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Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00AM-1:00PM

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*Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

**Presiding Today:**

Fr. Larry Mick

**October:**

Council Announcements:  
Pat Cruise

**Proclaimers of the Word:**

Marcelline Kennedy  
Jim Kennedy

**Today's Mass is for:**

Nancy Wallace  
By: Jim & Marcelline Kennedy

**Today's Collection Counters:**

Mike Corbett  
Maureen Josenhans

**Mass Schedule:**

**St. Leonard Faith Community**

Religious Education Classes  
9:00AM (September - May)  
Sunday Mass 10:30AM

**Senior Living Community**

**Mass:**

Monday - Friday 9:00AM  
Saturday 4:00PM  
Sunday 9:00AM



**Welcome!**

October 2, 2016

*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:** 9.25.16 \$1,956.00      **YTD Collections:** \$29,366.00

**Weekly Budget:** \$3,400.00      **YTD Budget:** \$44,200.00

**Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa Collection:** \$2,268.00

**Readings for the Week of October 2, 2016**

Sunday: HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-4/PS 95:1-2, 6-9/2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14/LK 17:5-10

Monday: GAL 1:6-12/PS 111:1B-2, 7-9 AND 10C/LK 10:25-37

Tuesday: GAL 1:13-24/PS 139:1B-3, 13-14ABC-15/LK 10:38-42

Wednesday: GAL 2:1-2, 7-14/PS 117:1BC-2/LK 11:1-4

Thursday: GAL 3:1-5/LK 1:69-75/LK 11:5-13

Friday: GAL 3:7-14/PS 111:1B-2-6/LK 11:15-26

Saturday: GAL 3:22-29/PS 105:2-7/LK 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 KGS 5:14-17/PS 98:1-4/2 TM 2:8-13/LK 17:11-19

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

How long, O Lord? Is this not a question most of us have asked countless times? It's a question we ask when we're weary or questioning how to keep the faith when we have lost the vision. Even the apostles who were with Jesus pleaded for increased faith. Jesus responded that real faith takes the form of service.

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October 2, 2016

"Increase our faith."



This request of the apostles is ours as well. We want more faith. I want more faith. One would think Jesus would surely comply, here it is, more faith. But no, today he talks of mustard seed faith. Less about thoughtful prayer or silent meditation, important as they are. More about action, more about waiting tables, more about attending to other's needs first.

- How can my prayer and meditation prepare me to serve?
- Whom shall I wait on, whom shall I serve?
- In what little ways can I act?

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Our Faith Community mourns the death of Ron Christopher. Please keep the Christopher family in your prayers.

*Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all Comfort. 1.1 Corinthians 1:3*

October Church Count



Every October, the Archdiocese asks that all churches/parishes count those attending Mass in the month of October. The number of people attending Mass helps them in determining the state of the church or parish.

We are asking everyone to make it a priority to attend Mass each Sunday in October.

***This would be a great time to invite family and friends!***



Social Justice

**Thank You on behalf of the people of  
New Hope Church**

Because of your donations of non-food items and cash, 95 items were purchased at the Dollar Tree and delivered to New Hope Church. Try to think of those items in terms of the people who received them. Now, a mother with several children has laundry detergent to wash clothes, a young man in need of a job can shave and put on deodorant, an elderly couple has toilet paper to get them through another week.

If you want to help provide for these basic needs, please drop off your non-food items in the box for New Hope Church, located at the rear of the chapel, behind the pews. Attach the receipt or a copy of the receipt, and your dollars will be matched, so that even more items can be purchased. Should you wish to give a cash donation, please contact Pat Schug. Cash will be matched as well. Items are purchased and delivered approximately one week prior to month end.

WELCOME



Let's welcome our newest members, the Shanesy family. Charles and Wendy have been married for 17 years and live in Kettering. They have three children, Brennan, Keeley, and Mary. Brennan is a student at Fairmont High School and has been helping as an altar server. Keeley and Mary attend John F. Kennedy School and participate in Childrens' Liturgy of the Word.



Complimentary copies of the October issue of the Living with Christ Daily Missal are available in the back of the church.

**Please take one.**

40th  
Anniversary



**St. Leonard Faith Community is 40!**

Join us as we celebrate  
this milestone anniversary

*Remembering our past,  
Celebrating our future*

**Reception and complimentary dinner**

Saturday, October 15, 2016

6:00 pm in St. Leonard auditorium

**Celebration Mass**

Sunday, October 16, 2016

10:30 am

Father Thomas Rickstatter, OFM

Father Lawrence Mick

Concelebrants

Dinner reservations: **by October 10**  
(937) 435-3626 or slfc.office@gmail.com

**Sign up today!**

Sign ups will be taking place after Masses through  
October 10.

