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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Presiding Today:
Fr. Loren Connell

In Today's Mass We Pray For:
Aline Stritch

Proclaimers of the Word:
Dick & Caryl Rose

This Week's Readings :

August 28
22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2,9-13
Matthew 16:21-28
Eucharistic Prayer 3
Preface 2 for Sundays in
Ordinary Time

September 4
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20
Eucharistic Prayer 3
Preface for Christian
Unity

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What parts of the Mass do we usually sing? the *Gloria*, a responsorial psalm, a gospel acclamation, the *Holy, Holy*, a memorial acclamation, the great *Amen*, and the *Lamb of God*. Which of those parts have been retranslated? no responsorial psalms or gospel acclamations, and neither the great *Amen* nor the *Lamb of God*. The *Gloria* and the memorial acclamations, however, have been extensively retranslated; and the *Holy, Holy* has had a minor adjustment. That means learning not only new words but also new music.

The new texts of the Mass already come with chant settings. In addition, composers around the country are providing musical settings of their own. The archdiocesan worship office, in consultation with parish music directors, has recommended four Mass settings, besides the basic chant, for use throughout the archdiocese. Both communities here at Saint Leonard have cooperatively purchased music booklets containing those settings. Both communities will begin learning the new texts and music next month.

How important is music in our liturgy? very important! Yes, we can validly celebrate Mass without music, just as we can without candles or flowers or incense or vestments; but Mass regularly celebrated without those elements is flat. We are sensate creatures. To participate fully in the Mass, we need to engage sound and sight, taste and smell, touch and motion. As we enter this new phase of our worship, I encourage each of you to sing the best you can, knowing full well that not everyone's best is the same. Whatever the quality of your voice, it is a gift from God. We are not Dayton Opera, relying on trained and qualified performers. We are a faith community, relying on the full participation of every member!

On a less musical note, Monique Tremaine, who has served us well as office assistant the past few months, will be taking on fulltime employment at United Theological Seminary, where she will also begin graduate study. We extend our thanks and wish her well.

Peace and every blessing,
Loren, OFM

Religious Education News:

Coming Soon to a Classroom Near You!

Plans for another faith-filled, Spirit-filled year of Community, Catechesis, Prayer, Worship and Service are underway. St. Leonard Religious Education will host its annual kick-off **Carry-in Breakfast** on Sunday, August 28 at 9:00 AM in the Auditorium/Undercroft. Classes for students in Preschool through 8th grade will begin September 18.

- Registration Packets are available in the Chapel, in the Office and online at www.stleonardfaithcommunity.com.
- Catechists and catechist teams are still needed at various levels. Sharing a class with a catechist partner can make you a better catechist! Please contact Kathy Henry in the Office if you are available to teach.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

CLOW will also begin September 18 at the 10:30 AM Faith Community Mass for children in Kindergarten through 2nd Grade. Volunteers are needed to help with this ministry. Sign-up will be held at the Kickoff Breakfast, or call the office for available dates.

Confirmation Update

Confirmation will be celebrated Sunday, October 2 at 10:30 am with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. Remaining preparation dates are:

Sunday, August 28 – 10:30 Mass, lunch, class until 3:30 pm.

Sunday, Sept. 18 – 10:30 Mass, lunch, class until 3:30 pm.

Sunday, Sept. 25 – 10:30 Mass, Ministry Fair, lunch, class until 3:30 pm.

Saturday, Oct. 1 – Dinner, rehearsal, Evening Prayer for candidates, family members and sponsors.

Community Staff Changes

YOUTH MINISTRY We are very pleased to announce that we have hired a Youth Minister for the Community. Kathy Henry, DRE, believes that we have a viable group of young people who are ready for this experience. Jenna Connor has just completed her Masters Degree in Theological Studies at the University of Dayton. She has had solid experience in working with youth in a variety of settings. Her first day with us is Sunday, August 28th. She will be working 10 hours a week and will continue other part time employment and volunteer opportunities at other places in the area. Please welcome her!

Council Meeting Minutes

The Council meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. and the meeting is generally finished by 9 p.m. It would be appreciated if anyone is interested in taking Minutes of the meeting. If so, contact Aurelia at 435-3626.

