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The Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2013

Welcome!

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Aline Stritch
by: Jim Stritch

Mieke Geerart

by: Filip & Jo Geerart

Proclaimers of the Word:

Pat Cruise & Anne Koenig

Sunday Readings:

May 12, 2013

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Luke 24:46-53

May 19, 2013

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Romans 8:8-17

John 20:19-23

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., Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM. Communion Service Monday 9:00 AM



Parents' Corner

May is the Month of Mary! Mother's Day is the perfect time to teach your children that Mary is the Mother of God and is our Mother, too. Consider celebrating Mary this month as a family with these ideas:

- Talk to your children about Mary. Describe the role she plays in your own personal faith and prayer life.
- Educate yourself about Mary. The more you know, the more you will have to share with your children.
- Plant a garden dedicated to Mary. As a family, research flowers and herbs that are related to Mary.
- Get out your rosary. Teach your children the Hail Mary, and pray the rosary together as a family.
- Set up a Mary altar in your home. Decorate it with flowers and candles, and pray around it. Be sure to explain to your children that, while we venerate Mary and ask her to take our prayers to the Father, we do not worship her. We worship God alone.
- Find a Mary-themed craft project, and create the craft as a family. Check out Pinterest, catholicicing.com, and catholicmom.com for ideas.
- Visit the Marian Library at the University of Dayton. The Marian Library holds the world's largest collection of printed materials about Mary. The library also features an art gallery that displays contemporary religious art, often related to Mary.



Calling all cowboys and cowgirls grades pre-K through 6!

Join us for this year's **SonWest Roundup Vacation Bible School June 23rd-27th from 6-8:30 PM**. Trail through Old Testament stories about Moses and enjoy heart racin' music, games, skits, and crafts. Learn to trust in Jesus! To register, complete the form on our website (<http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/vacation-bible-school>), and turn it in to the church office. For more information, contact Renee Clement at 937.435.4240 or reneecllement@gmail.com.

VIRTUS® Child Protection Training on May 19th

Aurelia Palcher will be holding a VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session for the Decree on Child Protection on Sunday, **May 19th** at 8:30 AM in Classroom 1 at St. Leonard's. All volunteers who intend to work with children at St. Leonard's (*especially CLOW, PREP, and VBS teachers*) must attend a VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session for the Decree on Child Protection. Volunteers who have been through the previous child protection classes have until June 30, 2014 to be re-trained under the new VIRTUS® system. New volunteers who need training must attend the new VIRTUS® training. Other members of the community are also welcome to come for their own personal benefit. Please register online at <http://virtusonline.org/>. Contact Meghan Neumeier at slfc.dre@gmail.com with questions.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you have had thoughts about being Catholic or would like more information on what it means to be Catholic, consider joining us for a social to discuss these issues and the possibility of offering an RCIA program for those who have made a decision to become a member of the Catholic faith. Details about the social will be planned after responses are received from interested persons. Contact the church office (937.435.3626) directly if you and your spouse are interested in attending. You may also contact the following for more information regarding the purpose of the social and/or RCIA program - Fr. Larry, Mary Ann McGuire, Anne Romer or Aurelia Palcher.

Council Nominations Committee

The Council Nominations Committee, comprised of former chairs Therese Mileti, Bill Byrne, and Phil Taylor, wish to inform the community of three open Council positions. These positions include two three-year appointments and one two-year appointment. The appointments commence **July 1, 2013**. Interested individuals should contact the Nominations Committee for further information.

Contact information:

Phil Taylor: [937.672.3065](tel:937.672.3065), Taylorph39@gmail.com

Therese Mileti: [513.934.5634](tel:513.934.5634), tmileti@sbcglobal.net

Bill Byrne: [937.436.1271](tel:937.436.1271), wbyrne38@gmail.com



WE NEED YOU!!

Do you have computer skills in web page design?

We are looking for 2 volunteers to be our **WEBMASTER** and **ASSISTANT WEBMASTER** for the Faith Community website.

Tasks would include formatting and updating the website. Please prayerfully consider using your gifts to support our Church Community.

“And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:11-12

Please contact: Mary Beth Firestone
[937.938.6956](tel:937.938.6956) or Renee Clement [937.435.4240](tel:937.435.4240)
for more Information.

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

A *Welcome Luncheon* is being planned for new members on **Sunday, May 19**. This is a great time for new members to meet each other and Faith Community members .

