

**St. Leonard Parish ~ Heath ~ June 30th & July 1st****The 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday, June 30th	5:30 p.m.	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sunday, July 1st	9:30 a.m.	<i>Tim Kinney+ ~</i> Buck & Mary Packam
Tuesday, July 3rd	9:00 a.m.	<i>Parishioners</i>
Wednesday, July 4th	9:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service</i>
Thursday, July 5th	9:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service</i>
Friday, July 6th	9:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service</i>
Saturday, July 7th	5:30 p.m.	<i>Parishioners</i>
Sunday, July 8th	9:30 a.m.	<i>Guthrie Grandchildren ~</i> Marc & Connie Guthrie

**Mass Intentions:** Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to ask that Masses be celebrated for the deceased or living loved one, Catholic or non-Catholic, or important occasions. Intentions can be made for Sunday and weekday Masses, and are published in the bulletin. The suggested donation, set by the Bishops of Ohio, is \$10.00. To schedule a Mass Intention, contact Peggy at (740) 522-5270. If you need a specific date, make your request early so the office can schedule that date.

**Contact Information for Father Bill Hritsko**  
St. Leonard: (740) 522-5270; OLMC: (740) 928-3266;  
Sacramental Emergency: (740) 323-6437



Dear fellow parishioners,

This weekend, we have a count down to the day we celebrate the independence of the United States. This independence was, and is still, being hard-fought to attain and to maintain. It is a day to give thanks for and honor to those who made it possible and still do make it possible.

What a gift freedom is. What a blessing it is to have. What a responsibility it is to have. What a challenge it is to have it and not take it for granted. It is really a grace from God, if you think about it. Many patriotic songs speak of God's blessing on us, asking for God's blessings on us. It is by His grace that we are supported by those in the military, government service and protection, as they work for the betterment and safety of our country. While it may not always seem, and there are definite issues and problems with our country – I would be amiss to deny it – still the opportunities that are afforded and offered here, are beyond anything that can be attained or obtained in many other countries.

This freedom is why so many folks want to come here – including those who might be (or are!) on what some may call the wrong side. But this freedom is why so many have risked lives to get here. This freedom is why people have left family and country – to find hope, a new beginning, a possible future.

The Lord offered this to those who sought Him. Consider the Gospel today. Our Lord freed the woman suffering from the hemorrhage. A flow of blood made a person “unclean” and she could not participate in religious celebrations. She was isolated from family and community because of her being “unclean.” Isolated and ill for 12 years – and Jesus freed her – by her faith. Elsewhere in the scriptures He freed people from sins, think of the man in the stretcher that was lowered through the roof. He freed others from demonic possession – think of the young mute man or the Demoniac of Gerasene. He still offers freedom from sin by following Him and by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We have the great gift of freewill given by God – to choose everything with or apart from God. Like the gift of freedom it is a blessing, responsibility and challenge. So consider how you live out your freedom, your free will. Do you offer a part, any part to God? And mean it!? Have you offered your freedom to God? Have you asked for Him to help you in your choices? Have you ever chosen Him first? Some questions to contemplate this holiday.

Let us pray for each other. Know that I will be praying for you while away these next couple of weeks as I always do. Pray also for those who have and still support our freedom...

*Peace and blessings – Fr. Bill.*

**Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Chain****St. Leonard Parishioners**

Bob Adams; Norma Annarino; Roy Atkinson; Joe Beckman; Fr. Ronnie Boccali; Nancy Bradley; Kay Brodsky; Kecha Brodsky; Anna Cooperrider; John Cooperrider; Walter Crowe; Carl DiBlasio; Mary Jo DiGiandomenico; Forrest Garey; Doug Gill; Gloria Gill; Rosemary Gordon; Ruth Hottinger; Sissy Goodin; George Jackson; Dale Keeler; Lois McDermott; Ben Piper; Beth Prichard; Philip Miller; Robert Neumeyer; Robert Rager; Joe Reed; Fr. Michael Reis; Rodger Richter; Susie Sherrard; Jan Smith; Cindy Riesbeck; Carol Watercutter; Joe Whyte; Rita Wimer.

