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**Presiding Today:**

Fr. Larry Mick

**March**

Council Announcements:  
Shirley Venetos

**Proclaimers of the Word:**

Mary Beth & Dix Firestone

**Today's Collection Counters:**

Joe Scullion  
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



**Welcome!**

March 20, 2016

*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.*

**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."

**Weekly Collection:** 3.13.16: \$4,550.00

**YTD Collections:** \$127,025.00

**Weekly Budget:** \$3,615.00

**YTD Budget:** \$126,540.00

**Readings for the Week of March 20, 2016**

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,17-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday: Ex 12:1-8,11-14/Ps 116:12-13,15-16bc, 17-18/1Cor 11:23-26/  
Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/  
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2/Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/  
Bar 3:9-15,32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or  
1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

**KNOW MERCY: SHOW MERCY**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

We begin the holiest week of the year. We celebrate the central mystery of our faith. Holy Week begins with the festive procession as people with palm branches welcome Jesus. The week continues to the mystery of Jesus' death and His Resurrection. We might ask ourselves just one question: Who am I? Who am I, before my Lord? Who am I, before Jesus who enters Jerusalem amid the enthusiasm of the crowd? Am I ready to express my joy to praise Him? Or do I stand back? Who am I, before the suffering Jesus? Am I like one of those who decided to kill Jesus? Am I like Judas, who feigns love and then kisses the Master in order to betray Him and hand Him over? Or am I like the disciples who understood nothing, who fell asleep while the Lord was suffering or like the disciple who wanted to settle everything with a sword? Am I like those people in power who summon a tribunal and seek false witnesses? Where is my heart? Which of these persons am I like? May this question remain with us throughout the entire week.  
(From Invitation to Lenten Conversion with Pope Francis)

**Action/Activity:** Jesus, help me overcome my fears and failures to follow You more closely on the way of the cross. Challenge yourself to participate as much as you can in the various liturgies of Holy Week

**Thoughts on Today's Readings...**

A video about a man and his dog in Argentina offers us this touching story. They were inseparable, doing everything together, the dog waiting patiently outside as the man made his rounds. One night he had a heart attack and an ambulance rushed him to the hospital. The dog raced behind and took up its station outside the hospital.

Days passed. It rained and the dog sought shelter under a ledge. Then one morning, the dog lifted his head with hopeful eyes. He sensed the arrival of his master. Instead, it was a smiling woman in a wheelchair being discharged after liver transplant surgery. Part of her recognized this tail-wagging dog, and the dog recognized his master in her.

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared as a stranger on the road to Emmaus. The disciples sensed a vital connection to him as he explained the scriptures to them, and then they recognized him in the breaking of the bread. We know the master because we are now united to his risen body in the world.



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – Processions define this Holy Week. We bless palms and we process into church after hearing the same chorus sung by angels over the manger: "Peace on earth and glory in the

highest." On Holy Thursday, we process to the Meal of the Lord and then, later, to the place of repose to ponder and give thanks. On Good Friday, we process to the Cross to behold, to genuflect, to embrace. In the holy night of Easter, we follow in procession the Light, our dead and risen Christ. We process to the font and wash clean new disciples who will take up with us the great mercy works: feeding, sheltering, clothing, visiting, burying, and giving, giving, giving. Like our ancestors of Exodus, we process to our promised home behaving as if we are there.

- To whom will I go?

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**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

**Support Christians in the Holy Land**

Pope Francis has asked our church to support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land. Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

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**TRIDUUM INVITATION CARDS STILL AVAILABLE**

It's not too late to personally invite someone to celebrate Holy Week with us. Invitation cards for the Triduum are available. We are providing two cards: One card has our fresco and the times for services. The other card has a link to Father Larry's homilies on one side and a blank side on which you can write your invitation to the Triduum.

Please join us in inviting others to celebrate the Triduum with our Faith Community. *Will this make any difference?* You won't know for sure unless you try.

