

**St. Leonard Parish ~ Heath ~ November 17th & 18th**  
**Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Saturday, Nov. 17th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Bob Wimer</u> ~ Rita Wimer
Sunday, Nov. 18th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Sarah Danford</u> + ~ St. Leonard Women's Guild
Tuesday, Nov. 20th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Ron &amp; Dee Jones</u> ( <i>Special Intention</i> )
Wednesday, Nov. 21st	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Thursday, Nov. 22nd	9:00 a.m.	<u>Eugene C. &amp; Diane F. Ney</u> ~ Eugene Ney, Jr.
Friday, Nov. 23rd	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Saturday, Nov. 24th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Robert Marshall, Jr.</u> + ~ Ron & Dee Jones
Sunday, Nov. 25th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Sarah Danford</u> + ~ St. Leonard Focolare

**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



Dear fellow parishioners,

We are coming to the end of this liturgical year. We may plan calendars and schedules, but there is always a wrench in them (so to speak); that is: *what does God decide?*

In this weekend's readings, we hear of the "end times." Don't be mistaken people, *they are a comin'*! Don't be misled or mistaken thinking we have lots of time before the Lord comes again, no matter how "written in stone" your schedules or plans may be. While we *may* yet have lots of time, don't hold onto that error... nothing is guaranteed. Consider those who die by accidents, natural and man-made disasters. You don't know your time or place to meet the Lord.

In looking at the end times, the Lord gives His disciples warnings using similes of what they know that signal other things happening (fig tree - summer; clouds - storms, etc.). He says when you see certain things happening: severe violence between peoples, wars, fires, earthquakes, storms, visions in the sky... my dear people... *they are a happenin'* ... have you watched the news lately? The signs are there!

In reflection of these, I remember seeing several roadside billboards (maybe you have as well) with black backgrounds and white letters that read something like the following:

*I warned you. God.*

*Don't make me come down there. God.*

*I'll be back... I hope you are ready. God.*

Don't be surprised. He has given us enough notice. He looks down on us and weeps, I am sure. I know I still have work to do...

I give this same warning annually around this time and sometimes throughout the year. I am definitely not the a prophet or trying to instill panic, but I do want to make sure that the people in my flocks know that the impending coming of Lord is nearer now than it has been in centuries. Are you ready? The Lord says not to worry. But I think concern should be in order for each and every one reading this column.

Are you taking the opportunities to prepare for the Lord's coming as individuals and as a people? Are you seeking reconciliation grace? Are you loving and serving God and neighbor? Be honest!

I saw an ad recently in which a new pastor was to be introduced. He disguised himself as homeless and tried to greet people going into the church - he was ignored and regarded with disdain. He went in, sat towards the front and was asked to move... to the back... which he did. When he was introduced... he stood up as people were looking around. They saw who it was as he made his way to the front... their adulation stopped... they were caught... He simply said, "I'll see you next week..." How would you have reacted? What type of person might you have been? I've seen how some are greeted... Are you ready for the Lord?

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

*Peace and blessings - Fr. Bill.*

**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; Amelia Shardell; Susie Sherrard; Jan Smith; Carol Watercutter; Joe Whyte; Rita Wimer.

**Our family and friends**

Christopher Allen; Father Allen; Chris Bailey; Kay Baker; Sr. Sharon Baldy; Mike Barrett; Liam Barry; Nancy Bell; Megan Boley & family; Amy Brown; Betty Burchfield; Bruce Campbell; Chris & Gracias Cannon; James Cannon; 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; Lutz & McDermott Families; Bernard Oberfeld; 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**  
**Allison Shardell - Director of Religious Education**  
**and Special Needs/Inclusion Coordinator**  
 Allison.shardell@gmail.com/(740) 405-8892

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

Monthly Meeting~ 3rd Tuesday  
Next Meeting: November 20, 2018

**St. Leonard Women's Guild**

Monthly Meeting~ 2nd Thursday in the Social Hall  
Next Meeting: January 10th at 11:00 a.m.  
Dee Jones ~ 740-522-4875/Shelley Wilson ~ 740-323-3849

**Altar Flowers** ~ *Teresa Grigsby* ~ (740) 366-3892  
**Scheduler** ~ *Anna Sikora* ~ (740) 745-2044

**Money Counters**

November 19th: *Gary Grigsby & Nello Allori*  
November 26th: Don Hobbs & Nello Allori

