

St. Leonard Parish – Heath – December 15th & 16th The Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 15th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Louis Bruno Jr. & Phyllis Bruno</u> ~ Bill & Terri Larkins
Sunday, December 16th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Judge John A. Connor</u> ~ Friends of St. Leonard
Tuesday, December 18th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Pete Stefan</u> ~ <u>Special Intention</u>
Wednesday, December 19th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Thursday, December 20th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Fr. James Csaszar</u> + ~ Sonny & Bonnie Del Matto
Friday, December 21st	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Saturday, December 22nd	5:30 p.m.	<u>Douglas P. Gordon</u> ~ Family
Sunday, December 23rd	9:30 a.m.	<u>Tim Kinney</u> + ~ Knights of Columbus

Mass Intentions:

Please be reminded that any parishioner is welcome to ask that Masses be celebrated for a 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,

This week, St. John the Baptist's "rules" reminded me of the book by Robert Fulgham: *Everything I Ever Needed to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten*. Here are some parts today to ponder...

Share. We learned this on the playground and in the classroom. We shared so everyone had something. Sharing demonstrates compassion, a necessity for a happy life. Give to someone in need. **Play fair.** Rules provide structure, but we love to break them for our own benefit. Make sure you aren't setting a double standard for others.

Don't hit people. It's not nice. Violence doesn't solve problems; rather, it propels negative energy.

Put things back where you found them and clean up your own mess. You probably don't like picking up after others, so don't make them pick up after you. Take responsibility for your actions and make moves to clean it/them up.

Don't take things that aren't yours. If you take something that's not yours, it's stealing: no matter what the thing is – visible or invisible – including others' time, integrity, self-worth to name a few...

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. It's compassion coming back around. Regret and guilt can eat someone from the inside out and holding on to anger just makes you bitter and age faster – stay sweet and wrinkle free.

Wash your hands before you eat and be sure to flush. Proper personal hygiene is necessary to living a healthy life alone and with others. Germs travel as fast as evil gossip. Flushing is always a good idea, who wants to see someone else's "stuff"?

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Sometimes life is rough and you need a little pick-me-up. Cookies and milk make us feel comforted after a day of you against the world.

Live a balanced life. Learn some, drink some, draw some, paint some and sing and dance and play and work every day some. We need to find laughter and make silly memories. Take some time for yourself and God everyday, it is necessary to stay happy and healthy.

When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together. The world can be a cold place, but we learned quickly that everything is easier if you have someone by your side. So be kind, be warm and be friendly. Everyone needs someone, and you might be the someone that someone needs.

Be aware of wonder and always remember to look. We need to remember that some things can't be learned from textbooks. Have an open heart and mind. Wonder shouldn't be taken for granted; embrace it, utilize it, explore it. Be aware of the world around you, where people come from, their pressures and influences. Make sure the trail you leave behind is the legacy for which you want to be remembered.

Let us pray for each other – know that you are in mine always, especially as we enter this week in preparation for Nativity!

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 Bocali; 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; Beth Prichard; Robert Rager; Joe Reed; Jason Reed; Fr. Michael Reis; Cindy Riesbeck; Rodger Richter; Della Seymour; Amelia Shardell; Benjamin Sheets; 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; Jeffery James Connor; 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; Richard Lieson; Lutz & McDermott Families; 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 & 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 & Special Needs/
Inclusion Coordinator – Allison.shardell@gmail.com / (740) 405-8892

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Monthly Meeting – 3rd Tuesday
Next Meeting: December 18, 2018



ST. LEONARD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #12641

Next Meeting: January 9th at 6:30 p.m.
Corporate Communion & Rosary: 12/23
Don Hobbs – Grand Knight – (740) 344-5008
tower1249@hotmail.com



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

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

PARISH OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 1/2 & 8/9

Parish Offering	\$6,698.00	Education	\$224.00
Candles	\$ 46.00	Online Giving	\$700.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,240.00	Religious Retirement	\$405.62
Immaculate Concept.	\$ 503.00	Christmas Flowers	\$660.00
Cath. Times/All Saints	\$ 27.00	Christmas	\$ 50.00
Auction fundraiser	\$ 500.00	Capital Main.	\$500.00

