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St. Leonard Faith Community

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March 24, 2013

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of
the Lord**

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Aline Stritch

by: James Stritch

Proclaimers of the Word:

Chris & Amanda Jennings

Weekly Readings:

March 24, 2013

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of
the Lord**

Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56

March 31, 2013

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

John 20: 1-9

Afternoon Gospel: Luke 24:
13-35

Welcome!

St. Leonard Faith Community is a freely formed Catholic community sharing in the Franciscan heritage. We are committed to creating a spiritual environment where the Holy Spirit comes alive through active worship and the offering of our individual and collective gifts. 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 in the St. Leonard Senior Living 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.

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.

Donations: A collection basket is not passed during the Liturgy. However, collection baskets are available on the ledge behind the back pews/chairs for donations that will assist in the operation of the Faith Community.

St. Leonard Faith Community: Faith Formation 9:00 am
Sunday Mass, 10:30 am

Senior Living Community Mass: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am., 4:00 pm
Saturday, and Sunday 9:00 am. Communion Service Monday 9:00am

Religious Education - Meghan Neumeier

CLOW Volunteers:

March 24 - Alberta Guise
April 14 - Joe Scullion
April 28 - Monsita Corbett



Mark Your Calendar! Important Dates for First Eucharist:

Sunday, April 14th - First Eucharist Retreat and Rehearsal, 9-12:30, Knights of Columbus - Students should bring their completed banners.
Sunday, April 21st - First Eucharist Celebration, 10:30 Mass

Assistant Sacristans Needed

We are looking for Assistant Sacristans to help the Head Sacristans during Mass. Children in grades 4-8 who are interested should contact :
Meghan Neumeier at
937.435.3626 or
sffc.dre@gmail.com.

PREP Classes Resume April 14th

Religious education classes **will not be held on Sunday, March 31st or Sunday, April 7th** due to the Easter holiday and Spring Break. Classes will resume on April 14th. Have a blessed Easter, and enjoy your time off!

Thank you!

Thank you to the students, teachers, and volunteers who helped make our Shadow Stations of the Cross presentation a success.



Prayer Partners for First Eucharist Students Needed!

We are looking for two men and one woman to agree to be prayer partners for our students preparing for their First Eucharist. Being a prayer partner involves praying for the child assigned to you and attending a breakfast with the First Eucharist students and parents during their retreat on Sunday, April 14th. If you are interested in being a prayer partner, please contact Meghan Neumeier at 937.435.3626 or sffc.dre@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry - Noel Kupras-Bauer

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT for the Faith Community

Several members of the Youth Group would like to attend the Catholic Heartwork Camp this summer in Pittsburgh, Pa. and want to have our own Yard Sale to help finance our trip. We are asking you to consider donating whatever **usable household items, books, and clothing** that you no longer need or want so we can sell them at our Yard Sale. We are planning the Yard Sale for sometime in May so bring your items in during the month of April and give them to Noel or Larry Bauer. **Too difficult to bring in???** Call me, Noel Bauer at 937.428.0853.



YOUTH GROUP

We are meeting **TODAY** right after Mass until 2pm. It's Palm Sunday and Mass will be longer than usual so tell your parents we need until 2 to get our gift bags filled. Also, I hope you brought your bag of Easter candy.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmands, you **definitely** should have received some snail mail from me this past week if you still owe me the second reflection paper. I would still like them emailed to me as soon as possible. noelkb@gmail.com. **April 14th's class is our last class** this semester and I want you all caught up.

Also, guidelines for service and for developing your special relationship with your sponsor will also be presented during that class. Plus, I'll be taking your picture so be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed instead of half asleep AND BE ON TIME! We have a lot to cover.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

March 24 - Palm Sunday Mass, 10:30am

March 28 - Holy Thursday Dinner, 6:15pm Auditorium
Mass, 7:00pm

March 29 - Good Friday Service, 7:00pm

March 30 - Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30pm

March 31 - Easter Sunday Mass, 10:30am

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



HOLY THURSDAY DINNER

Bring your family and join the celebration of the "LAST SUPPER." Dinner will begin at **6:15 pm, March 28** in the Undercroft. Our menu will include a delicious chicken dinner prepared by Chef Michael and his staff.

Cost: \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children. Payment will be at the time of reservations. Sign-up: **TODAY**



Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Leonard Faith Community, who has pledged support to the 2013 Catholic Ministries Appeal. **If you have not yet made your pledge**, please consider doing so this week. For more information, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you for "Living Generously in a Year of Faith"!

There will not be a bulletin on Easter Sunday. So I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of so many people who have contributed their time and talent to provide meaningful celebration during this Lenten Season. We are indeed blessed because of this generosity.

Aurelia Palcher



Social Justice

Dayton Walk for Justice and Peace.

Join us on **Good Friday at 12:00 noon** at the Old Courthouse, Third and Main, for the annual walk. We proclaim and witness for 14 current social justice issues corresponding to the 14 Stations of the Cross. We stop at 14 sites and end at the First Baptist Church on W. Monument two hours later. You are free to walk as many as you can. This ecumenical event is sponsored by 25 local churches and faith communities including the Catholic Social Action Office in Dayton, Sisters of the Precious Blood and UD.

ST. LEONARD FAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee thanks everyone who participated in the Thanksgiving and Christmas projects. As usual, our Faith Community exceeded expectations in providing food and gifts for these two projects.

As part of our SLFC commitment, 10% of all collection funds are designated to Outreach to distribute to charities in the greater Dayton area. The committee meets eight or nine times a year to discuss needs in the Dayton Area and sends contributions to established charitable organizations.

