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St. Leonard Faith Community

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome!

September 8, 2013

Presiding Today:

Fr. Larry Mick

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Jim Dolan

by: Pat Dolan

Proclaimers of the Word:

Pat Dolan and
Kathy Majeski



"This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish."
-Luke 14:30

"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 8, 2013

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

September 15, 2013

22th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

Collection September 1- \$3255.00 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

Next Sunday is Catechetical/Family Sunday

Next Sunday, **September 15th**, we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday and Family Sunday as a Faith Community. Catechetical Sunday will recognize our catechists in our religious education and Children's Liturgy of the Word programs. 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.*"

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.

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.

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.



CONFIRMATION

Our first class is **TODAY**, 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.

Prayer & Worship

The Prayer and Worship Committee is seeking someone to take over the Eucharistic Minister training. This person would work with those interested in participating in our Liturgical Eucharistic distribution, providing opportunities for training two or three times per year. If you are interested in joining our Prayer and Worship team contact: Caryl Rose at decoy7@woh.rr.com or Anne Romer romeranne319@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



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.

Thank you

The Alliance for International Monasticism sent a note of appreciation for the response of our members who contributed a total of \$1200 for the mission appeal that occurred here in July.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Reminder: All Parish 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*, **Saturday, September 14, at St. Francis Parish, 6245 Wilmington Pike**, Centerville. The free conference is designed to help parishioners gain a Catholic perspective on issues that face our society. It begins with registration and light breakfast at 8:15AM .

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, or a topic of your own choosing. We encourage you to participate in the Offering of Letters.

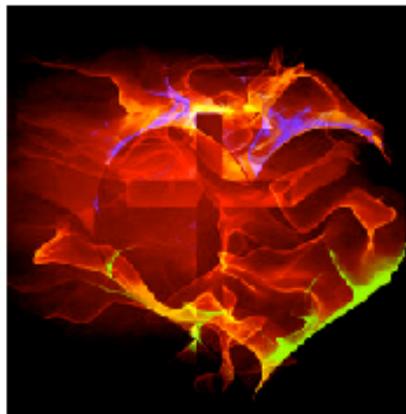
See us at the table in the vestibule today and next week for further information about the Offering of Letters and the Bishops' postcard campaign on immigration reform.

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.

The 6th Annual St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk will be Saturday **September 28** at the Job Center, 1133 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd. Registration is at 9:00 AM; the 5K walk starts at 10:00 AM. Get pledges from your friends and relatives for your walk to raise funds for SVDP. Call 937.222.7349 ext. 419 to get a registration and pledge form for your walk.

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.



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Tell the House of Representatives: Pass Bipartisan Immigration Reform Legislation That Protects Families

The U.S. Senate has passed comprehensive immigration reform legislation by a large margin. The U.S. House of Representatives is currently considering whether to address immigration reform legislation that can provide significant relief to potentially millions of people and their families. Now is a critical time to contact your House members and urge them to pass common sense immigration reform.

The U.S. Catholic Bishops, through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), have urged Congress to pass immigration reform which:

- Provides a path to citizenship for undocumented persons living in the United States;
- Preserves and strengthens family unity as a cornerstone of our national immigration system;
- Provides legal avenues for low-skilled immigrants to come and work in the United States;
- Restores due process for individuals caught up in the immigration system
- Promotes efforts that will address the root causes of migration, such as poverty and persecution

Please contact your House members today and urge them to support immigration reform legislation that provides a path to citizenship for the undocumented and that preserves family unity.

Action: Contact Members of Congress through e-mail, phone calls or FAX letters.

- To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to Congress go to www.justiceforimmigrants.org
- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-225-3121 and ask for your Members' offices. For more information, go to www.house.gov

Message: Please pass bipartisan immigration reform legislation that includes a pathway to citizenship and preserves family unity.

When: Act today and encourage others to do so as well.

“Heroes & Characters of the Miami Valley” Presentation, SLFC Ladies 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. After the presentation, we will be going to lunch at Archer’s (across from the new Kroger's Store).

Following is a summary of the program. 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.

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

BOOK CLUB

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.



CANOE TRIP

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

Details to follow.

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.

ART TOUR by Joe Scullion

Saturday, September 28th, 10:00AM Joe Scullion will be hosting an art tour of the Chapel for all SLFC Members and residents of the center.

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.

Thoughts on Today’s Readings

Some of the world’s greatest projects are still unfinished. One well-known example is Antoni Gaudi’s Sagrada Familia Cathedral in Barcelona, Spain. This project was started in 1882 and won’t be finished until 2026 ... maybe.

The 144-year construction time is relatively fast compared to the cathedral in Cologne, Germany. Construction on that building lasted 632 years. The foundation was laid in 1248, and the two towers were topped in 1880.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells the crowds that there is a price to pay in becoming a disciple. Jesus likens discipleship to the building of a tower. He says that the builder will need to calculate the cost and plan the execution of the project in order to ensure its completion.

To be a disciple and to build our faith in Jesus, we too need to calculate the cost and begin with full determination to finish.



Special prayers are requested :

Mike Aschenbrenner, Flo Barlow, 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, Tina Henry, 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 Potts Schmidt, 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:

- 14-Saturday, Being Catholic in 2013, 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, Social Justice Mass 10:30AM, SLFC
- 22-Sunday, Mandatory Confirmation Prep, 12-3:00PM, YM Room
- 22 & 29, Sunday, Stewardship Sunday, auditorium
- 28, Saturday-Chapel Tour by Joe Scullion, 10:00AM
- 29-Sunday, St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk

OCTOBER

- 1-Tuesday, Human Trafficking program St. Luke Parish
- 5-Saturday, Canoe Trip
- 6-Sunday, Respect Life Collection
- 6 & 20 Sunday, Confirmation Classes, 12-2:30PM
- 13-Sunday, Rosary Rally, UD Arena
- 17, Thursday-Dr. Jack Harless presentation Franciscan Center sponsored by SLFC Women's Gr., 7PM
- 20-Sunday, Mission Sunday/Youth Mass
- 27-Sunday, Celebration of Confirmation with Bishop Binzer

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.

Bulletin announcements:

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