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St. Leonard Faith Community

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Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

September Announcements:

Council - Maureen Josenhans

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Ethel Pillow

by - Bob Schmid

Proclaimers of the Word:

Mike and Theresa Bickett

Today's Collection Counters:

Jim McGee & Joe Scullion

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 7, 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."

Collection August 31, 2014: \$1375.00

YTD Collections: \$31,207.00

Weekly Budgeted Collection: \$3,615.00

YTD Budget: \$32,535.00

Readings for the Week of September 7, 2014

Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

September Religious Education (PREP) Schedule:

7-Opening Breakfast/Meet the Teacher Day

14-PREP Classes Begin

21-PREP Classes in Session

28-PREP Classes in Session

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

7-CLOW Begins

14-CLOW in Session-Monsita Corbett & Victoria Clement (adult observer: Meghan Neumeier)

21-Family Sunday - NO CLOW

28-CLOW in Session-Linda Nehoff


**Register for 2014 - 2015
Religious Education Classes**

Registration forms and fees for religious education classes for the 2014-2015 academic year are due today! 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.

Religious Education Classes Begin Sunday, Sept. 14th!

Our first day of religious education classes for students in preschool through 8th grade is Sunday, September 14th. Classes will start promptly at 9:00AM. Students should report directly to the Auditorium. Their teachers will take them to their classrooms.


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>.

Parents' Corner September 2014

On September 21st, Catholic parishes throughout the nation will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. Catechetical Sunday not only recognizes teachers in Catholic schools and parish religious education programs, it also recognizes parents, who are the first teachers of the faith. This year's theme for Catechetical Sunday is "Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness." Here are some ways that you can teach your children about this awesome gift:

- Read the Parable of the Prodigal Son as a family. Teach your children that God, like the father in the parable, is always pouring out love and grace. When we sin, God isn't mad at us or disappointed in us. He doesn't pull away from us but waits for us, with open arms, to come back to Him.
- Regularly receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family. Although many of us may associate feelings of anxiety and guilt with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the sacrament is meant to be a celebration of God's love and forgiveness. The Sacrament of Reconciliation repairs our relationships with God, our friends and family, and our faith community. Through this sacrament, God gives us the grace to become the disciples He has called us to be.
- Practice forgiveness at home. If you and your spouse argue in front of your children, then be sure to forgive each other in front of your children, too. If you unjustly punish your child, then don't be afraid to say that you are sorry. Encourage your children to forgive each other, too. Model not only how to forgive but how to ask for forgiveness.
- Be clear about the difference between a sin and an accident. A sin is an intentional act by which we hurt ourselves, others, and our relationship with God. An accident is an unintentional harmful act.
- Regularly go through an examination of conscience together as a family. Many child-friendly examinations of conscience are available online. Check out one example here: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/sacramental-forgiveness/family-resource-white2.cfm>.
- Pray the Act of Contrition together as a family. Be sure to also teach your children to pray the Our Father and the Hail Mary, in the event that these prayers are assigned as a penance during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- If you have elementary-aged children, then discuss relevant and concrete examples of good and bad choices at home, in the classroom, or on the field. If you have teens, then discuss moral dilemmas that they may encounter in their school curriculum, in the news, or in their relationships with friends.

What ideas do you have for teaching children about forgiveness? Share your ideas on our Facebook page!



Renee Clement

This month, leadership of the Youth Ministry program transitions from Renee Clement to David Weickert. Renee has done an admirable job of re-establishing and running our YM program, and we are deeply grateful for her service. She now moves to being the lead catechist on our Confirmation Preparation program.

Our next Youth Ministry event will be **September 21st** in the Youth Room from 12:00 – 2:00PM. We will gather outside the chapel and will proceed down to the youth room around 12:15PM. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the office if you will be attending: 937.435.3626x3783

I look forward to working with the participants and parents to provide a informational and fun experience. I will be publishing a calendar of events for the next six months at the end of September, based on the feedback I've gotten from the participants and their parents. — David



FAITH FORMATION - Noel Kupras-Bauer

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MEDICARE AND MEDICAID: HOW CAN WE AFFORD THEM?

Medicare and Medicaid, the nation's largest public healthcare programs, have come under increasing financial pressure as the costs of these programs regularly exceed revenues. How can we continue providing health care for the elderly, the disabled, and the poor? Citizens and policymakers will have to make some painful decisions. Join us on **September 9, 7:00 to 9:00PM** in the auditorium as our group discusses several options that will be presented, the pros and cons of each, the trade offs, and perhaps come up with other ideas. Let us begin with our own experiences in these programs and respectfully listen to each other and discuss possibilities respectfully and openly.

