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First Sunday Advent

**Presiding Today:**

Fr. Larry Mick

**December Announcements:**

Council - John Nelson

**In Today's Mass We Pray For:**

Lawrence Gross  
by - Gene Gross

**Proclaimers of the Word:**

Jim & Joan Crafton

**Today's Collection Counters:**

Gene Gross  
Phil Vorherr

**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!**

**November 30, 2014**



*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.*

**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.

**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: 11-18-14: \$ 2,256.00**

**YTD Collections: \$53,297.00**

**Weekly Budgeted Collection: \$3,615.00**

**YTD Budget: \$65,070.00**

**CCHD Collection 11-23-14 - \$3,272.00**

**Readings for the Week of November 30, 2014**

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Corn 1:3-9/Mark 13:33-37  
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**November 30-Thanksgiving Break-NO PREP****November 30-Thanksgiving Break-NO CLOW****December Religious Education Classes (PREP):**

7-Classes in Session

14-Morning Classes Cancelled: Students are expected to attend the Guadalupe Intergenerational Session after Mass instead.

21-Christmas Break-NO PREP

28-Christmas Break-NO PREP

**December Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) :**

7-Family Sunday-NO CLOW

14-CLOW in Session-Monsita Corbett &amp; Victoria Clement (adult observer: Mrs. Corbett)

21-Christmas Break-NO CLOW

28-Christmas Break-NO CLOW

**Parents' Corner December 2014**

Finding time to pray during Advent can be difficult with the hustle and bustle of pre-Christmas activities. But, praying during Advent isn't impossible! Here are some ways to integrate prayer into your daily life this Advent:

- Light an Advent wreath each night. For brief, weekly Advent wreath prayers, check out: <http://www.loyolapress.com/prayer-for-lighting-the-advent-wreath-candles.htm>.
- Make a paper chain, with one link dedicated to each day in Advent. Write the name of someone you and your family can pray for on each link. Alternatively, you can write a Scripture verse or a good deed on each link. Consider wrapping the paper chain around your Christmas tree.
- Pray for three minutes each day using Loyola Press's 3-Minute Retreats, found at: <http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm>. You can access the retreats in your web browser, download the 3-Minute Retreat app, or sign up to get the retreats sent to your inbox.
- Read the book *Stations of the Nativity*, available from Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0809166992?ie=UTF8&tag=buttafly-20&linkCode=as2&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=0809166992>. The book focuses on fourteen events from Scripture that relate to the Advent and Christmas seasons. It is meaningful to children and adults!
- Sign up for Vinita Wright's online Advent retreat called "Simply Advent." Simply subscribe to Vinita's blog and read and comment on her posts during Advent. For more information and to sign up, visit: <http://www.loyolapress.com/advent-retreat-with-vinita-wright.htm>.

Do you have other ideas for incorporating prayer into your daily life this Advent? Share them on our Facebook page!

**AN ADVENT PRAYER**

God, Christmas is coming and I thought that I should send you a list of things that I want this year. I'm sending it early, so that you will have enough time to do the shopping. I know that I should not confuse you with Santa Claus; however, I think I might need some of the following:

1. A place to go to get away from all the ads.
2. A day of silence to just be with the mystery of incarnation.
3. A chance to be of service to the poor.
4. A little more time to be with my family and friends.
5. Some time to meditate on the fact that Jesus was born poor.
6. Time to be watchful and alert to the needs of those who are poor today.

(From the website of the Center of Concern) - Fr. Larry

**Christmas Flowers**

It has been the tradition of the Faith Community to offer the opportunity to honor the memory of your deceased loved ones by making a donation for the flowers for our Chapel Christmas decorations.

Envelopes are available on the counter behind the last pew to be used for your \$10.00 donation and to indicate the name of your loved one. Please place the envelopes in the collection basket or return to the church office. This year we will be placing the name of each loved one in a plant and you will be invited to take this plant home at the end of the season if you so choose.

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT



Advent



Advent

### “Is Your Heart Open to Christ?”

Advent is a four-week time which includes prayer and preparation as we look forward to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ among us. This time fills us with joy and love in the Lord, and calls us to share those feelings with others. As our hearts open in prayer during Advent, may the “Good News” of Jesus be heard throughout the world so hearts are turned to love and peace.

Advent offers the opportunity for renewal. God invites us to let Jesus come into our hearts so that we can be more like Him. We live expecting the fullness of joy to come. We set out to love God each day and live out our baptismal call by loving and serving others. This is the way Jesus wants us to make room for Him in our hearts as we await His coming.

#### Praying With the Advent Wreath

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, having no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. The light signifies the light of Christ. Four candles are placed in the wreath, three purple and one rose. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance and good works performed during Advent. The rose candle, lit on the third Sunday, symbolizes rejoicing at the midpoint of Advent when our preparations are half over.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

#### First Week of Advent

On the first Sunday of Advent, gather the family and bless and light the Advent wreath. Begin by making the Sign of the Cross.

**Leader:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**All:** Who made heaven and earth.

**Reading:** Jeremiah 33: 14-16

*The days are coming says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah, in those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Jerusalem shall dwell securely. And this is what they shall call her, “The Lord our justice.”*

#### Blessing of the Wreath

Invite everyone to extend a hand in blessing.

