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St. Leonard Faith Community

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome!

March 2, 2014

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

March Announcements:

Council - Bonnie Bengé

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Jack Durkin
by: The Kennedy's

Proclaimers of the Word:

Jim & Marcelline Kennedy

"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
Faith Formation, 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 February 23 - \$1268.40

Weekly Budgeted Collection - \$3,750.00

YTD Collections - \$111,054.24

YTD Budget - \$120,000.00

Readings for the Week of March 2, 2014

Sunday: Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34
Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20–6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



March CLOW Schedule:

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

9-Family Sunday - No CLOW!

16-Kaitlyn Jensen (adult observer: Mrs. Corbett)

23-Kaitlynn Jensen (adult observer: Deanna Jensen)

30-Spring Break - No CLOW

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

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**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 potluck 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.

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.

**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.

**Family Prayer Aide Online**

The Christ at the Center Home Edition Family Prayer Aide

Lent/Palm Sunday: March 9 - April 13, 2014) 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.



PIZZA PARTY - TODAY. Gather in the youth room for pizza to plan events and service projects. We will discuss the greatly anticipated mission trip and plan other monthly events.

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

Matthew tells us to seek first the kingdom of God and then all of these other things will be given to us.

There is an old saying: "Don't put the cart before the horse." The horse pulls the cart, so you hitch the cart in the rear so the horse can do his job. It won't work if the horse is hooked up behind the cart. He can't push it. In a similar way, today's Gospel reminds us that God's kingdom is the powerful horse that pulls us through our life journey. Our many worldly wants and needs are all piled up on our cart. We should not put the "cart" before the horse by seeking our own goals first. Relax. Forget about success, the bills, the dream vacation, even health. Let go and let God take care of it. The horse knows the way to the kingdom.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Please mark your calendars for this date: Friday, March 14 at Holy Angels Multi-Purpose Room, **Speakers:** Joe D'Ambrosio (recently exonerated from Ohio's Death Row) and Fr. Neil Kookoothe (instrumental in his release) and Soup and Bread at 6:00PM; Discussion at 6:30PM.

6th Annual Global Solidarity Conference. The conference theme this year is "Caring for All Life All Through Life," **Saturday, March 15, at UD's Kennedy Union.** Catechists may obtain credit toward certification from the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. **Cost:** Students \$15, Participants \$40 and Catechetical Credit \$50. See brochure on the bulletin board.



2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

This is Commitment Weekend for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout the 19 counties of our Archdiocese who are supporting these important local ministries with Christ at the center. If you have already responded by mail or online to Archbishop Schnurr's invitation, or if you brought your completed pledge form to place in the offertory today, thank you! If you did not receive a pledge envelope they are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Please make your check payable to: **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**. To make a pledge securely online, please visit CatholicAppeal.net.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS - 7:00 PM

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Ash Wednesday Collection - A Collection (for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe) supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to **restore the Church and build the future** in the region. Please give generously to the Collection next week. Visit www.usccb.org ([search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe"](#)) to learn more.



Ash Wednesday Prayer

O Lord of all love and unquenchable compassion,
Burn in our hearts throughout this day of ashes.
Give us courage to root out and set fire to all the junk in our lives:
Pettiness and impatience, overindulgence and indifference.
Where there is a grudge, help us burn it away with forgiveness.
Where there is fear, help us burn it away with the fire of your love.
Where there is greed, help us burn it away with self-sacrifice.
Where there is pride, help us burn it away with the awareness of God's grace.
And after we've offered up all our shortcomings on your altar,
Help us to rebuild our house on an indestructible foundation of love.

Mary Lynn Hendrickson, www.homefaith.com.

LENT 2014: REFLECT ON AND RENEW YOUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Most of us think of Lent as a time for giving up something. The church asks us to give up meat on Fridays and to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. These actions are ways of saying no to our usual food choices and preparing something different for the Lenten season.

The other side of Lent is doing more. Lent is the Church's invitation to go forward, to move ahead, to grow in faith and devotion. This season prepares us to celebrate with greater intensity and love, the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Ash Wednesday: The ashes we wear today signify our brokenness, our mortality, our need to turn away from sin. Our biblical ancestors put on ashes and sackcloth while praying for help, of forgiveness, and to express mourning.

Prayer: Father, bless our Lenten resolutions with the strength and perseverance of Jesus. Renew our commitment to believe in you and light a fire in the hearts of those who have fallen away. Amen.