RETREATS:

The last Spirit of the Season Retreat at the Benedictine Monastery in Erie is offering a **"Joan Chittister: Essential Writings" retreat the weekend of October 10 - 12**, and I'm going to that one too! Many of you know Sr. Chittister from her book *"The Gift of Years"* discussed in several Genesis groups and book clubs. For more information contact: Sr. Carolyn Gorny-Kopkowski, OSB, at spirituality@mtbenedict.org.

DAYS OF REFLECTION: Other opportunities to refresh your faith life include:

South of us at the St. Walburg Monastery in Villa Hills, KY (right outside of Cincinnati), Benedictine Sister Deborah Harmeling, OSB, is offering "Exploring the Illuminations of Hildegard of Bingen" on **September 13** from 9:00AM – 3:00PM. A couple of us are going so carpooling is available.

There is a **free online book discussion** of Joan Chittister's newly published book *"Joan Chittister: Essential Writings"* (which the retreat I mentioned above is based on). This will take place from **October 6 – October 31**.

Richard Rohr's book *"Immortal Diamond: A Study in Search of the True Self"* is another online 10 week course beginning **September 24 and ending December 3**. Register at cac.org.

Thoughts on Today's Readings...

Jesus assures us that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."



Jesus is constantly preaching amid crowds of people. Large crowds mean money can be made. For many passers-by, Jesus was soon overwhelmed by the clamoring world. The moneymakers were out, selling wares and souvenirs. Surely there were also street performers hoping to draw donations for their acts. Today we have the same bustle: stores, street vendors, even living statues on the city sidewalks, people who paint their skin bronze or silver and pose motionless to wow pedestrians and earn change. In all of this we are challenged to find Jesus, who remains in our midst — perhaps even hidden behind

the gold paint — joining us like the stranger on the road to Emmaus.



Next Bus Tour. If you want to **experience the impact of poverty in our community** consider the bus tour on **Wednesday, September 17 from 5:30-8:00PM.** St. Francis of Assisi Parish has 10 registrations so far and indicates there is room on the bus for more people. This is a Kettering Circles event. To register contact Mary Ellen Singer at St. Francis at 937.433.1013, x-205 or Kate Wailes (Kettering Circles) 937.750.5283; email: ketteringcircles@gmail.com.

Prayer Vigil. On **Wednesday, September 17,** the Miami Valley Ohioans To Stop Executions (MVOTSE) **will hold an Interfaith Vigil at Summit Christian Church, 4021 Denlinger Rd, Trotwood at 7:00PM.**The next day, September 18, is the scheduled execution of Ronald R. Phillip.

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 Morning America, Today Show, 60 Minutes and Date-lineNBC. 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; dinner at 5:30PM, speaker at 7:00PM.** A simple dinner precedes the talk. See Bob Niehoff for tickets.

Worker-Owned Cooperatives. We need volunteers to help us plan and establish cooperatives with the goal of providing workers a living wage. As the Bishops point out in "*Economic Justice for All,*" **the economy exists to serve the people, not people exist to serve the economy.** They go on to make four other points: 1) economic life should be shaped by moral principles and ethical norms; 2) economic choices should be measured by whether they enhance or threaten human life, human dignity, and human rights; 3) a fundamental concern must be support for the family and the well-being of children; and 4) the moral measure of any economy is how the weakest are faring. **To find out more about Miami Valley Cooperatives see Bob Niehoff or call 937.885.0527.** We could use a few good men and women; bring your passion to the task at hand.

St. Leonard Faith Community Women's Group

Presents

**Purse Auction
& Luncheon**

Proceeds go to Oasis House and Elizabeth New Life Center

September 13
11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Station House Restaurant
8100 Clyo Rd., Centerville, OH

Luncheon \$16 - Salad with Chicken Strips, Rolls, Dessert and Drinks

Reservation by September 9 to Sharon Alberts 438-8065 or salberts@woh.rr.com



The book club has selected "*Little Chapel on the River*" by Gwendolyn Bounds for our **September 22nd meeting at 6:30PM** at Elaine Sendelbach's home. Please consider joining the book club. Everyone is welcome. For details and directions, e-mail Annie Koenig at knann89@aol.com.

Sophie's Daughters - Day of Reflection

Sophie's Daughters will offer a one day of reflection on **September 23** from 10:00AM - 4:00PM at Bergamo with lunch at 12:00PM.

The ONE DAY of reflection at Bergamo will present Fr. Bert Buby talking about Jesus in John's Gospel. Fr. Bert founded Sophie's Daughters many years ago and gave the annual retreat until late in the 1990's.

Cost: \$25.00. Please make check payable and send to Barbara Gobrail at 2624 Shafor Blvd., Dayton 45419 to reserve your spot. Registration closes on **September 15** so we can give an accurate account for lunch.