The Wisdom of Saint Francis

Blessed are those who store up in heaven the good things which the Lord shows to them. (*cf Francis of Assisi: Admonition 28*)

Come to the Hop (Hour of Praise)! Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!

Looking for a dynamic experience of prayer and worship in a Catholic setting? Get on board with another awe-inspiring event from your Dayton Deanery Evangelization Team! The HOP is a response to the need many feel to make a joyful noise in the company of fellow Catholic believers! Join us for a faith-filled evening of psalm and song, praise, and prayer, power and witnessing: Sunday, Sept 18, 7:00 PM, Our Lady of Good Hope Church, 6 S, Third St. Miamisburg, 45432. Invite your friends! Maybe you know someone who has moved away from the active practice of their faith and is searching. Don't just invite, come with them. Music directed by Nick Cardilino and Michelle Nehrbass. A free will offering will be taken.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The senior living community will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the 9:00 AM Mass on Thursday, September 1. Members of the faith community are welcome to participate in this liturgical celebration of God's mercy.

Christmas in July???

Although it seems far off—it will be here before we know it. Please get the date of December 10 on your calendars now so you won't miss out on all of the fun. Those who attended last year were not disappointed they came to the ladies Christmas luncheon and we know you won't be disappointed this year. Plan to attend on Saturday, December 10 so you won't miss out on the festivities. Any questions—please call this year's committee: Bonnie Benge, Debbie Brown or Kathy Hoefler.

A Gift for Yourself—

A wonderful thing happens when we choose to set aside a block of time to get close to the Lord. A great opportunity to do this awaits the men who sign up for our upcoming (Oct. 14-16) Men's Retreat at Maria Stein. It's a weekend camp with Jesus in our midst. This retreat is for men of all ages, as we learn in fellowship with one another. Our retreat leader, Fr. Dan Havron, OFM has planned a series of talks focusing our faith journeys, exploring where we are now, how we got there, what's possible for the future, and where do we go from here. Sign up now! Gift yourself with a chance to camp out for a weekend with the Lord. Call the office, 435-3626. Plan to meet Fr. Dan on Sunday, September 11.

Ladies Retreat Meeting After Mass Next Sunday Morning—September 4

We will meet briefly after Mass next Sunday morning to set up our carpooling for the Retreat and answer any questions you may have.

If you are unable to attend that meeting, please call Kathy Hoefler at 436-1388 to confirm you will be meeting on Friday night, Sept. 9, at 5:45 at the Church. We do not want to leave anyone behind.

Also, your final payment is due on Sunday, September 4.

Any questions, give Kathy a call.

News From the Pews

Ed and Barbara Gravel would like to thank anyone who remembered to pray for their son, PFC Neil Gravel, while he was serving our Country in Afghanistan. He is back, safe and sound, with his family.

Ministry Schedules are now in the back of the church for fall. Please pick up the one with your name on it.

Reflections on the Body of Christ

Four of us, in St Leonard's name, took 10 trays of meatballs (about 400) to the New Hope Church on Xenia Ave two weeks ago. This is a store front church which runs a "Help Your Neighbor" program every Sunday afternoon where the locals can take home toilet paper, toothpaste, & other hygiene products that are not covered by food stamps, and whatever food staples have been donated that week for themselves and their neighbors.

We arrived around 5:30 even though serving doesn't start until 7 pm because we were curious about the whole operation. Besides, we had to warm up the meatballs that 10 "St Leonardians" had so generously prepared. We were greeted warmly, introduced around, and set ourselves up before the service started at six. It wasn't until just before dinner that we met the other half of the serving team - a group of young people living communally and very simply in that neighborhood, otherwise known as "the Marianists." They keep a vegetable garden between their two houses and brought a Swiss chard dish, salad, brown rice, and ratatouille to serve.

In the past, I've gone many times to feed the homeless and less fortunate but this experience was different. That pervasive "we/they" feeling that is often present when we are "helping the less fortunate" wasn't there. Maybe there's no place for it when there is real community. That's what I felt this is. These are the working poor and homeless who know each other, live in that area, and come together to pray, (the service lasts an hour with Rev Jeff basically preaching "God loves you no matter what" for 45 minutes!!) Their hard lives are written all over their bodies, and yet there is a respectfulness among them that often is the first thing to go when one lives on the brink of survival. I think that respectfulness comes from a sense of hope, and so their community is aptly named.

