

St. Leonard Parish ~ Heath ~
September 8th & 9th
The 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 8th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Thelma Calametti</u> ~ Sharon Niggemeyer
Sunday, September 9th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Parishioners</u>
Tuesday, September 11th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Michael Hritsko+</u>
Wednesday, September 12th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Thursday, September 13th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Parishioners</u>
Friday, September 14th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Saturday, September 15th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Jan Johnson+</u> ~ Bob & Vickie Marshall
Sunday, September 16th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Parishioners</u>



Dear fellow parishioners,

We are now into the academic year. Schools have begun, our PSR and adult education programs are in swing. Busyness has not ended – just shifted – like many things in our lives. Things always seem to shift in and out of our focus. I know that I am constantly shifting from one crisis or issue to another. I am quite blessed to have folks around to help keep me on the different tracks – thank you staff and helpers.

I can only imagine Jesus' focus being all over the place - He was/is human after all. He was stretched to preach the coming of the Kingdom, heal the sick (all the types you can imagine), raise the dead, comfort the sorrowing – those things we read in the first reading from Isaiah and then some. This, along with teaching His disciples what they would need to know before He returned to the Father...quite a busy Man.

He was able to do all this because He took time – *most importantly* – to be in union with His Father and pray! He took time to refocus and to re-unite His will with His Father. As children of God – we need to do the same. It is imperative that we have this in our lives or else we can lose focus on God and then...well...we shift from Him and God will allow us to have what we desire... Him...or not.

I was once told: *"If you are too busy to pray, you are too busy."* I've heard many people over the years say they don't have time to pray every day. Or even weekly. *Maybe ever?* If this is the case generally, then there is no wonder why so many things bother us in our lives and no wonder why there are problems in our society and world.

I urge you as we start this academic year schedule in time to pray. Even if you don't schedule time for other important things in your life (doctors' check-ups – *you know...*, dentists, etc.), schedule in prayer! This is as important as scheduling in work or school. It is more important (even if you might not think so) than gym workouts, practices/rehearsals for sports or other recreations, even more important than the time spent prepping for your favorite ball or sports team! Yes, I do mean that last statement – **NOTHING** is more important!

It can be as easy as offering the basic prayers we all know – or should: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be. Use the prayers of the Mass. Ponder the refrain or verses of a church song. Consider just *talking* to God – then listening to what He has to say. Please – don't be too busy!

Let us pray for each other. Know that you are in mine always.

Peace and blessings – Fr. Bill

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 Fr. Bill Hritsko

St. L.: (740) 522-5270; OLMC: (740) 928-3266
 Sacramental Emergency: (740) 323-6437

Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Chain

St. Leonard Parishioners: Bob Adams; Jody 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; Sissy Goodin; Rosemary Gordon; Ruth Hottinger; George Jackson; Dale Keeler; Lois McDermott; Philip Miller; Robert Neumeyer; Ben Piper; Owen Stout McAlpine; Beth Prichard; Robert Rager; Joe Reed; Fr. Michael Reis; Cindy Riesbeck; Rodger Richter; Della Seymour; Susie Sherrard; Jan Smith; Carol Watercutter; Joe Whyte; Rita Wimer.

Our Family and Friends: Christopher Allen; Father Allen; Sr. Chris Bailey; Kay Baker; Sharon Baldy; Mike Barrett; Liam Barry; Nancy Bell; Megan Boley & Family; Betty Burchfield; Bruce Campbell; Cardoza Family; Brooke Chute; Deborah Cockran; Karis M. Crosmer; Ashley Deck; Glenn DeDonna; 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 AND SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION

PSR TIME: SUNDAYS, 10:30-12:00 September-May

**Allison Shardell – Director of Religious Education
 and Special Needs/Inclusion Coordinator**

(Allison.shardell@gmail.com or 740-405-8892)

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

Monthly Meeting ~ 3rd Tuesday
On Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Altar Flowers ~ *Teresa Grigsby* ~ 740 366-3892

Scheduler ~ *Maryann Chisek* ~ 740 587-3438

1st Collection ~ September 9th: *Catholic Education*

2nd Collection ~ September 16th: *Capital Maintenance*

Dusters ~ September 10: *Sonny Del Matto*

**Lay Ministers Schedule for September 8th & 9th
(EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)**

September 8th

Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl

Lector: Mary Gillespie

Altar Servers: Kozlowski Family

E.M.H.C.: Sonny Del Matto, Ron Jones, Don Hobbs

Cantor: Don & Cindy Riesbeck

September 9th

Ushers: Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress,
Gary Childers

Lector: Bob Morman

Altar Servers: Brandon & Amelia Shardell, Andrea Chaney

E.M.H.C.: Jim Watercutter, Terri Jackson, Bonnie Kinney

Cantor: Steve Schlicher

**Lay Ministers Schedule for September 15th & 16th
(EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)**

Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl,
Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress,
Gary Childers