Activity: Do a little dusting today. Before you go to bed tonight, remove the dust from your forehead, also from a crucifix, religious picture or statue in your house. Let it be a sign of your intention to be cleansed from sin.

REFLECTING ON THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent begins on Wednesday when we will again hear the challenge to “Repent and believe the Good News.” All of us were called at Baptism to grow in our faith and to examine our commitment to follow Christ. Lent reminds us again that we are mortal and our time in this world is limited.

Lent initially developed as the time for the catechumen to deeply examine his or her commitment to Baptism, to examine any areas in life that might be blocking entering a new life in Christ through the sacrament. Their culture, previous religious experience, government, societal values, family and friends could make this choice very difficult. In time, members of the faith community joined the catechumens and used the time of Lent to reexamine their own Baptismal commitments. Conversion to a new life in Christ is a life-long process that does not end at Baptism, but only begins there.

This Lent, as we examine our growth in the faith as individuals and as a faith community, we ask your participation in this process by sharing in the areas that we still need to overcome in our faith journey. There will be slips of paper available on the First and Second Sundays of Lent to anonymously submit areas that you feel as an individual or as a faith community, need to be improved. Examples might include concealed racial bias or how about the influence of consumerism or perhaps the tendency to judge others. The slips will be collected and used for formulating petitions for the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of this season.

We ask that you reflect on the readings for these three Sundays to help you formulate the areas that you and the faith community need to work on. The Third Sunday, The Samaritan Woman at the Well, asks us what we thirst for in our lives. Is this thirst a good thirst, or one that can mislead us? On the Fourth Sunday we examine the healing of the Man Born Blind. We believe we see and understand, but can we be blind to the truth? On the Fifth Sunday we examine the Raising of Lazarus. There are ways we can die inside, yet, if we ask God’s help, we can find new life in Christ who promises eternal life in our Baptism. We can only change if we recognize imperfections, name them and ask God’s help to overcome them. Then, when Easter comes, we may renew our baptismal commitment with fresh enthusiasm and dedication.

GUIDELINES FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

During the season of Lent we joyfully prepare to celebrate the Paschal feast, with minds and hearts renewed. In Lent the community of faith is blessed with a spirit of loving **reverence for God** and of willing **service to neighbor**. **Our observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5**, and continues through the afternoon of **Holy Thursday, April 17**. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, the imposition of ashes replicates an ancient penitential practice and symbolizes our dependence upon God’s mercy and forgiveness. During Lent, the faithful are called to renew their baptismal commitment, while catechumens prepare to be baptized through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The **three traditional pillars** of Lenten observance are **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. The Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and reflection on Scripture, to fasting, and to promoting a more just and peaceful world. The penance that all do together on Fridays is just a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms shows a sign of renewed commitment to Catholic social teaching—supporting the rights of all people to adequate food, shelter, and health care.

The key to a fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to our continuing conversion and baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstinence from sin during Lent but more to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ’s death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of obligatory **fast** and **abstinence**. **Fridays** in Lent are days of obligatory **abstinence**.

Abstaining from the meat of warm-blooded animals, (eg, beef, chicken, pork) is obligatory for all Catholics who have reached their **14th year**.

Fasting from unnecessary food is obligatory for all Catholics who have completed their **18th year** and have not yet reached their **60th year**. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal a day. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal.

Fast and **abstinence** are serious obligations and are laudable practices even when not required. **No one**, however, is obliged or encouraged to fast or abstain if doing so would endanger one’s **health** or cause unreasonable **hardship**. The spirit of the law is to be observed as well as the letter, (eg, substituting lobster for chicken) would not respect the spirit of abstinence. Good Catholics, whatever their circumstances, try to observe the spirit of Lent the best they can.



FAITH FORMATION

Brief Summary

“The Church’s catechetical mission aims to help the faithful of all ages to grow in both human and Christian maturity, enriching the whole of life with the leaven of the Gospel. Consequently, appropriate goals and content will embrace all the faith dimensions of an adult life – for example, **understanding and communicating the faith**, skills needed for personal growth, the experience of family life, relationships, public service, and concern for the common good.”

