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Thurs. 9:30AM-2:30

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Wed. & Thurs. 9:00AM-

1:00PM

<http://www.stleonardfaithcommunity.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/stleonardfaithcommunity>

*23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

September

Council Announcements:
Maureen Josenhans

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Rockne Morrissey
by - Michael Morrissey

Proclaimers of the Word:

Judy Lamers
Kathy Majeski

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

Communion Service,
Monday 9:00AM

Mass: Tuesday - Friday,
9:00AM, Saturday 4:00PM
and Sunday 9:00AM

Welcome!

September 6, 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: 8.30.15: \$3215.00

YTD Collections: \$25,749.00

Weekly Budget: \$3,615.00

YTD Budget: \$32,535.00

Readings for the Week of September 6, 2015

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49

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

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.

Breakfast and Meet the Teacher Potluck Sign-Up

The opening breakfast for students and families in our religious education program is scheduled for **9:00 a.m. , Sunday, September 13th** in the auditorium. After eating breakfast, students will have the opportunity to meet their teacher(s) for the 2015-2016 school year and parents will stay in the auditorium for a Parent Meeting. Families are asked to please sign-up to bring one of the following to share: casserole/main dish, cut up fruit, or muffins/pastries/coffee cake. Sign-up sheets will be available in the vestibule after the 10:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday in August.

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

My friends, humanity's hope has always been that the future will be free of division, pain, illness and suffering. Healing may not always come when and how we wish it, but we are assured today that God's healing is not limited to certain groups or a privileged few. Let us all be open to hearing God's word, and to the promise of God's kingdom, where all will be healed.



SOCIAL JUSTICE - Bob Niehoff
niehoff29@woh.rr.com

Shoes 4 the Shoeless

Thanks to your generosity and compassion we were able to provide 29 pairs of shoes, 21 packages of socks and a check for \$4,364. We matched your donations of \$2,182 dollar-for-dollar from our SLFC Charitable Fund. We will be providing more information about the Charitable Fund in the coming months.

Join the Walk to Stop Executions

October 4-10, 2015 walktostopexecutions.org

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+ mile leg in Columbus at 10 a.m., Saturday, October 4th at 1500 South 4th Street (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 606.932.2383.

All events will be non-violent, alcohol-free and drug-free.

Ministry Schedules

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New ministry schedules for September, October and November are completed and are now on the church website. Please check the schedules and print so you can refer to them in the coming months. If you are unable to access a computer there are printed copies on the back pew.

Catch the Building Spirit!

WE NEED YOU!!

When: Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Time: 8:30 a.m. - Noon (approximately)

Where: 34 E. Pease St., W. Carrollton, OH

We will be doing the landscaping for the new family.

Contact Bob Gray at: abcgray@embarqmail.com or 513.897.0024 if you are available to help.



The church office will be closed Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.



I took Fr. Larry's advice and started reading Pope Francis' latest encyclical, *Laudato Si*. I didn't get far before something Pope Francis quoted from another encyclical stopped me in my tracks. He says that Pope John Paul II said in his first Encyclical ... "That human beings frequently seem to see **no other meaning** in their natural environment than what serves for immediate use and consumption."

My husband is a gardener. We compost, don't use chemical fertilizers and pesticides, have rain barrels to conserve water, and pretty much *pat ourselves* on the back for being responsible care givers of the earth. **BUT**, up to now, I have seen it all as a hobby for our "immediate use and consumption." I have not understood my garden to be a manifestation of God's glory, nor as a prayer of co-creation with the Creator of the Universe. Imagine what a difference that will make if I keep that in mind from now on! I wonder if I'll be weeding?!



Some of you indicated in the questionnaire we did last June that you were interested in a program on Spiritual Direction. The latest Newsletter from Spirituality Network in Columbus contains a perfectly clear description about what Spiritual Direction is and how it works, and so I reprint it here. The bolding is mine.

"SPIRITUAL DIRECTION Aka: Spiritual Guidance, Spiritual Companionship, Spiritual Mentoring, Anam Cara. Spiritual Direction **fosters deepened understanding of what it means to be a human being fully alive while expanding one's capacity to behold God.** The name Spiritual Direction itself can be misleading because there is very little if any directing. The practice has evolved to become more aptly described as **a companion, or guide, for the spiritual journey.**

The process typically occurs in confidential one-on-one sessions once per month for about an hour. The director will provide a safe and inviting environment for you to give voice to your questions, wonderings, hopes, and longings. **A director listens deeply and reflects prayerfully with you, helping discover the ways that God is inviting you to be more fully alive and more compassionate toward yourself, others, and all of creation.** Your spiritual director will hold your story in sacred confidence and you will feel the blessing of being heard. Spiritual direction provides avenues to your own intrinsic wisdom **so that you can become the most authentic expression of who God created you to be."**

If your spirit is calling out for this sort of experience at this point in your life, I suggest you search www.sdiworld.org which is the link for Spiritual Directors International. If you go to this website, click on the "Find a Spiritual Director" tab and the directions there will help you find what you are looking for. Asking the Holy Spirit's guidance first is also helpful!

