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9:00AM-1:00PM

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*Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

September:

Council Announcements:
Fred Konen

Proclaimers of the Word:

Barbara Armstrong
Dick Rose

Today's Mass is for:

Ethelene Pellow
By: Bob Schmid

Today's Collection Counters:

Jim Kennedy
Mary Lou Worland

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!

September 11, 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: 9.4.16 \$1809.00

YTD Collections: 23,369.00

Weekly Budget: \$3,400.00

YTD Budget: \$34,000.00

Readings for the Week of September 11, 2016

Sunday: EX 32:7-11, 13-14/PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 TM 1:12-17/LK 15:1-32

Monday: 1 COR 11:17-26, 33/PS 40:7-8A, 8B-9-10, 17/LK 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31A/PS 100:1B-5/LK 7:11-17

Wednesday: NM 21:4B-9/PS 78:1BC-2, 34-38/PHIL 2:6-11/JN 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 COR 15:1-11/PS 118:1B-2, 16AB-17, 28/JN 19:25-27

Friday: 1 COR 15:12-20/PS 17:1BCD, 6-7, 8B AND 15/LK 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49/PS 56:10C-12-14/LK 8:4-15

Sunday: AM 8:4-7/PS 113:1-2, 4-8/1 TM 2:1-8/LK 16:1-13

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

My friends, we can never say too much about God's mercy, especially toward those who recognize their own faults and repent. When have we realized our need for mercy and asked for it? Whatever the circumstances, God's mercy always seems to be consistent. The granting of mercy depends on God, but the asking depends on us, our self-knowledge and our humility.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2016



Lost sheep. Lost coin. Lost child.
Losing a possession is one thing. Losing one's way is something else. Today's examples:

- (1) The people of Exodus so lost their way to God, they turned to a molten calf of their own design. Worshiping something that is not God is idolatry, is deep down infidelity, is mistrust of God. Moses pleads for these stiff-necked people. God relents. God does not punish.
- (2) The prodigal son thought owning things and going far off was the way to live. He comes to his senses and returns home and finds his father, filled with compassion, running to embrace him. The point: it is God's very nature to relent, to exude compassion, to run to us, to love.
 - How can I be like God today?
 - For whom will I plead today?
 - Whom will I run to embrace?

LIVE the FAITH Ladies Luncheon

You are invited to feed your soul at the "LIVE the FAITH" Ladies Luncheon at noon on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at the Dayton Country Club**. Be uplifted in your Catholic faith and learn more about the educational opportunities and resources available to you through the Athenaeum of Ohio, the premiere Catholic center of formation in the Archdiocese. Hear an inspired talk by popular speaker, Father Anthony Brausch, Vice Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Cost is \$35 per person. **RSVP by Sept. 28**. All are welcome. Contact Tracy Wolcott at [513-233-6113](tel:513-233-6113) for more information. *Join us!*

Social Justice

Is the Death Penalty an Idea Whose Time has Passed?

This question will be explored by a distinguished panel including:

Bob Taft, Distinguished Research Associate, University of Dayton and Former Governor of Ohio, 1999-2007
Melinda Elkins-Dawson, Chair, Ohioans to Stop Executions
Rev. Dr. Crystal Walker, Executive Director, Greater Dayton Christian Connections

Moderator: Jon Paul Rion, Criminal Defense Attorney, Rion, Rion & Rion and Member of the Supreme Court Task Force on the Administration of Ohio's Death Penalty

Where: Summit Christian Church, Trotwood

When: September 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm

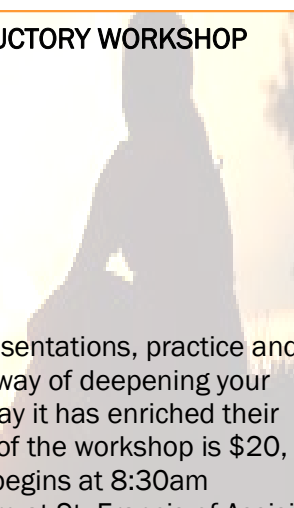
Distinguished Speaker Program

Msgr. Ray East of St. Teresa Parish in Washington DC will be our speaker on **Tuesday, Sept. 27, at St. Francis of Assisi Church** on Wilmington Pike. He will speak about Ministering in the Mercy Mode, covering love of neighbor in all neighborhoods. His talk will focus on faith, food access and respecting the human dignity of all our neighbors. **See the flyer in today's bulletin for more information.** SLFC is a continuing sponsor of this program. We look forward to your presence and Msgr. Ray's message.

