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*Twenty-Seventh  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*

**Presiding Today:**

Fr. Larry Mick

**October**

**Council Announcements:**

Norm Fogel

**Proclaimers of the Word:**

Bonnie Bengé  
Chuck Shaneshy

**Today's Mass is for:**

Pat Rooney

By: St. Leonard Faith  
Community

**Today's Collection Counters:**

Bob Ramsey  
Tom Graham

**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



St. Leonard Chapel

**Welcome!**

October 8, 2017

*News from the Pastoral Administrator*

**People in Particular**



Fr. Larry's homily from last week referenced *The Brothers Karamazov*, saying: "I love humanity, it's people in particular that I cannot stand." He reminded us that universal love is meaningless without the concrete application in our lives with the people we encounter. For me, this gets to the heart of the Christian life. Why do we act with daily mercy? Why do we give generously? Why do we live hospitality? Why do we move outside of our comfortable circles of family and friends? To love, is Jesus' answer. And as much as we would rather stay safe, to love all people means to be challenged to love better through the encounter. And the encounter allows us to receive God into our homes.

I love the stories of the earliest monks, who went out from society into the desert to live the gospel as best they could. These Desert Fathers left their wisdom behind in short stories that are not quite literal, but illustrate a point. One of my favorites goes: The elder monk of a respected monastery is asked to come and judge a member of another community who has gravely sinned. On his journey there, he takes along a large clay jar, filled with water. But the jar leaks, and is empty when he arrives. He is asked what the jar is for, and he replies: "Look! My sins flow out behind me and I do not see them. Who am I to judge my brother?" And the community forgave their brother his sin and did not mention it again.

Love for people in particular cannot come from a pride: "Look at how well I love difficult people!" - but instead from a recognition that I myself am a difficult person. It is easy to see ourselves as better in the particular areas we judge. I may lack discipline, gossip, or disrespect others, but I am not as bad as *that person*. But we do not get to hear the Desert Fathers' sin, or that of the community member. It is not important. We see their love, and that is what makes them holy. Grateful forgiveness comes from knowing that I am forgiven as well. Think critically about what sins you find difficult to forgive, and ask yourself "why?"

**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."

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Dealing with Injustice**

Reading I      Isaiah 5:1-7 (the vineyard song)

Reading II     Philipians 4:6-9 (joy and peace in Christ)

Gospel          Matthew 21:33-43 (parable of the tenants)

Key Passage:   Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."  
(Matthew 21:43)

Adult: How have you used your talents and abilities well for the Reign of God?

Child: What can you do in your week to help the love of God grow in the world?

**Thoughts on Today's Readings...**

Judeo-Christian history and today's readings remind us again that being called to be God's people is a gift and a privilege. But it is also a responsibility that comes with expectations. Even in difficult times, we hear that what is offered to us is not to be squandered. We are free, of course, to respond however we choose. But if we accept our calling, it comes with a price. Being chosen, being Christian — as with all relationships — is not for the faint-hearted.

Weekly Collection: 10-1-17 \$2,349

YTD Collections: \$35,524

Weekly Budget: \$2,900

YTD Budget: \$40,600

2016 YTD Collections: \$33,573

Respect Life Collection 10-1-17 \$397

***What our members are saying about  
St. Leonard Faith Community...***

*"St. Leonard's is so much more than a church and Sunday Mass. It is a loving, caring, welcoming community; fellow members seem like family. It is easy to be involved and a joy to participate. I hope our membership grows as this is a very special place."*

**Church October Count**



This year, the Archdiocese asks that all churches/parishes count those attending Mass the full four weekends 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!***



**Ladies Retreat Information**

There will be a very brief meeting on the chair side of the altar immediately following Mass today for all of the ladies who are going to the Retreat next weekend. This is your opportunity to ask any questions and to make car pool arrangements. If possible, all monies are due this morning. *Please see the ladies for further details.*

The Book Club will be discussing *From Atheism to Catholicism* with the Foreword by Marcus Grodi on Monday, October 9th at 6:30pm. For more information, please email Annie Koenig at [knann89@aol.com](mailto:knann89@aol.com).



# Warm Hearts & Hands Hats, Gloves, Scarves & Coats Collection

**October 22 & 29**



Donations of new or clean, gently used hats, gloves, scarves and coats will be accepted after Mass on October 22 & 29. Please bring your donations to St. Leonard Chapel.

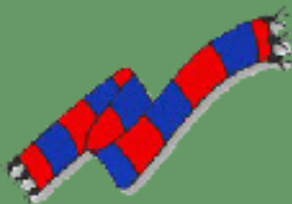
We will send the collected items to New Hope Church and St. Vincent de Paul to distribute to those in need.

Monetary donations will also be accepted! Please make checks payable to St. Leonard Faith Community, include Warm Hearts & Hands in the memo.

Sponsored by: St. Leonard Faith Community Social Committee.

