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1:00PM

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**24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

September

Council Announcements:
Maureen Josenhans

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Ehtelene Pellow

by: Genny & Bob Schmid

Proclaimers of the Word:

Tom & Mary Ellen Graham

Today's Collection Counters:

Jim Kennedy

Joe Scullion

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!

September 13, 2015



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: 9.6.15: \$5,482.00

YTD Collections: \$31,231.00

Weekly Budget: \$3,615.00

YTD Budget: \$36,150.00

Readings for the Week of September 13, 2015

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Register for 2015-2016 Religious Education Classes

Registration for Religious Education classes for the 2015-2016 academic year is underway! Our Religious Education classes are for students in preschool through 8th grade. Classes are Christ-centered and are designed to enliven the personal faith of students and their families.

For more information about our Religious Education Program and to access our registration form, please visit:

<http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/k-8-education>. In addition to the registration form, an emergency medical authorization form, photo release form, and registration fee must be submitted to the office for each student.

Financial assistance is available.

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

When we begin a journey, we don't always know where it's heading. Today's readings make it clear that being a Christian is more than just "believing," more than intellectual assent. Jesus had to confront His disciples with the reality of where His life was going and what that meant for them. And James tells the early Christians *that faith without doing is dead*.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Watch for upcoming announcements about
Discipleship Sunday, October 18, 2015.



COME *Grow* WITH US
St. Leonard Faith Community

Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat - Please pray for the women of our community who are attending the Women's Retreat at Maria Stein this weekend. Pray that each heart is open and receptive to God and His love and that each lady will be transformed to God's truth. Pray for safe travel as they return home today.

"I have never seen a moving van following a funeral procession."

The treasures we have given to others, that we take with us... And that is what the Lord lets us bring. Love, charity, service, patience, goodness, tenderness are very beautiful treasures: these we bring with us. The other things, no.

- Pope Francis, homily June 21, 2013



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A Place at the Table. As a lead up to the 2015 Distinguished Speaker program featuring David Beckman of Bread for the World, SLFC is co-sponsoring this screening and discussion with St. Francis of Assisi.

The film examines food insecurity through the lens of three people who are struggling: Barbie, a single Philadelphia mother who grew up in poverty and is trying to provide a better life for her two kids; Rosie, a Colorado fifth-grader who often has to depend on friends and neighbors to feed her and has trouble concentrating in school; and Tremonica, a Mississippi second-grader whose asthma and health issues are exacerbated by the largely empty calories her hardworking mother can only afford. **Monday, October 5, 7 - 9 p.m., St. Francis, John Paul II room. Join us!**

Walk to Stop Executions. **October 4-10, 2015.** Abolitionists from Ohio and beyond will walk from the Lucasville prison (where death row inmates are executed) to the Statehouse in Columbus. The 7-day, 83-mile walk will feature evening programs in Portsmouth, Chillicothe, Circleville, and Columbus for walkers to engage local communities in conversations about ending capital punishment.

Those unable to participate in the full walk can join the final 2.5-mile leg, 10 am at 1500 South 4th St. on Saturday, October 10, the World Day Against the Death Penalty, or attend the **12 p.m. rally at Trinity Episcopal Church, 125 E. Broad St. across from the Capitol.** For more information about the schedule, walking route, programs, endorsement or registration, visit: walktostopexecutions.org or call 606.932.383.

Distinguished Speaker Program—save the date. Rev. David Beckmann, the World Food Prize Laureate and President of Bread for the World, is one of the foremost U.S. advocates for people experiencing hunger and poverty. As this year's Distinguished Speaker, he will energize people of faith to see how they can end local and world hunger **Wednesday, October 21,** at Queen of Apostles Church, 4400 Shakertown Road. Dining begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by entertainment at 6:30 p.m. and Rev. Beckmann's free presentation at 7 p.m.

SLFC will have complimentary dinner tickets available in October. As usual, dinner is optional and the presentation is free.



Does the chapel look empty? Many of the women are on their annual retreat, and I hope you are praying for us. The truth of the matter is we all need to step out of the web of our daily lives, free ourselves from the ties of daily concerns and responsibilities, and ask the important questions like "Lord, why did you create me with these particular gifts and talents?" "What do you want from me now in this time of my life?"

I think you can hear God more easily when you have unfettered time and a certain amount of silence. If getting away is difficult for you, you might want to consider an online experience. I am reprinting an opportunity that was posted in the Spirituality Network Newsletter. Read it and see if God is calling you there.

My C.A.M.I.N.O.: Contemplating Art and Mindfully Integrating Nature with Oneself an Internet-Based and In-Person Experience, January 4 -September 30, 2016.

