you let go of? Get working on it.

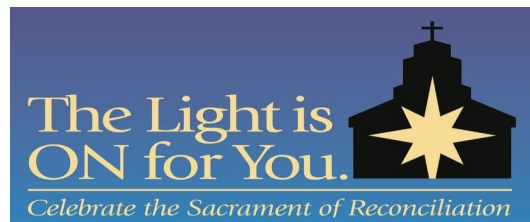
Activity: Accept the truth that you are loved by God and that God is more than eager to forgive all your sins. Make God's day. Several times today spend a few minutes in prayer thanking God for this forgiveness. Allow God to be God.

Faith Community Lent/Holy Week Schedule

Faith Community Reconciliation Service - April 9, 7:00PM
Holy Thursday - April 17, Dinner: 5:45PM, Mass, 7:00PM
Good Friday Service - April 18, 7:00PM
Easter Vigil Mass - April 19, 9:00PM
Easter Sunday Mass - April 20, 10:30AM

Sr. Living Center Lent/Holy Week Schedule:

Stations of the Cross - March 21 & 28; April 4 & 11, 3:15PM
Reconciliation Service - Tuesday, March 18, 7-9:00PM
Holy Thursday Mass - April 17, 4:00PM
Good Friday Service - April 18, 2:00PM
Holy Saturday - April 19 (no 4:00PM Mass)
Easter Sunday Mass - April 20, 9:00AM



The Light is On for You

During this upcoming Lenten season, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will focus on God's mercy by providing opportunities to learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to celebrate the Sacrament. **Each Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will provide the opportunity for private confession on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, from 7:00pm – 9:00PM.** This reconciliation is the responsibility of the St. Leonard Senior Living Community.

The St. Leonard Faith Community Reconciliation will be on April 9th.

If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time or communal penance service, **March 18** will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with Christ and his Church. The following resources can be found at www.lightison4u.com:

- A free downloadable MP3 talk Confession by Fr. Larry Richards
- Videos highlighting people's personal experiences with the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Blog posts discussing personal reflections on Confession
- A dedicated email and phone number to answer questions or concerns

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

The conversation was about the differences between men and women. One of the men declared, "No woman can keep a secret." One of the women disagreed. "I've kept my age a secret since I was 21. You'll let it out someday," the man insisted. The woman replied, "I hardly think so. When a woman has kept a secret for 27 years, she can keep it forever!"

As they were coming down the mountain, the disciples were entrusted with a secret that must have been very difficult to keep. Jesus said to them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." How can anyone keep a secret that big?



FAITH FORMATION

IN BRIEF

Our Morning of Prayer last Saturday was a blessing for all. We got some insight into the *Desert Mothers and Fathers* prayer styles which will make the readings for Simple Suppers a bit more understandable.

Simple Suppers

Simple Suppers are underway with 6 groups comprised of 61 people. Sorry, if you didn't get a chance to sign-up. One thing I learned for next year is to begin the sign-ups much earlier. Putting people in groups was more difficult than I anticipated.

LOOKING AHEAD

I received a flyer from the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford, OH for the following events:

Ignatian Lenten Series, March 25 and April 1 and 8

In the Loyola Building.

Dinner 6:00PM, Presentation 7:00 – 8:30PM

Cost: \$25 per session \$100 whole series.

Women's Journey Weekend, March 21 – 23

This retreat will focus on the gifts and challenges of each season as it relates to our spiritual journey and life experiences.

Holy Week Retreat April 17 – 19

This Holy Week retreat is open to men and women. It will begin with dinner at 6:30 pm on Holy Thursday and include a celebration of the sacred liturgies of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, four prayer talks, etc. and will end at noon on Holy Saturday to allow you to participate in our Faith Community's Easter Vigil.

Prayer Service. All are welcome as the Miami Valley Chapter of Ohioans to Stop Executions and College Hill Community Church host an Interfaith Prayer Service on **March 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM** at College Hill Community Church, 1547 Philadelphia Drive in Dayton.

Jobs for the Poor. There is a lot of talent in this Faith Community with business experience, workforce development and training. If you have some free time and would like to share your insights and wisdom, we welcome your input and involvement in this challenging project called **Jobs for the Poor**. **We hope to create fair-wage jobs in the Dayton area** by establishing a worker-owned cooperative in Dayton similar to the Evergreen Cooperative of Cleveland and the Mondragon Cooperative in Spain. We will be traveling to Cincinnati, Akron/Cleveland and Athens Ohio to learn about co-ops firsthand. Sorry, travel to Spain is out but you probably have been there already. **This project addresses several Catholic Social Teaching principles, including: The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, Preferential Option for the Poor and Solidarity.** If you are interested in joining our Team, call or see **Bob Niehoff at 937.885.0527**.



Coffee with Fr. Larry

Coffee with Fr. Larry will be **TODAY** after Mass. The topic this time will be "Soul and Body: Putting Our Whole Selves into Worship." Get a donut and a drink and come to Classroom 1 promptly; we'll aim to finish in about 30 minutes.

