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St. Leonard Faith Community

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome!

September 1, 2013

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Ethelene Pellow

by: Bob Schmid

Proclaimers of the Word:

Barbara Barnes and
Mary Cozart



“Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’ ” —Luke 14:10

“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 Saint 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.

Fellowship: Refreshments are served after the liturgy. Fellowship helps to promote a sense of community. We invite everyone to join us as we continue our celebration in friendship and love.

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.”

Sunday Readings:

September 1, 2013

22th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a

Luke 14:1,7-14

September 8, 2013

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

Collection August 25- \$2884.00

Weekly Budgeted Collection - \$3750.00

St. Leonard Faith Community:

Faith Formation, 9:00 AM (September– May)

Sunday Mass, 10:30 AM

Senior Living Community Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9:00 AM., Saturday 4:00 PM and Sunday 9:00 AM.

Communion Service, Monday & Wednesday 9:00 AM

Register for Religious Education Classes 2013-2014

Registration for religious education classes for the 2013-2014 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.

*****All forms and fees are due by Sunday, September 8th.*****

Meeting for CLOW Teen Helpers

There will be a brief meeting for CLOW youth helpers on **Sunday, September 15th**, in the vestibule after Mass. All junior high and high school students interested in helping with Children's Liturgy of the Word are expected to attend. If your son or daughter is not able to attend the meeting but would still like to help with CLOW, then please contact Meghan Neumeier at slfc.dre@gmail or 937.435.3626 to schedule an alternative time to go over the information.

VIRTUS® Child Protection Training on October 13

Aurelia Palcher will be holding a VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session for the Decree on Child Protection on Sunday, **October 13th** in Classroom 1 at St. Leonards. Coffee and breakfast items will be available at **8:00AM**, and the session will begin promptly at 8:15AM. All volunteers who intend to work with children at St. Leonards (*especially CLOW and PREP teachers*) must attend a VIRTUS® Child Awareness Session for the Decree on Child Protection. Volunteers who have been through the previous child protection classes have until June 30, 2014 to be re-trained under the new VIRTUS® system. New volunteers who need training must attend the new VIRTUS® training. Other members of the community are also welcome to come for their own personal benefit. Please register online at: <http://virtusonline.org/>. Contact Meghan Neumeier with questions.

Vibrant Faith @ Home

Are you looking for resources to make your home a place of faith? Create a free username at www.vibrantfaithathome.org, where you will find tools, tips, and resources to talk about your faith as a family, prayer together, ritualize important moments, and reach out in service. Vibrant Faith's simple, yet powerful, faith-forming activities are seasonally based with 60 brand new faith-forming activities uploaded each Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer.

Parents' Corner September 2013

On **September 15th**, we will celebrate Family Sunday as a Faith Community. Family Sunday, which will be held approximately once a month, will celebrate families of all ages, sizes, and types. The theme for this month's Family Sunday is "Passing on the Faith." Whether we are parents, grandparents, or single people, we are all called to pass on our faith to others.

Looking for ways to pass on your faith? Bake a Scripture Cake with your children! Scripture Cake is made from ingredients in the Bible. In order to decipher the ingredients in the recipe, you will need to open your Bible and find the corresponding passages. This is a great way to improve your Bible reading skills and baking skills at the same time. Hint: If you're stumped, try using a different translation of the Bible. *Happy baking!*

Scripture Cake

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| Ingredients: | 1 teaspoon ground 1 Kings 10:1 | Directions: |
| 1/2 cup Judges 5:25(butter) | 1/2 teaspoon Leviticus 2:13 | Blend butter, sugar, spices and salt. Beat egg yolks and |
| 1 1/2 cups Jeremiah 6:20 (white sugar) | 1/2 cup Genesis 43:24 | add. Sift in baking powder and flour, then add water and |
| 3 Isaiah 10:14 | 1 tablespoon Proverbs 24:13 | honey. |
| 2 cups 1 Kings 4:22 | 1 cup 1 Samuel 30:12 | Put fruit and nuts through food processor and flour well. |
| 2 teaspoons Luke 13:21 (baking powder) | 1 cup 1 Samuel 30:12 | Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. |
| 1 teaspoon 1 Kings 10:10 | 1/2 cup Genesis 43:11 | Pour into a 13 x 9-inch pan and bake at 375 degrees F |
| | | (190 degrees C) for one hour. |
| | | Share your baking experience on our Facebook page! |



CONFIRMATION

Our first class this Fall is **September 8th**, in the Youth Ministry room at noon. Don't forget to bring your **notebook and a favorite magazine**, one you might like looking through.

Our first fundraiser to offset the cost of our Confirmation Retreat is September 15. I need volunteers to bake and sell for our Bake Sale Fundraiser after Mass. Email Noel Kupras-Bauer noelkb@gmail.com to volunteer.