**Dusters**

November 19th: *Jill Bemis & Suzanne Neumeyer*  
November 26th: Sonny Del Matto

**Lay Ministers Schedule for November 17th & 18th (EMHC - Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)**

**November 17th**

**Ushers:** Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl  
**Lector:** Terri Larkins  
**Altar Servers:** Kozlowski Family  
**E.M.H.C.:** Deacon Larry, Dee Jones, Sonny Del Matto  
**Cantor:** Diane Reef

**November 18th**

**Ushers:** Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers  
**Lector:** Leigh Ann Lutz  
**Altar Servers:** Brandon Shardell, Amelia Shardell, Volunteer  
**E.M.H.C.** Deacon Larry, Bonnie Kinney, Bob Morman  
**Cantors:** Don & Cindy Riesbeck

**Lay Ministers Schedule for November 24th & 25th (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:** Dee Jones, Ron Jones, Volunteer, Ben Bemis, Andy Bemis, Volunteer  
**E.M.H.C.:** Joe Beckman, Mary Beckman, Don Hobbs, Al Smith, Jim Watercutter, Brandon Shardell  
**Cantors:** Diane Reef, Tom Held

**Lay Ministers Schedule for December 1st & 2nd (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, Christina Ross  
**Altar Servers:** Kozlowski Family, Carlos Chaney, Andrea Chaney, Volunteer  
**E.M.H.C.:** Deacon Larry, Dee Jones, Ron Jones, Deacon Larry, Terri Jackson, Bonnie Kinney  
**Cantors:** Don & Cindy Riesbeck, Tom Held



**ST. LEONARD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12641**  
Next Meeting: December 12th at 6:30 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 THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 4TH**

PARISH OFFERING:	\$3,915.81	EDUCATION:	\$ 314.00
CANDLES:	\$ 1.00	ONLINE GIVING	\$ 450.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 150.00	CAPITAL MAINT.	\$ 368.00

**OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018-NOVEMBER 9, 2018**

INCOME: \$79,876.89 EXPENSE: \$90,637.80 NET: **-\$10,760.91**



2nd Collection ~ Human Development  
1st Collection ~ November 25th: St. Vincent de Paul  
1st Collection ~ December 2nd: Catholic Education

**Upcoming American Sign Language Interpreted Parish Events**

November 25th – 9:30 a.m. Mass  
December 2nd – 9:30 a.m. Mass, 10:30 PSR (Pre-K)  
December 9th – 9:30 a.m. Mass, 10:30 PSR (Pre-K)



**Holiday Bulletin Article Submission Deadlines:** Due to the holiday bulletin printing deadlines, articles must be submitted to Allison (stleonardpsr@outlook.com) as follows:

November 19th for the December 2nd bulletin  
November 27th for the December 9th bulletin  
December 11th for the December 23rd bulletin  
December 18th for the December 30th bulletin  
December 25th for the January 6th bulletin

Thank you! ~Allison

**Thanksgiving Mass:** There will be Mass at St. Leonard, Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

**A huge thank you** to our parishioners who worked so hard at last week's Spaghetti Dinner: Don & Ginny Hobbs, Steve Connor, Larry Mikeworth, Ron Jones, Bonnie Del Matto, and Nello & Lorraine Allori. We appreciate your service and hard work!

**Please Note:** The parish office will be closed Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving.

**Youth Choir and Bell Rehearsal** times for Sunday November 25th are as follows: Youth choir – 10:30-11:00 a.m.; Bells— 11:00-11:30 a.m. There is NO PSR on this day. If you or your child is interested in joining a music ministry for the Christmas season, please contact Peggy.

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

**Thank You** all for your prayers, thoughts, and cards during my illness. They were very much appreciated. ~ Nancy Bradley

**Prayers for those affected by the fires in Paradise, California.** Fr. Chuck Kelly (a classmate of Father Bill) – all his family members have lost their homes.

**Sympathy and Prayers** to the Wildermuth and Gault families in the passing of Kathy Wildermuth's nephew, John Gault.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Dinner:** This year's Community Thanksgiving Service will take place Monday, November 19th, at Heath United Methodist Church. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. (bring a dish to share!) with the service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this wonderful community event!



**Coats for Kids Campaign:** We are down to the final two weeks for the Knights of Columbus and Women's Guild's Coats for Kids Campaign. They are still collecting new winter coats for children in need. Please donate by placing a new children's winter coat in the box at the back of the Church. November 25th is the final weekend for donations, so please bring your coats in by next weekend.