If you have pictures that you would like to display  
during the celebration, please bring them in to the  
office during normal office hours. Please put names  
and dates on the photos, if possible.

Today, we will be passing out the Discipleship booklets for this year's **Discipleship Sunday** on **October 23**. On Discipleship Sunday, we provide you with an opportunity to become "*intentional disciples.*"

We ask that you consider being more actively involved in Religious Education or one of our six ministries. To help you make informed decisions, we have booklets which describe each of the ministries. Over the next few weeks you will be hearing about what being involved in ministries has meant to some of our members.

Last year, 84 members made 405 commitments. That is an average of 4.82 commitments per signee, which is an impressive level of involvement! The volunteers included members with health issues, busy careers, young families to raise, years of previous service, as well as very new members.

We ask that you carefully and prayerfully review the opportunities provided in the booklet and decide where the Lord is calling you to invest your time and talents.

#### PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF DISCIPLESHIP SUNDAY

Heavenly Father, You have richly blessed us with the gift of our faith,  
the comfort of our lives and an abundance of talents and gifts.  
Pope Francis has called each of us to be Your disciple  
and to bring Your message of love and forgiveness  
to all whom we encounter.

As we approach Discipleship Sunday on October 23,  
help us to prayerfully consider how  
we might serve others  
through participation in our many ministries at SLFC.

We ask that You continue to bless the work that we do.  
May our labors serve to spread Your Word  
in the larger community and  
may they help St. Leonard Faith Community  
to grow and flourish.

We ask these things in Your Name.

*Amen.*

## Prayer Before An Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,

one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,

men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



The annual blessing for pets of St. Leonard's residents, employees, and the St. Leonard Faith Community will be on Tuesday, October 4 at 6pm. Please bring your pets to the area in front of the St. Elizabeth Garden, outside of Traditional Living by Pott Hall for this short, 15 minute program.

Your pets will receive a special blessing and medal of St. Francis that can be attached to their collar, cage, aquarium, etc.

*Please bring whatever you might need to leave the area clean.*



Donate new or gently used clean hats, gloves, scarves, and coats. We will be donating the collected items to New Hope Church and St. Vincent de Paul.

Please bring your donations to:

**St. Leonard Faith Community Chapel on October 9 & 16.**

## WELCOME VISITORS!

Please note that baptisms, weddings and funerals are offered only for registered members of St. Leonard Faith Community and those who reside or are employed on the St. Leonard campus.

If you wish to register with the St. Leonard Faith Community, please call the Faith Community Office at 937.435.3626.

The Faith Community celebrates Sunday Mass at 10:30am.

*All are welcomed!*

## UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST SEMINAR

Do you find yourself struggling with the same sin time after time, frustrated with your spiritual growth, struggling with forgiveness or bound by negative patterns of thinking?

The Unbound Seminar will present a practical way to address these topics and lead us to greater freedom and fullness in our lives.

**When: Saturday, October 15th from 8:30am - 4:30pm**

**Where: Parish Center, Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 6 S. Third St., Miamisburg, Ohio.**

The seminar will be presented on DVD by Neal Lozano who created the Unbound model of prayer and travels the world giving conferences.

Prayer will be provided by the Dayton Unbound Ministry.

Breakfast snacks and lunch will be provided.

The cost is a donation.

To register visit [unbound-dayton-oct15.eventbrite.com](http://unbound-dayton-oct15.eventbrite.com). For more information contact [unbounddayton@gmail.com](mailto:unbounddayton@gmail.com) or [\(937\) 530-3151](tel:9375303151).

### Religious Education Classes (PREP)

### Youth Ministry

2 October—PREP Classes in session, 9-10:15am  
4 October—Confirmation Formation, 6:30-7:30pm, Youth Room  
9 October—NO PREP  
11 October—Confirmation Formation, 6:30-7:30pm, Youth Room  
16 October—PREP Classes in session, 9-10:15am  
18 October—Confirmation Formation, 6:30-7:30pm, Youth Room

2 October—6:30-8pm, Youth Room  
9 October—6:30-8pm, Youth Room  
16 October—6:30-8pm, Youth Room  
23 October—6:30-8pm, Youth Room  
30 October—6:30-8pm, Youth Room

### **Parents Corner**

October is a month that is connected with Mary, the Mother of God and the rosary. What is its history?

