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March 27, 2016

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***Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord***

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

March

Council Announcements:
Shirley Venetos

Today's Mass is for:

Evelyn & James McCarthy
by: Mary Ellen McCarthy

Proclaimers of the Word:

CeAnn Chalker
James Fulwiler

Today's Collection Counters:

Mike Corbett
Gene Gross

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

REJOICE IN THIS DAY!



In the name of the whole St. Leonard Faith Community, I welcome you to the celebration of Christ's Resurrection this weekend. Easter is the greatest feast of the church's year, and we are very happy that you have gathered with us to celebrate the new life that Christ won for us.

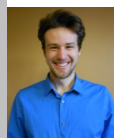
We extend a special welcome to visitors and guests today. We hope that you enjoy and are nourished by our celebration of the liturgy. Please know that you are welcome to join us any Sunday in the weeks and months ahead.

We offer a special word of welcome also to our college students and other young adults who are home for Easter. It's always a joy to see you among us again.

We also rejoice in all those here whose faces we see week after week. It is you who make our community such a wonderful place to worship and share our faith.

May you all know the joy of Easter not only today but throughout the Fifty Days of celebration that concludes at Pentecost. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it!"

Fr. Larry Mick



Welcome to St. Leonard Faith Community! We are excited to have you with us during the highlight of the Church's year. The Easter season gives us a time to celebrate the transforming power of God's love present among us. We hope that you experience that love while you are with us.

Our community emphasizes a sense of hospitality, a commitment to ministry, and profound liturgies that allow us to walk more closely with one another on our faith journey. As a unique small community within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, we are a spiritual home for many who are seeking something 'more' in their expression of faith.

If your experience of our liturgy has been spiritually nourishing for you and you would like to find out more about us or join our community, please call David Weickert @ 937.435.3626. You can also check out our website at: <http://www.stleonardfaithcommunity.org/>.

Registration packets are available on the table behind the last pew and on the website under the 'Information' tab.

We look forward to getting to know you!

David Weickert, Pastoral Administrator



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: Today collection baskets will be passed for donations that will assist in the operation of the Faith Community. Please make checks payable to: "St. Leonard Faith Community."

Weekly Collection: 3.20.16: \$4,550.00

Weekly Budget: \$3,615.00

YTD Collections: \$129,550.00

YTD Budget: \$130,155.00

**KNOW MERCY - SHOW MERCY
EASTER - HE IS RISEN!**

The Gospel of the Resurrection must be proclaimed to all so that everyone might encounter Christ, the Risen One, present and working in history. In Him, through baptism, we too are risen and have passed from death to life, from the slavery of sin to the freedom of love.

The way of the world does not often revere mercy, but Easter enshrines it with lavish celebration. For a few bleak days our merciful Lord was thought to be dead and buried, but on Easter morning God's incarnate word shines like the sun. God's mercy will reign forever. We can once again say and believe HE IS RISEN!

Action/Activity: Celebrate this day with a gathering of family and/or friends. Live this joy and share this light for the next fifty days.



Standing with the Dead and Risen Christ

After hearing during the holy night the Old Testament stories of faith, the priest prays on our behalf: "...stir up in your Church a spirit of adoption so that, renewed in body and mind, we may render you undivided service." Not just lip service, we pray. Not just any service. Undivided service! We have spent the 40 Days, the Lenten Days, peering across the baptismal waters to rediscover what it means to be a disciple, to be Christian, to be workers steeped in mercy, overflowing with mercy – because the Risen Christ and His Father and the good Spirit filled us and continues to fill us with mercy and love.

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

Christianity is summed up in this most ancient of feasts. What makes Jesus' life and ministry unique and our lives meaningful is the Resurrection. We know that following Jesus is demanding, even costly. But there is much more ... Jesus promises us life on the far horizon. His followers weren't expecting it. Are we?

Readings for the Week of March 27, 2016
 Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-24/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21/Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 (1)/Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

**HAPPY EASTER! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

If you want to be filled with glorious praise for the Easter Alleluia after the long journey of Lent, google Youtube and put in Sandi Patty's "Was it a Morning Like This" with its wonderful verse.

*Did the grass sing?
Did the earth rejoice to feel You again?
Over and over like a trumpet underground
Did the earth seem to pound, "He is risen!"*

Better yet, start with Sandi Patty & Larnelle Harris' "Then Came the Morning!" Either one or both will have you singing Alleluia all day long!

Something new to consider. For this, you don't even have to leave the comfort of your home and it continues our yearlong transformation into vessels of mercy. Joan Chittister, one of my present day Catholic heroes, is offering **a new e-course "Journey into Mercy."** She provides a daily inspiration that encourages you to stretch for new ways of acting mercifully. You will receive:

- 28 brief but weighty readings from Sister Joan
- A specific daily invitation, based on the reading, to practice mercy
- A mercy mantra to pray during the week
- A chance to reflect on what you find most meaningful in the reading
- An opportunity to share in a 24/7 Practice Circle guided by Sister Joan and her colleagues from Benetvision and Monasteries of the Heart. It starts April 2nd and continues for 28 days.
Go to: <http://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/ecourses/course/view/10169/journey-into-mercy> to register.

