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*Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Presiding Today:

Fr. Gerry Haemmerle

September:

Council Announcements:
Fred Konen

Proclaimers of the Word:

Teresa Bickett
Mike Bickett

Today's Mass is for:

Becky Bartolomeo
By: Bob Cox

Today's Collection Counters:

Tom Graham
Jim McGee

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 25, 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: 9.18.16 \$885.00 **YTD Collections:** \$27,410.00

Weekly Budget: \$3,400.00 **YTD Budget:** \$40,800.00

Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Project Collection: \$585.00

Readings for the Week of September 25, 2016

Sunday: AM 6:1A, 4-7/PS 146:7-10/1 TM 6:11-16/LK 16:19-31

Monday: JB 1:6-22/PS 17:1BCD, 2-3, 6-7/LK 9:46-50

Tuesday: JB 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/PS 88:2-8/LK 9:51-56

Wednesday: JB 9:1-12, 14-16/PS 88:10BC-11-15/LK 9:57-62

Thursday: DN 7:9-10, 13-14/PS 138:1-2ABCDE-, 3-5/JN 1:47-51

Friday: JB 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/PS 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14AB/LK 10:13-16

Saturday: JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/PS 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/LK 10:17-24

Sunday: HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-4/PS 95:1-2, 6-9/2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14/LK 17:5-10

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

Sometimes our readings are full of good news; sometimes they abound in hard warnings. Today we are warned that we need to be attentive to the opportunities around us to serve others. It's easy to postpone for another day the steps we need to take. Trusting in God's ultimate mercy is only half the story. Today may be the only time we have to respond.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25, 2016



An awful thought. A scary reality. I can be good tomorrow, we say. I can deal with that injustice next week, next month, next year, when the time is right, we say. The poor and hungry can surely wait. Well, Amos and Luke say otherwise. God is filled to the brim with pardon and mercy, with compassion, they say. All people that God loves are bound together, they say. The truth is, it is possible to run out of time to do good, God says. Do not be indifferent! So...

- What good will I do today?
- What injustice can I address this week?

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

"Thank you to my St. Leonard Faith Community family for your thoughts, prayers and kind expressions of sympathy in response to my father's death. We are so blessed to have a warm and supportive church family during this difficult time. We appreciate your thoughtfulness."
Sincerely,
Teresa Ross Bickett & Family

Living with Christ



Complimentary copies of the October issue of the Living with Christ Daily Missal are available in the back of the church. Please take one.

Social Justice

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. SLFC is a continuing sponsor of this program. We look forward to your presence and Msgr. Ray's message.

Free tickets are available for this event. See Pat Schug after Mass or call her at 937.272.7259

Congratulations

Acts of mercy occur in churches, schools, health care facilities and communities each and every day. In order to reflect and celebrate mercy in our community, Catholic Charities will honor Champions of Mercy who serve the poor, protect the vulnerable or welcome the stranger.

Bob Niehoff, a lifelong member of our Faith Community will be honored on October 1st as one of the **100 Champions of Mercy!** Bob and his wife Linda have chaired the Social Justice Ministry for seven years. They have done an outstanding job, and given Faith Community members the opportunity to participate in Social Justice activities.

Congratulations Bob on this well-deserved honor!

Church October Count



Every October, the Archdiocese asks that all churches/parishes count those attending Mass in the month of October.

The number of people attending Mass helps them in determining the state of the church or parish.

We are asking everyone to make it a priority to attend Mass each Sunday in October.

This would be a great time to invite family and friends!

40th Anniversary



As our faith community approaches Discipleship Sunday on October 23, we pray that our members will carefully examine the Discipleship Brochures being distributed October 2 and prayerfully discern how they may best serve others in one or more of our ministries of service , we pray to the Lord...

This year we are holding Discipleship Sunday on **October 23**. On Discipleship Sunday, we provide you with an opportunity to become "intentional disciples."

We ask that you consider being more actively involved in one of our six ministries or Religious Education. To help you make informed decisions, we have booklets which describe each of the ministries. Over the next few weeks you will be hearing about what being involved in ministries has meant to some of our members.