PARENTS! I've been sending and will continue to send emails of information and requests until Confirmation, please check your inbox often.

CONFIRMATION- BISHOP JOSEPH BINZER

We are pleased to announce that the Most Reverend Joseph Binzer, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese, will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our students at Mass on **Sunday, October 27th**.

NEW CHILDREN'S MISSALS

New children's missals entitled "*Mass Prayers for Young Catholics*" have been moved from the pews. They are now just inside the chapel on both ends, behind the pews and chairs. Please pick up a missal for your children when you enter the chapel and return it when you leave. The missals contain colorful pictures and color-coded text and are intended to lead children through the Order of the Mass. Children may use the missals as an aid for full participation in our community's celebration. We may consider purchasing more copies, depending on interest and use of the missals.



Join us for Coffee and Donuts after Mass, outside in front of the Chapel.



The church office will be closed, Monday, September 2.



Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sundays are scheduled for **September 22nd and 29th**. This is the annual opportunity to sign up for those ministries in which you can utilize your God-given talents. It is not too soon to start praying and thinking about the gifts you are asked to share.

Stewardship Prayer

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom,

We are reminded by the Psalmist that Yours is

"the earth and its fullness;

the world and those who dwell in it."

We know that it is from Your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be.

Gracious and loving God, we understand that You call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretaker of all You have entrusted to us.

Help us always to use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.

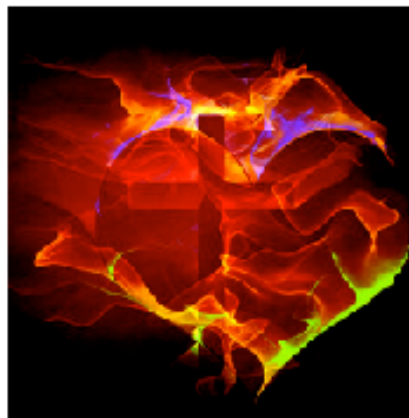
May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.

We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Announcing

*The Greater Dayton Area All Parish Meeting (and it's free)
Sponsored by the Weavers of Justice
and the Catholic Social Action Office
of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati*



Being Catholic In 2013

Saturday, September 14, 2013

Place: St Francis of Assisi Church
6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, Ohio 45459

Time: 8:15 am to 12:30 pm

- 8:15 a.m. Registration and Light Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Prayer
- 8:45 a.m. Keynote: Dr. Vincent Miller, first Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture, University of Dayton
The Catholicity of the Church – Gift and Challenge for Discipleship
- 9:45 a.m. Breakout Session 1-
Consistent Ethic of Life in Support of All Life
Mary Anne Boyd, Respect Life Coordinator, Archdiocesan Family and Respect Life Office
Fr. Mike Pucke, Pastor at St. Julie Billiart Church, Hamilton, Ohio
- 10:45 a.m. Breakout Session 2-(choose one to attend)
-Immigration, Dave Scharfenberger, Justice for Immigrants Coordinator, Catholic Social Action Office,
and Sr. Maria Francine Stacy, SND, Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry Office
-Human trafficking, Dr. Mark Ensalaco, Director of the Human Rights Studies Program at UD
- 11:50 a.m. Closing Discussion and next steps
- 12:20 Prayer
- 12:30 Dismissal

About the Meeting



The All Parish Meeting is an annual gathering of Weavers of Justice, a collaborative of Catholic parishes and organizations, sponsored by the Catholic Social Action Office-Dayton to offer programs and promote dialogue on current issues in the area of Catholic Social Teaching. This year's All Parish Meeting will feature a theme of Being Catholic in 2013 as well as two breakout sessions for our reflection. We have an excellent keynote speaker in Dr. Vince Miller and session leaders addressing the consistent ethic of life, immigration reform, and human trafficking.

Why Attend?

Perhaps you are searching for more clarity about your Catholic faith in the 21st Century. Perhaps you are seeking a better understanding of current church teachings or issues facing us today. Your attendance is not only most welcome but essential for a successful and engaging gathering. All points of view are to be honored as we engage in dialogue about where our faith is leading us today.



Who Should Attend?

Any and all parishioners who desire to explore and refresh their faith journey in light of current theological and spiritual thinking.



The Speakers

Keynote

Dr. Vince Miller assumed the first Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture at the University of Dayton's Department of Religious Studies in August, 2009. He is author of *Consuming Religion: Christian Faith and Practice in a Consumer Culture* (New York: Continuum, 2003) and is currently working on a book about how globalization is affecting religious belief and communities.

Consistent Ethic of Life

Mary Anne Boyd is the Respect Life Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Family and Respect Life Office and makes presentations throughout the Archdiocese on the life and dignity of the human person.

Fr. Mike Pucke is pastor of St. Julie Billiart Parish in Hamilton and is active in social justice ministry.