If you have questions, please contact Barb, at 937-293-2079. I hope that you will join us for a relaxing time with the Lord and for a time spent with old friends.

**FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE
GATHER IN MY NAME,
THERE AM I WITH THEM.**

MATTHEW 18:20



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 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.

Women's Retreat

Please pray for the 40 women of our community who are attending the Women's Retreat at Maria Stein this weekend.

Pray that each heart is open and receptive to God and His love and that each lady will be transformed to God's truth. Pray for safe travel as they return home today.



Please keep Sue Kincaid and her family in your prayers on the loss of her husband, Ronald.

NEWS OUTSIDE THE PEWS



Are you Widowed? Why not attend a meeting of the NAIM club? We will meet **September 8** at 5000 Burkhardt Rd., Riverside, at 7:00PM. We will be attending Mass at Holy Angels Church on **September 21**, at 9:30AM. Questions - please contact Bob Zimmer 937.439.2665 or Sunny Hickey 937.433.1437.

Catholic-Sponsored DivorceCare

It is not too late to join the **DivorceCare** seminar. If you or another adult you know is struggling with life after divorce or are in the process of separating, this seminar is for you. Each week, experts in **DivorceCare** will address topics pertinent to your life adjustments such as anger, loneliness, new relationships, annulments, etc. Join us from 7:00 -9:00PM each Thursday from **now until December 4** at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville. The registration fee is \$25. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, contact Rosemary D'Aloia at 937.286.4145 or Rose1182@aol.com.

History of St. Leonard Faith Community DVD's

At the bottom of this sheet is a list of the DVD's of the history of Faith Community which were not available previously. Please complete the bottom of this sheet to order the DVD's you want.

- Name and phone number on the order sheet.
- Circle the number of the DVD you are requesting.
- Indicate the number of DVD's you want next to the DVD you are requesting.
- Place the form in the basket in the lobby.

Your request will be completed and returned to you in approximately one week.

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

1-2011 Confirmation; Fr. Loren and Archbishop Schnurr

2-New Members: Fr. Larry, June 8, 2014

3-Baptism: Fr. Loren and Deacon Krumm 2009

4-First Communion: Fr. Tony, May 1999, class of 16.

5-Fr. Andre: Presentation of Bishop's letter "Nuclear War/Peace," 1984

6-New Members: Fr. Larry, June 24, 2014

7-Fr. Tom, Vatican II, part 1

8-Fr. Tom, Vatican II, part 2

9-Fr. Tom, Presentation of the 7 Sacraments

New DVD's that are being offered:

10-Fr. Jerry Haemmerle, John Varmusa (Acolyte)

11-Fr. John Agyekum, Ghana, August 10, 2011

Total number of DVD's requested: _____

Any questions please contact Ron Christopher at 937.433.5893



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, 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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Ministries Of The Church

Ministry	Chair	Council Liaison
Membership	Mary Ellen Graham & Bill Moroney	Maureen Josenhaus
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Faith Formation	Noel Bauer	John Nelson
Community Life	Shirle Speaks	Bonnie Bengé
Pastoral Care	Judy Lamers	Darryl McGill

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 5-6-7 Ladies Retreat, Maria Stein
- 7-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/PREP Breakfast & Meet the Teacher Day 9:00AM/Rohr Chats, 2/3 Classroom 10:00AM
- 9-Tuesday, Medicare/Medicaid Presentation, sponsored by Faith Formation, 7:00PM, Auditorium
- 13-Saturday, House of Bread 9:00AM/"Exploring the Illuminations of Hildegard of Bingen, Villa hills, KY/Women's Group Purse Auction & Luncheon, Franciscan Center, 11:30AM
- 14-Sunday, Confirmation Enrollment Mass 10:30AM/PREP & CLOW classes begin/Rohr Chats, 2/3 Classroom 10:00AM/Discipleship, Ministry Chair. Mtg after Mass
- 17-Wednesday, SJ Bus tour on Poverty, St. Francis of Assisi 5:30PM-8:00PM/Interfaith Prayer Vigil, Summit Christian Church 7:00PM
- 21-Catechetical (Family) Sunday/Mass 10:30AM/PREP & CLOW/Rohr Chats, 2/3 Classrm, 10:00AM/Youth event 12:00PM, Youth Rm.
- 23-Tuesday, Sophia Day of Reflection, Bergamo 10:00AM-4:00PM
- 28-Sunday, Mass 10:30AM/PREP & CLOW/Rohr Chats, 2/3 Classrm, 10:00AM

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.

Bulletin announcements:

St. Leonard Faith Community Office
8100 Cloyo Road, Centerville, Ohio 45458
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.)