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*Twenty-Fourth  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*

**Presiding Today:**

Fr. Jerry Haemmerle

**September**

**Council Announcements:**

Pat Cruise

**Proclaimers of the Word:**

Mary Beth Firestone

Chuck Shaneshy

**Today's Mass is for:**

All who have been affected  
by the hurricanes

**Today's Collection Counters:**

Jim McGee

Mike Corbett

**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!**

September 17, 2017

*News from the Pastoral Administrator*



**Thankfulness**

Thankfulness is a virtue that requires patience and practice to consistently respond with gratitude. It is a root of Christian joy, because we are moved from resentment to peace to joy by thankfulness. Further, thankfulness prevents us from isolating ourselves or becoming unduly proud by cultivating a sense of awe. By practicing thankfulness, we become able to recognize the work done in our lives by God and others. And finally, thankfulness creates generosity, as we seek to respond to others' help by becoming the love that we have received.

**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: 9.10.17 \$1,213**

**YTD Collections: \$23,358**

**Weekly Budget: \$2,900**

**YTD Budget: \$31,900**

**2016 YTD Collections: \$26,525**

**Ghana Mission Appeal Collection 9.10.17: \$1,715**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Forgiveness and Mercy**

Reading I      Sirach 27:30-28:7  
(call to forgiveness and mercy)

Reading II     Romans 14:7-9 (to live and die for  
Christ)

Gospel          Matthew 18:21-35 (the merciless  
official)

Key Passage: Peter approached Jesus and asked  
him, "Lord, if my brother sins against  
me how often must I forgive? As  
many as seven times?" Jesus  
answered, "I say to you not seven  
times, but seventy-seven times."  
(Matthew 18:21-22)

Adult: When someone hurts you, how do you forgive  
them?

Child: When have you forgiven someone who  
treated you unfairly?

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

Today's readings address an all-too-familiar piece of advice that is easier to talk about than to do: Forgive. We know from experience how hard it is to forgive and how powerful it is to be forgiven. That Jesus was even asked about it indicates that it is not a behavior enacted easily. His response reflects our need to be instructed about it. Forgiveness is not usually our first response to real or perceived hurts or injustices, and it may require our commitment to live as totally new people in Christ. But, boundless forgiveness may be the greatest gift we can ever give one another – and ourselves.



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).

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

*"Coming to Mass on Sundays and participating in the different activities is like meeting with your second family. Having the opportunity to actually be part of the Mass celebration is also special."*

**Special Emergency Collection  
for Hurricane Harvey Assistance**

Our hearts and prayers go out to the families that lost loved ones and to all who lost homes and businesses along with their sense of peace and normalcy. We express deep gratitude to the first responders and numerous volunteers who are assisting the Gulf Coast region in countless ways. We also stand with our sisters and brothers in the region who have the difficult task of rebuilding in these most trying times, many while suffering their own losses. Our prayers and financial support are urgently needed.

In order that people across this country have the opportunity to offer assistance, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called for a special emergency collection to be taken up in all (arch)dioceses. This emergency collection will be used to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to the impacted dioceses through the USCCB.

**We will take up this emergency collection today,  
Sunday, September 17. Please make checks  
payable to St. Leonard Faith Community.**

**Liturgical Workshop**

On Monday, October 2nd at 7:00pm, we will be having a workshop for everyone who is involved or is thinking about becoming involved in a liturgical ministry. This workshop is for Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choir members, Sacristans, and Lectors. If you are not sure if you are going to sign up for a ministry, this is a good opportunity to come and see!

## Passing Over:

A compassionate response to immigrants and refugees

The Distinguished Speaker Series, sponsored by Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley and the Catholic Social Action Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, returns to the Greater Dayton area on **Thursday, October 5**. This year's event features **Rev. Daniel G. Groody, C.S.C.**, who will share his insights into the humanitarian, religious and political challenges and opportunities surrounding refugees and immigrants in our world today.

The event, titled **"Passing Over: A compassionate response to immigrants and refugees,"** will be held at St. Albert the Great Catholic Parish in Kettering.

- 5:30pm—Light dinner
- 6:30pm—Gallery of Refugee Experiences
- 7:00pm—Presentation by Rev. Dan Groody

To receive complimentary tickets provided by St. Leonard Faith Community Social Justice Ministry, please contact Pat Schug at 937-272-7259.