That quote comes from “*Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Formation in the United States*” written by the US Bishops. I highlighted the “understanding and communicating the faith” phrase because I want to point out that we have two on going groups meeting monthly that respond to that need of “understanding and communicating the faith.” There is the “Women Called to Holiness” group, first initiated by Vincenzina Krymov when the Archdiocese sent out a memo many years ago encouraging a study of a series of books designed to catechize women. Those of us who answered Vinny’s bulletin call have gone on to read several other books, a chapter at a time sharing our understanding and our very selves in the process. We will be meeting this Friday from 10 am to noon and will be discussing chapter 8 of Richard Rohr’s *Falling Upward*. If interested in joining us, please call Barb Gobrail (937.428.0853)

The other group that meets monthly and discusses books designed to enrich our understanding of our faith is Annie Koenig’s Book Group. They are reading “Just As You Are” this month. They have already read Rohr’s book and discussed it. They read a whole book and discuss it and meet in the evenings at Annie’s home and all are welcome, men and women. Watch for Annie’s announcement in the bulletin.

Coming Up

Simple Suppers Sign-Up continue today and next week or call me at 937.428.0853 for 5 weeks of enriching suppers and discussion and prayer this Lent.

Also, this coming Saturday, March 8 is our Lenten kick-off on prayer in the Franciscan Center from 10:00AM - 1:00PM. Eight people have signed up already so don’t be left out.

Links to Other Events

There are tons of internet links that are loaded with prayers and inspiration. Check out monasteriesoftheheart.org. It’s a wonderful, free link that, if you sign up, offers great stuff once a week to spruce up your prayer practices, as well as put your faith in action.

Thanks, Noel Kupraus Bauer

MINISTRY VOLUNTEER’S ARE NEEDED!

The number of volunteers in our ministries have gone down in recent years due to physical limitations and moving out of the area. This is causing the present members to serve more frequently than they had anticipated. We are in need of VOLUNTEERS to serve.

The greatest need at this time is Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers. Additional needs are: Sacristans, bread bakers, and head greeters. Volunteers will be trained and schedules are personalized as much as possible. Please contact Caryl Rose at 937.434.8855 or the church office at 937.435.3626, if you can join us.

We are also in great need for people to help with coffee and donuts. Please contact the church office at 937.435.3626.

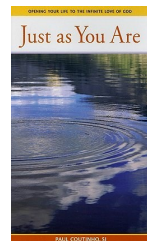
Lunch with the Lord

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- to 12:50PM.

Dates and speakers are :
March 6 - Dennie Stieritz
March 13 - Mary Wlodarski
March 20 - Fr. Dan Meyer
March 27 - Sr. Carol Gaeke
April 3 - Mary Wlodarski
April 10 - Dave Riley

BOOK CLUB

The March book club selection is “*Just As You Are*” by Paul Coutinho. We will meet at Kate Anacker’s home at **6:30PM on March 17th**. If interested in joining the book club, e-mail Anne Koenig at: knann89@aol.com.



Daylight Savings Time starts March 9. Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



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, Kelly King, James Stritch, Pat Townsend, 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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MARCH:

- 1-Saturday, Mardi Gras Party, Auditorium, 6:30PM
- 2-Sunday, Intergenerational Team Mtg., Classrm 1, after Mass
- 2-Sunday, Burning of the Palms after Mass
- 2-Sunday, Youth PIZZA Party, Youth room, 12:00PM
- 3-Monday Peacemaker, Franciscan Center, 7-9PM
- 5-Wednesday, **Ash Wednesday & Eastern Europe collection, 7PM**
- 6-Thursday, "Lunch with the Lord", St. Henry's Parish, speaker Dennie Stieritz, 12:10-12:50PM
- 7-Friday, Women Called to Holiness, 10AM
- 8-Saturday, Morning of Prayer, Franciscan Center, 10AM
- 9-Sunday, **Family Sunday (NO CLOW)**
- 13-Thursday, "Lunch with the Lord", St. Henry's Parish, speaker Mary Wlodarski, 12:10-12:50PM
- 14-Friday, Death Penalty speakers, Holy Angels Multi-purpose rm, 6PM
- 15-Saturday, "Caring for All Life", UD, Kennedy Union
- 17-Monday, Anne Koeing's Book Club, 6:30PM @ Kate Anacker's
- 18-Tuesday, Interfaith Prayer Service of Thanksgiving, College Hill Community Church, 7PM
- 21-23, Jr. Hi Retreat, Bergamo Center
- 21 & 22, Youth Ministry - Urban Plunge

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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