**Our family and friends:**

Christopher Allen; Father Allen; Chris Bailey; Sr. Sharon Baldy, SCN; Kay Baker; Mike Barrett, Liam Barry; Nancy Bell; Alli; Megan Boley & family; Betty Burchfield; Bruce Campbell; Cardoza Family; Brooke Chute; Deborah Cockran; Karis M. Crosmer; Ashley Deck; Glenn DeDona; Sue Denison; D.H.; E.B.; Jim Durda; Dr. Robert Finley, Jr.; Richard Flynn, Terry Fout; Debbie Frazee; David Froberg; Doug Froberg; Christine DeSerio Gatehouse; Maxine Gebhart; Pat Goodin; Phil Gregg; Steven Gress; Cheri & Dale Grigsby; Gary Grigsby; Doug Grimm; Shelly Hartless; Carol Herr; Dennis Hoffman; Beau, Gina, Jill, Matt Jago; Terry Jones; Darla Jurden; Nevin Keim; Hope Klaus; L.B.; Richard Koch; Storm Lazo; Eva Legace; Richard Lieson; Bernard Oberfield; Lombardo Family; Trinity Langwasser; Fr. Michael Lumpe; Ashley M.; Andrew Madrid; Bernie Madrid; Richard Mayhew; Holden McFann; Bill McCluggage; Bill McNamara; Steve McNamara; Fr. Dick Metzger; Pat Molnar; Flint Morgan; Bridgette Morgan; Claire Elizabeth Morgan; Josh Morgan; Sean Morris; Jackie Newman; Norman/Collins Family; Salvatore Presutti; Jeanette Price; Jerry Price; Sean O'Hara; Sally Orend; Colton Phillips-Huffman; Richard Patellos; Don Powell; Eric & Ashley & Tristan Riesbeck; Hannah Roberts; Melvin Robinson; Sammy Roszman; Anderson R. Trinity Russell; Kristen Ryan; Ohmson Schroeder; Carol Diane Smith; Marie & Ken Smith; Barry Spurr; Joel Stanford; Kyle Stowers; Kathleen Thomas; Philip Vogelmeier 5th; Mary Wade; John Walters; David Walton; Carla Watson; Rodger Watson; Francis Weather; Roberta Widman; Iona Wilson; Roger Wimer; Michael White; Hunter Wise; Dee Wright; Russ Yahn.

**If your loved one needs our support and is not listed,  
please contact the church office at 522-5270.**

**PSR & SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION**

**PSR TIME: SUNDAYS, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., September-May**

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**ST. LEONARD PARISH CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

Monthly Meeting ~ 3rd Tuesday  
On Tuesday, July 17th, 2018

**Altar Flowers** ~ *Teresa Grigsby* ~ 740 366-3892  
**Scheduler** ~ *Maryann Chisek* ~ 740 587-3438  
1st Collection ~ *July 1st: Bereavement Ministry*  
1st Collection ~ July 8th: Catholic Education  
**Dusters** ~ *July 2nd: Gini & Greg Johnson*

**Lay Ministers Schedule for June 30th & July 1st (EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)**

**June 30th**

**Ushers:** Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl  
**Lector:** Sherron Hamm  
**Altar Servers:** The Kozlowski Family  
**E.M.H.C.:** Nello Allori, Joe & Mary Beckman  
**Cantors:** Diane Reef

**July 1st**

**Ushers:** Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers  
**Lector:** Leigh Ann Lutz  
**Altar Servers:** Jack Lutz, John LaBelle, Volunteer  
**E.M.H.C.:** Bonnie Kinney, Bob Morman, Jim Watercutter  
**Cantor:** Tom Held

**Lay Ministers Schedule for July 7th & 8th (EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)**

**Ushers:** Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl, Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers  
**Lectors:** Anna Sikora, Bob Morman  
**Altar Servers:** The Kozlowski Family, Mason May, Carlos Chaney, Volunteer  
**E.M.H.C.:** Deacon Larry, Sonny Del Matto, Don Hobbs, Deacon Larry, Terri Jackson, Bonnie Kinney  
**Cantors:** Suzanne Baker; Steve Schlicher