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 14, 2018

INCOME: \$97,543.36 EXPENSE: \$113,385.25 NET: -\$15,841.87

Altar Flowers: Teresa Grigsby – (740) 366-3892

Scheduler: Anna Sikora – (740) 745-2044

Money Counters: December 17th: Gary Grigsby & Nello Allori
December 24th: Don Hobbs & Nello Allori

Dusters: December 17th: Jill Bemis
December 24th: Sonny Del Matto



2nd Collection – December 22/23rd: Diocesan Charities
2nd Collection – December 29/30th: St. Vincent de Paul

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

December 15th

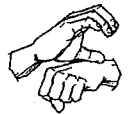
Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl
Lector: Sherron Hamm
Altar Servers: Kozlowski Family
E.M.H.C.: Deacon Larry, Joe Beckman, Mary Beckman
Cantor: Suzanne Baker

December 16th

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

Upcoming American Sign Language Interpreted Parish Events

December 23rd – 9:30 a.m. Mass
December 24th – 3:30 p.m. music and 4:00 p.m. Mass
December 30th – 9:30 a.m. Mass



Holiday Bulletin Article Submission Deadlines: Due to the holiday bulletin printing deadlines, please submit articles for the December 30th bulletin by December 18th, and submit for the January 6th bulletin by December 25th; to Allison at stleonardpsr@outlook.com. Thank you!

Christmas Decorating: Decorating for the Christmas Masses will begin on Saturday, December 22nd at 9:00 a.m. and then continue December 23rd following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Volunteers are needed to help with fluffing trees and preparing the Church to celebrate the birth of Christ! Please contact Teresa Grigsby with questions at 740-973-1228.

Lay Ministers Schedule for December 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: Volunteer
Altar Servers: Volunteer
Volunteer
E.M.H.C: Volunteer
Volunteer
Cantors: Diane Reef; Tom Held

Lay Ministers Schedule for December 29th & 30th
(EMHC - Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)

Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl,
Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers
Lector: Volunteer
Altar Servers: Volunteer
Volunteer
E.M.H.C: Volunteer
Volunteer
Cantors: Don & Cindy Riesbeck; Tom Held

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

December 24th: Vigil for the Nativity of the Lord
* 4:00 p.m. (Family Mass) Music begins at 3:30 p.m. *
(Youth choir/youth bells/cantors/instrumentalists)
* 8:00 p.m. Music begins at 7:30 p.m. *
(Adult choir/cantors/adult bells/instrumentalists)

December 25th: Nativity of the Lord
* 10:00 a.m.: cantor/keyboards *

December 31st: Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
* 5:00 p.m. *
January 1st: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
* 10:00 a.m. *

Parish Happenings

Gluten Free/Celiac Disease: St. Leonard Church has low gluten communion hosts available for those with Celiac disease or who need to be gluten free. These have undergone extensive testing by the manufacturer and have been found to be safe for those with Celiac disease. Please see the Sacristan at least 10 minutes before Mass if you require a low gluten host.

Thanks: Dear St. Leonard Family – We would like to thank you for your prayers, condolences, expressions of sympathy and cards on the passing of my sister, Patricia Thomas. It meant a lot to us. God Bless. *Nello & Lorraine Allori.*

Rehearsals for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass music will take place Sunday, December 23rd following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All youth musicians (choir and bells) should be at the church by 10:30 a.m. to begin rehearsing. Rehearsals will be finished at 11:30 a.m. for both groups. All those involved in the 4:00 p.m. Mass should be here by 3:15 p.m. for the Christmas Eve Mass. Music begins at 3:30 p.m. Thanks.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the Steve Connor family, in the passing of Steve's brother, Judge John A. Connor. He passed away last week. Also, Sympathy to the Frank Luciotti family, in the passing of his sister, Rosalie Wentling.

The Knights of Columbus' Corporate Communion will take place December 23rd at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. They will also recite the Rosary before Mass. Following Mass, they will be collecting money for their Pennies for Heaven campaign to support Seminarians.

Coats for Kids Campaign: The generosity of our parish is incredible. Through monetary donations and the giving of new coats, hats and gloves, the final tally for the Coats for Kids Campaign is 82 coats and jackets along with 51 hats and 58 pairs of gloves – all provided to the Newark Salvation Army. Thank You for your support and efforts. Merry Christmas! – Glenn Wirth

Happy Birthday Fr. Ronnie! Fr. Ronnie Boccali's 89th birthday is December 26th. Cards may be sent to the following address: Fr. Ronnie Boccali; Mother McCrory Manor; 5199 East Broad Street; Columbus, Ohio 43213. Visits are also welcome!!