Lunch with the Lord

The South Dayton parishes have prepared a Lenten opportunity at St. Henry's Parish titled "Lunch with the Lord." A light lunch will be served while the following persons present reflections on the readings for the next Sunday. Offerings will be accepted and in order to make it available to people who may want to attend on their lunch break from work, it will be conducted from 12:10-12:50PM.

Dates and speakers are:
March 20 - Fr. Dan Meyer
March 27 - Sr. Carol Gaeke
April 3 - Mary Wlodarski
April 10 - Dave Riley



2014 SOPHIA'S DAUGHTER RETREAT

When: April 4 - 6, 2014

Where: Maria Stein Spiritual Center

Speaker: Mary Hallinan

"Listening for Sophia Speaking into Our Hearts"

Cost: \$200.00

(includes \$50.00 non-refundable registration deposit)

Check-in: 5:00 - 6:00PM, followed by supper @ 6:30PM

Questions contact:

Mary Ann McGuire @ 937.885.0871

Barbara Gobrail @ 937.293.2079 or

Bonnie Benge @ 937.299.1423

Registration deposit due by March 20th.

DID YOU KNOW...

Church Calendar

That you can view and print Faith Community yearly calendar with church activities from the church website?

Go to: www.stleonardfaithcommunity.org, homepage, calendar.

This is a great way to keep up on the happenings of the church.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for Sunday and weekday Masses are available. Please contact the church office at 937.435.3626 if you would like to schedule an intention.

GLUTEN FREE OPTION FOR COMMUNION

We offer gluten communion host at Mass for those who observe a gluten free/low gluten diet. We ask that those requiring the low gluten host see Fr. Larry or a Sacristan before Mass begins, so we can have the correct amount available for those who need this option.

Sheet Music - Make a joyful noise

Extra copies of sheet music for the Mass hymns will be available on both the chair and pew side of the chapel. Please pick up a copy so that all members of your family have a copy to join us to sing and praise the Lord.

We Need Your Input!

Our Faith Community office is currently using automated phone messages to reach our members. We often use this service because we need your input! If you receive an automated phone message from the Faith Community, then please listen to it carefully, and please respond if the message asks for a response. Thank you!

Pancake Brunch - March 9, 2014

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for an outstanding job! A great time was had by everyone!



NEWS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH:

The Legion of Mary invites you to its annual consecration to Jesus through Mary with Rosary and Benediction on Sunday, March 23, 2:00PM at St. Albert the Great Church, 3033 Far Hills Avenue, Kettering. Reception will follow. Please RSVP to Gloria Dodd at 937.229.1431 by Monday, March 17.

PRAYER FOR LENT

Lord Jesus, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. During this Lent, lead us by your Holy Spirit to live more faithfully in Christian freedom. Through prayer, increased charity and the disciplines of this sacred season, draw us closer to you. Purify the intentions of our hearts so all our Lenten observances give you praise and glory. Grant that through our words and actions, we may be faithful messengers of the gospel message to a world in need of the hope of your mercy. Amen.



Special prayers are requested:

Mike Aschenbrenner, Barb Barnes, Albert Chee (Alberta Guise's father), Pichi (Monsita Corbett's mother), Conor Crippen, Terrie Dawson, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Mary Ellen Hagan, Jim & Bill Kiefer, Kelly King, Thanh Lai, Beverly Mullins, Marvin Skeens, James Stritch, Art Townsend, Marlene Vorherr, Andrée Williams, 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 notified 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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Community Life	Shirle Speaks	Bonnie Bengé
Pastoral Care	Judy Lamers	Darryl McGill

MARCH:

- 16-Sunday, Coffee with Fr. Larry, after Mass, Classroom 1
- 17-Monday, Anne Koeing's Book Club, 6:30PM @ Kate Anacker's
- 17-Monday, Peacemaking, "Why We Fight," Paul II Room @ St. Francis
- 18-Tuesday, Interfaith Prayer Service of Thanksgiving, College Hill Community Church, 7PM
- 18-Tuesday, Ignatian Lenten Series, Jesuit Spiritual Center, Loyola bldg., Milford, OH., dinner 6PM, presentation 7PM
- 20-Thursday, "Lunch with the Lord," St. Henry's Parish, speaker Fr. Dan Meyer, 12:10-12:50PM
- 21-23, Ignite Jr. Hi Retreat, Bergamo Center
- 21 & 22, Youth Ministry - Urban Plunge
- 21-23, Women's Journey weekend (see Noel Kupras-Bauer)
- 23-Sunday, PREP Stations of the Cross rehearsal
- 23-Sunday, Legion of Mary, Albert the Great, 2PM
- 25-Tuesday, Ignatian Lenten Series, Jesuit Spiritual Center, Loyola bldg., Milford, OH., dinner 6PM, presentation 7PM
- 27-Thursday, Council Mtg., Boardroom, 7PM
- 27-Thursday, "Lunch with the Lord," St. Henry's Parish, speaker Sr. Carol Gaeke, 12:10-12:50PM
- 30-Sunday, Spring Break, NO CLOW or PREP

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 Gene Gross at 937.433.5241.

Scheduling Mass Intentions: Requests for Mass intentions may be made by contacting the Community Office @ 937.435.3626.

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