Mark your Calendar:

Monday, April 4, 7pm, in the Board room, the Merton Wisdom Circle will meet.

Thursday, April 21, 7pm in Chaminade Hall. Join us for a program/pilgrimage that the Archdiocese created called "A Solidarity Prayer Walk." See bulletin insert.

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

Blessing: *May the God of FREEDOM be with you, liberating you from that which prevents true growth. May your freedom bring spontaneity, creativity, and hope into a wounded world and may it open others to the possibility and promise of new life and resurrection. May the God of FREEDOM be with you. Sr. Maxine Shonk, OP*

Care for Creation

Prayer/Reflection: All-loving God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as sisters and brothers, harming no one. Amen.

Quote from the Holy See: A Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us. *Pope Francis, February 9, 2015*

Caring for Creation Tip: Lent's Meatless Fridays – Why not continue this practice throughout the year? Going meatless just once a week can help reduce our carbon footprint and save precious resources like fresh water and fossil fuel. At the same time, it may reduce our risk of chronic preventable conditions like cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity.



One on the Journey - A Solidarity Prayer Walk



Alone we are not Jesus, but together we are the Body of Christ... Solidarity is a choice... to embrace justice...Where do I stand...in the shadow or in the light?

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 at **7pm, Thursday, April 21, in the auditorium** to immerse yourself in this experience. Our SLFC ministries are pleased to bring this program to the St. Leonard communities.

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 - 12pm, 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 please 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 9:30am 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.

REGISTER at plong@catholiccincinnati.org or call 937.224.3026. Carpools will leave from the Pilarczyk Center (1436 Needmore Rd.) at 7:45am and will return by 6pm.

Solidarity Prayer Walk



*Where do I begin...
for I am just **ONE** person...*

*How will I put my
faith into action...*

*How am I called to
walk in solidarity?*

Join us for an evening walk with our brothers and sisters around the world who suffer, who need compassion, who need our attention and prayers. Spend an hour in meditation and contemplation with them as you visit eight stations, such as the one pictured above. A beautiful meditation booklet will guide you through this experience - one you will remember and be moved by.

Where: Auditorium under the Chapel
When: Thursday, April 21, 2016
Time: 7:00 pm

Sponsored by the following SLFC Ministries: Social Justice, Faith Formation, Religious Ed, Prayer and Worship, and Membership.

What is Easter?

It's not about the eggs to hunt
It's not about a bunny
It's not about brand new clothes
Or candy as sweet as honey.

On this day many years ago
A man named Jesus Christ
Upon a cross for you and me
Gladly gave His life.

Not for sins that he had done or crimes He must repay
He did it all for you and me
For our sins He died that day.

But that's not the end of Jesus Christ
They put Him in a grave
But three days later He rose again
Our sin debt had finally been paid.

So this Easter as you hunt for eggs
Dressed up in brand new clothes
Don't think about the Easter Bunny
Think about why Christ arose!

Knights of Columbus Council #10215

FISH FRY & MONTE CARLO

When: FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016

Time: Starts at 7:00PM

Carry Out: 5:00 til 6:30PM

Cost: \$12 in advance/\$15 at the door

ALL YOU CAN EAT!



**Place: St. Leonard's Chaminade Auditorium
8100 Clys Rd., Centerville, Ohio 45458**

For tickets or more information contact:

Gene Gross at 937.433.5241

John Vallo 937.435.7494

John Mock 937.813.8987

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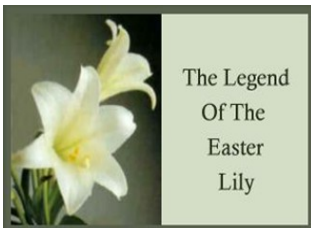


In Memory of:

The Albert's & Wagner Families
Jim Bengé
Mike Cleary
Ed & Alice Michel
Martha Greenwell
O'Connor & Cozart Families
Elizabeth Overberg
Family & Friends of Ruth Hopkins
Ron Kincaid & Bethany Kincaid
Charles & Marie Shanésy
The Niehoff & CappelFamilies
David Pestian
Shirley E. Schroth
Jim & Louise Serrer
Ashley Hohlbein
Emily Hohlebein
Bruce Truitt
Todd Truitt
Jim McHenry

By:

Sharon Alberts
Bonnie Bengé
Barb Cleary
Bob, Sandy, Christa & Dan Cox
Bob Cox
Frank & Pat Detzel
Mike & Kathy Grant
Ruth Hopkins
Sue Kincaid & Family
Ken & Colleen Nartker & Family
Bob & Linda Niehoff
Fred & Colette Pestian
Robert G. Schroth
Judy Serrer
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Lee & Pat White



The Legend
Of The
Easter
Lily

Often called the "*White-robed Apostles of Hope*," lilies were found growing in the garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. Tradition has it that the beautiful white lilies spring up where drops of Christ's sweat fell to the ground in his final hours of sorrow and distress. Church tradition at Easter is decorating altars and surrounding their crosses with masses of Easter lilies to commemorate the "*Resurrection and Hope of Life Everlasting*."