Contributions for 2018: Please submit all contributions by the weekend of December 29th & 30th so they can be included in your 2018 Contribution Statement.

Catholic Foundation Grant for St. Leonard: We have been blessed to receive a Responsive Grant Award this year, distributed by the Catholic Foundation. Our project, "Handicapped Entrance Project," has been awarded \$5,226.00. The grant will be used for the replacement of the Education Doors as well as Handicapped Power Operator Buttons for both of these entrances. We are proud that the value of our parish is being acknowledged and supported. We are grateful to the donors who contribute to the Catholic Foundation that make these grants possible. Anyone can contribute at any time to the funds for our ministries or for those used for the grant process.

The Catholic Foundation is a nonprofit autonomous organization that receives and manages assets to provide funding for the parishes, schools, and ministries within our Catholic community. We are continually blessed by the support of our parishes. By connecting the financial gifts of our donors with ministries within St. Leonard Church, we can continue to provide a facility that is inviting and secure, and handicap accessible for those coming to use the church and facility for worship, meetings, and PSR classes. If you would like more information on contributing to existing funds that support our ministries, or would like to work on a planned gift of your own, please contact Scott Hartman at shartman@catholic-foundation.org or at The Catholic Foundation, (614)-443-8893.

Using IRA Accounts for Church donations: Have you considered using your IRA distributions as a donation to St. Leonard? Qualified Charitable Distribution benefits include:

- The gift comes from your IRA, using pretax dollars.
- The gift amount is excluded from your taxable income.
- The gift amount can be applied towards this year's minimum distribution requirements.

Basic requirements and limitations for a Qualified Charitable Distribution include:

- The donor must be at least 70½ years of age at the time of the distribution.
- The distribution must be from a Traditional IRA.
- The distribution must be made directly from the IRA administrator to a qualifying charity, like St. Leonard Church, a qualified 501(c)(3) organization.

The TURBAN PROJECT

We are blessed to receive a \$3,000 grant from The Catholic Foundation through the Foundation's responsive grant cycle. This grant will help The Turban Project, to provide free blessed head wear to men, women, and children who have lost their hair due to medical issues. We are proud that our ministry is being acknowledged and supported for all the good work we do. We have donated over 26,000!

We are grateful for all the donors who made this grant possible through The Catholic Foundation. Individuals who care deeply about helping others and want to do more in their community can set up endowments and other funds through The Catholic Foundation for the benefit of organizations like The Turban Project

To learn more about how you can set up funds to help The Turban Project please reach out to The Catholic Foundation's Director of Development, Scott Hartman, at shartman@catholic-foundation.org or 614-443-8893. In Christ's love,
Kathy Braidich, founder/director ~ The Turban Project 😊

SPAGHETTI DINNER THANK YOU: A special thank you to all who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, December 13th. A big thank you to Sonny Del Matto for cooking his special sauce, and to Don Hobbs for helping Sonny with the cooking preparation. Others helping in the kitchen with cooking, cleaning up, and serving were Steve Connor, Ron Jones, and John LaBelle. Thanks to Father Bill for making his homemade salad dressing. Those helping with desserts were Jill Bemis, members of the Women's Guild, Ginny Hobbs, and Bonnie Del Matto. Those helping with greeting people and taking money were Peggy Pound, Sherron Hamm, Ginny Hobbs, and Bonnie Del Matto. The 50/50 was won by Mary Gillespie. Many thanks to everyone who came and those who donated desserts. A special thank you to Chris May in donating ground beef from Dairy Queen for the meatballs and meat sauce. The dinner made \$532 for our continued maintenance costs. We also have quarts of our special spaghetti sauce available for a donation.

The next dinner will be on January 17th. We hope to see all of you there!

December 11, 2018



Hello Friends of Together We Grow!