**Make it your goal to fill a pew!**

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Upcoming events worth your time:

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the Board room, the **The Merton Wisdom Circle** with the second booklet in the series will begin. Please email me at [noelkb@gmail.com](mailto:noelkb@gmail.com) if you are (still) interested in this program. For those of you who couldn't join us last time, this program **usually meets every other Monday** until June and explores the wisdom of Thomas Merton as it uncovers the wisdom of our own lives.

Definitely reserve **7pm, Thursday, April 21st right here in Chaminade Hall** for a program/pilgrimage that the Archdiocese created called "**A Solidarity Prayer Walk.**"

**May 7th, 10am-2pm**, Sr. Olga Witterkind, OSF will present the program "**Mindfulness to Contemplative Action,**" at Mt. Notre Dame Spirituality Center. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

**This is Holy Week**, the most sacred week in our Liturgical Calendar. I'm sharing a description of the events of Holy Week that was sent to me from **Franciscan Action Network**. Read it slowly because it is something to think about.

We will start on Sunday with the waving of palms, and on Holy Thursday we will have the washing of the feet. On Friday, we will reverence the crucifixion. Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the Resurrection. This is good to do. It is good to relive the passion. While we are doing this, let's think about all the political rhetoric that we are hearing now. The speeches of hatred and fear. Let us take a few minutes to close our eyes and reflect on "**what if?**"

What if Jesus were walking with us today as a young, brown skinned, homeless man., an illegitimate child born to a teenage single mom from an Arabic country. A man preaching about a radical revolution, telling us about a new kingdom that can be built. A kingdom of love and peace. A kingdom where no child goes to bed hungry. Where no one is homeless and no one lives in a mansion. A kingdom where strangers are welcome, not where we build walls to keep them out. A kingdom where the Earth and all of her creatures are sacred. Now ask yourself a simple question: **Would the story end any differently than it did two thousand years ago?** Would the story end exactly the same with some people screaming "crucify him, crucify him" and others, **through their deafening silence**, participating in the torture and death of the Christ?

I read that and immediately got depressed. Why is it so hard to be a follower of Jesus?

Blessing: May the God of COURAGE be with you, helping you to embrace the darkness and pain of the journey, calling you to stand in love with those who suffer. May this God carve her faithful love into your heart. May your inner self be transformed so that you can see more clearly your own journey as one of peace, hope, and solidarity. May the blessing of courage be on you.  
-Maxine Shonk, OP

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**March Religious Education Classes (PREP)**

20-PREP Classes in Session-Auditorium  
27-**NO PREP** - Easter Sunday

**April**

3- PREP Classes in Session-Auditorium  
10- PREP Classes in Session  
17-PREP Classes in Session  
24-PREP Classes in Session

**March - Youth Ministry**

20-Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm  
27-**No Youth Meeting** - Easter Sunday

**April**

3- Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm  
10- Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm  
17-Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm  
24-Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm



### New Hope Church

We need personal hygiene supplies for those members of this church who have very little resources at the end of every month to purchase these supplies. Bath tissue, laundry detergent, dish liquid, shampoo etc. are always in need. Please include your receipt so we can match your donation dollar-for-dollar. Deposit your items in the box inside the chapel on the right as you come in. Thank you.

### One on the Journey—A Solidarity Prayer Walk

*Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in the ONE spirit, striving side by side with ONE mind for the faith of the gospel...*

Philippians 1:27

Conceived and written by Kathy Regan, a Certified Spiritual Director for Catholic Relief Services, the Prayer Walk is a spiritual journey into the heart of our deepest selves, and back out into the world with a greater understanding of who we are and who we are called to be. Mark your calendars and join us on **Thursday, April 21** to immerse yourself in this experience. Our SLFC ministries are pleased to bring this program to the St. Leonard communities.

### Walk for Justice and Peace on Good Friday, March 25



You are invited to shoulder the crosses of injustice during the Walk for Justice and Peace on Good Friday, **March 25**. In our prayers we will meditate on the need to welcome refugees, to earn a living wage, to obtain income equality, to access healthy food and to appeal for human dignity for all.