The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Climate Change Task Force provides energy saving care for creation tips. This month's tip addresses back to school shopping.

Buy school supplies with less packaging and seek those made with recycled and sustainably-harvested materials. Invest in sturdier products for years of use and reuse supplies. You can also make environmentally-friendly choices when buying back-to-school clothes.

Stop by after Mass to sign the Laudato Si' Pledge and learn about other actions you can take to save our planet, our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters, and our children from climate change.

## Sign up for the Ladies Retreat

On **September 24th and October 1st**, ladies will have an opportunity to sign up for the **October 13th** retreat at **Maria Stein**.

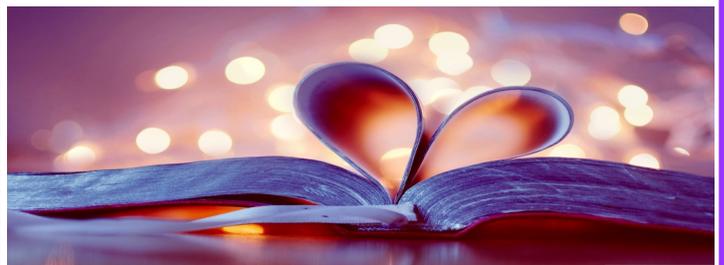
### Retreat details:

- We will be leaving at 6:00pm on Friday, October 13 and returning around noon on Sunday, October 15.
- All rooms are private with a bathroom.
- Meals and snacks are provided.
- All materials are provided.
- Total cost is \$185 per person. A non-refundable \$50 deposit is due by October 8. Please make checks payable to St. Leonard Faith Community.
- Partial scholarships are available and will be kept strictly confidential.
- There will be carpooling available.
- Our presenter this year is Sr. Carol Gaeke, OP.
- The theme this year is "Wrapped in God's Love—The Heart of Prayer."

If you are new and would like to have an opportunity to get to know some of the other ladies in our community, this is your chance to do so. We can promise you will not feel like a "stranger" after the weekend!

There will be a brief orientation after Mass on October 8 with the opportunity to set up carpooling. If you cannot attend the orientation and need a ride to the retreat, please call Debbie Brown at 937-470-8105.

If you have any questions, please see the ladies at the sign up tables or call Kathy Hoefler at **937-602-9690**.



**A TIME FOR PEACE  
A HEALING RETREAT FOR CAREGIVERS**

Come join us for a day of peace and renewal. Here you will find a place where you can enjoy time alone or with others engaging in holistic activities that will nurture your spirit and refresh your entire being. Enjoy the beautiful outdoors, and reflectively walk the labyrinth. Come and recharge your body and heart with the hope that lies within. This free retreat is specially designed for caregivers responsible for the care of an elderly or disabled loved one.

**When: Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 8:30am until 3:00pm.**

**Where: Schott Pavilion at The Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford, , 5361 South Milford Rd., Milford, Ohio 45150.**

Please RSVP by September 21, 2017 to [ahomoelle@ccswoh.org](mailto:ahomoelle@ccswoh.org) or by calling 513.869.4483. Co-sponsored by the Jesuit Spiritual Center, Arden Courts, and the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging.



**Symbols of Grace**



How does the art of emblems visualize Mary's Immaculate Conception? What is the artistic origin of this iconographic expression? What are the meanings and messages of emblems?

This exhibit is free and open to the public at The University of Dayton's Marian Library Gallery on the 7th floor of the Roesch Library. The exhibit runs from September 25–November 10, 2017. Hours are Monday thru Friday from 8:30am until 4:30pm.

Complimentary visitor parking passes can be obtained at the visitor parking information center.

**Hey Kroger Shoppers!**



**Are you enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program?**

**Did you know that you can designate St. Leonard Faith Community as the recipient?**

To enroll or re-enroll:

- Access the Kroger Community Rewards Program web page at [Kroger.com/communityrewards](http://Kroger.com/communityrewards)
- Click on sign in/register. Use your email address and password or create a new account
- Enter our number **82949** and click search
- Select St. Leonard Faith Community
- Save changes
- If you do not have a Kroger card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

A percentage of total sales will come back to St. Leonard Faith Community just by signing up and this will not affect your gasoline points.