Last year about 70 members signed up for 275 commitments. That is an average of about four commitments per member, which explains why you often see the same people involved in a variety of activities. We have more than 300 members in our community, so many more individuals could be involved.



St. Leonard Faith Community is 40!

Join us as we celebrate
this milestone anniversary

*Remembering our past,
Celebrating our future*

Reception and complimentary dinner
Saturday, October 15, 2016
6:00 pm in St. Leonard auditorium

Celebration Mass
Sunday, October 16, 2016
10:30 am
Father Thomas Rickstatter, OFM
Father Lawrence Mick
Concelebrants

Dinner reservations: **by October 10**
(937) 435-3626 or slfc.office@gmail.com

Sign up today!

Sign ups will be taking place after Masses through October 10.

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



HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES AND COAT DONATIONS

Warm Hearts & Hands

Sponsored by: St. Leonard Faith Community Social Committee

When: October 9 & 16

If you would like to donate new, or gently used clean hats, gloves, scarves and coats, please bring them to St. Leonard Faith Community Chapel on October 9 or 16.

Infant and Child Sizes



Youth and Adult Sizes



We will be donating the collected items to New Hope Church and St. Vincent de Paul, who will distribute them to those in need.

For more information, please contact Sharon Alberts at:
albertssharon62@gmail.com or 937.438.8065

Just one coat can make a difference!



Jubilee of Mercy

DAY OF MERCY

Friday, October 21st*

8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

*previously scheduled for July 1st

Precious Blood Parish
4961 Salem Avenue - Dayton, OH 45416

Sponsored by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

*Join us on Friday, October 21st, Feast of St. Gaspar del Bufalo,
founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.*



Immerse yourself in the Father's mercy as you spend some time with God and with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. This *Day of Mercy* will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after Mass and remain exposed for adoration throughout the day.

Priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation until 6:00 p.m., when the day will end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Sisters and brothers of the Precious Blood family will also be available throughout the day as spiritual mentors for those who would like to have a longer conversation.

All are welcome on this *Day of Mercy!*

For more information, contact:

Fr. Jim Seibert, C.P.P.S., 937-276-5954, jseibert@preciousbloodchurch.org

Fr. Steve Dos Santos, C.P.P.S., prosec@cpps-preciousblood.org

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 premier 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.

Live the Faith!



The annual blessing for pets of St. Leonard's residents, employees, and the St. Leonard Faith Community will be on Tuesday, October 4 at 6pm. Please bring your pets to the area in front of the St. Elizabeth Garden, outside of Traditional Living by Pott Hall for this short, 15 minute program. Your pets will receive a special blessing and medal of St. Francis that can be attached to their collar, cage, aquarium, etc.

Please bring whatever you might need to leave the area clean.

UNBOUND: FREEDOM IN CHRIST SEMINAR

Do you find yourself struggling with the same sin time after time, frustrated with your spiritual growth, struggling with forgiveness or bound by negative patterns of thinking?

The Unbound Seminar will present a practical way to address these topics and lead us to greater freedom and fullness in our lives.

When: Saturday, October 15th from 8:30am - 4:30pm

Where: Parish Center, Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 6 S. Third St., Miamisburg, Ohio.

The seminar will be presented on DVD by Neal Lozano who created the Unbound model of prayer and travels the world giving conferences.

Prayer will be provided by the Dayton Unbound Ministry.

Breakfast snacks and lunch will be provided.

The cost is a donation.

To register visit unbound-dayton-oct15.eventbrite.com. For more information contact unbounddayton@gmail.com or [\(937\) 530-3151](tel:937-530-3151).

Today's Special Collection Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa

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

**Please make checks payable to:
St. Leonard Faith Community**

WELCOME VISITORS!

Please note that baptisms, weddings and funerals are offered only for registered members of St. Leonard Faith Community and those who reside or are employed on the St. Leonard campus.