Lectors: Sherron Hamm; Leigh Ann Lutz

Altar Servers: Benvie Family, Jack Lutz, John LaBelle,
Volunteer

E.M.H.C.: Deacon Larry, Elizabeth Benvie, Dee Jones,
Deacon Larry, Bob Morman, Richele Piper

Cantors: Suzanne Baker; Tom Held

**Lay Ministers Schedule for September 22nd & 23rd
(EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)**

Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl,
Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress,
Gary Childers

Lectors: Dee Jones; Terri Jackson

Altar Servers: Kozlowski Family, Ben Bemis, Andy Bemis,
Volunteer

E.M.H.C.: Terri Larkins, Carol Scholl, Nello Allori,
Al Smith, Jim Watercutter, Bonnie Kinney

Cantors: Diane Reef; Don & Cindy Riesbeck

Money Counters

September 10th: *Rita Kelly & Nancy Willey*
September 17th: *Gary Grigsby & Nello Allori*



**UPCOMING EVENTS
ST. LEONARD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #12641**



Next Meeting: September 12th at 7:00 PM

Wife's Appreciation Dinner: September 13th, at 6:00 p.m.

Don Hobbs – Grand Knight
(740-344-5008 or tower1249@hotmail.com)

STEWARDSHIP ACTIVE REGISTERED FAMILIES: 235
PARISH OFFERINGS NEEDED PER WEEK: \$4,100.00

DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY,
THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEK
WAS NOT AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE BULLETIN PUBLICATION DATE.
THE INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEK WILL BE INCLUDED
IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

**Upcoming American Sign Language
Interpreted Parish Events**



September 9th – 9:30 a.m. Mass, 10:30 a.m. PSR (Pre-K)
September 16th – 9:30 a.m. Mass, 10:30 a.m. PSR (Pre-K)
September 23rd – 9:30 a.m. Mass, 10:30 PSR a.m. (Pre-K)

Blood Pressures will be taken September 8th and 9th after Masses in the Sacristy.

Prayers: Please keep Brandon Shardell in your prayers this week. He will be having surgery on Monday, September 10th.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? St. Leonard and Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Buckeye Lake will begin RCIA Classes, Tuesday, September 18th, at 7:00 p.m., in OLMC's Parish Hall. All are welcome! Please contact the offices of St. Leonard or Our Lady of Mount Carmel for details.

The St. Leonard Women's Guild will be meeting on Thursday, September 13th, 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 Tokyo Steakhouse.

Parish Picnic – Save the Date! Our Parish Picnic will be held Sunday, October 7th, beginning at 12:00 noon in the Social Hall. Meat and drinks will be provided by the parish. Bring a covered dish to share! Sign up at the back of the Church. Hope to see you there!

PSR starts THIS weekend with a parent meeting at 10:30 a.m., and classes from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Sunday, September 9th. If you have not registered, please contact Allison ASAP or come to the Parent Meeting. We look forward to a wonderful year of service and passing on the faith to our parish youth. Please join us Sunday, September 16th, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass to support and pray for all of our Catechists, Aides, and teen helpers for Catechetical Sunday. Our parish is so blessed to have our wonderful volunteers!

Parish Happenings

The Turban Project, which provides free headwear to cancer patients, is in desperate need of costume jewelry, pins, brooches, etc. to embellish the turbans. 20,270 turbans have been donated. For more information, please contact Dee Jones at drjones1@columbus.rr.com or 740-522-4875.

Knox/Licking Vocations Club will be meeting on Tuesday, September 11th, at St. Leonard Church at noon. Please come join us for lunch and the speaker, Fr. Mark Ghiloni, from Church of the Ascension. The cost of the lunch is \$5.00. The money we collect helps support and encourage seminarians, religious and priests. Bring a friend and make new ones. Questions? Call Linda at 366-4074.

Around the Diocese

Men Of The East – Traveling Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Reflection: St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (303 E. High Street, Mt. Vernon, OH), will host the Men Of The East for a traveling Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Reflection on Thursday, September 13th, starting at 7:00 p.m., in the church. All men of the twelve parish consortium are invited to participate in these once-a-month Holy Hours. Men Of The East is a new Catholic Men's Laity Ministry comprised of all Catholic men 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.*

Annual Jack Nutter Memorial Golf Outing: Blessed Sacrament is hosting its annual Jack Nutter Memorial Golf Outing on Saturday, September 15th, at Kyber Run Golf Course, 5261 Mink Street, Johnstown. Sign up for the Four-Man Scramble. The cost is \$40.00/person and \$160.00/team, which includes lunch, awards and door prizes. Registrations were due by August 31st. Go to blsac.net and click the link to register, or call Don Blosser at 740-407-6298 for more information.