Blessing for the Week: *"May God's HOLY LIGHT be with you, shedding God's radiance upon your every day. May you perceive your life in a new way, revealed in the light of God's love and desire for you. May this God light up the hidden places of your life where visions and possibilities dwell. May those visions give birth to peace and justice in the world. May God, HOLY LIGHT, be with you."* -Sr. Maxine Shonk, OP



Attention volunteers who work with children:

If you have taken the VIRTUS Child Awareness Training Session, then you are required to complete monthly training bulletins online. Failure to complete three or more consecutive training bulletins will require you to retake the VIRTUS Child Awareness Session. You must be registered on virtusonline.org in order to access the bulletins. A bulletin reminder will arrive by email from system@pub.virtus.org on the first Sunday of each month. When you are ready to read your bulletin, follow these directions:

1. Go to www.virtusonline.org. Enter your user ID and password.
2. Click on "Training" at the top toolbar.
3. Click on "Training Bulletin Report" box on the right side of the screen to see your complete report.
4. Under "Type," click on "Click here for details."
5. Read each bulletin listed. Answer the question at the bottom of each bulletin, and click "Submit." Please contact David Weickert at sfcpa01@gmail.com or 937.435.3626 with questions.

HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES AND COAT DONATIONS

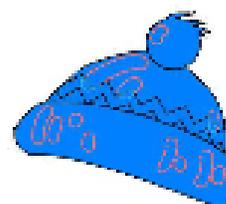
Warm Hearts & Hands

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

When: September 20th and 28th

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:

salberts@woh.rt.com or 937.438.8065

Just one coat can make a difference!

Women's Retreat



Retreat News

There will be a brief meeting immediately after Mass TODAY to set up car pools for the trip to Maria Stein, Friday, September 11th.

If you are unable to attend the meeting it is IMPERATIVE that the committee know you will need transportation to the retreat, we do not want to leave anyone behind.

We will be leaving the Station House parking lot at 5:45p.m., Friday, September 11th. Directions will be available at the meeting.

Proclaimers

There will be a workshop for proclaimers, 7-9:00 p.m., **September 9th** at St. Francis Parish, 6245 Wilmington Pk, Dayton 45459 for lectors to proclaim the Word of God for all to hear. The presenter is Ms. Emily Strand, an exciting and creative liturgist.

**Stubbs Park Concert: 4:00 p.m., Sunday,
September 13 at 255 W. Spring Valley Rd.
featuring "Guitar Fest"**

News From the Pews

I want to thank the members of the Faith Community for their support as we celebrated my Dad's life and his reunion with God. Your presence at the liturgy, your words of support and prayers for me and my family meant so much to us.

Thank you!

Pat Cruise

St. Leonard Living Center

We would like to invite each of you to join us for lunch to discuss healthcare issues for seniors. We value your opinions and specific insight to your church needs. After our open discussion and fellowship, we will all have a better understanding of how we can help each other moving forward.

Please let me know if you can attend at **12:00 p.m., Thursday, September 10, 2015**. We will provide lunch for everyone that attends at the Station House Restaurant. Please feel free to invite other members of your parish that may be helpful to the discussion. Please let me know if there are any staff members from St. Leonard that you would like to meet during this time.

I look forward to meeting each of you. My contact information is below so please let me know if you have any questions. Please RSVP by September 7th.

Casey Howard
Director of Marketing & Development
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14th Annual St. Leonard
Legacy Golf Tournament
Monday, September 28, 2015
Dayton Country Club

The registration fee of \$200 per person includes golf, lunch, snacks, drinks, dinner, and awards. Golfers will also have the chance to win some fabulous prizes through our raffle and auction.

Proceeds from our golf outing are an important source of funding for providing additional life changing activities and programs. St. Leonard residents relish their independence, their home is here and helping them enjoy their lives to the fullest is why St. Leonard exists. Registration forms are on the back of the pew side of the chapel.

News Outside the Pews

Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood

Support the Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

5-6:00 p.m., Sunday, September 13, 2015

Research shows that prayer plays a critical role in a man's decision to become a priest. And where you find growing seminaries – you also find steadfast prayer by the faithful. What can YOU do to promote the priesthood? Pray!

Come to a Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood at 5 p.m., Sunday, September 13, in the St. Gregory the Great Chapel at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, located on the Athenaeum campus in Cincinnati at 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230. Phone: 513.231.2223 or www.athenaeum.edu

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Mark 175th Year in U.S.

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur will mark the congregation's 175th year of service in the U.S. on October 31. In Dayton, a special Mass and reception will take place on Sunday, October 4 at St. Helen's Church, 5100 Burkhardt Rd. to commemorate this important milestone. It begins at 1:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Reservations are required by **September 30** due to space constraints. To make a reservation or for more information, contact Meg Sharp at 513.679.8109 or email reservations@ohsnd.org. Or visit our website and register online at: www.sndohio.org/calendar/6301.





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, Vincenzina Krymow, Brandon Le, Anita & Doug Nelson, Eleanor Niemer, Bob Remm, Dick Rose, Ken Rueth, Rosalie Schoenfeld, Marvin Skeens, 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.

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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

Calendar of Events

September

6-Sunday, Rohr Chats, Boardroom, 9:45am/Mass 10:30 am/
Women's Retreat meeting immediately after Mass

7-Monday, Church Office Closed, Observance of Labor Day

9-Wednesday, CtBS workday, 34 E. Pease Rd., W. Carrollton,
8:30 am/Proclaimers Workshop, St. Francis Parish,
7-9 pm

10-Thursday, Healthcare Discussion, Station House Restaurant,
12 pm/DivorceCare, St. Francis of Assisi, 6245 Wilmington
Pk., 7pm

11-12-13 Women's Retreat Maria Stein

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 & 28-Sunday, Women's Group Hat and Scarf collection

22-Tuesday, Church Council, Boardroom, 7pm

24-Thursday, DivorceCare, St. Francis of Assisi, 6245 Wilmington Pk.,
7pm

28-Monday, St. Leonard Legacy Golf Tournament, Dayton Country
Club

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 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).