The annual walk with its 14 symbolic stops begins at 12:00 noon at the Old Courthouse at Third and Main Streets and moves through the east side of downtown Dayton. The walk is held rain or shine. Each year 14 issues are chosen since there are 14 Stations of the Cross. Participants reflect both on new and ongoing social justice issues. New this year are the social justice issues of welcoming refugees and income inequality.

The Walk for Justice and Peace on Good Friday is an ecumenical tradition in Dayton lasting about two hours and ending at the river by the First Baptist Church, 111 W. Monument St.

The walk is sponsored by 29 churches, faith communities and social justice organizations, which include the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office and the Dayton Hispanic Ministry Office, the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative, Sisters of the Precious Blood, and the UD Center for Social Concern and Greater Dayton Christian Connections.

### Following in the Footsteps of Sr. Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN, with Tree Care Day

Join with volunteers from various faith communities in planting seedlings at Five Rivers' Great Miami Wetland Mitigation Bank, 2773 N. Snyder Rd, Dayton, 45426 (south of Trotwood), **8:45am - 12noon, Saturday, April 9, 2016**, rain or shine. **Prayer begins at 8:45am**. This memorial event pays tribute to Sr. Dorothy Stang, who gave her life while championing the rights of poor land owners in Anapu, Brazil. Sr. Dorothy and her fellow sisters taught the people of the Amazon about sustainability and reforestation of their lands that had been illegally burned by wealthy ranchers and loggers. Parents and children of SLFC - consider participating in this family event.

### Death Penalty Lobby Day

**Tuesday, April 12**, is your chance to get involved in important life-saving advocacy by helping to demonstrate to legislators that their constituents want to make Ohio's broken death penalty system more fair and accurate.

Go to: <http://www.otse.org/faith-leader-initiative/> and look for "sign the letter," then sign it!

### Legislative Advocacy Day

Join us **Wednesday, April 20**, for a day of speaking with elected officials about protecting human life, caring for creation and prohibiting the death penalty for persons with serious mental illness. We'll gather at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Joseph Cathedral Undercroft, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. We'll also join in the Interfaith Statehouse Rally, asking for prayer, dialogue and actions regarding care for creation. **TO REGISTER:** Call 937.224.3026 or email [plong@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:plong@catholiccincinnati.org). Carpools will leave from the Pilarczyk Center (1436 Needmore Rd.) at 7:45am and will return by 6pm.

## Holy Week Schedule:

### Faith Community:

Holy Thursday - 6:15pm, March 24, Dinner, auditorium/  
7pm Mass

Good Friday Service - 7pm, March 25

Easter Vigil - 9pm, March 26

Easter Sunday Mass - 10:30am, March 27

### St. Leonard Senior Center:

Holy Thursday Interdenominational Service, 11am, Thursday,  
March 24

Holy Thursday Mass - 4pm, Thursday, March 24

Good Friday Service - 2pm, Friday, March 25

Easter Sunday Mass - 9am, March 27



### Holy Thursday Meal - You are Invited!

In a few weeks we begin the holiest days of the year, Paschal Triduum. Holy Thursday celebrates the institution of the Sacrament of

the Eucharist. The Eucharist was established within the Passover meal by Jesus and His Apostles. Join us as we celebrate Holy Thursday as a Community.

Sign up in the church vestibule today, March 20th, for the Holy Thursday meal. There is no charge for the meal which will start promptly at 6:15pm and Mass will follow at 7pm.

### 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 will be on the back ledge of the pew side and on the chair side of the chapel which may be used for a \$10 donation.

## Handbells

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 nights so that we can make a joyful noise to the Lord together.

### Eucharistic Ministers

Signup sheets are on the back ledge for Eucharistic Ministers for the Triduum. We need Bread and Cup Ministers for all three Masses. Thank you!

