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St. Leonard Faith Community

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The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

Family Sunday

“God’s Gift of Forgiveness”

September Announcements:

Council - Maureen Josenhans

In Today’s Mass We Pray For:

Lavetta Blankey
by - Mary Beery

Proclaimers of the Word:

Devon & Drake Hoffmeister

Today’s Collection Counters:

Mike Corbett & Maureen Josenhans

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 21, 2014



St. Leonard Chapel

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.

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.” **There will be second collection today for Technology needs of the Community.**

Collection September 14 2014: \$3,847.00

YTD Collections: \$36,843.00

Weekly Budgeted Collection: \$3,615.00

YTD Budget: \$36,150.00

Readings for the Week of September 21, 2014

Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday:	Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Eccl 11:9--12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

September Religious Education (PREP) Schedule:

21-PREP Classes in Session
28-PREP Classes in Session

October Religious Education (PREP) Schedule:

5-Classes in Session
12-Rosary Activity Day; Classes in Session
19-Classes in Session
26-Class in Session

September Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) :

21-Family Sunday - NO CLOW
28-CLOW in Session-Linda Niehoff

October Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) :

5-CLOW in Session-Mrs. Corbett
12-CLOW in Session-Jim McGee
19-Family Sunday -NO CLOW
26-CLOW in Session-Monsita Corbett & Victoria Clement (adult observer: Mrs. Corbett)

Apply for the Student of the Month Program!

The Intergenerational Team would like to highlight our young people as a way for the St. Leonard Faith Community (SLFC) to get to know our students better. All students are invited to apply to be recognized as the SLFC Student of the Month. For more information, visit: <http://stleonardfaithcommunity.org/student-of-the-month>.

Parenting Series with Dr. Gregory Ramey

Dr. Gregory Ramey, Child Psychologist and Executive Director of the Dayton Children's Hospital Center for Pediatric Mental Health Resources, will share his parenting expertise in two sessions. Session I,

"Secrets of Effective Parenting," will be held on **Thursday, October 23**, from 7-8:30PM. Dr. Ramey will discuss the keys to raising happy, responsible, and moral children. Session II, "Special Topics in Parenting," will be held on **Thursday, November 6**, from 7-8:30PM. Topics may include helping kids manage their electronic worlds, maintaining a balance to avoid overscheduled kids, and understanding the role of faith in your child's development. Both sessions will be held at St. Henry Parish Activity Center, located at 6696 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH, 45449. Admission is free of charge, although donations will be welcome. Childcare will be available. To register for one or both sessions, contact Vicki Hume at 937.433.0128, x206, or vhume@sfacc.org. Registration is due the Monday

Family Prayer Aide Online

The "Christ at the Center" Home Edition Family Prayer Aide (Ordinary Time: August 31 - October 5) is an excellent family resource. The prayer aide helps families pray together and discuss the Sunday Gospel readings together. To access the prayer aide, go to: <http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/>, and select "Family & Home" under the "Christ at the Center" heading.

Today is Catechetical/Family Sunday

This Sunday, we are celebrating Catechetical Sunday and Family Sunday as a Faith Community. Catechetical Sunday recognizes catechists in our religious education and Children's Liturgy of the Word programs. Family Sunday celebrates families of all ages, sizes, and types. The theme for this month's Family Sunday is "Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness."

Attention Parents of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Students

We will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment for this year's First Reconciliation/First Eucharist students at the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, October 5th. First Reconciliation/First Eucharist students and their parents are expected to attend this Mass. Parents of First Reconciliation students are also expected to attend the First Reconciliation Parent Meeting before Mass on Sunday, October 5th at 9:00AM in the Knights of Columbus room. Please contact Meghan Neumeier at slfc.dre@gmail.com or 937.435.3626 with questions or concerns.

**Vibrant Faith @ Home**

Are you looking for resources to make your home a place of faith? Check out 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.

Mike Cleary passed on Wednesday, September 10 with his funeral this week. He was a sacristan and usher for many years. He will be missed by Barbara and his four sons and all of his many friends at St. Leonard.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation students will meet next week (9/28) in the youth room after Mass. Please bring your saint project and be prepared to present it to the group. I'm very excited to hear about each of the saints and what importance they have for you.

A light lunch will be provided for the students. We would like to ask the parents to volunteer to donate future lunch for the students. Let Renee know when you would like to do this.