We often receive letters of thanks for the support that comes from SLFC Outreach. Here is a quote from one of them:

Daybreak

"Every young person at Daybreak is looking for change in their lives, and St. Leonard's generous contribution of \$300.00 will help them find the change they're hoping for. Thank you so much for lending a hand!"

Thanks to St. Leonard's faithful support, homeless youth who come to Daybreak will get so much more than the basic food and shelter they all deserve. With your gift, you are giving them the opportunity to change their lives. You're making it possible for these kids to reunify with their families or find a safe alternative. For those on the brink of adulthood who don't have these options, you're helping them mature into responsible, self-sufficient adults"

Changing lives is what Daybreak's all about, but we couldn't do it without St. Leonard's. Thank you again for your generosity." (Daybreak has a website where there is a video featuring several Daybreak youth if you would like to know more about this organization)

If you are interested in joining our committee in this ministry, call Pat Dolan at 937.436.0532. Our next meeting is **Monday, March 25 at 7:30 pm** at Pat Dolan's home.



Today we begin an annual retreat we call Holy Week. Even in the midst of our busy lives, we are invited to take time to reflect on where we are spiritually. Who is Christ for us? What do we want from our Christian faith? If possible, consider accepting the invitation to retreat this week. Cancel the less important business and come pray together this Holy Week, so that on Easter Sunday we may rejoice together, and now we remember our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem to begin His final week walking this earth.

The penitential act is omitted, replaced with the Commemoration of Our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem.

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep Conor Crippen in your prayers. He was hit by a vehicle in a crosswalk and is in critical care in a hospital in Chicago.

Conor is the grandson of Patrick and Suzanne Crippen and the nephew of Mark and Anne Romer.

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. 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.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS HAVING AN EASTER PARTY AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Children up to age 10.
Grandparents and grandchildren are welcome.

Date: March 30
Time: 1pm-3pm
Location: Undercroft
RSVP REQUIRED

Contact Norm Speaks after Mass or 937.885.7541, 937.902.3641 or email norm.speaks@sbcglobal.net.

BOOK CLUB

Are you interested in joining a Book Club to discuss books of a spiritual nature? Anne Konen has volunteered to organize one. The first meeting is scheduled for **April 15th at 6:30 pm.** at Panera Bread, Centerville.

Please contact Anne at 937.974.7000 if you are interested in attending.

Easter Flowers



Would you like to honor the memory of a loved one in a special way with flowers for our Chapel Easter season decorations?

Envelopes, which may be used for a \$10 donation toward Easter Flowers, are in the back of the church on the ledge. Please complete the information on the envelope and place in the offering box.

Thoughts on Today's Readings

President Woodrow Wilson famously said, "If I'm to speak for 10 minutes, I need a week for preparation, if 15 minutes, three days, if half an hour, two days, if an hour, I am ready now."

Jesus was ready, too. Today's Gospel story begins the Passion of our Lord with the words: "When the hour arrived ..." Jesus is ready to face His final hours in the city that will soon devour Him. He begins His final redeeming act that continues to speak for all eternity. God's centuries old preparations come to fruition. For Jesus, His three years of ministry sharpen into the moment when He takes His place at the supper table and becomes the sacrifice for all future generations. Ready or not, we enter with Him into the journey to Golgotha.

A Walk for Justice and Peace
Good Friday
March 29, 2013

12:00 noon-2:00pm
beginning at Courthouse Square
(Third and Main Streets)
Rain or Shine! Come for all or part!

*Do not weep
for me...*

*Weep rather for
yourselves*

—Luke 22:28

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Special prayers are requested :

Mike Aschenbrenner, Rachel Bauer, Pam Botkins, Paul Brunk, Conor Crippen, Terrie Dawson, Jen Fahey, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Dan Jackson, Kaleen Job, Annabeth Kamman, Amy Konstantelos, Fr. Tod Lavery, Kathleen Lewis, Greg Murill, Carol Nugent, Fred Potts Schmidt, Christine Sabick, Veronica Shedan, Tracy Steffen, Richard Sterban, James Stritch, Ted Vukin, Dave Williamson, Fr. Sam Zebron

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. They will remain on the list for four weeks unless the office is notified otherwise. Hospitals do not notify the 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 EVENTS:

25-Monday, Outreach Meeting, Pat Dolan's, 7:30 pm

28-Thursday, Holy Thursday Dinner, 6:15 pm

28-Thursday, Holy Thursday Mass, 7:00 pm

29-Friday, Dayton Walk for Justice, 12:00 pm

29-Friday, Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm

30-Saturday, KofC Easter Party, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, Undercroft

30-Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm

31-Sunday, EASTER Mass, 10:30 am

APRIL EVENTS:

9-Tuesday, YM Heartwork camp, 7:00 pm

11-Thursday, Respect Life, Incarnation Church, 7:00 pm

14-Sunday, First Eucharist Retreat & Rehearsal, 9:00am-12:30 pm, Undercroft

14-Sunday, PREP classes resume

14-Sunday, YM Dramatized Scripture

14-Catholic Relief Services Collection

15-Monday, Book Club 6:30pm, Panera, Centerville

21-Sunday, First Eucharist Celebration, 10:30 am, Mass

21-Sunday, YM Bowling Party

26-Friday, Junior High Night, 7:00-10:30 pm



Jesus proceeded on his journey up to Jerusalem.

—Luke 19:28

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 Aurelia Palcher at 937.885.7158.

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

Bulletin announcements:

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Call 937.435.3626 or email:
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Bulletin information must reach our office no later than 11:00 AM on TUESDAY.

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