Please feel free to contact the church office at 937.435.3626 if you have questions.

**We have received over \$144 this year!**

**Thank you!**

**Nineteen New Men Enter Seminary Formation**

Because of your continued prayers and support, 19 new men began seminary formation in August for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This new influx of men brings our total number of seminarians to 60 and the total at Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati to a filled-to-capacity number of 78 (not counting the men who are out of the seminary on their internship year).

This is good news! Please continue to pray for vocations.





## Community Formation

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

### Five of our high school students are going to NCYC in Indianapolis and we need your help!

The National Catholic Youth Conference is an every-other year event for Catholic high school students from all over the United States. In 2015, about 25,000 youth and adults attended for three days of worship, music, and fun.

SLFC youth will be holding the following fundraisers to help with the cost of this trip:

- **Bake Sales** to be held this Sunday and next month. See the information below for this tasty fundraiser!
- **Child and Youth nights.** Drop off your child at the center, where they will enjoy games, crafts, and stories about the saints. This is appropriate for children of all ages, including infants and toddlers! The first date for this fundraiser is October 29th from 5:00-8:00pm, with an All Saints Day theme. The cost is a free will donation. Another child and youth night will be held in December.
- **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!



<p align="center"><b>Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)</b></p> <p>September 17—Norm Speaks &amp; Donna Leddy  September 24—Linda Niehoff &amp; Monsita Corbett  October 1—Kathy Moroney &amp; Pat Rooney  October 8—Ryan Mahle &amp; Norm Speaks  October 15—Donna Leddy &amp; Linda Niehoff  October 22—Monsita Corbett &amp; Ryan Mahle  October 29—Kathy Moroney &amp; Pat Rooney</p>	<p align="center">  <b>KEEP CALM</b>  The  <b>Bake Sale</b>  Is Coming</p> <p align="center"><b>TODAY—September 17, 2017</b>  Following the 9:00am and 10:30am  <b>Masses</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Sponsored by the St. Leonard Faith Community  High School Youth Ministry</b></p> <p align="center">Help send the youth to NCYC in Indianapolis  in November.</p>
<p align="center"><b>St. Leonard High School Youth Ministry (SLFCYM)</b></p> <p>September 17—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room  September 24—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room  October 1—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room  October 8—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room  October 15—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room  October 21—Encounter—7:00-10:00pm—CJ  October 22—6:30-8:00pm—Youth Room  October 29—All Saints Party—Time TBA</p>	<p align="center"><b>Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)</b></p> <p>September 17—9:00-10:15am—Classrooms  September 24—9:00-10:15am—Classrooms  October 1—9:00-10:15am—Classrooms  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—<b>All Saints/Auditorium</b></p>



**Special prayers are requested:**

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

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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**Ministries Of The Church**

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

**Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, September 17—Catechetical Sunday**  
**-Emergency National Collection to Assist Dioceses Affected By Hurricane Harvey**  
 -PREP, 9:00-10:15am, Classrooms  
 -Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom  
 -Mass, 10:30am  
 -SLFC High School Youth Ministry Bake Sale after 9:00 & 10:30 Masses  
 -Sign up for Live Laudato Si' after Mass  
 -Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room

**Tuesday, September 19**  
 -From Conflict to Communion, 7:00pm, BW3, Kettering

**Wednesday, September 20**  
 -Prayer & Worship Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm, Boardroom

**Sunday, September 24**  
 -PREP, 9:00-10:15am, Classrooms  
 -Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom  
 -Mass, 10:30am  
 -Sign Up for the Ladies Retreat after Mass

**Tuesday, September 26**  
 -Council Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm, Boardroom

**Sunday, October 1—Respect Life Sunday**  
 -PREP, 9:00-10:15am, Classrooms  
 -Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom  
 -Mass, 10:30am  
 -Sign Up for the Ladies Retreat after Mass

**Monday, October 2**  
 -Liturgical Ministry Workshop, 7:00pm, Auditorium

**Wednesday, October 4**  
 -Farmers' Market, 2:00-6:00pm, St. Leonard Campus

**Thursday, October 5**  
 -Distinguished Speaker Series, 5:30-8:30pm, St. Albert the Great

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

**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.

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