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The Ascension of the Lord

Presiding Today:

Fr. Bill Thomas

May

Council Announcements:
Darryl McGill

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Jacqueline Kefer
by - Chris and Steve Brown

Proclaimers of the Word:

Barb Armstrong
Jim Fulwiler

Today's Collection Counters:

Mike Corbett
Mary Lou Worland

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

Welcome!

May 17, 2015



St. Leonard Chapel

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: 5-10-2015: \$2,802

YTD Collections: \$146,140.00

Weekly Budget: \$3,615

YTD Budget: \$148,205.00

Readings for the Week of May 17, 2015

Ascension Sunday: Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/
Mk 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

Pentecost Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Galatians 5:16-25/John 20:19-23/John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

May Religious Education Classes (PREP):

17-Closing Breakfast; 9AM; Auditorium

Religious Education Closing Breakfast

The annual closing breakfast for Religious Education families and teachers is scheduled for **Sunday, May 17 at 9:00AM** in the auditorium. Please sign up to bring a particular food item (casserole/main dish, cut up fruit, muffins/pastries/coffee cake, or milk/juice) in the vestibule before or after Mass today. Alternatively, you may email Meghan Neumeier at sfc.dre@gmail.com to let her know what food item you plan to bring. Please note: all items must be in the auditorium by 8:45AM at the latest on May 17.

Boxes - We are looking for large appliance boxes for VBS! If you have one and would like to donate it to VBS please contact Renee Clement at: reneeclement@ymail.com or 937.435.4240 to arrange pick up.

Thank You, PREP and CLOW Teachers and Volunteers!

We are grateful for the many hands and hearts that helped make this year's Religious Education and Children's Liturgy of the Word programs possible. Thank you, teachers and volunteers, for your time, gifts, and dedication! CLOW teachers should see Meghan Neumeier after Mass today, Sunday, May 17, for a small token of appreciation.



Calling all budding scientists in grades pre-K through 6!

Join us for this year's SonSpark Labs Vacation Bible School, to be held **June 21-25, from 6:00-8:30PM**. Young "scientists" will participate in experiments and games, create science-themed crafts, learn Bible stories and songs, and enjoy snacks. Most

importantly, they will discover God's plan for each of them: **God's Plan 4 U = Jesus!**

To register, visit: <http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/vbs-online-registration>. For more information, contact Renee Clement at 937.435.4240 or reneeclement@gmail.com.

Register for 2015-2016 Religious Education Classes

Registration for Religious Education classes for the 2015-2016 academic year is underway! Our Religious Education classes are for students in preschool through 8th grade. Classes are Christ-centered and are designed to enliven the personal faith of students and their families. For more information about our Religious Education Program, and to access our registration form, please visit:

<http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/k-8-education>.

In addition to the registration form, an emergency medical authorization form, photo release form, and registration fee must be submitted to the office for each student. Financial assistance is available.

Parents' Corner May 2015

This is my last Parents' Corner. As I sat down to write it, I thought about all of the things I've tried to teach students and their families during my time here at St. Leonard. Here are, in my opinion, the most important takeaways:

- God is love (See 1 John 4:7-8). We experience God through the love of others, and we show God to other people through our love for them.
- We can't do anything to earn God's love. Nothing we do will make Him love us more. We are called to do good works not to earn God's love but in response to God's great love for us.
- God forgives us. God is always waiting to welcome us back with open arms after we have sinned. He is like the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11-32).
- Mass is important. Receiving Christ weekly in the Eucharist gives us the strength to go out into the world and talk, think, and act like Jesus.
- The Bible is an often underutilized resource. The Bible, the Living Word of God, can be a source of strength for us, and it's never too early to start teaching your children how to use it.
- The saints inspire us on our journey towards holiness. They teach us what it means to be human and how, even with our failings and shortcomings, we can embrace the call to follow God.
- Mary supports us. She experienced the joys and sorrows of motherhood, and she promises to take our prayers and petitions to the Son.
- Parents are the first teachers of the faith. Teaching and modeling what we believe begins at home. While this is a great responsibility, the St. Leonard Faith Community is here to support you.

Wishing all of our families a future full of love, peace, and blessings! - Meghan Neumeier

“God’s Phenomenal Love – Given Freely to All!”



We hope you are helping to grow beautiful red roses by turning in your inspirational rose petals that express the many times “*How God Has Touched Your Life.*” Petals can be placed in the rose flower baskets in the front or back of the church. Extra petals will also be available today and on Pentecost Sunday.

Thoughts on Today’s Readings...

If you listened carefully to the words of today’s Gospel, you heard Jesus say, “These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands.” Some religious groups take this literally.

Jesus left his disciples on that hilltop near Bethany with the assurance that he would give them the power they needed to fulfill their mission. Scripture tells us that the disciples “went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.” Whatever risks we face or problems we have to handle as disciples, Jesus promises that He will always be with us.

Saint of the Day

St. Paschal Baylon - May 17 - St. Baylon was a Spanish friar and is a saint in the Roman Catholic Church. He is the patron saint of Eucharistic congresses and Eucharistic associations.