Immigration Reform

Dave Scharfenberger is the Justice for Immigrants Coordinator for the Cincinnati Archdiocese.

Sr. Maria Francine Stacy, SND is the director of the Dayton Hispanic Ministry Office for the Archdiocese.

Human Trafficking

Dr. Mark Ensalaco

Dr. Ensalaco is an associate professor of political science at the University of Dayton and is the former director of the International Studies Program. In 2007 he became the first director of the Human Rights Studies program in the Department of Political Science. His research interests include Human Rights-Human Trafficking, Middle Eastern Terrorism, and U.S and Latin American Relations.



Social Justice

A Half-day Conference. How does our faith intersect with social issues? Dr. Vincent Miller, the Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture at the University of Dayton, will be the keynote speaker of the *Being Catholic in 2013 All Parish Meeting Saturday, Sept. 14, at St. Francis Parish, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville.* The free workshop, which is designed to help parishioners gain a Catholic perspective on issues that face our society, begins with registration and light breakfast at 8:15AM. The flyer included in today's bulletin includes all the details. To aid us in planning for the breakfast, let Bob Niehoff know if you will be attending. Also, ask another SLFC member to join you.

Offering of Letters and Postcards. As part of the Sunday liturgy on **September 22** the Social Justice ministry will be welcoming guests from various communities that we serve throughout the year including House of Bread and New Hope Church. The offertory gifts will be tailored to the communities we serve as well as any letters and postcards you may wish to write to Congress. Your letters might address immigration reform, religious freedom, abolishing the death penalty in Ohio, the budget as a moral document, etc. We encourage you to participate in the Offering of Letters. See us at the table in the vestibule today and for the next two weeks for further information about the Offering of Letters.

The **Miami Valley Chapter of Ohioans to Stop Executions** will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, September 18 at the Archdiocesan Offices on Needmore Rd. Potluck at 5:00 pm., meeting at 5:30. Details later. A defense attorney will speak. The next scheduled execution in Ohio is September 25.

HOUSE OF BREAD

Join us Saturday, September 14 as we serve the homeless. Contact Maureen Josenhans at: mjosenhans@woh.rr.com.



The book club will meet on **September 16th** at 6:30PM to discuss "How Big Is Your God", by Paul Coutinho.



We will meet at Annie Koenig's home, 8936 Old Stage Road, Waynesville, OH. Please e-mail Annie if you plan to attend at: knann89@aol.com. The book may be purchased at St. Mark's Book store.



ATTENTION RETREAT LADIES

There will be a brief meeting right after Mass TODAY, to finalize the last minute plans for those attending the Retreat at Maria Stein on **September 6th**. Full payment is DUE and we will set up the car pools at that time. If you are driving yourself, please be at Maria Stein **no later than 7:30 on the 6th**. The first session begins promptly at 8:00. If you are carpooling and cannot attend this meeting, please contact Kathy Hoefler at 937.602.9690 so that arrangements can be made for your ride to Maria Stein.

"Heroes & Characters of the Miami Valley." Presentation, SLFC Women's Group

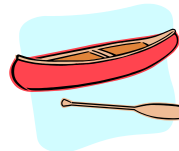
Bring your friends and join the Women's Group for a talk on the "Heroes & Characters of the Miami Valley." We will be meeting at 11:00 AM, **September 21**, at the Washington Centerville Public Library, 111 W. Spring Valley Rd., Centerville.

Most people in Dayton are familiar with the legacies of John Patterson, the Wright Brothers, and Erma Bombeck; but, there are other, quiet heroes with whom you might not be familiar. These are men such as General Edward Mechbeier and Joe Desch, who simply did their duty in extraordinary ways and deserve recognition. We will also learn a bit about two characters, the king and queen of the gypsies, who lived in Dayton in the late 1800s. Following is a summary of the program:

After the presentation, we will be going to lunch at Archer's (across from the new Krogers Store).

Please make your reservation by contacting Sharon Alberts, at 937.438.8065, or salberts@who.rr.com.

CANOE TRIP



Saturday, October 5, there will be a canoe trip on the Little Miami River.

Watch for further details!

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Calling all SLFC Members!!

I need those old magazines you want to discard anyway. I am especially interested in magazines with pictures of sports, the outdoors, fashion, high tech pictures, or with bold advertising. Bring them to church and give them to Noel Kupras-Bauer. Thank you!

AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE "THE YEAR OF FAITH."

Pope Benedict XVI declared the present Liturgical Year the "Year of Faith." If you have any children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, or neighbors that are in 8th through 12th grades, think about giving them the opportunity of strengthening their faith through the gift of a retreat.

Youth Ministry, through Net Ministries, is offering a retreat here at St Leonard's on **Friday, October 11, 2013**. This is a seasoned, dynamic group of young people who have been invited by our Archbishop to share their gifts of spreading the Good News this Fall in our archdiocese, and we have contracted with them to present a day long retreat from 4:00PM to 10:00PM on that second Friday in October.

