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May 29, 2011

6th Sunday of Easter

Presiding Today:

Fr. Loren Connell

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Connor Campbell
Matt Hoefler

Proclaimers of the Word:

John and Aurelia Palcher

This Week's Readings :

May 29

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18, 4:11

John 17:1-11

June 2

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

Upcoming Events:

June 26-30

Vacation Bible School

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As most of you know, on the first Sunday of Advent English-speaking Catholics will begin using a new translation in our celebration of Mass. What? Why? How? We'll try to address those questions and more over the next several months, but first we need to look at history.

Jesus and his disciples spoke Aramaic. The first Christians prayed in Aramaic. As the Church spread eastward, it began to pray in Chaldean and other languages of southwest Asia; as it spread westward, it began to pray in Greek. By the fourth century the Church in southwest Europe and northwest Africa was praying more in Latin than in Greek. All of those changes were gradual, depending on the needs of the people and the abilities of their ministers. From the mid-fifth to the mid-twentieth centuries, except for the Greek penitential rite, the Mass, which included only one eucharistic prayer, was prayed entirely in Latin. Many of us found our faith nurtured in that Mass.

In 1963 the Second Vatican Council called for the full active participation of all Catholics in the liturgy of the Church. To implement that call, additional eucharistic prayers were composed, the lectionary was expanded fourfold, and the entire liturgy was translated into the language of the people. The official Latin text of the Mass in its current form was approved and authorized in 1969. Five years later English-speaking Catholics began praying the Mass in our current translation. (From the mid-60s until 1974 most parishes used an approved Latin-English hybrid version of the old Mass.)

In the mid-60s the bishops from over a dozen English-speaking countries established the International Committee on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) to prepare a common English translation for all English-speaking Catholics. In less than five years the musicians, linguists, poets, and liturgists on that committee produced and edited the liturgical texts which we have today. That was a mammoth undertaking. Though far from perfect, their translation has served us well. The English-speaking Church owes those first men and women of ICEL a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Peace and every blessing,

Loren, OFM

Religious Education News:

REGISTRATION FOR 2011-2012 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is underway. Registration packets are available in the office if you have not already received one. Early registration helps in planning for next year.



SONSURF BEACH BASH VBS A WHOLE COMMUNITY EVENT!

GET REGISTERED: Registration for children in preschool through 6th grade is now underway. Registration Forms are available in the Office and in the Chapel. **Preregistration is requested by June 10.**

VOLUNTEER: Group Leaders at several age levels are still needed for this year's VBS. Volunteers are also needed to help with decorating, registration, skits and costuming, snacks, games, prayer and assembly, preschool activities, and more. VBS is a perfect opportunity to share your talents, build community, and serve God in a fun, faith-filled way.

DONATE: Decorating, craft and snack supplies are also needed. A decorating/craft/snack supplies list is now available – contact Kathy Henry in the Community Office. Please bring your donations to the office during regular hours. Thank you for your generosity.

SonSurf Beach Bash VBS is happening **June 26-30 from 6:00-8:30 pm**. To volunteer, donate or register your children, contact Kathy Henry at 435-3626 or faithcommprep@sbcglobal.net.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE: Registration is now open for NCYC 2011: CALLED TO GLORY, Indianapolis, IN, November 17-19, 2011. NCYC is an unforgettable three-day experience of over 20,000 high school students and their adult chaperones filled with high energy praise and worship, music, keynotes, workshops, liturgy, fellowship and fun. See Kathy Henry for a registration packet.