**Lay Ministers Schedule for July 14th & 15th (EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)**

**Ushers:** Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl, Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers  
**Lectors:** Jody Adams, Terri Jackson  
**Altar Servers:** Kozlowski Family, Bemis Family, Andrea Chaney  
**E.M.H.C.:** Dee Jones, Ron Jones, Terry Larkins, Bob Morman, Richele Piper, Al Smith  
**Cantors:** Don & Cindy, Tom Held

**Money Counters**

July 2nd: *Bill Gress and Al Smith*  
July 9th: *Rita Kelly & Nancy Willey*

UPCOMING EVENTS



St. LEONARD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL #12641



Next Meeting: July 11th at 7:00 p.m.  
Don Hobbs – Grand Knight ~ (740) 344-5008  
tower1249@hotmail.com

**STEWARDSHIP: ACTIVE REGISTERED FAMILIES: 235**

**PARISH OFFERINGS NEEDED PER WEEK: \$4,100.00**

**PARISH OFFERTORY FOR JUNE 23RD & 24TH**

PARISH OFFERING:	\$ 3,359.70	BAA RECEIPTS	\$ 230.00
CANDLES:	\$ 4.00	PETER'S PENCE	\$ 10.00
EDUCATION	\$ 10.00	SVDP	\$ 824.00
CAPITAL MAIN.	\$ 30.00	MEMORIAL DON.	\$ 100.00

**OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 24, 2018**

INCOME:\$277,098.44 EXPENSE: \$263,168.77 NET: \$13,929.67

**Daily Mass Schedule Change:** Due to Fr. Bill's vacation, there will be a communion service instead of Mass on Thursday, July 5th and Thursday, July 12th. All other Masses/Communion services will take place as scheduled.

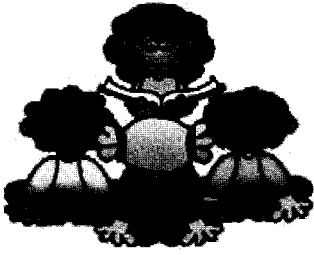
**The Women's Guild** will have its Annual Rummage Sale on August 3rd/4th. Donations can be brought to the church starting in June. They can be placed in the classroom off of the social hall. Exercise equipment, electronics, and furniture *will not* be accepted. More to follow. Questions? Please contact Dee Jones at [drjones1@columbus.rr.com](mailto:drjones1@columbus.rr.com) or 740-522-4875.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** The 2018 theme is "Sharing the Love, Encouraging Hope." Through your generosity, *we have met our goal with 111 pledge cards returned. YEAH!!! Thank You!!!* Anything we receive now will be returned to the parish and go into our Capital Maintenance Fund. Our next project is to repair the parking lot. Estimates for fixing the whole parking lot are between \$90,000.00-\$100,000.00. The current balance in our Capital Maintenance Fund to help cover such projects is at \$38,000.00. Due to the cost of this project, we may need to consider a partial replacement. We are currently working with the Diocese of Columbus and contractors for options. Please return your pledge card if you have not done so even if you cannot contribute this year. We have not heard from 139 families. *Know that your support does help with these large projects. This past year, we received \$10,825.64 from our BAA refund that went directly into the Capital Maintenance Fund. Contributions to the Capital Maintenance Fund from Offertory this past year fiscal year was \$10,985.75.*

**One Hour Once a Month with God:** We encourage all to take this opportunity and spend ONE HOUR once a month with the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration takes place in our church the First Friday of each month, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. This Adoration Ministry is often in need of new people to fill in timed slots or to substitute when someone can't make it. Please call Jan Smith at 740-522-7990 or Pattie Herr at 740-334-3610 to sign-up. Thanks.

**Eucharistic Adoration is July 6th**, from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and **Blood Pressures** will be taken on the weekend of July 7th/8th after the Masses in the Sacristy.