If you wish to register with the St. Leonard Faith Community, please call the Faith Community Office at 937.435.3626.

The Faith Community celebrates Sunday Mass at 10:30am.

All are welcomed!

Religious Education Classes (PREP)

25 September—PREP Classes in session, 9-10:15am
27 September—Confirmation Formation, 6:30-8pm, Youth Room
2 October—PREP Classes in session, 9-10:15am
4 October—Confirmation Formation, 6:30-8pm, Youth Room
9 October—NO PREP

Youth Ministry

25 September—Parents and High School students meeting after Mass in room off the auditorium.
25 September—6:30-8pm, Youth Room
2 October—6:30-8pm, Youth Room
9 October—6:30-8pm, Youth Room

Attention High School students and High School Parents

There will be a meeting after Mass this Sunday, September 25th, in the classroom off of the Auditorium. We will meet to discuss the future of the High School Youth Ministry and Catechesis. This meeting is very important in the faith formation of our youth, so please make every effort to attend. The time involved should be approximately one hour.

Help Needed. Adult help is needed on Tuesday and Sunday nights from 6:30-8pm. If you enjoy working with our Middle School and High School youth, this is for you! You must be in compliance with the Archdiocesan regulations on working with children to volunteer. Please contact Donna Leddy at slfc.dre@gmail.com.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Gospel Reading

[Luke 17:5-10](#)

Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.

Family Connection

There is much in today's Gospel that resonates in family life. In our daily attempts as parents to live up to the confidence and trust that our children place in us, we come to know the wonders that God can do with just a little faith. In family life we also learn about obligations that are their own rewards. The daily tasks that family members do for one another and for the household are simply the manifestations of our responsibilities to one another. Take a turn with each member of the family and identify some of the little things that each family member does that make a big difference in your family life.

Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:5-10. Talk about how each person is called upon by God to believe that God can work miracles in our lives; that God can use us to make a difference in our world.

Together as a family, pray Saint Ignatius of Loyola's Prayer of Generosity. Ask that God will work through your family to make a difference in the lives of those around you.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

Prayer for Generosity

Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,
Teach me true generosity.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve.
To give without counting the cost,
To fight heedless of wounds,
To labor without seeking rest,
To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward
Save the knowledge that I have done your will.
Amen.



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Special prayers are requested:

Seth Barnthouse, Noel Kupras Bauer, Mary Beery, Bonnie Benge, Shirley Chee, Kelley Church, Conor Crippen, Terri Dawson, Ron Christopher, Norm Fogel, Sam Gibbs, Susan Heyne, Ruth Hopkins, Joanne Jannetta, Brandon Le, Tom & Betty Kirchmer, Peg Lutz, Brian Moroney, Ken Rueth, Anita Nelson, Bob Niehoff, Angela Paolo, Hugh Skees, David and Eleanor Pleva, Rosalie Schoenfeld, 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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| Faith Formation | Noel Kupras-Bauer | Frank Clement |
| Community Life | | Mary Beth Firestone |
| Pastoral Care | Mary Ann McGuire | Fred Konen |

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 25, 2016
 -PREP, 9-10:15am, Classrooms
 -Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
 -Mass 10:30am
 -Parent and High School students meeting after Mass, Room by Auditorium
 -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

Sunday, October 2, 2016 Respect Life Sunday
 -PREP, 9-10:15am, Classrooms
 -Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
 -Mass 10:30am
 -Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room

Tuesday, October 4, 2016
 -Confirmation Formation, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room

Sunday, October 9
 -Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Coat Collection
 -NO PREP
 -Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
 -Mass 10:30am
 -Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room

Tuesday, October 11
 -Confirmation Formation, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room

Saturday, October 15
-St. Leonard Faith Community 40th Anniversary Dinner, 6pm, Auditorium

Sunday, October 16
 -Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Coat Collection
 -PREP, 9-10:15am, Classrooms
 -Rohr Chats, 9:45am, Boardroom
-40th Anniversary Mass 10:30am
 -Youth Ministry, 6:30-8:00pm, Youth Room

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.)