We served 140 men, women and children, the biggest crowd so far. They were called table by table and stood patiently in line while the line crawled slowly along as a child might ask about what was in a dish, or another person in a wheelchair maneuvered away with their plate in their lap. An 86 yr old member makes 3 cakes every week, and someone else brought in 2 "koolaid" pies, but nobody complained when the desserts were gone and they didn't get a serving. They do it differently than we do it here, but it was Eucharist all the same, the body of Christ sharing a meal.

I hope St Leonard's decides to continue coordinating with "the Marianists" every second Sunday, but that depends on whether we can rally 10 people once a month to prepare a meat dish and/or dessert. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry and think we should make a commitment here, please see me or Bob Niehoff after Mass. It's just another way that God works through us, and blesses us at the same time.

Noel Kupras-Bauer

Social Justice Corner

September 11—New Hope Church dinner. We will again provide a meat entrée for the Church on September 11 and partner with the Marianists, who will provide the vegetables. **Noel Kupras-Bauer** is selecting a chicken recipe for this meal and will coordinate it. If you cannot prepare the chicken dish, a prepared dessert is also welcome, including sheet cake, cookies or brownies. Also, our SJ ministry decided to help the Church with products that cannot be purchased with food stamps, such as laundry detergent, soap, liquid dish soap, shampoo, tooth brushes and toothpaste, bathroom tissue, or female sanitary products. The Church buys all non-food products at Dollar Tree for \$1 and recommends that we do the same. See **Noel or Bob Niehoff** after Mass to sign up for this volunteer opportunity.

September 24—All-Faith Conference on Nonviolence. The conference is free; it will be held at the UD Law School, 8:30 to noon. Registration is required; deadline will be September 16. So far, eight members of our Social Justice Ministry plan to attend. We extend an invitation to all SLFC members to register. Finger food and drinks will be provided. **Contact or see Bob Niehoff (885-0527) to register.**

Our keynote speaker will be Dayton Chief of Police, Richard Biehl, speaking about restorative justice. Also, United Against Violence Greater Dayton (UAVGD) will present an overview of their comprehensive program and a panel will offer their first-hand experiences with violence in the community. Several agencies and organizations will have tables with information on violence prevention and support services should you want to get actively involved in nonviolence.

September 24—Friends of the Poor Walk. If you cannot make the All Faith Conference, the St. Vincent DePaul is holding its 4th Annual Walk to raise funds for its programs, which support the poor in the Miami Valley. Check-in is 9 am at the Job Center on Edwin C. Moses Boulevard and the walk begins at 10 am. Individuals and families are invited to participate. If you cannot walk you can sponsor someone who is walking with a donation.

Family Movie Night

Date: September 18

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Assisted Living Activity Room
3rd Floor

Movie: A Man for All Seasons

Our next film, A Man for All Seasons, will be presented on September 18. This acclaimed movie, released in 1966, earned six academy awards including best picture, actor, and director.

This is an excellent film about Sir Thomas More who refused to swerve from his spiritual, intellectual, and moral convictions. It focuses on a critical period in history during which Henry VIII sought an annulment from his first wife, Catherine, in order to marry his mistress, Anne Bolyne. The movie portrays the conflict between Thomas More and the King when the monarch declares himself the head of the Catholic Church in England.

Join us for this inspiring and thought-provoking picture which contains a powerful demonstration of courageous action.

Family and Friends Welcome!

Popcorn and cold drinks will be served.

Men's Retreat

This year's retreat on October 14, 15 and 16 at the Maria Stein retreat center will focus on the following:

How do men in the world today embrace Gospel living and set an example for others as fearless disciples? This weekend will explore living and dying as men set in motion for Jesus Christ. On Sunday, 9/11/11, we will have an opportunity to meet with our Retreat Master, Father Dan Havron, OFM. For details contact Jerry Cozart or Bill Moroney.