March Religious Education Classes (PREP)

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

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


MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Eastertide Vespers & Choral Concert

Eastertide Vespers will be held on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 3, at 7:00 PM in the Chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, 45230. The Easter Vespers (Evening Prayer) includes the singing of hymns, psalms and canticles and will include festival Easter choral music sung by the Athenaeum Chorale & Seminary Schola with the Cincinnati Brassworks brass ensemble. All are welcome.

Catholic Sponsored Divorce Care is held for 13 weeks, 7-8:30pm, Thursday evenings at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Kettering, OH. Cost is \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. For more information, or to register, contact Marcelle Toma at: 937.312.1157 or mtoma@woh.rr.com.

Evening of Renewal for Eucharistic Ministries

Monday, April 18th, 7-9pm at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4500 Ackerman Blvd., Kettering, OH., there will be a Eucharistic Minister's workshop. If you are interested in attending you can contact the church office at 937.435.3626 to register. Cost is \$15 per person.

Kettering Children's Choir

What: "Elijah Oratorio" performed by the Kettering Children's Choir Capella and the Wright State University Choirs

When: Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Time: 7-9pm

Where: Patterson Park Church, 3655 E Patterson Rd., Beavercreek, OH.

UNBOUND

Freedom in Christ Seminar

**Attend Unbound if you**

- Are struggling to be free of fear, anger, sadness, unforgiveness, feelings of rejection, guilt, shame or other spiritual burdens
- Feel bound by negative patterns of thinking
- Are frustrated in your spiritual growth
- Find yourself trapped in the same area of sin time after time
- Feel hopeless in finding freedom
- Long to help someone without hope
- Desire a greater understanding of Satan's underhanded strategies in the lives of people

Saturday, April 9

8:30am — 4:30pm

Our Lady of Good Hope Church
6 S. Third Street
Miamisburg, OH 45342

Breakfast snacks and lunch provided.
Cost is a donation. Space is limited!

Please register at
unbounddayton-april9.eventbrite.com

or email unbounddayton@gmail.com
or call (937) 530-3151

Unbound presents a sound and practical way for everyone to experience greater freedom from the influence of evil and to enjoy a fuller life in Christ. Participants will view DVD talks by Neal Lozano, creator of the Unbound Model of prayer, and be led in prayer by the Dayton Unbound Ministry which received training from Neal Lozano's Heart of the Father Ministries, www.heartofthefather.com.

3:16
THE NUMBERS OF HOPE



When Tim Tebow wore *John 3:16* under his eyes during the 2009 Championship game, over 92 million people looked up the verse on Google. That means over 92 million people heard the gospel just because one man took a stand.

John 3:16
For GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten SON, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting LIFE.



Special prayers are requested:

Donna Ames, Seth Barnhouse, Mike Bennett, Joe Bensman, Amy Buxton, Shirley Chee, Conor Crippen, Ron Christopher, Ryan Davis, Terrie Dawson, Beth Ennis, Norm Fogel, Gerald (Gerry) Gillotti, 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, Pat Talbot, 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:**
- 27-Easter Sunday, Mass 10:30am
- April:**
- 3-Sunday, Mass 10:30am
 - 4-Monday, *The Merton Wisdom Circle*, Boardroom, 7pm
 - 7-Thursday, "How to Write a Memoir; Even if You Think You Can't Write," Station House, Tuscany Room, 2pm
 - 8-Friday, *KofC Annual Fish Fry*, Chaminade Auditorium, Carry Out: 5-6:30pm/Eat In: 7pm
 - 9-Saturday, *Tree Care Day*, 5 Rivers Great Miami Wetland Mitigation Bank, 2773 N. Snyder Rd., Dayton, 8:45am
 - 10-Sunday, Mass 10:30am/Catholic Relief Collection
 - 12-Tuesday, *Death Penalty Lobby Day* - SIGN the Letter!
 - 17-Sunday, Mass 10:30am/Baptism
 - 18-Monday, *The Merton Wisdom Circle*, Boardroom, 7pm/
"Evening of Renewal for Eucharistic Ministries,"
St. Charles Borromeo, 4500 Ackerman Blvd., Kettering, OH, 7-9pm
 - 20-Wednesday, *Legislative Advocacy Day*, St. Joseph Cathedral Undercroft, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH, 9:30am
 - 21-Thursday, "A Solidarity Walk," Chaminade Hall, 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 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