## Tom & Betty Kirchmer



GREAT to have you back!



### Medicare

Thursday, March 31, 2016

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

The Franciscan Center at St. Leonard

8200 Provincial Way, Centerville, Ohio

This event, offered by the Ohio Department of Insurance's OSHIIP division, will cover Medicare Part A and Part B benefits, the prescription drug benefit (Part D), Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare supplement insurance. OSHIIP, the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program, is a service of the Ohio Department of Insurance. OSHIIP staff are trained by the state and do not sell or promote any insurance companies, policies or agents.

This event is free and light refreshments provided.

### NEWS Outside the Pews

The Legion of Mary invites all to a consecration to Jesus through Mary in the spirituality of St. Louis Marie de Montfort at 2pm, Sunday, April 10th at St. Albert the Great church, 3033 Far Hills Ave., Kettering, OH. 45429. The ceremony will include the Rosary and benediction. A reception will follow. Rsvp by April 3rd to Gloria Dodd, 937.229.1431 or [girdodd@yahoo.com](mailto:girdodd@yahoo.com).

### Sisters of the Precious Blood "Come and See" weekend

Are you feeling like God is gently nudging you, inviting you to an adventure? If so, come experience a weekend of prayer, reflection, conversation, and fun with the Sisters of the Precious Blood. Hear our stories and perhaps discover the life to which God is calling you. Join us at Salem Heights in Dayton, April 15-17. Register online at [vocations@cppsadmin.org](mailto:vocations@cppsadmin.org) or call Sr. Patty Kremer at 937.609.0653 for more information.



**Special prayers are requested:**

Donna Ames, Seth Barnthouse, Mike Bennett, Joe Bensman, Amy Buxton, Shirley Chee, Conor Crippen, Ron Christopher, Ryan Davis, Terrie Dawson, Beth Ennis, Norm Fogel, Ruth Hopkins, Joanne Jannetta, Julie Kennedy, Tom Kirchmer, Nicholas Ladd, Brandon Le, Elaine Lunne, Justin Mastrangelo, Rose Mayl, Therese Mileti, Michael Morrison, Anita Nelson, Angela Paolo, Aurelia Palcher, Jai Rezy, Bob Schmid, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Hugh Skees, Betty Ann Streit, Arline Strohm, Hannah Taylor, Jim Tieman, Linda Versic, Elaine Vorherr, Marlene Vorherr, Bob Whitehouse, 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 unless otherwise notified. 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:**
- 20-Palm Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45am/Mass 10:30am/Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, Dayton Masonic Center, 3pm
  - 21-Monday, Book Club, 6pm
  - 24-Holy Thursday, Dinner 6:15pm, Auditorium/Mass, Chapel, 7pm
  - 25-Good Friday Service, Chapel, 7pm
  - 26-Saturday, Easter Vigil, Chapel, 9pm/Confirmation, Luke Griffith
  - 27-Easter Sunday, Mass 10:30am
- April:**
- 3-Sunday, Mass 10:30am
  - 4-Monday, The Merton Wisdom Circle, 7pm
  - 7-Thursday, "How to Write a Memoir; Even if You Think You Can't Write," Station House, Tuscany Room, 2pm
  - 10-Sunday, Mass 10:30am/Catholic Relief Collection
  - 17-Sunday, Mass 10:30am/Baptism
  - 18-Monday, The Merton Wisdom Circle, 7pm
- \*See Religious Education page for PREP and Youth Ministry 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 contact David Weickert at 937.750.3438.

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

**Bulletin announcements:** St. Leonard Faith Community Office 937.435.3626 or email: [slfc.office@gmail.com](mailto:slfc.office@gmail.com) 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	Mary Beth Firestone
Justice & Service	Bob Niehoff	Tom Anacker
Faith Formation	Noel Bauer	John Nelson
Community Life		Fred Konen
Pastoral Care	Mary Ann McGuire	Shirley Venetos