Join us for REBOOT, a life-changing event: Let internationally-renowned speaker and author Chris Stefanick, along with top performing live music artists, help you REDISCOVER God, and REDISCOVER the life you were made for. REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up), of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more! It's time to start living the Life you were made for. Join us at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Newark on September 26th, at 7:00 p.m., for REBOOT. This is a ticketed event, so please buy your tickets ahead of time. They will not be sold at the door. We expect it to sell out and don't want you to miss this opportunity to grow in your faith. Tickets are \$22.00, and can be purchased online at stfrancisparish.net, reallifecatholic.com/reboot, or at the St. Francis' Parish Office. *St. Leonard has tickets available to purchase in the Parish Office, as well.*

Classes for 2-3-year-olds with communication and/or socialization challenges: On September 11th, our school-year program will resume at St. Edward's Church for 2- and 3-year-olds with communication and/or socialization challenges. The classes are tentatively scheduled from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children work in groups of six with two teachers; evidence-based "play" procedures are used to improve their communication and socialization skills. There is also a **free program for young people with autism:** This program starts September 10th. Participants should have basic reading skills. They will work one-on-one with mentors in small groups on Mondays, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., participating in noncompetitive physical activities including: "obstacle" courses, music, dancing, yoga, crafts, games, cooking, interviewing, drama, visiting restaurants and other places of interest in Granville, etc. This program was created to improve social and communication skills, to allow for sensory issues and a child's need for routine, to develop executive skills, and to reduce anxiety with new situations, new activities and new people. Applications are being accepted for Mentors who will be trained and paid. Please use contact information below. These programs are sponsored by the Language Experience Center, a nonprofit organization. Children of all races, colors, and national/ethnic origins are welcome. Classes are held at Saint Edward Catholic Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, Granville. Please contact Barbara Lechner, Ph.D., at 740-587-7214 or talkdoc43023@msn.com to enroll or for more information.



Let us pray for our Parishioners, Family and Friends Serving in the Military

SrA. Therin Brown, USAF
Pvt. Kaleb Hoffer, USMC

Sgt. Donald R. Hoffer II, U.S. Army
Pvt. Andre Manning, U.S. Army

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.

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

Bethesda Healing Ministry: Have you ever had an abortion? Are you seeking healing? God is ever present at Bethesda Healing Ministry. You do not suffer alone. Bethesda Healing Ministry invites and welcomes you. The ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month to share in the healing experience. Confidential lines are 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157, or visit our website at www.bethesdahealing.org.

Friends of the Poor Walk: Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, for the 2018 Columbus Friends of the Poor Walk Saturday, September 29th, at 10:00 a.m. (registration begins at 9:00 a.m.). The walk will be held at St. Francis de Sales High School, 4212 Karl Road, Columbus. Register at <https://www.fopwalk.org/eventlisting/eventdetail/?eventid=2093>.

Immigration Update: Robert Cohen of Porter, Wright, Morris, and Arthur LLP will speak on the current immigration situation on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, St. James the Less Ministry Center, 1614 Oakland Park Avenue at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Porter has practiced immigration law for over 30 years, and his primary areas of practice include business and family immigration representation. Mr. Cohen is on the Board of Community Refugee and Immigration Services in Columbus. The Church encourages Catholics to be informed about our immigrant brothers and sisters. Sponsored by the St. James the Less Social Justice and Peace Ministry. Refreshments will be available. For information, contact Dave Frickey at 614-268-3828 or Suzie Latham at 614-267-4350.

Suicide Prevention and Intervention Summit: The Diocese of Columbus will host this summit Wednesday, September 26, 2018, at the Pontifical College Josephinum Jessing Center. Diocesan offices have partnered with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, NAMI, OSU Suicide Prevention Program, and other community agencies to develop the summit. The summit will address awareness, prevention, response, and post-vention. Parishes and schools are encouraged to build and send a team, but individuals are welcome. The summit is open to adult leaders, as well as high school youth leaders. Cost is \$10 per person which includes lunch. To register a parish and school team, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/suicide-prevention.

Building a Culture of Life Conference: The Respect Life, Bioethics, Leadership Conference is Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury. Join us for an extraordinary event featuring dynamic Pro-Life speakers and offering resources to equip you to build a culture of life. Topics include *Advocating for Children with Disabilities, Legislative Updates, End-of-Life Discussions, Pro-Life Action, and Reproductive Assistive Technology*. Sponsored by the Diocesan Office for Social Concerns, Marriage & Family Life Office, Greater Columbus Right to Life, and FEMM. Cost is \$25.00. Register by October 16. For a list of speakers and to register, visit <https://bclc2018.eventbrite.com>, or call 614-241-2540.