CENTERING PRAYER INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 17
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Church
6245 Wilmington Pike
Centerville, Ohio

This all day workshop includes presentations, practice and discussion. Centering Prayer is a way of deepening your relationship with God, and many say it has enriched their relationship profoundly. The cost of the workshop is \$20, and includes lunch. Registration begins at 8:30am outside of the St. John Paul II Room at St. Francis of Assisi Church. If you are interested, or know of someone who is, contact Marti Teter at (937) 427-2027.



We are celebrating the beginning of our Faith Community 40 years ago!



The celebration will be held on Saturday, October 8th with a gathering at 6pm in the auditorium and dinner at 7pm. Starting Sunday, September 18, you may sign up to bring desserts. In addition, there will be a sign up for the complimentary dinner today after Mass. *More details to follow.*

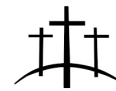
If you have pictures that you would like to display during the celebration, please bring them in to the office during normal hours. Please put names and dates on the photos if possible.

Fr. Tom Richstatter, OFM, will preside during the 10:30 Mass on October 9, with Fr. Larry Mick concelebrating.

Ladies Retreat Gathering

September 16-18 at Maria Stein

Today there will be a brief meeting after Mass to organize car pooling. Please plan to attend so we will know how many drivers are needed. If you cannot attend, please let the committee know if you need a ride to Maria Stein. Call Kathy Hoefler 937.602.9690 with questions.



Ministry Schedules

New ministry schedules for September, October and November are now on the church website. Please check the schedules and print them, so you can refer to them in the coming months. If you are unable to access a computer, there are printed copies on the back pew.

Book Club will be discussing Scott Hahn's book, Reasons to Believe, on September 20th at 6:30pm.



For more information about joining the book club or directions to the hosts' address, contact Anne Koenig at knann89@aol.com.



Divorce Support Ministry

It is not too late to join one of the divorce-recovery support groups. If you or another adult you know is struggling with life after divorce or are in the process of separating, your Church is here to offer the support and ministry you need and deserve.

Two excellent divorce-recovery support groups in the local area offer help from nationally recognized experts on divorce through professional video input and small group discussions. They will address topics pertinent to your life adjustments such as anger, loneliness, new relationships, annulments, etc.

CATHOLIC-SPONSORED DIVORCECARE

This group meets for 13 weeks on Thursday evenings, September 8 thru December 8 from 7-9pm at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, OH. Cost is \$25 per person, and scholarships are available. For more information, or to register, call Marcelle Toma at 937.312.1157 or mtoma@woh.rr.com.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide

This group meets for 12 weeks on Monday evenings, August 29 thru November 21 from 7-8:30pm in the "Candle Room" of St. Christopher's Church in Vandalia. Cost is \$25 per person. Register online at: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=670e37>

Questions: Call Noreen Wendeln at Family & Respect Life Office (937) 222-0227.

Special Collections



Today's Special Collection is a USCCB Appeal: A Call to Support Our Brothers and Sisters in Louisiana.

Recent storms in Louisiana may not have a name, but the names of those suffering in the wake of the worst flooding since Hurricane Katrina are our sisters and brothers. As a people of God, let us come to their aid. Your prayers and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives.

Whether your donation is large or small, let us also be sure those suffering feel the power of our prayer to sustain them in the difficult days ahead.

Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa

Sister Mary Fisher, FMSA of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa will be visiting us

September 25. The Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa work in five countries in Africa; Kenya, South Sudan, Uganda,



Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Their work focuses on the needs of the most marginalized in cities and remote areas, where they provide healthcare, food, and medicines for the poor, as well as programs and projects addressing all aspects of poverty. During this Mission Appeal, Sr. Mary will speak about the Congregation's current ministries and her mission experience. Since we are all missionaries of the Church, this is an opportunity to actively share in mission work overseas and be an instrument in God's hands through our financial and personal assistance as well as our prayers.

Elizabeth New Life Center Needs Help

Elizabeth New Life Center has again requested the assistance of the Knights of Columbus in raising funds to purchase a 4D Ultrasound machine. ENL needs to replace a machine at the Sharonville, Ohio location. The goal is to raise \$18,000, which will be matched by the Knights of Columbus under their Ultrasound Initiative Program out of the home office in New Haven, CT.



We know that the Ultrasound machine helps Elizabeth New Life save the lives of unborn babies. Eighty percent of women who see their unborn child's ultrasound image decide to keep the baby. Please help us raise the funds to purchase this important life-saving machine. The K of C National Office will match locally collected funds, so your tax-deductible donation is doubly blessed. In addition, a member of St. Leonard's Faith Community has agreed to match all funds donated by members of the Faith Community.