**Save the Date** for St. Leonard's next monthly Spaghetti Dinner! Come and enjoy spaghetti with marinara sauce, meat sauce, or meatballs, salad, bread, beverages, and dessert on Thursday December 13th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Adults are \$8.00, children 6-12 are \$5.00, and children 5 and under are free. Proceeds will benefit the parish maintenance projects. Dessert donations are requested to help make our spaghetti dinners a success! Gluten-free? Please contact Sonny Del Matto at least a week in advance for a gluten-free meal. We hope to see you December 13th!

**St. Leonard Women's Guild:** The Women's Guild will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be January 10, 2019.

**The Giving Tree** is now up at the back of the church. Please sign out an ornament and help make Christmas a bit brighter for an area family. Bring your gifts wrapped so that they can be given to the families. Thank you for being a blessing to others in our community!

## AROUND THE DIOCESE



### THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

*"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory."* (Mark 13:26) We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond? Learn how to share your gifts and Catholic legacy by supporting your parish and contacting The Catholic Foundation. Visit [www.catholic-foundation.org/development](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/development) for more information.

**Catholic Social Services Baskets of Love:** Catholic Social Services of Licking County invites you to brighten a senior's holiday this season by providing a basket of love. Please donate a reusable shopping bag or small laundry basket filled with an assortment of the following items: toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, fabric softener, small container of laundry soap, all purpose cleaner, 2019 calendars, bath towels, kitchen towels, sugar-free candy, toiletries, 13-gallon size kitchen bags, large print word find books, Kroger or Walmart gift cards, tissues, dryer sheets, air fresheners, and postage stamps. Your Basket of Love might be the only gift our seniors will receive this holiday. Baskets can be dropped off by December 10th at 1031 Brice Street, Newark, Ohio. Drop-off times are Monday-Friday between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Call (740) 345-2565, ext. 4 with any questions.

**ARC – Active Retired Citizens:** Please come join us on Monday, December 3rd at St. Francis from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Johnson Hall. Euchre, Bingo, fabulous door prizes and refreshments are all part of the fun – maybe even a little surprise or two. Bring a friend and make new ones. Hope you can join us for some fun! If you have questions, call Chris at 364-0449 or Deb at 366-6924.

**Bimonthly Mass of Healing:** St. Joseph Cathedral (212 E. Broad Street, Columbus) is celebrating a healing Mass at 6:30 p.m. on November 19th, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of relics of the True Cross. Each person will then have an opportunity to speak with a priest about their particular situation and receive a prayer of healing. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The service will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited, especially those in need of physical, spiritual, or emotional healing. All caregivers and medical providers are also invited.

**Columbus Young Catholic Professionals** will meet Wednesday, November 28th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Jubilee museum (57 S. Grubb Street, Columbus). The speaker will be Steve Bollman, Founder of Paradisus Dei. On December 19th, the CYCP speaker will be William Klatt, Justice for Ohio's 10th District Court of Appeals. Meetings are open to Catholic professionals, 21 and over. Professional attire is required. Come meet and network with other young Catholics committed to professional and spiritual life. For more information, visit the Columbus Catholic Young Adults Facebook page.

**The December Catholic Men's Luncheon Club** will feature a talk by Father T. J. Lehigh, Parochial Vicar at St. Andrew Parish. Father Lehigh is one of the newly ordained priests in the Columbus Diocese. Please join us Friday, December 7 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch and Father Lehigh's talk about his vocation story. The December Luncheon is sponsored by Fortner Fine Living & Upholstery. (Find more information at [www.fortnerinc.com](http://www.fortnerinc.com).) Holy Mass begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Father Lehigh's talk. No reservations are necessary. Ten dollars covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc) or contact Craig Heppner, CMLC President, at [craigkofc@gmail.com](mailto:craigkofc@gmail.com).

*God's  
Good*  
all the time

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



SrA. Therin Brown, USAF  
Sgt. Donald R. Hoffer II, U.S. Army  
Pvt. Kaleb Hoffer, USMC  
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](mailto:Allison.shardell@gmail.com).*

**WE ARE ONE BODY –  
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS:  
DIOCESE & WORLDWIDE**

**Bethesda Healing Ministry:** Have you had an abortion? Are you seeking healing? Bethesda Healing Ministry welcomes the opportunity to support you in seeking the Sacrament of Forgiveness and Healing. Regular support group meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Call Bethesda Healing Ministry for support. You will not be alone in your journey. At Bethesda, we walk with you, pray with you, and receive you with open sympathetic hearts. Please call us on confidential lines: 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157, or visit our website at [www.bethesdahealing.org](http://www.bethesdahealing.org).