Perhaps you find yourself in a season of transition:

You are anticipating upcoming change and wondering about the gifts and challenges to come in this time of unknowing. To help you visualize walking an actual sacred pilgrimage path, we invite you to bring your imagination as we virtually walk the Camino de Santiago (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camino_de_Santiago). Using the book, "The Soul of a Pilgrim: Eight Practices for the Journey Within," by Christine Valters Painter. We will explore how the transitions of our lives affect our inner pilgrimage to discover God's presence within us when we find ourselves in a new land. Invitations to experience music, poetry, nature, creative expression, and personal stories from those who have walked the Camino de Santiago will support our online journey. In addition to a few e-mails each month with reflections, journal prompts and suggested activities to try, you will have access to a confidential online Google blog for discussion created exclusively for this pilgrimage as well as an optional private Facebook page for posting of images and photos. You may engage the material at your own pace. In-person gatherings to support the journey will be offered in central and southeastern Ohio. To learn more about this event, visit the Upcoming Events link at: www.myawba.org or e-mail Judy Smoot at: director@myawba.org. Registration and other details to be finalized with all Internet-based information confirmed no later than October 1, 2015.

Since we are all pilgrims already, here is your blessing for the week: May the God of PILGRIMS be with you, blessing you with a restless yearning, calling you out of yourself and into the new and undiscovered parts of your creation. May God be both journey and destination for you, and may you know the blessing of God's presence in each step along the way. May the blessing of PILGRIMS be with you. -Sr. Maxine Shonk, OP

HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES AND COAT DONATIONS

Warm Hearts & Hands

Sponsored by: St. Leonard Faith Community Women's Group

When: September 20th and 27th

If you would like to donate new, or gently used clean hats, gloves, scarves and coats you do not use anymore, please bring them to St. Leonard Faith Community Chapel.

Infant and Child Sizes



Youth and Adult Sizes



We will be donating them to an organization that will distribute to those in need.

Please contact Sharon Alberts for more information at:

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Just one coat can make a difference!

Much of the news coverage about Pope Francis extending to all priests the faculty to absolve the sin of abortion and remove the automatic excommunication that can incur has been misleading and confusing.

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati wants to make it clear that our priests have already had this faculty for many years. No one who has received absolution for this sin from a priest of the Archdiocese, acting as the instrument of God's mercy, should doubt the validity of the sacrament.

No priest can engage in sacramental ministry without being granted faculties to do so by the local bishop. What is included in those faculties is detailed in writing. Priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, as permitted by canon law, have long been granted by the Archbishop "the faculty to absolve the sin (of abortion) and to remit the (automatic) penalty" of excommunication.

As St. John Paul II assured post-abortive women in his encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*, "The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." The Catholic Church also offers compassionate post-abortion healing through Project Rachel (www.projectrachelcincy.com.)



Special prayers are requested:

Nicolas Ladd, Hannah Taylor, Mike Bennett, Joe Bensman, Amy Buxton, Shirley Chee, Karrie Coggeshall, Denise Cozart, Conor Crippen, Terrie Dawson, Norm Fogel, Ruth Hopkins, Kelly King, Brandon Le, Anita & Doug Nelson, Eleanor Niemer, Bob Remm, Dick Rose, Ken Rueth, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Hugh & Jasmine Skees, Betty Ann Streit, Jim Tieman, Linda Versic, Marlene Vorherr, 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 unless otherwise notified. 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.

Please keep the Krymow family in your prayers for the loss of Vincenzina Krymow who passed away Tuesday, September 8. Funeral arrangements pending.

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Calendar of Events

- September**
- 13-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45 am/Mass 10:30 am/
Stubbs Park Concert, Spring Valley Rd., Centerville, 4 pm
 - 16-Wednesday, Prayer & Worship Meeting, Boardroom, 7pm
 - 17-Thursday, DivorceCare, St. Francis of Assisi, 6245 Wilmington Pk.,
7pm
 - 20 -Sunday, Catechetical (Family) Sunday, Mass 10:30am/
Women’s Group Hat and Scarf collection
 - 22-Tuesday, Church Council, Boardroom, 7pm
 - 23-Wednesday, First Day of Autumn
 - 24-Thursday, DivorceCare, St. Francis of Assisi, 6245 Wilmington Pk.,
7pm
 - 27-Sunday, Mass 10:30am/Women’s Group Hat and Scarf collection
 - 28-Monday, St. Leonard Legacy Golf Tournament, Dayton Country
Club
- October**
- 4-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45 am/Mass 10:30am
 - 4-10, Walk to Stop Executions , Walk starts at Lucasville Prison
 - 5-Monday, “A Place at the Table,” St. Francis of Assisi, 7pm
 - 16-Wednesday, Prayer & Worship Meeting Boardroom, 7pm
 - 18-**Discipleship Sunday**, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45 am/
Mass 10:30am/Mission Sunday Collection
- 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 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
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Bulletin information must reach our office no later than **11:00 AM on TUESDAY** (articles may be edited for content and space).

Ministries Of The Church

Ministry	Chair	Council Liaison
Membership	Mary Ellen Graham & Bill Moroney	Maureen Josenhans
Worship	Mary Cozart	Mary Beth Firestone
Justice & Service	Bob Niehoff	Tom Anacker
Faith Formation	Noel Bauer	John Nelson
Community Life		Fred Konen
Pastoral Care	Mary Ann McGuire	Shirley Venetos