Parents and sponsors, remember to talk with the student about what they are doing as a group and share your experiences with them.

We are looking forward to the next steps of our journey.

Good Shepherd Ministries.

Today Good Shepherd is holding a "Cool Car Show" at their new location, **1115 East 3rd Street** (near Keowee and Third Street) in conjunction with the Third on Third Street, a vendor fair in the same block with up to 20 vendors offering arts and crafts. Music, prizes, raffles, food and more await you—as well as the **Good Shepherd Adventures Thrift Store** and the Hidden Treasures antiques store. The Thrift Store gladly accepts anything in your household you may wish to donate. **Good Shepherd restores the lives of people in reentry and recovery and is well known to our Outreach and Social Justice Ministries.** You can pick up a copy of the GSM newsletter at the back of church on your way out today.

Distinguished Speaker

Our speaker this year is **Bud Welsh**. Bud's 23-year old daughter was killed in the Oklahoma City bomb blast of the Alfred P. Murrah building. Bud has appeared on Good Moring America, Today Show, 60 Minutes and Dateline NBC. He is a recipient of the "Abolitionist of the Year" award from the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. His talk, "**Choosing Forgiveness**" will be presented at **St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on Wednesday October 15; a simple dinner (optional) will start at 5:30 pm; the talk is at 7:00 pm.** See Bob Niehoff for complementary tickets.

Care of the Environment

The Catholic Climate Covenant invites us to take the **St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor**. The pledge is a promise and a commitment by Catholic institutions and individuals to live our faith by protecting God's Creation and advocating on behalf of people living in poverty who face the harshest impacts of global climate change. Who's under your carbon footprint? See the insert in today's bulletin for more information and pick up a pledge card at the back of church on your way out. **The feast day for St. Francis of Assisi is October 4.**

Immaculee Retreat Weekend

St. Luke's parish is the site for a 2-day retreat, **Friday evening, October 17 and Saturday morning, October 18**, featuring a world renown speaker on prayer, faith and the power of forgiveness, **Immaculee Ilibagiza**. She will speak about overcoming struggles, the power of forgiveness, the miracle of the rosary and much more. See the insert in today's bulletin for more details, including times and cost.



FAITH FORMATION - Noel Kupras-Bauer
noelkb@gmail.com

We had our third Second Tuesday program last week with 12 in attendance. It was not the program I thought it was going to be but we had interesting sharing instead. That's what I love about the workings of the Holy Spirit, always giving you what you need.

Our next program is slated for Oct 14 but we are thinking of revising our monthly offerings. Scheduling a program for once a month seemed doable when we all met last May. Now that we have executed a program a month for three months we are re-evaluating whether our small committee can carry out what we've planned, and whether it's necessary to schedule them always on a Tuesday. We'll keep you posted about what we now think is doable and also allows us to still be open to other needs as they arise. For example, we have been hearing a need for a program on Contemplative Prayer –what is it exactly, and how do you do it. I'm not sure, but I do know that the following prayer/poem captures what happens when we all contemplate. Inviting, isn't it?

*And then all that has divided us will merge
And then compassion will be wedded to power
And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind
And then both men and women will be gentle
And then both women and men will be strong
And then no person will be subject to another's will
And then all will be rich and free and varied
And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many
And then all will share equally in the Earth's abundance
And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old
And then all will nourish the young
And then all will cherish life's creatures
And then all will live in harmony with each other and the Earth
And then everywhere will be called Eden again.*

—Judy Chicago

For the men, there is a Day of Reflection through the Spirituality Network in Columbus. It is Nov 15, 2014 from 9:30 – 3:30 at the Martin de Porres Center on the Ohio Dominican College campus and entitled **“Man's Spiritual Journey Offering Guidance and Support Along the Way.”** The workshop will explore the male spiritual journey with emphasis on the distinct nature of men's spiritual development. It will explore man's quest for meaning, wholeness, and connectedness as it is represented in the archetypal stories of the hero quest etc.

Karl Rattan, an Episcopal priest, spiritual director, and retreat leader will facilitate the day. He holds a PhD in Spiritual Formation from Duquesne University. SDI (Spiritual Directors International) featured Dr Rattan in an interview on male spirituality which can be viewed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6fyt19XafU> which you might want to view if you are not sure this is your cup of tea but feel the need for something.