He was born at Torrehermosa, in the Kingdom of Aragon, on 24 May 1540, on the Feast of Pentecost, called in Spain “the Pasch (or “Passover”) of the Holy Ghost”, hence the name Paschal. His parents, Martin Baylon and Elizabeth Jubera, were poor peasants. He spent his youth as a shepherd. He would carry a book with him and beg passersby to teach him the alphabet and to read, and as he toiled in the fields he would read religious books.

In around 1564, he joined the Reformed Franciscan Order as a lay brother. He chose to live in poor monasteries because, he said, “I was born poor and am resolved to die in poverty and penance.” He lived a life of poverty and prayer, even praying while working, for the rest of his life.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Let’s join as a community in celebrating Pentecost. Red is the color signifying the Holy Spirit. Let us be called to show our appreciation of the “*Spirit of God*” by wearing **RED** on Sunday, **May 24**.

The church office will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.



FAITH FORMATION - Noel Kupras-Bauer
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Wisdom Circle Anyone?

At present, I have 11 people signed up for the Wisdom Circle based on Thomas Merton’s Writings.

I am still collecting signatures from those interested in forming a Wisdom Circle based on the writings of Thomas Merton. The booklets we will be using, “*Bridges to Contemplative Living*” with Thomas Merton offers the following in its introduction.

“The selected readings move participants in and out of four dimensions of contemplative living –**Awakening** to an ever-deepening awareness of ‘true-self’; **Contemplation** of a life experienced from a God-centered perspective; **Compassion** in relationships with others; and **Unity** realized in our undeniable and essential connectedness with all of creation. This fourfold process of spiritual formation frames much of Merton’s thought and writing.”

Our Blessing for the Week:

“**May the God of CONTEMPLATION bless you**, calling you into the still point of Divine serenity and peace to every circumstance and to each person. May your contemplation bear fruit in the words that you speak and the work that you do. May the God of Contemplation bless you.” Sr. Maxine Shonk, OP



May’s student of the month is Allie Bickett!

She is a junior at Centerville High School. Allie is a talented musician and she participates in the SLFC Choir, provides piano accompaniment and is a Eucharistic minister for our St. Leonard Faith Community. She has been on two mission trips with the SLFC youth group to Cincinnati and Detroit. She is an excellent student and participates in many clubs/activities at her school including the Exercise Science block program, Spanish Club, German Club, German Honors Society, Circle of Friends, Octagon Club, and Key Club. Allie also enjoys exercising, playing the piano, spending time with friends and watching documentaries. After graduation, Allie plans to attend a four-year college and medical school in hopes of fulfilling her dream of becoming a pediatrician.



Special prayers are requested:

Tom Barhorst (Ruth Hopkins brother), Mike Bennett, Joe Bensman, Byrant Bolden, Amy Buxton, Shirley Chee, Karrie Coggeshall, Conor Crippen, George Cruise, Terrie Dawson, Bruce Ford, Peggy Fulwiler, Sue Heyne, Lee Hoof, Ruth Hopkins, Kelly King, Adrian Konstantelos, Vincenzina Krymow, Brandon Le, Sarah McClellan, Linda McCreary, Mary Ann McGuire, Anita & Doug Nelson, Eleanor Niemer, Ken Rueth, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Carl Schwander, Marvin Skeens, Hugh & Jasmine Skees, Roman Thieben (Bauer's grandson), Jim Tieman, Jim Town, Ron Volosin, Marlene Vorherr, Kent Wingate, 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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Ministries Of The Church

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Faith Formation	Noel Bauer	John Nelson
Community Life	Shirle Speaks	Bonnie Bengé
Pastoral Care	Mary Ann McGuire	Darryl McGill

Calendar of Events

May

17-Ascension Sunday, Religious Education breakfast, auditorium, 9AM/Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass 10:30am

19-Tuesday, Prayer & Worship meeting, Boardroom, 7PM

24-Pentecost Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/ Mass 10:30AM

25-Monday, Memorial Day, Church office closed

31-Holy Trinity Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/ Graduation Mass 10:30AM/Outpouring, Cincinnati, 3PM

June

7- Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass 10:30AM

9-Tuesday, Faith Formation presentation "*The Spirituality & Charism Of Our Franciscan Heritage & How it Plays Out In Our Community,*" Auditorium, 7PM

13-Saturday, House of Bread

14-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass 10:30AM

21-Sunday, Father's Day/Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass 10:30AM/ First Day Vacation Bible School, 6-8:30PM

25-Thursday, Last Day Vacation Bible School

27-Saturday, Church Picnic, School House Park, Centerville, 4PM

28-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45AM/Mass 10:30AM/ Peter Pence Collection (Entire collection to Archdiocese)

*Please see Religious Education page for PREP and CLOW schedule.

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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 David Weickert at 937.750.3438.

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

Bulletin announcements:

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Bulletin information must reach our office no later than **11:00 AM on TUESDAY** (articles may be edited for content and space).