The Wisdom of Saint Francis

Where there is a heart full of mercy and discernment, there is neither excess nor hardness of heart. (*cf Francis of Assisi: Admonition 27*)

NAIM (Catholic Widow/Widower Club)

The June meeting of NAIM (the Catholic widow/widowers club) will be held on June 6 at the K of C Hall (5th and Bainbridge Sts.) at 7 p.m., followed by a game of euchre. There were some far-seeing members who purchased tickets early for a June 1 Dragon's baseball game which is an annual event. This month there will also be a picnic at the Delco Park in Kettering. AND reservations are being taken for a MYSTERY trip in August which requires previous reservation and payment. Final event in June will be our July meeting, held on June 27 due to the long Labor Day weekend. This meeting will also be held at the K of C Hall and starts at 6 p.m. with a pizza dinner (\$6.00 charge), followed by cards. For further information, call Thomas Connair (291-4612) or Cathy Murphy (434-1607).

Ministry Schedules

Ministry schedules for June-August are in the back of the church. Please pick up the one with your name on it. Thank you.

Memorial Day

It has been a practice of the Community on Memorial Day to pray for family and friends currently serving our country in any of the branches of the military. Please include in your prayers:

David Moroney
Todd Nicely
William Walker, Jr.
David Cutter
Lt. Colonel Daniel White, USAAR

The Faith Community office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Hit It Out of the Park!

Congratulations Caitlin Welsh and the Wayne softball team who made school history by defeating Lebanon 4-9 in the 10th inning to win sectionals. The team went on to beat Loveland 2-1 with Caitlin scoring the winning run, earning the title of district 1 champions. Regional semi-finals are Thurs in Mason, go Warriors.

Caitlin also will be graduating from Wayne with honors this afternoon. This fall, it's on to the University of Kentucky to major in kinesiology. We're so proud of you!!!

Julienne High School Reunion

The Notre Dame-Julienne Alumnae is hosting a Julienne High School Reunion on Sunday, June 5. All graduates are welcome.

NCR COUNTRY CLUB Mass: 10:30 AM
4435 Dogwood Trail Brunch 11:45
Kettering, OH
\$20.00 per person

For information contact: Shirley Portner at 937-254-1064 or by email at: ndja1927@aol.com

SLWG News

Lucette Fogel is currently chairing both the Community Life Ministry and the Women's Group. She will continue as Community Life Ministry chair but is looking for someone to take over the Women's Group. This job could be done by an individual or shared among co-chairs. Please contact Lucette at 428-6031 or lucettefog@yahoo.com if you are interested in this position or would like further information. The SLWG has planned very successful programs in the past, and we hope this kind of programming can be continued.

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, Joseph Gagner, Kathleen Grogan, Barbara Gravel, Neil Gravel, Mary Jane Hadley, Bill Hagan, Mary Hartnet, Jim Hinkle, Rick Hungerford, John Ilnitzi, Mark Kearney, Vincenzina Krymow, Amy Konstantelos, Adam Lee, Lou Leibold, Virgil Link, Liny & Trudy Lommerse, Barbara & Allan Mallett, Linda McCreary, Mary McCreary, Morris Middleton, Barbara Mohn, Tom Murphy, Cpl. Todd Nicely, Roberta Parnell, Mary Ann Olenik, Joy Quilty, Sarah & Micheal Ryan & Family, Catherine & Ethan Rohr, Ken Rueth, Betsy Ryan, Maureen Samuelson, Laura Shankey, Ring A. Siyr, Corinne Shultz, Kim Snow, Ed Sofvest, Joyce Stauffer, Mary Stolle, Jim Stritch, Ruth Taylor, Joyce Traubert, Melana Katherine Wells, Joe Wood, Jim & Pat Wuebben

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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Faith Formation	CeAnn Chalker	Phil Taylor
Community Life	Lucette Fogel	Amanda Jennings
Pastoral Care	Judy Lamers	Pat Welsh

Catholic Social Teaching

“The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. It offers moral principles and coherent values that are badly needed in our time. In this time of widespread violence and diminished respect for human life and dignity in our country and around the world, the Gospel of life and the biblical call to justice need to be proclaimed and shared with new clarity, urgency, and energy.” (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions*, 1999)