**For more information, please contact:**

**Sharon Alberts at [albertssharon62@gmail.com](mailto:albertssharon62@gmail.com) or 937-438-8065 or  
Pat Schug at 937-272-7259**



*All sizes!  
Infant, Child,  
Youth & Adult*

*Just one coat can  
make a difference!*

*The second part of the Laudato Si' pledge calls us to Live More Simply.*

In Laudato Si' Pope Francis invites us to, "return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack." As a way to live Laudato Si', we invite you to look for ways to use less, to share more, and to focus on relationships instead of things.

- Buy less stuff—Before purchasing something new, ask yourself, "Do I need this? Does this bring me joy?" Have clothes, shoes, and other items repaired rather than throwing them out.
- Buy more consciously—Look for goods that have less packaging. For instance, don't buy individually wrapped cheese, or individual snack packs. Buy fewer things, but spend more to buy local, or support businesses that pay fair wages.
- Eat more intentionally—Go meat free. See if you can reduce your meat consumption at least one day each week, or reduce consumption of animal products. Buy local and in season fruits and vegetables, or try growing your own.
- Waste less—Reduce food waste, and avoid throwing away food whenever possible. Always bring your own bags when grocery shopping.
- Share more—Look for ways to share with others in your community, such as a yard or house equipment library, or organizing toy or clothing swaps with the neighbors. Share your time by finding ways to volunteer or supporting community groups.

Look for more ways to *Live More Simply* in next week's bulletin.

**Social Justice Ministry  
Schedule of Events**

- **October 10, 2017**  
**Pope Francis' Worldwide Share the Journey Week of Prayer and Action**  
A one night film festival of Fr. Daniel Groody's films will be held on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00pm at the Eichelberger Forum at the Dayton Metro Library Main Branch, 215 E. Third Street, Dayton.
- **October 10, 2017**  
**"From Conflict to Communion"** is a document developed by the Pontifical Council on Promoting Christian Unity and the Lutheran World Federation to help Lutherans and Catholics understand how far we have journeyed towards unity in the 500 years since the Reformation. This event will be held at 7:00pm on Tuesday, October 10 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. The topic is: Basic themes of Martin Luther's Theology in Light of Lutheran-Catholic Dialogues. To RSVP, visit [www.sfacc.org](http://www.sfacc.org), contact Ray Wasky at 937-475-4696, or call Mary Ellen Singer at 937-433-0128, ext. 205.
- **November 6, 2017**  
**White Privilege Dialogue**  
Sponsored by the Weavers of Justice Anti-Racism/ Anti-Discrimination Task Force. A free showing of the documentary, "White Like Me" will be from 6:30-8:30pm at Salem Heights, 4500 Denlinger Road, Dayton. Please contact Pam Long, Regional Director, Catholic Social Action Office at 937-224-3026 x5018 or [plong@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:plong@catholiccincinnati.org) if you plan to attend.
- **December 2, 2017**  
**Ethical Trade Sale**  
Formerly the Fair Trade Sale, this event supports farmers, entrepreneurs and artists around the world with sustainable income. This event will be held at the University of Dayton's River Campus from 9:00am—4:00pm. More information will be coming soon.



**Discipleship Sunday is  
October 29!  
More information is  
coming soon!**



## Community Formation

Donna Leddy - Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry [slfc.dre@gmail.com](mailto:slfc.dre@gmail.com) or 937.435.3626

### October

- 1—St. Remigius, Bishop, Confessor
- 2—The Holy Guardian Angels
- 3—St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin
- 4—St. Francis of Assisi, Confessor
- 5—St. Placid & Companions, Martyrs
- 6—St. Bruno, Confessor
- 7—Feast of the Holy Rosary/St. Mark I, Pope, Confessor
- 8—St. Bridget of Sweden, Widow/Sts. Sergius, Bacchus, Marcellus & Apuleius, Martyrs
- 9—St. John Leonardi, Confessor/Sts. Denis, Rusticus & Eleutherius, Martyrs
- 10—St. Francis Borgia, Confessor
- 11—The Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 13—St. Edward, King, Confessor
- 14—St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr
- 15—St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin
- 16—St. Hedwig, Widow
- 17—St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
- 18—St. Luke, Evangelist
- 19—St. Peter of Alcantara, Confessor
- 20—St. John Cantius, Confessor
- 21—St. Hilarion, Abbot/Sts. Ursula & Companions, Virgins, Martyrs
- 23—St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop, Confessor
- 24—St. Raphael the Archangel
- 25—Sts. Chrysanthus & Daria, Martyrs/St. Isidore the Farmer, Confessor
- 26—St. Evaristus, Pope, Martyr
- 28—Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

<http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/roman-catholic-liturgical-calendar.html>

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

- October 8—Ryan Mahle & Norm Speaks
  - October 15—Donna Leddy & Linda Niehoff
  - October 22—Monsita Corbett & Ryan Mahle
  - October 29—Kathy Moroney & Donna Leddy
- VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**—one Sunday a month and training is provided.

#### Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

- October 8—9:00-10:15am—Classrooms
- October 15—9:00-10:15am—Classrooms
- October 22—9:00-10:15am—Classrooms
- October 29—9:00-10:15am—All Saints/Auditorium

### The Holy Rosary

The Rosary is one of our most foundational Catholic prayers. It is said that if you know the mysteries of the Rosary, you know the Gospel. As such, it is a great way to teach the foundation of our faith to our families.

With the chaos of everyday life, it can be difficult to find time to eat dinner together let alone find time to pray the Rosary. It can be helpful to turn the Rosary on in the car or download a Rosary app for your phone. Some kids sleep with Rosaries under their pillow, so that they can say a decade before bed. It is a wonderful reminder of God's presence in their lives. May God bless your family in this Month of the Holy Rosary!

<http://www.theholyroary.org/rosaryhistory>

### NCYC Fundraising

Mark your calendar for the All Saints Party on October 29th from 5:00—8:00pm. Drop off your child and they will enjoy games, crafts, and stories about the saints. This is appropriate for children of all ages, including infants and toddlers! The cost is a free will donation to raise money for the NCYC trip.

We are also conducting RENT a TEEN. For a free will donation, two or more high school students will help with yard work, cleaning, etc. Please contact Donna Leddy at [slfc.dre@gmail.com](mailto:slfc.dre@gmail.com) or call the Faith Community office for more information and to support our youth!

#### St. Leonard Youth Ministry (SLFCYM)

- October 8—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room
- October 15—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room
- October 21—**Encounter**—7:00-10:00pm—  
Chaminade Julianne High School
- October 22—Bake Sale after Masses
- October 22—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room
- October 29—All Saints Party—5:00-8:00pm
- November 11—Awake 6th—8th Grade Youth Rally—  
4:30-9:00pm—Ascension Parish



**Special prayers are requested:**

Nate Arrowood, Peggy Barnes, Noel Kupras Bauer, Mary Beach, Mary Beery, Mike Bennett, Patty Carlin, Shirley Chee, Jim Crafton, Conor Crippen, Terri Dawson, Norm Fogel, Ralph Francis, Cathy Fullerton, Sam Gibbs, Barb Gobrail, Elda Gotos Gay, Margaret Healy, Peg Lutz, Margaret Haemmerle, Ruth Hopkins, Greg and Cathy Jackson, Betty Kirchmer, Brian Moroney, Anita Nelson, Louise Nelson, Angela Paolo, Hugh Skees, David and Eleanor Pleva, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Pam Truitt, Bob & Genny Schmid, Jay Werner, Bob Whitehouse

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. Therefore, if you want to make someone's hospital stay known, please contact the Community Office.

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Ministry	Chair	Council Liaison
Membership	Mary Ellen Graham & Bill Moroney	Norm Fogel
Worship	David Weickert	Pat Cruise
Justice & Service	Pat Schug	Ellie Parker
Faith Formation	Donna Leddy	Frank Clement
Community Life	David Weickert	Mary Beth Firestone
Pastoral Care	Mary Ann McGuire	Norm Speaks

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, October 8**  
 -PREP, 9:00-10:15am  
 -Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom  
 -Mass, 10:30am  
 -Ladies Retreat meeting after Mass  
 -New Hope Church, 5:00-8:00pm  
 -Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room

**Monday, October 9—Columbus Day**  
 -Book Club, 6:30pm  
 -Merton Wisdom Circle, 7:00-8:30pm, Boardroom

**Tuesday, October 10**  
 -Share the Journey Film Festival, 6:00pm, Dayton Metro Library  
 -From Conflict to Communion, 7:00pm, St. Francis of Assisi Church

**Friday, October 13**  
 -Ladies Retreat, 6:00pm, Maria Stein

**Saturday, October 14**  
 -Ladies Retreat, Maria Stein

**Sunday, October 15**  
 -Ladies Retreat, Maria Stein  
 -PREP, 9:00-10:15am  
 -Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom  
 -Mass, 10:30am  
 -Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room

**Wednesday, October 18**  
 -Prayer & Worship Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm, Boardroom

**Saturday, October 21**  
 -Encounter, 7:00pm–10:00pm, Chaminade Julienne High School

**Sunday, October 22—Mission Sunday**  
 -PREP, 9:00-10:15am  
 -Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom  
 -Mass, 10:30am  
**-Warm Hearts & Hands Collection after Mass**  
 -Bake Sale after Mass  
 -Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room

**Tuesday, October 24**  
 -Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm, Boardroom

**Thursday, October 26**  
 -Medicare 101, 1:00-3:00pm, Franciscan Center

**Pastoral Care Services, Sacraments and Funerals:**

Contact the Community Office to request pastoral care services, Sacraments, or other needs. If the office is closed and you have a pastoral care need, please contact David Weickert at 937.750.3438.

**Scheduling Mass Intentions:** Contact the Community Office at 937.435.3623 to request Mass intentions.

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