The 150 Davidic Psalms (the Psalter of David) have always been prayed by Old Testament Israel, post-Temple Jews, and by Christians for personal prayer, communal prayer, lamentations, praise, thanksgiving and, in the case of Christians, to demonstrate the fulfillment of prophecy. They came to form a large part of the Divine Office sung at the various canonical hours by religious. Lay people who didn't have copies of Scripture or the Breviary and lay people and religious who were illiterate would substitute 150 Pater Nosters (Our Fathers) or Aves (Hail Mary's) in place of the 150 Psalms they could not read.

The prayers were originally counted by transferring pebbles from one bag to another, but soon enough Christians began to tie a rope with knots on which to count. This evolved further into using beads or pieces of wood in place of the knots, and this soon came to be called the "Psalter of the Laity." Around the end of the first millennium, Rosaries contained the present five decades (sets of ten beads), with the Ave beads shaped like white lilies for the purity of the Virgin, and the Pater beads shaped like red roses for the wounds and Passion of Christ.

St. Dominic de Guzman popularized the Marian Psalter in the form we have it today (150 Aves with a Pater after each 10) when Our Lady encouraged him to pray it that way in response to the Albigensian heresy. St. Dominic is so associated with the Rosary that it is often called the "Dominican Rosary."

When we pray a decade (set of ten beads) of the Rosary, we are meant to focus our minds and our hearts on remembering a specific event of Christ and Mary's lives. When we remember these events, we make them present to us today and connect them with what is happening in our lives today. They become a part of us and guide us through our days.

### **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C**

Sunday, October 9, 2016

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### **Gospel Reading**

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

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### **Family Connection**

Children fluctuate between moments of deep, heartfelt gratitude and an attitude of entitlement. These fluctuations are normal. Among our tasks as parents is to help foster the gift of gratitude, particularly gratitude to God for all God's goodness to us. Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:11-19. Make a poster showing some of the gifts from God to your family. Display this poster in a prominent place and, as a family, write a prayer of thanksgiving for all of God's goodness to you.



**Special prayers are requested:**

Seth Barnthouse, Noel Kupras Bauer, Mary Beery, Bonnie Benge, Shirley Chee, Kelley Church, Conor Crippen, Terri Dawson, Norm Fogel, Sam Gibbs, Susan Heyne, Ruth Hopkins, Joanne Jannetta, Tom & Betty Kirchmer, Peg Lutz, Brandon Le, Brian Moroney, Anita Nelson, Bob Niehoff, Angela Paolo, Ken Rueth, Hugh Skees, David and Eleanor Pleva, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Marissa Thomas, Jay Werner, Bob Whitehouse, 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 church member 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**

Ministry	Chair	Council Liaison
Membership	Mary Ellen Graham & Bill Moroney	John Nelson
Worship		Pat Cruise
Justice & Service	Pat Schug	Maureen Josenhans
Faith Formation	Noel Kupras-Bauer	Frank Clement
Community Life		Mary Beth Firestone
Pastoral Care	Mary Ann McGuire	Fred Konen

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, October 2, 2016 Respect Life Sunday**

- PREP, 9-10:15am, Classrooms
- Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
- Mass 10:30am
- Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:30pm, Youth Room

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016**

- Confirmation Formation, 6:30-7:30pm, Youth Room

**Sunday, October 9**

- Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Coat Collection
- NO PREP
- Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
- Mass 10:30am
- Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room

**Tuesday, October 11**

- Confirmation Formation, 6:30-7:30pm, Youth Room

**Saturday, October 15**

**-St. Leonard Faith Community 40th Anniversary Dinner, 6pm, Auditorium**

**Sunday, October 16**

- Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Coat Collection
- PREP, 9-10:15am, Classrooms
- Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
- 40th Anniversary Mass 10:30am**
- Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room

**Tuesday, October 18**

- Confirmation Formation, 6:30-7:30pm, Youth Room

**Wednesday, October 19**

- Prayer and Worship Meeting, 7-9pm

**Friday, October 21**

- Day of Mercy, 8:30am-6:30pm, Precious Blood Parish

**Sunday, October 23 Discipleship Sunday**

- PREP, 9-10:15am, Classrooms
- Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
- Mass 10:30am
- Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:30pm, Youth Room

**Tuesday, October 25**

- Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm, Boardroom

**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 contact David Weickert at 937.750.3438.

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

**Bulletin announcements:**

St. Leonard Faith Community Office  
937.435.3626 or email: [slfc.office@gmail.com](mailto:slfc.office@gmail.com)  
Bulletin information must reach our office no later than **11:00 AM on TUESDAY** (articles may be edited for content and space.)