Seven principles in that document summarize the major themes found throughout all of Catholic Social Teaching. Those principles are: The Life and Dignity of the Human Person; The Call to Family, Community, and Participation; Rights and Responsibilities; The Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers; Solidarity; and Care for God’s Creation. We have already looked at the last six this spring. The paragraph below, on the first of those seven principles, was excerpted from the bishops’ statement by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

The Life and Dignity of the Human Person

In a world warped by materialism and declining respect for human life, the Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. The dignity of life is undermined when the creation of human life is reduced to the manufacture of a product, as in human cloning or proposals for genetic engineering to create “perfect” human beings. We believe that every person is precious, that people are

more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Marketing Ministry Chairperson Needed

Do you have a talent for organizing a project? Are you excited about sharing how wonderful it is with the St. Leonard Faith Community? Would you like to give a little of your time and receive a large sense of accomplishment? If you can say yes or even maybe to any of these questions, we would love to have you as part of the marketing ministry. This group works with the other ministries to publish their activities to the Faith community and the community at large. We currently need a chairperson that can help this talented group of people stay organized and communicate needs from the other ministries. An example of a project that we handle is the promotion of our upcoming vacation bible school. This group created the flyers, sent information to local papers, and coordinate with other parishes to publish the information on registration.

So if you’re looking for a ministry to be involved in or think this sounds like fun – and it is – please contact Renee Clement at 435-4240 or by email at creationsbyrenee@woh.rr.com

Town Hall Meeting

If you were unable to attend the Community Update Meeting last Sunday after Mass, you may obtain a copy of the presentations that were made by Ministry Chairs. Copies are available in the office.

News from the Pews

I would like to thank the members of the Faith Community for their support, prayers and cards during my recovery from shoulder surgery. Your thoughtfulness made my recovery easier. Linda Niehoff

Promoting Good Stewardship

In October of 2010, our faith community launched a Stewardship campaign, the use one's time, talent and treasure to promote God's word. As in the past, Our Ministry Fair (formerly Sign-up Sunday) served as the vehicle for offering information about our many ministries and encouraging every member of SLFC to find an area to serve our community, the greater Dayton community and beyond. We were elated when tallies showed almost 90% of our membership made a commitment to become good stewards.

That was six months ago. The Stewardship Ministry would like to share with all of our community the many ways our members have answered the call to service. We will highlight one of our ministries each week and share with you some of the wonderful, generous ways our members are doing God's work.

At a recent ministry meeting, a number of amazing examples of ways members of SLFC are serving OUTSIDE of our St. Leonard ministries came to light. These revealed how people in our pews are reaching out to their brothers and sisters in the greater Dayton area and performing inspiring acts of assistance to those less fortunate. If you, or someone you know in the community, are involved in such a service, we would love to know about it. If you, or the person performing the work, do not wish your name to be published, we will happily honor that wish. But we would like to share the story, for we hope these revelations will inspire others to seek their own ways to serve. Kindness and generosity beget more kindness and generosity!

(Note: Forms for submitting this information are available in the back of the chapel. Please complete a form and return it to the office.)

Mary Ellen Graham, Stewardship Ministry

Road Closure Notification

Beginning May 16th, sections of St. Leonard Way and Provincial Way will be closed for approximately three weeks. Directions to East Campus from Clio Road entrance: Turn left at the first intersection onto "Loop Road". Follow around until you arrive at your destination.

St. Leonard staff members must park in front of the Chapel along St. Leonard Way in temporary parking.

Family Movie Night

Date: June 12

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Assisted Living Activity Room, 3rd Floor

Movie: The Widow's Might

Synopsis: A battle royal ensues when John and Cameron - aspiring filmmakers - learn that an elderly widow faces losing her home to outrageous property taxes. Determined to help her, the boys' families navigate political attacks, on-set mishaps, and a wild western ride - all caught on film! This heartwarming comedy adventure was a winner at the 2009 San Antonio Christian Film Festival.

Come join us ! Please call the office if planning to attend. Popcorn and cold drinks will be served.