Cost is \$65 prepaid by Nov 7. Call the Spirituality Network at 614.228.8867 to register.

Catch the Building Spirit - Dedication 2014

On Saturday September 6th we had a wonderful dedication for our partner family Jean Claude and Patricie Musafili and their five children. We gathered outside on the front yard and just before we started the mother Patricie went around to thank and hug each one of us in the crowd. We started the dedication and had prayers, gratitude towards all that donated time, funds, materials and their expertise. There were gifts of books, beds and bedding, home supplies and a personalized bible. The parents said a few kind words and high appreciation for achieving an American dream of owning a home. Then came the passing of the keys and a big applause. This was followed by a tour and cake.

Our parish is an important part of Catch the Building Spirit, which is partnership of Catholic and Presbyterian churches working together each year. Once again we continue to touch lives and impacted neighborhoods with is our mission.

Another successful year for all involved. Thank you for your continued support.

To learn more about getting involved and see pictures of the entire build www.CatchtheBuildingSpirit.org If you have any questions contact John O'Malley at 694-9603

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

The Gospel parable of the workers illustrates that things haven't changed that much in 2,000 years. The dreadful condition of casual labor in Jesus' time is still very much the same today.

Every morning you can find crowds of undocumented workers waiting near home-improvement stores and other known pickup areas where they can be hired by the hour, the job or the day. Some days no one hires them. They starve. Our Christian faith and our Catholic catechism say it is our duty to welcome the foreigner out of charity and respect for the human person. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops supports comprehensive Immigration reform. We must reform in order to welcome legally those who have risked their lives to work to support their families.

October Intergenerational Team Meeting

The Intergenerational Team will meet on Sunday, October 5th, immediately following Mass in Classroom 1. Please be sure to share our ideas from our August meeting with your ministries, if you have not already done so. If you will not be able to attend the October 5th meeting, then please notify Meghan Neumeier in advance at [937.435.3626](tel:937.435.3626) or sffc.dre@gmail.com.



Champions for Youth Fundraising Event

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

The Mandalay Banquet Center

Breakfast Fundraiser	8:00-9:00 am
Luncheon Fundraiser	noon-1:00 pm

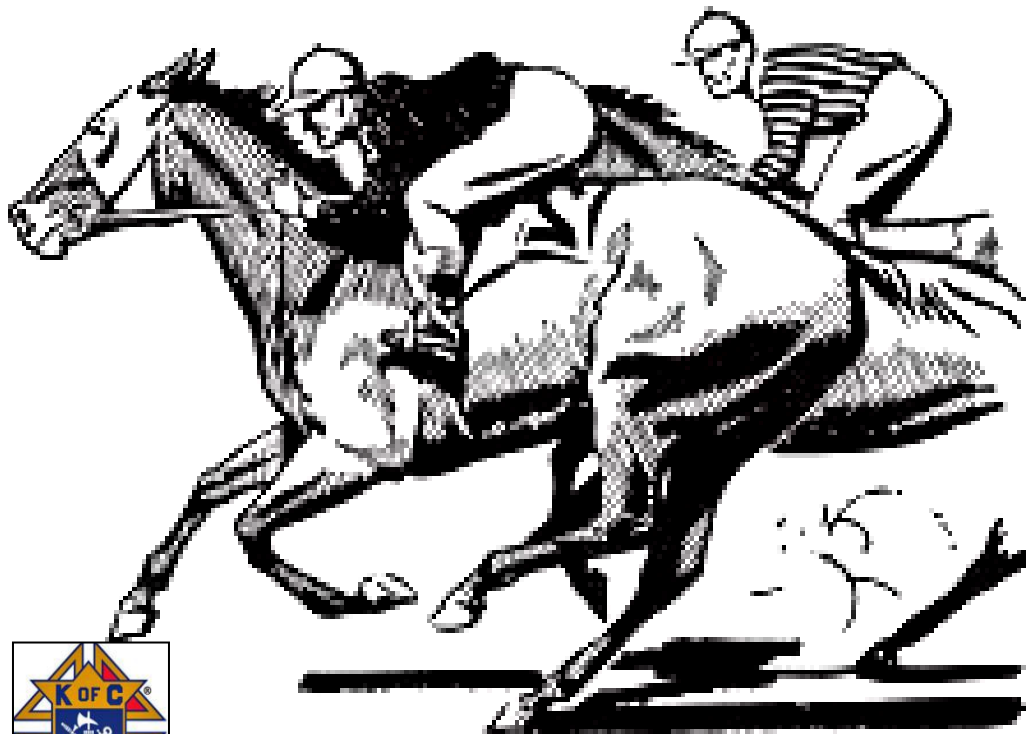
St. Leonard's Outreach has been providing support to Daybreak for many years. The above events will give you a chance to hear more about the Daybreak story and how your past donations have been used. Attendance at the Breakfast or Luncheon is FREE due to the generous support of Battelle Rippe Kingston LLP. However, you will be asked to consider making a further donation to continue the services and support of Daybreak's many programs for youth. You may sign-up after Mass on September 21 or October 5 & 12. More information is available by contacting Pat Dolan at 436-0532 or Suzanne Crippen at 885-6204.