**New Members:** We welcome Kevin and Valerie Lyons, and their children, Bernard and Alayna to St. Leonard. We also welcome Stephen Montell to St. Leonard. May you be blessed in your time here.



**PSR has an urgent need** for five new catechists/aides for the coming year (with an additional two volunteers needed for a possible new preschool program). Class times are 10:30 a.m. until noon on Sundays, and most grades, 2nd through 8th, need another volunteer. You do not need to be a licensed or experienced teacher – we can train you! The only requirements are a love for God and a desire to pass on the faith to the next generation. Everyone has gifts to share! We also have openings for ASL interpreters, teen helpers for all classes, and teens and adults who would like to work with children who have special learning needs. It takes many hands to make PSR a success! All volunteers 18 and up are required to take a one-time Protecting God's Children seminar and have a background check on file (at no charge to the volunteer). Please pray about how you can contribute to the PSR program. Contact Allison at [Allison.shardell@gmail.com](mailto:Allison.shardell@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

**Focalore's next meeting** will take place Thursday, July 5th. We will meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Church parking lot to car-pool to South Side Diner in Mt. Vernon. Following dinner, we will recite the Rosary and discuss a *Word of Life* reading. Hope to see you all! For any questions, please contact Mary Morman at 740-522-1639.

**The St. Leonard's Women's Guild** will be meeting on Thursday, July 12th, in the Social Hall at 11:00 a.m. All women in the parish are invited to become members of this wonderful organization. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Dee Jones at 740-522-4875 or Shelley Wilson at 740-323-3849. Lunch will follow at the Shades.

**A Sign of Contradiction: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae:** Families are united to join clergy, parish ministers, and health professionals on Saturday, July 7th at St. Peter Parish, Chillicothe, for an afternoon conference on Pope Pauls VI's famous encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*. Guest speakers are Sr. Renee Mirkes, Dr. Ashley Fernandes, Dr. Alicia Thompson, and Fr. Adam Streitenberger will address the document's history, prophetic message and meaning for today. Lunch included. Reservations can be made by contacting Judy Harness at 740-744-1407 or at [secretary@stpeterchillicothe.com](mailto:secretary@stpeterchillicothe.com).

**ODU to Host One-Stop Admission Day:** Students who are interested in enrolling or transferring to Ohio Dominican University will have an opportunity to begin and complete the admission process in as few as 60 minutes on Thursday, July 12th. Attendees are invited to sign up for a time to visit the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center, located at 1215 Sunbury Road in Columbus, between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Register today by visiting [ohiodominican.edu/admissionday](http://ohiodominican.edu/admissionday).

**St. Luke Community Festival: July 14th, 5:00-9:00 p.m.:** Come to Danville for a fun-filled evening! Enjoy a pit-barbecued chicken dinner from 5:00-7:00 p.m., as well as an outdoor food stand, live music from *Chestnut Ridge Band*, a live auction, inflatables and games for the kids, BINGO, \$1,000.00 cash raffle giveaway, and a country store. Credit cards accepted for games, chicken, and auction. For more information, call St. Luke Parish Office at 740-599-6362.

**The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW)** will be hosting their annual St. Teresa Recognition of Charity, Compassion, and Service Event on Sunday August 19, 2018, at St. Cecelia Church, 434 Norton Road, Columbus, Ohio. The event is to recognize lay women in your parish who reflect the ideals of St. Teresa of Kolkata. Nomination forms are available on the Diocesan website or the DCCW site. Nominations are due no later than July 20th. For more information, call the DCCW office at 614-228-8601.

**Presentation Ministries: Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center & Bible College:** Immerse yourself in Scripture this summer with our series of seminars. St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." These seminars are ideal for homeschoolers and Bible College students. All are welcome and will grow in faith from the experience. Upcoming seminars are *St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians* (July 6-8), *An Overview of the Book of Sirach Part 1* (July 9-11), *An Overview of the Book of Sirach Part 2* (July 11-13), and *St. Paul's Letters to Timothy* (July 13-15). The seminars will take place at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center and Bible College, 5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles Ohio. Guest rooms are available and meals are provided. There will be additional time available for hiking and exploring trails, rock formations, and wooded hillsides. The cost is a freewill offering. For more information or to preregister, visit [www.presentationministries.com](http://www.presentationministries.com) and click on "retreats" or call 513-373-2397.