If you are currently attending St. Leonard Faith Community and would like to become a member, we would love to have you join us! Please complete a registration form located on the shelf behind the pews and place in the offering box. If you would like more information about membership please contact Ruth Hopkins at [937.435.1997](tel:937.435.1997) or the church office at [937.435.3626](tel:937.435.3626).

WEAR SOMETHING RED FOR



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 to the *Spirit of God* by wearing RED next **Sunday, May 19**.

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*We gratefully acknowledge the gifts of wisdom,
patience and love that you share!*



Social Justice

Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE). This event offers participants a glimpse into the lives of low-income individuals and families living in poverty in our community. It provides a first-hand view of the obstacles they face, the decisions they make, and the consequences that impact them every day. COPE helps many organizations and communities across the nation work more effectively with families living in poverty by providing greater understanding of their issues. This poverty simulation exercise will be held **May 16 at Apex Church from 6:00 to 9:00 PM.** Call or see **Bob Niehoff** at 937.885.0527) or **Pat Cartwright** 937.885.5239 to register.

Immigration Reform and the Catholic Church. Eight Senators have introduced legislation to provide for comprehensive immigration reform in the U.S. Senate. What will this mean? What are the U.S. Bishops, including our own Archbishop Dennis Schnurr saying about this issue? Why is immigration relevant to us as Catholics? You are invited to attend a special program on immigration reform on **Thursday, May 9th at St. Helen Church** in Riverside, contact: Mfargey@aol.com) or **Thursday, May 16th at St. Francis of Assisi Church.** contact: mesinger@sfacc.org), 7-8:30 PM each evening.

Your signed **postcards for immigration reform** (all 110 of them) will be hand delivered to Congress by representatives from the Cincinnati Archdiocese. Senators Portman and Brown and Congressmen Turner, Chabot and Boehner can expect a visit around May 20. Your support and voice is important and will be added to many others from throughout the archdiocese. Thanks for participating.

The **Circles program at St Francis on May 23** addresses poverty one person at a time and our Social Justice Ministry encourages your attendance to find out about it. Love one another.

Thoughts on Today's Readings

A cartoon shows a confused man waiting for the elevator. He notices there are three buttons: UP, DOWN and DON'T CARE.

In today's Gospel story of the Ascension of the Lord, we are reminded that the "Jesus elevator" has been getting a lot of use. At his death, Jesus "descended into hell" — into the depths of death. Then He rose from the dead. Today, He enters the heavenly elevator again, this time to ascend into heaven to be at the right hand of the Father.

Jesus' elevator will need another button. The fourth button will be labeled: REALLY CARE!



Catch the Building Spirit
Catholics & Presbyterians Building Together

CATCH the BUILDING SPIRIT 2013

CATCH the BUILDING SPIRIT, our local campaign in support of quality, affordable housing for low income families, will start this year's house build on **May 25**. Our group of Catholics and Presbyterians have built 20 homes for HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, and need your help to get the 21st house off to a good start! This year's commitment of support from local Catholic parishes is \$37,000 cash. SLFC has provided critical funding for this effort since the beginning, and we hope many of you will continue to support this mission. Information and pledge envelopes are available in the lobby after Mass today, or you can put your check in the offering baskets. Be sure to make the check out to "CtBS," and your early support is appreciated.



Again this year St. Leonard's Outreach will participate in the Food4Summer program. This is a way of providing food to children during the summer who receive breakfast and lunch at school during the school year. Funds collected during the Lenten Simple Suppers are used to purchase needed items which are then distributed weekly to the children. We will be working with several other Centerville churches to see that there is food available for those who need it.

In addition to purchasing the food, SLFC members will be involved in the process of packing the bags. Packing and distribution of the food takes place weekly at the Centerville United Methodist Church. The food is usually packed on a Wednesday evening. Members of the Outreach Committee will have sign-up sheets after Mass on May 19 and 26 for those who would like to help with this project. We will need about seven helpers for each week we are assigned to pack the bags.



Mother - Daughter - Granddaughter Luncheon

Bring your daughters, granddaughters, or friends and join us on **May 18th**. The luncheon will be from 12:00 - 2:00 PM at the Station House Restaurant. The cost is \$15 for adults, and \$7.50 for children 3-10. We will have lunch, a hat contest, door prizes, entertainment, and a raffle to benefit the Youth Group. So wear your favorite hat, and if you'd like, bring a tea set for display, and a box of your favorite tea to share with others. Make your reservation before or after **Mass on May 5, and May 12**, or contact Sharon Alberts at 937.438.8065.