Loving God, the time of Advent has arrived. Prepare our hearts for the promise of the Christ child. As we bless this wreath, we ask you to bless us that we may seek to do Your will during the Advent season.

#### Candle Lighting

Light the first purple candle.

As we light this first candle let us give thanks for the Child whom we celebrate this Advent season—the child who came to earth as an infant, died, and rose as our Savior, and for whose coming again we wait with anticipation and love. Good and gracious God, increase our strength and desire for doing good. Help us to reach out to those in need, those who long for justice in our world. Give us a heart that is open to our baptismal call to serve all of your people, especially those in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Upcoming Events

### K of C Sponsored Children's Christmas Party for ST. Leonard Faith Community

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Christmas party for children on **December 6th** from 1-3:00PM at St. Leonard. All children and grandchildren age 9 and under are invited. Santa will be there along with Hank B. Magic. Bring your camera to get your family picture with Santa. Please let Gene Gross know the age of your child and whether the child attending is a boy or girl so Santa can be prepared. Please R.S.V.P. to Gene at: [gmi144@aol.com](mailto:gmi144@aol.com) or 937.433.5241 by December 1st.

### HOUSE OF BREAD

December 7th we will be serving at the House of Bread. There is still time to sign up to be part of this ministry, contact Maureen Josenhans at: [mjosenhans@woh.rr.com](mailto:mjosenhans@woh.rr.com).



### Christmas Caroling

Do you like Christmas carols, jingle bells, and Santa hats? We have an opportunity for you! Sign up to go caroling on **December 7th** right after Mass, at St. Leonard Rehab Center.

Families will meet in the vestibule after Mass and then we will walk over to the Rehab Center to cheer the residents with Christmas carols. Anyone who has Santa hats or jingle bells should bring them.

Signup sheets are in the vestibule. See Shirle Speaks or any of the elves.



### Be a Blessing this Christmas Season

Again this year the Outreach Committee will be asking the Faith Community to provide gifts for two local agencies and for some residents here at St. Leonard's Senior Living Center. We will be distributing cards with gift suggestions after Mass on **December 7 and 14** and ask that gifts will be returned by **December 21**.



### FAITH FORMATION EVENT THE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE

On **Monday, December 8**, from the University of Dayton, "The Story of the Christmas Crèche" will be in the Chapel, immediately following Immaculate Conception Liturgy at 7:00PM

Explanation of the crèche brochure will be available December 8 and throughout the Christmas season.

## THANK YOU!

### Thanksgiving Baskets

Once again the Faith Community has responded overwhelmingly by providing food for our annual Thanksgiving food drive. Not only did we fill 15 huge boxes of food that will feed 15 families, we were able to fill two additional boxes with the leftovers. All the food has already been transported to those who might not have had a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you for your kindness.

### World Mission Sunday

On behalf of Pope Francis, the Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati wishes to thank all who donated to the Pontifical Mission Societies this past World Mission Sunday. Your fellow priests and Catholics in our 1,150 mission diocese's are grateful for your church's recent World Mission donation of \$1,468.00. Your 2013 World Mission contribution was \$780.00. Thanks for the terrific increase!

This contribution allows the joy and hope of Jesus to become and remain real for millions of God's children.

**CCHD** - Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we help keep Catholic social teaching alive and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).



**Liturgical** MINISTRY SCHEDULE for the winter months is on our website [www.stleonardfaithcommunity.org](http://www.stleonardfaithcommunity.org). If you are a part of the P&W ministries, please check to see where you are assigned.

New people should find their names on the schedule. It is best to download a copy, so that times are not missed. If using a computer is not possible, copies will be on the shelf behind the pews for your use.



### Welcome New Members to Faith Community!

Welcome new members, Paul, Kristine, Kate and Luke Flais who has joined our church family. Welcome to our church!

# 11th Annual Fair Trade Sale

*One of the largest CRS Fair Trade Sales in the United States*

- Beautiful handcrafted items, gourmet coffee and foods from over 30 countries
- Multicultural entertainment
- Hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- First Saturday in December
- New items for your home, your kitchen, your holiday decorating and for you to wear
- Plenty of parking



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## At St. Peter Church

6161 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights

(map on next page)

Saturday, December 6, 2014

9 am - 4 pm



All products are sourced from a nonprofit, 100% fair trade organization to ensure the artisans and farmers are treated fairly and with dignity and respect.

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# IT'S A VINTAGE CHRISTMAS

## Ladies' Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 6, 2014

The Station House, Franciscan Center

11:30-2:00 PM

\$20 per person



**Wear or bring a vintage item to share and have fun by:**

- ❖ Winning gift basket from our fund raising raffle
- ❖ Winning beautiful floral center pieces
- ❖ Enjoy a delicious sit-down lunch of: Grilled chicken salad, dessert and beverage.

(Wine is available at the cash bar)



Sign up November 16, 23 and 30.