Night at the Races

St. Leonard's Knights of Columbus Council 10215 will be hosting a "Night at the Races" party. Post time is **Friday, October 10, 2014**, in the auditorium.

Dinner is from 6-7:00PM with horse racing and betting from 7:00PM - till? Your ticket includes dinner by Chef Michael, a ticket in a reverse raffle for \$500.00 and a chance for 2 Bengal game tickets. There will also be raffles for a gift basket and a second pair of Bengal tickets.

Proceeds will benefit Elizabeth New Life Center. For the best deal in town see Norm Speaks or Gene Gross at 937.433.5241.





Special prayers are requested:

Joe Bensman, Amy Buxton, Shirley Chee (mother of Alberta Guise), Conor Crippen, George Cruise, Terrie Dawson, Kerry DeLuca, Grace Detling, Gina Gentry, Betty Gillespie, Barbara & Ed Gravel, Mary Ellen Hagan, Dick Hopsickler, Jim & Bill Kiefer, Kelly King, Brandon Le, Dennis McCormick, Michael Morrison, Beverly Mullins, Michael Mustaine, Anita & Doug Nelson, Fr. Joe Rigali, Angela O'Reilly, Kacey Risher, Ann Marie & Scarlett Schmitz, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Marvin Skeens, Payne Sigman, Sarah (Bauer) & Baby Thieben, Jay Underwood, Marlene Vorherr, Charlie Weigel, 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. 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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Calendar of Events

September:

21-Catechetical (Family) Sunday/Mass 10:30AM/PREP/**NO CLOW**/Rohr Chats, KofC room, 10:00AM/Youth event 12:00PM, Youth Rm./Teen lector training after Mass

22-Monday, Book Club 6:30PM, E. Sendelbach's home

23-Tuesday, Sophia Day of Reflection, Bergamo 10:00AM-4:00PM

27-Saturday, Run for the Call, Celtic & Music Benefit Concert, St. Susanna Catholic church, Mason, 6-11:00PM

28-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/PREP & CLOW/Rohr Chats, KofC room, 10:00AM

October:

1-Wednesday, Prayer & Worship mtg. boardrm 7:00PM

4-Saturday, Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi

5-Sunday, 1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist Enrollment Mass 10:30AM/PREP & CLOW/Rohr Chats, KofC room, 10:00AM/Intergenerational Team Mtg. after Mass, class room 1

10 -12 Spirit of the Season retreat

Sunday-12, Mass 10:30AM/Distribution of Discipleship Materials for ministry sign-ups at Mass/Rohr Chats, KofC room 10:00AM

15-Wednesday, St. Charles Borromeo, Kettering "Choosing Forgiveness" SJ Dinner 5:30PM speaker 7:00PM

19-Family Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/PREP/Rohr Chats 10:00AM KofC room/**NO CLOW**/Discipleship Sunday, ministry sign-ups

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 513.633.9145.

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

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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.)

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Ministry	Chair	Council Liaison
Membership	Mary Ellen Graham & Bill Moroney	Maureen Josenhaus
Worship	Mary Cozart	Pat Schug
Justice & Service	Bob Niehoff	Alphonse Karangwa
Faith Formation	Noel Bauer	John Nelson
Community Life	Shirle Speaks	Bonnie Bengé
Pastoral Care	Judy Lamers	Darryl McGill