VOLUNTEER AT ST. LEONARD'S AMERICANA BOOTH

St. Leonard's Marketing Committee is in need of some enthusiastic and energetic individuals who are looking for a unique way to get involved with Centerville's annual Americana Festival. Spend part of your Fourth of July spreading the word about St. Leonard Faith Community while helping at our booth in the children's area. The St. Leonard booth will offer a craft activity for kids and the more volunteers the better to give the youngsters a hand in completing a fun project. The event will take place on July 4, in Centerville, and volunteers are needed between 9 AM. and 4 PM. to set up and take down the tent. **SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND THEN LOOK FOR SIGN-UP DATES IN MAY AND JUNE.** For more information contact Susan Tatar at: statar8333@aol.com or [937.848.2553](tel:937.848.2553).

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Kettering Children's Choir

Faith Community member Mike Corbett (a member of the Kettering Children's Choir) will be performing with the Kettering Choir on **May 30th** at 7:00 PM at the Schuster Center. Special guest will be Nick Page.

Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students and seniors. Contact: TICKETCENTERSTAGE.COM for tickets.

For more information on the Kettering Children's Choir go to their website at: www.ketteringchildrenschoir.org.

American Cancer Society

Here is an absolutely great opportunity to participate in a cancer study put on by the Loma Linda Research Hospital American Cancer Society. The goal is to reduce and remove this dreaded disease for the generations to come. To participate, you take a survey, locally you have a small blood draw and you cannot presently **have** or **had** cancer. There is no travel involved. The website address and a phone # for more complete information is www.cancer.org/cps3 ("CPS" stands for cancer prevention study) [1.888.604.5888](tel:1.888.604.5888). I hope you consider doing this for the ones that you love and the ones whose lives have been touched or taken by cancer.

With much thanks,
Joanne Sturgeon



Visit to Saint Leonard - Fr. Loren

Dear Friends,

During Pentecost week the friars of Saint John the Baptist Province will gather for an assembly at the Virginia Kettering Residence Hall on the campus of the University of Dayton. Maybe I can see some of you while I'm in town. We all have different schedules and commitments, and I don't expect to see everyone. I plan to have supper at the Station House around **5:00 PM, Friday evening, May 24**, and hope to stay around the Franciscan Center for several hours afterwards. I would enjoy visiting with anyone who has time to stop by and say Hello.

peace and every blessing,

Loren Connell, OFM



Special prayers are requested :

Mike Aschenbrenner, Jude del Pozo Bauer, Pam Botkins, Paul Brunk, Ann Louise Burr, Conor Crippen, Terrie Dawson, Jen Fahey, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Charlotte Hey, Kaleen Job, Annabeth Kamman, Amy Konstantelos, Jo Krymow, Wanda Kaba, Fr. Tod Laverty, Kathleen Lewis, Virgil Link, Greg Murill, Carol Nugent, Fred Pestian, Fred Potts Schmidt, Christine Sabick, Veronica Shedan, Tracy Steffen, Richard Sterban, James Stritch, Ted Vukin, Dave Williamson, Fr. Sam Zebron and Hannah.

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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Community Life	Open	Judi Woods
Pastoral Care	Judy Lamers	Kathy Hoefler

MAY EVENTS:

- 16-Thursday, Immigration Reform program, St. Francis 7:00 PM
- 16-Thursday, COPE, Apex Church, 6:00PM
- 18-Saturday Mother/Daughter Luncheon 12:00-2:00PM, Franciscan Center (details to follow)
- 18-Saturday, Good Shepherd Fundraising Gala, 5:30PM
- 18-Saturday, Finance Committee Mtg., Church office, 9:00AM
- 19-Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, WEAR RED
- 19-Sunday, VIRTUS® Child Protection Training, 8:30AM
- 19-Sunday, New Member Luncheon and 10:30 AM Mass
- 22-Wednesday, Council Mtg., 7:00PM
- 23-Thursday, Circles, St. Francis, 7:00AM
- 25-Saturday, CtBS house build
- 30-Thursday, Kettering Children's Choir, Schuster Center, 7:00PM

Ascension of the Lord

“And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.”
Luke 24:49

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