



St. Leonard Faith Community

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May 8, 2011

3rd Sunday of Easter

Presiding Today:

Fr. Loren Connell

In Today's Mass We Pray For:

Arline Stritch

Proclaimers of the Word:

Ce Ann Chalker
Alberta Guise

This Week's Readings :

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-28
1 Peter 1:17-21; 2:1-3
Luke 24:13-35

May 15

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

Upcoming Events:

May 8

First Eucharist, 10:30 AM

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Sunday's homily considered maternal images of God and Jesus in the Gospel according to John and in the First Letter of Peter. Most Catholics are surprised by that aspect of our biblical tradition. Many of the world's religions celebrate feminine and maternal aspects of the divine. Indeed, until the time of the deuteronomic reforms during the reign of Josiah in the late seventh century BCE, ancient Israel's cult widely included the divine feminine. It was only after those reforms, more concerned with God's oneness than with God's sex, that Israel began to think of the divine as almost exclusively masculine.

Religious orthodoxy, however, could not stifle human experience. Both the Jewish and Christian scriptures continued to show the maternal face of God. For a poet's depiction of God as mother, read Isaiah 66:5-13. Read Psalm 130 for a believer's trust in God as mother. Matthew 23:37-39 and Luke 13:34 depict Jesus' description of himself as a mother hen, hardly a flattering image, and one which the evangelists would not likely have chosen had Jesus himself not used it in the first place.

Our Church teaches us that God is neither male nor female and that women and men alike are made in God's image. A healthy image of God should reflect both the feminine and the masculine, such as last Sunday's reading from 1 Peter, which called God father and described God as mother. Happy Mother's Day to all who mother in our community, especially to those women who are mothers by birth or adoption, by law or by marriage. You give us an image of our God, and you bless us with your presence.

Peace and every blessing,

Loren, OFM

Religious Education News:

CLOW VOLUNTEERS/TEEN ASSISTANTS:

May 8 – NO CLOW

May 15 – Peggy Hoffmeister / Audrey Hoffmeister

May 22 – VOLUNTEER NEEDED / Allie Bickett



First Eucharist will be celebrated Sunday, May 8 at 10:30 am. Please keep our students, Maddie Fisher, Alex Nelson and Renee Schroeder, in your prayers.

Last Religious Ed Class: Sunday, May 15

End-Of-Year Family Carry-In Breakfast will be held on Sunday, May 22 at 9:00 am in the Auditorium.

Confirmation Class will be held Sunday, May 15, 12:00-2:00 pm in the Youth Room. We are happy to announce that Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will be with us on October 2 at 10:30 am to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Vacation Bible School:

Registration is now open for SONSURF BEACH BASH. Grab your surfboard and paddle out to ride a wave of fun and adventure. As kids enjoy the amazing beauty of the beach, they'll also discover the BIG answers to their BIG questions about Jesus. Five essential bible verses will help them understand who Jesus is and why they need Him. At SonSurf Beach Bash VBS, kids learn that there is only one truth: Jesus!! Registration forms are available in the office and are coming home with students.

VBS is a perfect opportunity to share your talents, build community, and serve God in a fun, faith-filled way. Volunteers are still needed in many areas. Contact Kathy Henry in the office for more information.

Need Help with Spring Cleaning? Silent Auction to Support Our Youth Group

Are you looking for help to get ready for Spring? Indoor Cleaning / Yard Work / Flowers / Babysitting??? Come support our Youth Group and let them help you! We will have a silent auction May 22nd at coffee and donuts. Come bid on our teens! Winning bidders will be notified the following week. The date of service will be established based on the schedule of the bidder and the teen.

All proceeds from the silent auction will be used to fund the mission trip to Cincinnati this summer and participation in the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this fall.

The Wisdom of Saint Francis

Where there is rest and meditation, there is neither anxiety nor restlessness. (*cf Francis of Assisi: Admonition 27*)

Council Nomination Process Begins

The opportunity for SLFC members to serve on the Parish Council comes up each year at this time. The 3-year terms of two members of our six-person Council will end on June 30, 2011 and an election will be held in early June to fill those two very important positions.

The nomination/election process has begun with the naming of a nomination committee. The members of that committee this year are: Mike and Teresa Bickett, Bill and Marylise Byrne, Steve and Pat Cartwright, Judy Lamers and Kathy Majeski.

Any community members who may have an interest in serving as a council member, or members who would like to nominate another eligible member, should contact one or more of the nomination committee members mentioned above. Contacting a committee member does not create a commitment and it can just be for informational and idea exchange purposes. The committee members are now active in the process of identifying possible candidates and may be approaching members for this purpose.

Outreach Contributions

As you may be aware 10% of our collections are tithed and it is the responsibility of the Out Reach Ministry to decide how to utilize these funds in the local community. Following are recent contributions that have been made in the name of the Community:

Artemis Center - \$300

St. Leonard Benevolent Care Fund \$1,000

Dayton Dragons Baseball Game

The Faith Community has reserved 45 tickets (grand stand seats) for Wednesday, June 29, at 7 PM. The cost of a single seat is \$12. Please contact the office to reserve your ticket. More information will follow, including poster displays in the auditorium and the church vestibule.

Community Meeting May 15th

Our tradition has called for a Community Meeting twice a year. Our spring meeting is scheduled for May 15th in the Auditorium. We would like to start as soon as possible after Mass so you are asked to bring your coffee and doughnuts to the meeting. We anticipate it will be a relatively brief meeting. Ministry Chairs have been asked to present an update on how they are implementing our strategic goals. And the Council will be available for questions

Office Manager

I am happy to announce that Monique Tremaine has been hired as our Office Manager. As a part time employee Monique will be working on Monday afternoon and in the mornings of Tuesday through Friday. Feel free to stop by to welcome her and in-

Chaplains in Hospitals and Prisons

Share in the work of God by supporting the vital ministries of **Chaplains in Hospitals and Prisons** in our area. Your gift to the CMA helps feed, teach, and heal thousands of people who are ill or in prison, as well as providing comfort to their families.

This is just one of the ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. To find out more, visit www.CatholicAppeal.info.

NAIM (Catholic Widow/Widower Club)

On Monday, May 16 there will be a day trip to Hoosier Park Casino in Anderson, IN. For additional information, call Cathy Murphy at 434-1607.

News From the Pews

Thank you for all your contributions for News from the Pews! This process is a way for our Community to stay in touch with each other on a more personal level.

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, Ring A. Siyr, Corinne Shultz, 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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