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Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
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St. Leonard Faith Community

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6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2013

Welcome!

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

John (Jack) Schmitz

by: John Philbrick and

John Matta

Proclaimers of the Word:

Barbara Armstrong and

Amanda Jennings

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.

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.

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.

Sunday Readings:

May 5, 2013

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Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

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

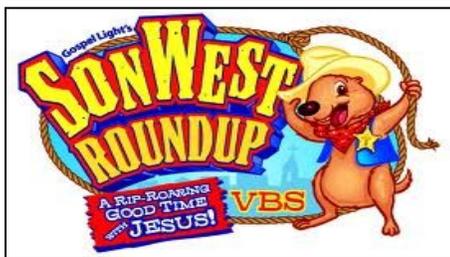
St. Leonard Faith Community: Faith Formation 9:00 AM

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

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!



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 reneeclment@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. Leonards. All volunteers who intend to work with children at St. Leonards (*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 with questions.

Council Nominations Committee

The Council Nominations Committee, comprised of former chairs Therese Mileti, Bill Byrne, and Phil Taylor, 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, Taylorph39@gmail.com
Therese Mileti: 513.934.5634, tmileti@sbcglobal.net
Bill Byrne: 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 or Renee Clement 937.435.4240 for more information.

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.

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 or the church office at 937.435.3626.



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 the Apex Church at 6:00 to 9:00 PM**. Last week's Gospel and homily reminded us to live the greatest commandment, "love one another." Does that include the poor? Who are they and how do they survive? Come and find out. **Call or see Bob Niehoff (937.885.0527) or Noel Kupras-Bauer (937.428.0853) to register.**

Postcard Campaign for Immigration Reform. We are concluding our postcard campaign today after Mass at coffee and donuts. The following is taken from a USCCB news release that contains information from an April 22 immigration reform press conference with Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, and Bishop John Wester of Salt Lake City. Cardinal Dolan said, "Let me commend the Senators who have introduced bi-partisan legislation in the Senate. They are showing great leadership and courage in moving this issue forward, and the bishops will work with them and other members of Congress to achieve the most humane legislation possible while also insuring the integrity of our borders. Now is the time to address this issue. If you wish to support humane comprehensive immigration reform **stop by the table at coffee and donuts TODAY to sign postcards or return your cards from last week.**

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, 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.



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 who receive breakfast and lunch 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 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.

Question of the week - Sixth Sunday of Easter:

What difference has it made in your life when you made a decision in accord with Jesus' teaching?



Party of the year and you are invited!
NIGHT AT THE RACES

St. LEONARD'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Council 10215

Will be hosting a Night at the Races Party.

Post time: Friday, May 10

Where: Undercroft.

Ticket includes: A dinner of pulled pork with all the trimmings. And a ticket in a reverse raffle for \$500.00 only \$20.00 per ticket.

Time: 6-7:00 PM

Horseracing and betting from 7:00 PM - till?

A portion of the proceeds help support the Elizabeth New Life Center.

See Norm Speaks or Gene Gross after Mass. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT NORM SPEAKS AT 937.902.3642.



Mother - Daughter - Granddaughter Luncheon
Bring your daughters, granddaughters, or friends and join us on **May 18th**. The luncheon will be from 12:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Station House Restaurant, the cost is \$15 for adults, and \$7.50 for children 3-10. We will not only have lunch, we will also have 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 an 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

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and kind thoughts for Mike and our family. Mike is now at home and progressing very well and continues to heal.

Your prayers meant so much to us!

Barbara Aschenbrenner

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PEWS:

HOSPICE OF DAYTON - PATHWAYS OF HOPE

Pathways of Hope is pleased to introduce "The Coffee Hour Connection." Anyone in the community who is coping with the loss of a loved one is welcome to participate, free of charge.

The informal group, which will be facilitated by Pathways of Hope staff, will meet the first Wednesday of each month from 10 - 11AM in the second floor community room at the Dorothy Lane Market in Springboro. This room will be reserved exclusively for our use during this time. There is ample parking in front of the store, and the community room is accessible either by stairs or elevator. The Springboro Dorothy Lane Market is located at 740 N. Main St., Springboro.

Our group will provide an opportunity to share with others who are dealing with similar challenges. Drop by to talk, listen, or just share a cup of coffee.

For additional information contact *Pathways of Hope* at 937.258.4991.

CIRCLES®:

Ending Poverty One Relationship at a Time

Circles® is a national campaign to end poverty, with a number of established programs in the Dayton/Springfield area. The **Kettering Circles** program started in February 2012, and participants want to share their story. An information session will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike in Centerville, on **Thursday, May 23, 2013, 7:00-8:30 PM**. Please come and learn about this transformational approach to help people move out of poverty. No reservations necessary.

Event contact: Mary Ellen Singer, mesinger@sfacc.org

Circles, contact: Christina Thomas, chthomas5@sbcglobal.net OR Tom Holley, TomHolley@live.com.



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THE STATION HOUSE RESTAURANT MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 12, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Carved Smoked Ham
Carved Turkey Breast
Green Beans Almandine
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Broccoli Salad
Breakfast Casserole
Scrambled Eggs with Cheese, Onions, Green Peppers and Salsa
Cheese Crepes with Strawberry Sauce
Bacon, Sausage, and Hash Browns
Fresh Fruit Bowl
Scones and Muffins
Strawberry Shortcake, Assorted Cookies and Bars
Coffee, Tea, Assorted Juices

\$16.95 Adults \$6.95 Children (age 3-10)
Reservations

Please call 937-439-7154 for parties of five or more
The last reservation will be at 1:00 p.m.

Walk-Ins

Welcome between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Thoughts on Today's Readings In the first line of today's Gospel, Jesus says that if we love Him we will keep His word. That might be a tall order, since keeping our own word is hard enough. Napoleon said it well when he advised: "The best way to keep one's word is not to give it."

The author of the bestselling book *The Power of Positive Thinking*, Norman Vincent Peale, knew about human weakness. He wrote, "Promises are like crying babies in a theater; they should be carried out at once." But the Gospel challenges us to do more than give a quick response. Keeping our word is a lifetime action. The Gospel also reminds us that if we do keep Jesus' word, the Father will love us and dwell within us.

That's very good reason for us to adopt the words of poet Robert Frost: "But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep."



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, Kaleen Job, Annabeth Kamman, Amy Konstantelos, Jo Krymow, Fr. Tod Laverty, Kathleen Lewis, Greg Murill, Carol Nugent, Fred Pestian, Fred Pottschmidt, 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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MAY EVENTS:

- 10-Friday, Nite at the Races, auditorium, 6:00 PM
- 16-Thursday, Immigration Reform program, St. Francis 7:00 PM
- 16-Thursday, COPE, Apex Church, 6:00PM
- 18-Saturday Mother/Daughter Luncheon 12:00AM-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, 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 7:00 AM
- 25-Saturday, CtBS house build



6th Sunday of Easter

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

John 14:27

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.

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