**Suicide Prevention and Response:** If you or someone you know is suicidal, in danger of harming themselves, or is in emotional distress, contact the confidential National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or text HOME to 741741. Trained crisis workers are available to talk 24/7. In cases of immediate risk and/or danger, please call 911. For more information on diocese resources available for responding to and preventing suicide, please visit [www.columbuscatholic.org/suicide-prevention](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/suicide-prevention).

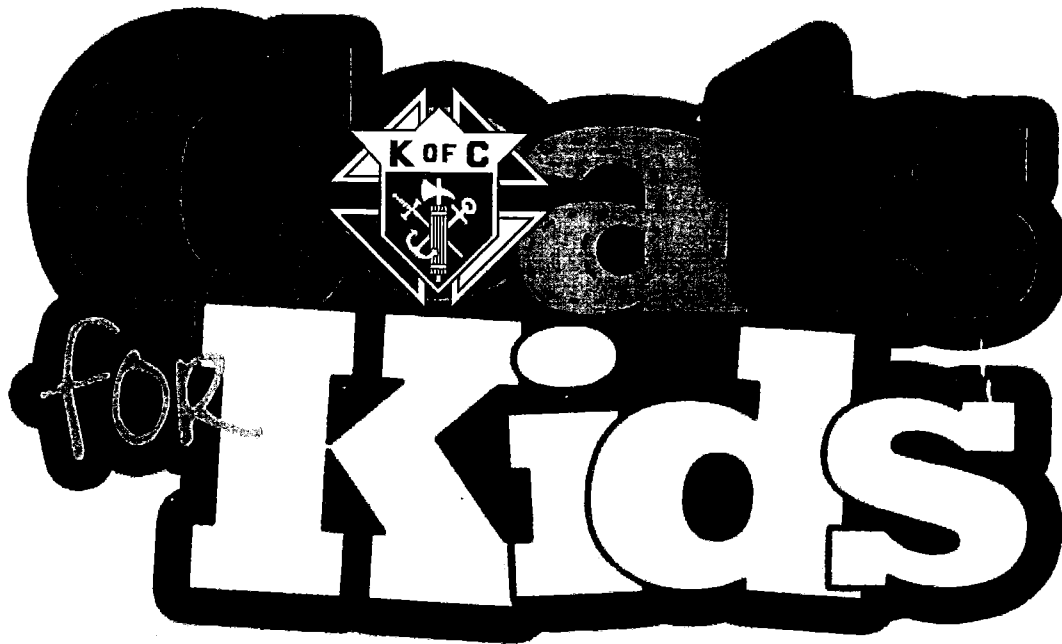


**On Thanksgiving Day,** we pray and give thanks to God for our many gifts. Please keep in your prayers the people who work hard to produce and prepare the food we eat. For prayers and educational resources about rural life and agricultural issues, visit Catholic Rural Life's website at [www.catholicrurallife.org](http://www.catholicrurallife.org).

**The St. Leonard Knights of Columbus Council 12641**

**And**

**St. Leonard Women's Guild**



**Beginning on Saturday, November 3 and lasting until Sunday November 25. The Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Campaign will be collecting new winter coats to provide for children in need within our community in time for Christmas.**

**This campaign will be in collaboration with the St. Leonard Women's Guild who will be contributing fifty (50) children's pairs of gloves and hats to this worthy cause.**

**Please donate by placing a new children's winter coat in the receptacle in the back of church. Questions please contact Glenn Wirth at [gawirth@roadrunner.com](mailto:gawirth@roadrunner.com) or 740-973-0741.**

## HELP US HELP OTHERS AT CHRISTMAS



**THE GIVING TREE IS UP!!!** Please pick up an ornament to help a family in need this Christmas. We ask that you sign the sign-out sheet with your name and phone number in case we need to contact anyone. We ask when you bring the gifts back to have them wrapped with the ornament attached to the gift or gifts. Please bring your gifts back by the weekend of December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Larry Wilson at 740-323-3849

*We thank you for making Christmas special  
for those in need!!*

*“God so loved the world  
that he gave his only  
begotten Son.”*

In this season of giving,  
may we share with those  
who are less fortunate.