This special collection will be September 18, 2016. Please make checks payable to K of C Ultrasound Project.



Pro-life Conference at the University of Dayton

Don't miss the **LifeTech Conference 2016, Saturday, September 24, 2016, 9:00am–3:30pm at the University of Dayton's Kennedy Union.** Hear and network with pro-life professionals and analysts, including keynote speaker, Dr. Dennis Michael Sullivan, Director, Center for Bioethics, Cedarville University. Cost is \$50 per person and includes lunch. Student cost is \$25. For students who do not wish to eat lunch, the event is free. The Family and Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is co-sponsoring this event. Call 937-280-5696 or visit <http://www.lifetechconference.org/> for information.

Love thy Neighbor

MINISTERING IN
THE MERCY MODE

Tuesday, September 27

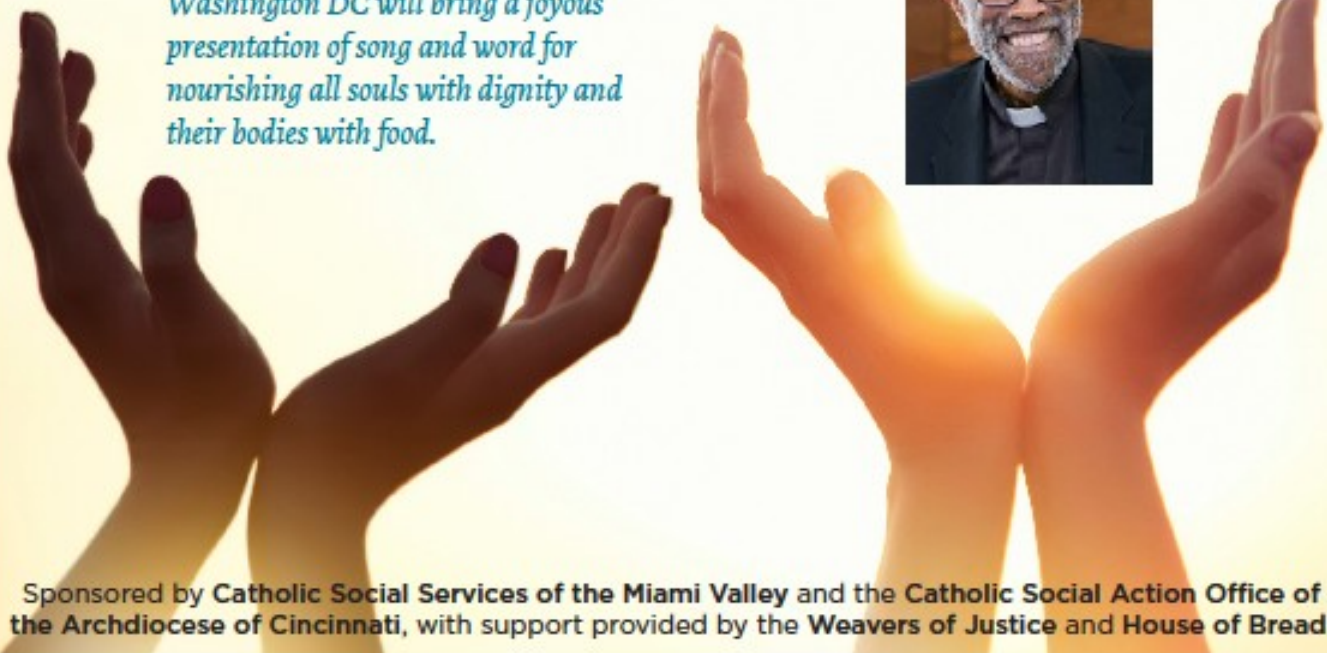
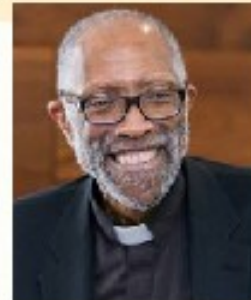
St. Francis of Assisi
Roman Catholic Church
6245 Wilmington Pike,
Centerville, OH

Msgr. Ray East of the Archdiocese of Washington DC will bring a joyous presentation of song and word for nourishing all souls with dignity and their bodies with food.