It's time to begin saying goodbye to 2018 and think about all the new adventures to come in 2019! Here at Together We Grow, we are already planning our gardens for next year...always wanting to improve on the gardens and the relationships in those gardens! Here are a few things we have planned for next season:

- Our greenhouse program, Here We Grow Gardens, for adults with developmental disabilities continues to grow, with over 40 individuals coming every week to learn how to operate the greenhouse and growing their own gardens each spring! We hope to create a vocational program this year which may lead to employment opportunities for the participants of the program.
- We will continue our Power of Plants school programs with Carson and McGuffey Elementary and plan to add Ben Franklin next spring. The kids love planting their own garden each year!
- The Newark Green Machine, a brand new composting program, will be starting at the Boys and Girls Club of Newark, in conjunction with Newark City Schools and the community. It's going to be a great opportunity to keep food waste out of landfills and use it to make rich compost.
- We will be starting our brand new Fruit and Forest Farm on our 16 acres of land off W. National Drive.
- The community gardens will have lots of garden plots available and we hope you will consider "renting" a plot for \$10 for the season! It's a fun experience and is really beneficial in cutting down grocery costs.
- Everett Park Garden will be reopening this spring, and we are very excited about that! It's going to be our most beautiful garden, featuring perennials donated by the Newark Garden Club and many others.

Here are a few ways YOU can help!

- Volunteer for the greenhouse program, in the office, or helping in the gardens by letting us know on Facebook, email or contacting us on our website!
- Kroger Community Rewards is a great way to donate when you link your Kroger card to our nonprofit. You will still earn your gas points, but Kroger will donate a portion of everything you spend to Together We Grow. Instructions are listed on the "Donate" page on our website.
- Amazon Smiles is a great giving program. Before ordering anything from Amazon online, go to smile.amazon.com and choose Together We Grow as your nonprofit recipient, and we will get 0.5% of your eligible purchases.
- Join the Friends of Together We Grow Monthly Donor Program by sending in the enclosed card or signing up on our "Donate" page on our website. Your donation of even \$10 per month will help us keep things running smoothly all year. One of our Friends of TWG from last year works at Boeing and every dollar the member donated was *matched by Boeing*. If you sign up, be sure to check with your company for matching funds.

Facebook Account: Together We Grow Gardens

Email: togetherwegrowinc@gmail.com

Website: www.togetherwegrowgardens.org

From our Families to Yours This Holiday Season!

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Around the Diocese

The Catholic Foundation: *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."* (PHILIPPIANS 4:6) St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given. Learn how to share your gifts and Catholic legacy by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholic-foundation.org/development for more information.

2019 Columbus Catholic Men's Conference: Registration is now open for the 2019 Catholic Men's Conference. Register by January 14, 2019 to save on tickets using early bird pricing. This is a don't miss opportunity for the men of the Columbus Diocese. Presenters this year include: Jesse Romero, Bishop Donald J Hying & Dr. Timothy Gray. In 2018, thirty-two hundred men met at the Cardinal Building at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. They learned together, prayed together, worshipped together and grew together as Catholic Men. We invite each participant to bring a friend to the 2019 conference. Register today at www.catholicmensministry.com.

Licking County Coalition for Housing is hosting their 18th annual Drive to Help our Community Stay Warm. They are accepting donations of new and used (and even torn) blankets, as well as socks, hats, gloves, and scarves. Monetary donations are also welcome and for every \$1.00 donated, LCCH receives \$27.00 in grant funding to help households with mortgages, rent, and utilities. Items can be dropped off at Jefferies Supplies (49 North 4th Street), Luikart Heating (358 Wilson Street) or you can leave a message at (740) 928-4546 or (740) 928-0415 ext. 133 to have your items picked up. Please see the bulletin for more details.

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

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



Sgt. Donald R. Hoffer II, US Army
Pvt. Andre Manning, US 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 & Worldwide

The Pope's Monthly Intention – December: *Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith.* Pray that people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time:



Bethesda Healing Ministry: Are you grieving because of the loss of your child? Have you, perhaps, lost someone close to you because of your abortion? Although identifying and acknowledging your loss is painful, it is an important step toward the healing of your grief. You are not alone. Those who participate in Bethesda Healing Ministry have been on this healing journey, perhaps a few months or many years. We will receive you with open and empathetic hearts. Our prayers for you make us friends. Come and see! 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 and pray with you. Please call us on confidential lines: 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at 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.

Roe Remembrance at the Ohio Statehouse: Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor this event on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, noon to 1:00 p.m., at the Ohio Statehouse following the 10:30 a.m. Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral. The program will be held in the Statehouse Atrium. Please allow extra time for Statehouse security measures. Stickers, signs, and weapons are not permitted inside. For additional information, visit www.gctrl.org/roe.html.