Your children, grandchildren or neighbors will love it, and you can rest knowing you've done your part to strengthen their faith!

If you need more information, contact Noel Kupras-Bauer at 937.428.0853 or 937.478.4823 or noelkb@gmail.com.

FR. TOD & FR. LOREN

Dick and Caryl Rose visited with Fr. Tod and Fr. Loren last week in Detroit. Fr. Tod is very weak and extremely thin. He is at peace with whatever God has planned for him. Fr. Loren is very busy taking over the ministry duties and seems to be doing well. They both send their best wishes to the Community

ART TOUR by Joe Scullion

Saturday, September 21st, Joe Scullion will be hosting an art tour of the Chapel for all SLFC Members and residents of the center.

THE CONOR CRIPPEN SOLIDARITY 5K/10K

There will be a 5K/10K Walk/run for the benefit of Conor Crippen on Sunday, September 15th, starting at 6:00PM.

If you are interested in participation, a sign-up sheet will be on the counter at the back of the church. Donation is \$20.00 per person.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PEWS:

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR THE RESIDENT CENTER

A volunteer companion is needed for a male resident in SDR who has some brain damage and needs a little extra attention. No nursing experience is needed but someone to keep him company and play cards/games, etc. We really just want someone there while his family cannot be, preferably male. It would be in the afternoon/evening for a few hours. Please contact Kelsey Swartzel @ 937.439.7147.

Thoughts on Today's Readings

If Jesus' parable in today's Gospel were set in modern times, he might have illustrated it with the difference between business class and economy class on an airplane. If one who exalts himself will be humbled, it is unwise to sneak into an empty seat in the first-class cabin. An alert flight attendant will escort you back to your economy seat while other passengers watch you, smirking.

The line between being humble and being humiliated is very thin. Just before heading up to the Little Big Horn, a proud General George Armstrong Custer reportedly said, "I appeal to you as a soldier to spare me the *humiliation* of seeing my regiment march to meet the enemy and I not share its dangers. There are not enough Indians in the world to defeat the Seventh Cavalry." Of course, his Seventh Cavalry was annihilated by the Native Americans.

Now there's a clear case of someone who could have stood a lesson on humility.



Special prayers are requested :

Mike Aschenbrenner, Cay Barton, Pam & Tim Botkins, Paul Brunk, Ann Louise Burr, Herb Cender, Conor Crippen, Terrie Dawson, Jen Fahey, Debbie Glass, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Mary Ellen Hagen, Charlotte Hey, Kaleen Job, Kamman Family, Amy Konstantelos, Jo Krymow, Wanda Kuba, Fr. Tod Laverty, Brandon Le and family, Kathleen Lewis, Virgil Link, Jeremy McGrath, Mary Ann McGuire, Greg Murill, Louise Nelson, Bob O'Donnell, Fred Fred Pottschmidt, Christine Sabick, Maureen Samuelson, Kenneth Shelton, Veronica Shedan, Hugh Skees, Tracy Steffen, Richard Sterban, James Stritch, Ted Vukin, Fr. Sam Zebron and Hannah.

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. They will remain on the list for four weeks unless the office is notified otherwise. 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.

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SEPTEMBER:

5-Thursday, DivorceCare 7:00PM, St. Francis of Assisi

6-8-Friday-Sunday, Ladies Retreat

8-Sunday, PREP Breakfast & Meet the Teacher Day, 9:00AM, Auditorium

8-Sunday, New Hope Church dinner, 6:00PM @Xenia Ave., Dayton

8-Sunday, Religious Ed. Registration Forms/Fees DUE

8-Sunday, Mandatory Confirmation Prep, 12-3:00PM, YM Room

8-Sunday, Enrollment of Confirmation Candidates at Mass

14-Saturday, All Parish Conference, St. Francis of Assisi Church

14-Saturday, House of Bread

15-Sunday, PREP classes begin & Catechetical & Family Sunday

15-Sunday, CLOW Teen Volunteer Mtg., after Mass in vestibule.

18-Wednesday, Miami Valley Chapter of Ohioans to Stop Executions, Archdiocesan Offices, Needmore Rd., 5:00PM potluck, 5:30PM Mtg.

21-Saturday, SLFC "Heroes & Character of the Miami Valley presentation, Centerville Lib. 11AM

22-Sunday, Mandatory Confirmation Prep, 12-3:00PM, YM Room

22-Sunday, Social Justice Mass 10:30AM, SLFC

22-Sunday, Confirmation Classes, 12-2:30PM

22 & 29, Sunday, Stewardship Sunday

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 Aurelia Palcher at 937.885.7158.

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

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Bulletin information must reach our office no later than 11:00 AM on TUESDAY.