Featuring: Monsignor Ray East

Monsignor East is the son of the late Thomas and Gwendolyn East. He was born in Newark, New Jersey. Raised in San Diego, he graduated from the University of San Diego. After attending Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas, Texas and Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland he was ordained in 1981 for the Archdiocese of Washington by Cardinal James Aloysius Hickey.

Father Ray serves as pastor of St. Teresa of Avila parish in Southeast Washington DC. He is a board member of the Center for Ministry Development. In 2005 he received the Teacher of Peace Award from Pax Christi USA and in 2010 was the recipient of the Jubilate Deo Award from the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. He has worked in the areas of Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization.



Sponsored by **Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley** and the **Catholic Social Action Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati**, with support provided by the **Weavers of Justice** and **House of Bread**.

Cost: \$10
(suggested donation)

5:30 pm Light Dinner
6:30 pm Music
7:00 pm Presentation by
Msgr. Ray East

For reservations and more information,
please call 937-223-7217 ext. 1141 or
visit cssmv.org/missionevent

Students are welcome to attend the event
at no charge.

Event proceeds will benefit Catholic
Social Services' Choice Food Pantry
and Family Stabilization & Support
programs.

September Religious Education Classes (PREP) 11 September-Opening PREP Class-Auditorium 13 September-8th Grade Confirmation Formation meeting with students and parents—Youth Room 18 September- PREP Classes in Session 20 September- Confirmation Formation—Youth Room 25 September-PREP Classes in Session 27 September-Confirmation Formation—Youth Room	September- Youth Ministry 11 September—Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm 18 September—Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm 25 September—Youth Room, 6:30-8:00pm
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Parents Corner

The unofficial start of Fall has begun. Schools are in full swing. High School football teams and Marching Bands are showing their stuff and Pro Football started its regular season on Thursday night. It is also an important time to thank and bless the people who help our journey in faith. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2016, and will focus on the theme "Prayer: The Faith Prayed." Those designated by the Community to serve as catechists will be called forth and commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to re-dedicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. You as parents are the first and foremost catechists of your children, so this Sunday is for you as well. [Matt. 28-19-20](#) "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Sunday, September 18, 2016

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13 (shorter form, Luke 16:10-13)

Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

Family Connection

Talk with your children about some things they have done to show that they can be trusted. Talk a bit about what it means to be responsible. Responsibility often means that we put aside something of passing value for something of greater value.

Read together the short form of today's Gospel, Luke 16:10-13. Talk about the importance of responsible use of money and our material possessions. As a family, commit to one action that you will take this week to show that your family serves God and not money.





Special prayers are requested:

Seth Barnthouse, Noel Kupras Bauer, Mary Beery, Bonnie Benge, Shirley Chee, Conor Crippen, Terri Dawson, Ron Christopher, Norm Fogel, Sam Gibbs, Susan Heyne, Ruth Hopkins, Joanne Jannetta, Tom & Betty Kirchmer, Brandon Le, Peg Lutz, Brian Moroney, Anita Nelson, Bob Niehoff, Angela Paolo, David and Eleanor Pleva, Ken Rueth, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Hugh Skees, 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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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, September 11, 2016**
 - PREP Prayer Service and Meet the Teachers, 9-10:15am, Auditorium
 - Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
 - Mass 10:30am
 - New Hope Church, 5:00-8:00pm
 - Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room
- Tuesday, September 13, 2016**
 - 8th Grade Confirmation Formation Meeting with parents and students, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room
- Friday–Sunday, September 16-18, 2016**
 - Ladies Annual Retreat Gathering, Maria Stein
- Sunday, September 18, 2016 Family & Catechetical Sunday**
 - PREP, 9-10:15am, Classrooms
 - Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
 - Mass 10:30am
 - Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room
- Tuesday, September 20, 2016**
 - Confirmation Formation, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room
- Wednesday, September 21, 2016**
 - Prayer and Worship Meeting, 7:00pm, Boardroom
 - Is The Death Penalty an Idea Whose Time Has Passed?, 7:00pm, Summit Christian Church, Trotwood
- Sunday, September 25, 2016**
 - PREP, 9-10:15am, Classrooms
 - Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
 - Mass 10:30am
 - Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room
- Tuesday, September 27, 2016**
 - Distinguished Speaker Series, 5:30pm, St. Francis of Assisi Church
 - Confirmation Formation, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room
 - Council meeting, 7:00-9:00pm, Boardroom
- Saturday, October 1, 2016**
 - Day of Mercy, 8:30am-6:30pm, Precious Blood Parish

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 Bulletin information must reach our office no later than **11:00 AM on TUESDAY** (articles may be edited for content and space.)