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## Holiday Mass Schedule

### Faith Community December Masses:

8-Immaculate Conception of Mary (Holy Day) - 7PM  
24-Christmas Eve - Carols 6:30PM/Mass 7PM

### St. Leonard Living Center December Masses:

8-Immaculate Conception of Mary (Holy Day) - 9AM  
24-Christmas Eve, Carols 3:30PM/Mass 4PM  
25-Christmas Day, Mass 9AM  
31-New Years Eve Vigil, Mass of Mary, 4PM  
1-New Year's Day, Holy Day Mass, 9AM

## NEWS OUTSIDE THE PEWS

# The Christmas Box Angel Memorial Vigil

Saturday, December 6, 2014  
7:00 p.m.  
St. Leonard Chapel  
8100 Cloy Road, Centerville

Our memorial service will begin in the chapel with words of healing and compassion, time spent with those who truly understand the pain and loss of a child, and the opportunity to share your personal story of loss. Weather permitting, we will then gather around the Christmas Box Angel statue for a time of reflection by candlelight.

*As part of the tradition, we will be providing each family with a white flower to lay at the base of the angel in memory of your loved one so please let us know that you will be coming.*

The angel at St. Leonard was dedicated by Denny Sullivan in memory of Jill Sullivan, beloved daughter, friend and counselor at the Montgomery County Juvenile Court's Building Bridges program.

**For more information, to RSVP or to request the opportunity to share your story during the vigil, please contact Kelly Lance at 937.432.6549 or lancek@stleonard.net.**



**St. Leonard**  
A FRANCISCAN LIVING COMMUNITY



The Christmas Box Angel Statue was introduced to the world in the book, "The Christmas Box", written by author Richard Paul Evans. In the book, a woman visits an angel statue and mourns the loss of her daughter. Every year on December 6th, memorials are held at Christmas Box Angel statues around the world acknowledging parents who have suffered the loss of a child and in memory of the beloved children. The angel has come to represent a parent's deepest grief and greatest love.

## 2014 St. Charles Borromeo Live Nativity 4500 Ackerman Blvd., Kettering

Bring the whole family and friends on December 7th, from 5:00 - 7:00PM, for our 7th Annual Live Nativity at St. Charles. There is plenty of parking, and it's easily accessible for all. Live animals, indigenous to the middle-east, including camels will be present. Children are allowed to pet the animals. Christmas carols will be sung throughout the evening. Hot Chocolate and cookies will be served in the Atrium. D.O.C.K will be selling meat-ball subs. The event is free and open to the public.

## Prepare Your Heart for Our Lord

Advent Lessons and Carols will be held on **Sunday, December 7 at 7:00PM** in the St. Gregory the Great Chapel at Mount St. Mary's Seminary located on the Athenaeum Campus 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati 45230. This inspiring annual service includes the reading of seven scriptures Lessons with Advent Carols sung by the **Athenaeum Chorale & the Mount St. Mary's Seminary Schola Cantorum**. All are welcome and admission is free. Standing-room-only audiences are anticipated so guests are encouraged to arrive early. Doors to the chapel open at 6:30PM.



### Special prayers are requested:

Mike Bennett, Joe Bensman, Amy Buxton, Shirley Chee (mother of Alberta Guise), Karrie Coggeshall, Conor Crippen, George Cruise, Terrie Dawson, Kerry DeLuca, Grace Detling, Gentry, Betty Gillespie, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Jim & Bill Kiefer, Kelly King, Brandon Le, Mary Ann McGuire, Michael Morrison, Beverly Mullins, Michael Mustaine, Anita & Doug Nelson, Fr. Joe Rigali, Angela O'Reilly, Kacey Risher, Ann Marie & Scarlett Schmitz, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Marvin Skeens, Payne Sigman, Sarah (Bauer) & Baby Thieben, Marlene Vorherr, Charlie Weigel, 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. 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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Faith Formation	Noel Bauer	John Nelson
Community Life	Shirle Speaks	Bonnie Bengé
Pastoral Care	Mary Ann McGuire	Darryl McGill

### Calendar of Events

#### December:

- 6-Saturday, House of Bread 9AM/Annual Fair Trade Show, St. Peter Church, Huber Heights, 9AM-4PM/Ladies Christmas Luncheon Station House, 12PM/Living Center, Christmas Box Angel, Chapel, 7PM
- 7-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/Rohr Chats, KofC room, 10AM/ Confirmation class after Mass/Christmas Caroling sign up after Mass/Live Nativity, St. Charles Borromeo, 5-7PM/ Advent lessons & Carols, St. Gregory the Great Chapel @ Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, 6:30PM doors open
- 8-Monday, Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass, Sr. Living Center, 9AM/Faith Community Mass, 7PM
- 11-Thursday, Advent Reconciliation, Chapel, 7PM
- 14-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/Guadalupe Day Luncheon & Intergenerational Faith Formation session, auditorium after Mass
- 21-Sunday Mass 10:30AM
- 24-Wednesday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Carols 6:30PM, Mass 7PM/ Sr. Living Center Christmas Carols 3:30PM, Mass 4PM
- 31-Wednesday, New Year's Living Center Vigil, Mass of Mary, 4PM

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

### 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 513.633.9145.

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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