Senior Stewards

My oldest granddaughter Emily is just beginning her senior year in high school and basking in her role. Being a senior is a position of honor and prestige, even among teenagers. Here at SLFC, being a senior steward is also a position of honor and prestige, because it usually represents many years of being stewards of God's work in many different roles. One couple who fit that description is Don and Gwen Juszcyk. This distinguished-looking pair have been members of our community since the late 70's, and they have served in almost every capacity open to the laity. Their collective dedication to giving back to God at a time in their lives when many seniors become snow birds is inspiring. Instead, Gwen and Don use a great deal of their time in stewardship. They serve as lectors, sacristans, and supporters of those whose voices would not be heard were it not for people like them. Today we want to focus first on the work the Juszcyks do in their home community of Lebanon, Ohio.

For the past two summers, Gwen and Don have been volunteer tutors in the Lebanon Public School Summer School program in English Second Language class. Gwen visits her students in their apartment complex as well, reviewing their reading and math skills and taking them on trips to the local library, helping them experience the joy of reading.

When school resumes each fall, Gwen becomes a tutor in the ESL program at Bowman School, working with students in first and second grade. As she helps these students with their reading and math skills, it is likely these children see this kind lady as a wonderful grandmother figure who is patient and eager to help them succeed. And Don will not be outdone by Gwen; at the same time he works one-on-one with students in the Junior High and Middle School, helping them to succeed as students.

But even this is not the entire stewardship story for our senior stewards. Don is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Franciscan Living community, vice-president of the Elderly Services Program of Warren County and vice President of Warren County Community Services. Gwen serves the larger community in a very special way: she is an active member of Kairos of Ohio, a prison ministry that reaches out to women serving time in the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville, Ohio. If you watch the bulletin carefully, no doubt you will soon see a request from Gwen for prayers and cookies to take to these women so they know they are not forgotten. The Juszcyks are living testimony to the command Jesus gave to serve the least among us. In doing so, they are showing all of us how to take that message into the larger community and serve our brothers and sisters where we find them. We honor these senior stewards.

Mary Ellen Graham

Welcome!

St. Leonard Faith Community is a freely formed Catholic community sharing in the Franciscan heritage. We are committed to creating a spiritual environment where the Holy Spirit comes alive through active worship and the offering of our individual and collective gifts. 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 in the St. Leonard Senior Living Community.

Mass Schedule:

St. Leonard Faith Community: Sunday: Mass at 10:30 AM

Senior Living Community: Daily Mass at 9:00 AM,
Saturday: 4:00 PM, Sunday: 9:00 AM.

Holy Days of Obligation: As announced in the bulletin.

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.

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.

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 885-7158.

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

Office Hours: Monday–Friday: 9:00 AM -1:00 PM

Bulletin announcements:

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

Pictures of community members at community sponsored events may be posted on the web.

Special prayers are requested for the following:

Donna Ames, May Ling Barde, Mary Beery, Rose Bently, Jane Beverley, Pam Botkins, Terrie Dawson, Kathleen Dittman, Peter Dwyer, John Charles Eastman, Ryan & Matthew Fitzgerald, Shirley Fitzgerald, the Friedhoff Family, Ralph Garcia, Grant, Kathleen Grogan, Barbara Gravel, Mary Jane Hadley, Bill Hagan, Mary Hartnet, Jim Hinkle, Rick Hungerford, John Ilnitzi, Mark Kearney, Vincenzina Krymow, Amy Konstantelos, Adam Lee, Lou Leibold, Greg Link, Virgil Link, Liny & Trudy Lommerse, Barbara & Allan Mallett, Linda McCreary, Mary McCreary, Morris Middleton, Barbara Mohn, Tom Murphy, Cpl. Todd Nicely, Mieng Nguyen, Mary Ann Olenik, Joy Quilty, Sarah & Micheal Ryan & Family, Catherine & Ethan Rohr, Ken Rueth, Betsy Ryan, Maureen Samuelson, Mary Scullion, Laura Shankey, Ring A. Sijr, Corinne Shultz, Ed Sofvest, Joyce Stauffer, Mary Stolle, Jim Stritch, Minnie Sturgeon, Ruth Taylor, Joyce Traubert, Paul Vergamini, Melana Katherine Wells, Joe Wood, and Dan Worland.

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 the office when a parishioner is admitted. Therefore, please call the office if you would like to make it known that a family member is in the hospital.

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