**Bethesda Healing Ministry:** Jesus' Resurrection isn't just something that happened 2,000 years ago. It has significance for your life, here and now. You are invited into the growing and ever-changing circle of women and men who have come, or are coming, to embrace this reality. The light in our window is welcoming you. Bethesda Healing Ministry Post-Abortion Program information and confidential lines are 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157, or visit our website at [bethesdahealing.org](http://bethesdahealing.org). Be sure to "Like" us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/BethesdaHealing](https://www.facebook.com/BethesdaHealing).

**Men Of The East – Traveling Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Reflection:** St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Granville, will host the Men Of The East for a traveling Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Reflection on Thursday, July 12th, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All men of the twelve parish consortium are invited to attend these once a month Holy Hours. Dcn. John Barbour will lead this hour.

Men Of The East is a new Catholic Men's Laity Ministry comprised of all Catholic men 18 years and older who are registered at one of the twelve parishes in Knox, Licking and Muskingum Counties. Men Of The East exists to support, strengthen and help maximize the spiritual growth of men of the Catholic Church. Men Of The East is a part of the larger Catholic Men's Laity Ministry for the Columbus, Ohio Diocese. For more information about Men Of The East visit [www.menoftheeast.com](http://www.menoftheeast.com)

**St. Charles Robotics Team Offering Five Tech/Robotics Classes:** The St. Charles Robotics Team will hold four summer camps at the school related to the subjects of technology and robotics: **LEGO® Robotics Camp** will teach students how to build, design, program and operate a robot; **Java® I Programming Camp** will introduce the concepts of object-oriented programming; **Basic Programming Camp** will teach the concepts of basic programming using two-dimensional games; **Java® II Programming Camp** will teach more advanced options within the Java programming language; and **Build-A-Bot Camp** will allow the students to design, build, program and operate larger scale computers. The LEGO® and Java I® camps will be held the week of July 16th while the remaining classes will be held the week of July 26th. For more information and registration forms, please contact Joe Moyer, St. Charles Math Department and Robotics Team Moderator, at [jmoyer@cducation.org](mailto:jmoyer@cducation.org).



**Let us pray for our parishioners,  
family, & friends serving in the military**

Sgt. Donald R. Hoffer II, US Army

Pvt. Andre Manning, US Army

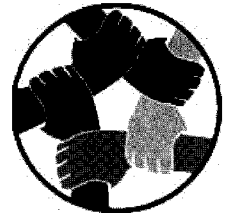
Pvt. Kaleb Hoffer, USMC

**Please also keep their families in your prayers.**  
*If you would like to submit names for this list, please email Allison at [Allison.shardell@gmail.com](mailto:Allison.shardell@gmail.com).*

**Sympathy and prayers** go out to the Johnson Family on the passing of Jan Johnson.

**We Are One Body –  
Catholic Social Teachings: Diocese & Worldwide**

**Gun Violence Statement:** The Catholic Bishops of Ohio recently issued a statement urging Ohio's elected leaders to adopt prudent policies to help curb gun violence. They exhorted that "now is the time for action. Now is the time to promote the culture of life." To read the statement, visit the [www.ohiocathconf.org](http://www.ohiocathconf.org).



**Responding to the Sin of Racism:** "Racism is a sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of that family..." ~ *Brothers and Sisters to Us: US Catholic Bishops*. For resources to respond to the sin of racism, visit [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism) or contact Mark Huddy at the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.

**Share the Journey Migration Campaign:** Pope Francis recently launched *Share the Journey*, a global campaign to support migrants and refugees around the world. The US Bishops are asking Catholics around the country to join the campaign at [www.sharejourney.org](http://www.sharejourney.org). This website features stories, Catholic teaching, prayer resources, and suggested ways to get involved.