

St. Leonard Parish – Heath – December 29th & 30th**The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Saturday, December 29th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Louis Bruno Jr. & Phyllis Bruno+</u> – Bill & Terri Larkins
Sunday, December 30th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Raymond & Juanita Shumaker+</u> – Family
Monday, December 31st	5:00 p.m.	<u>Eugene C. & Diana R. Ney</u> – Eugene C. Ney, Jr.
Tuesday, January 1st	10:00 a.m.	<u>Louis Bruno, Jr. & Phyllis Bruno+</u> – Bill & Terri Larkins
Wednesday, January 2nd	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Thursday, January 3rd	9:00 a.m.	<u>Joseph & Mary Stefan+</u>
Friday, January 4th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Saturday, January 5th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Charlotte Osborne+</u> – Family
Sunday, January 6th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Parishioners</u>

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:

I want to express, on my behalf and on behalf of our parish staff members of both sister parishes, a very *Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year.*

I want to thank everyone who helped and worked to make the Christmas Mass celebrations so lovely. The musicians, singers, liturgical ministers, Fr. Gribble (who is more supportive than I can even express) and, of course, the decorators! Again, Herculean efforts were put forth to get each of our parishes ready for the grand celebrations - *THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL REAL GOOD!*

One of the good things about all this work is that Christmas doesn't end on Christmas Day - or even New Year's Day. Some denominations are done with Christmas on December 26 - flowers dispersed or pitched... decorations put away... Not so for us. We take our seasons as they come - Advent happens before Christmas. In the Book of Ecclesiastes, it is stated that "there is a time for everything under heaven" (Eccl 3:1 - ff). We are in the midst of the *Octave of Christmas* (Christmas is too huge to celebrate in one day, or even two) and the Christmas season continues until the Baptism of the Lord, which will be January 13, 2019 (yes, 2019!).

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. In this feast, we remember again the family that God put together. Mary, betrothed to Joseph, becomes pregnant with Jesus (the Son of God) and they begin their life together. God puts us together by His plan. Sometimes, we try to thwart God's design - but even then - God can do something with whatever choices or actions we make or do. Each of us with our bests and worsts are brought together by God, some by choice and some not. Each of us has something to learn from those with whom we find as "family." I think that is what God intends - regardless of how holy, perfect, imperfect, fortunate or not each family is.

My wish is that each of us can learn, above all, peace through whatever situation/s in which we find ourselves. May your families be blessed this season. Pray for your family - every member: those present or not; those close or not; those remembered by name or not; those who are living and those who have died. In the Body of Christ, the family of God, we are all united in the Communion of Saints - make it a part of your family.

Just as a note of how Christmas will continue... OLMC will offer Twelfth Night - on January 6, a concert featuring the music ministers and ministries of the parish. It is part of our 90th Anniversary celebrations. All are welcome to join us and hear the hard work preparing for this holy season.

Let us pray for each other - know that you, family, 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; Kay Brodsky; Kecha Brodsky; Anna Cooperrider; John Cooperrider; Walter Crowe; Carl DiBlasio; Mary Jo DiGandomenico; 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; Fr. Michael Reis; Cindy Riesbeck; Rodger Richter; Della Seymour; 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; Karen Burns; 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

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

Monthly Meeting – 3rd Tuesday
Next Meeting: January 15, 2019

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/Shellie Wilson – 740-323-3849

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

Money Counters: December 31st: Susie Gribble & Vickie Annarino
January 7th: Bill Gress & Frank Flynn

Dusters December 31st: Sonny Del Matto
January 7th: Greg & Gini Johnson

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

December 29th

Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl
Lector: Volunteer
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E.M.H.C.: Volunteers
Cantor: Don & Cindy Riesbeck

December 30th

Ushers: Frank Flynn, Gene Hill,
Bill Gress, Gary Childers
Lector: Volunteer
Altar Servers: Volunteers
E.M.H.C. Volunteers
Cantor: Tom Held

Lay Ministers Schedule for January 6th & 7th
(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; Rita Kelly
Altar Servers: Wanling Baker, Ron Jones, Volunteer,
Carlos Chaney, Andrea Chaney, Volunteer
E.M.H.C.: Deacon Larry, Sonny Del Matto, Don Hobbs,
Deacon Larry, Jim Watercutter, Terri Jackson
Cantors: Suzanne Baker; Steve Schlicher

Lay Ministers Schedule for January 12th & 13th
(EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)

Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl
Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers
Lectors: Joan Kefeli/Anna Sikora; Leigh Ann Lutz
Altar Servers: Kozlowski Family
John LaBelle, Mason May, Volunteer
E.M.H.C.: Dee Jones, Ron Jones, Terri Larkins
Bonnie Kinney, Bob Morman, Brandon Shardell
Cantors: Diane Reef; Don & Cindy Riesbeck



**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



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

PARISH OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 15TH & 16TH

PARISH OFFERING:	\$3,339.00	CHRISTMAS:	\$130.00
CANDLES/FLOWERS:	\$137.00	ONLINE GIVING	\$450.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$57.00	EDUCATION:	\$35.00
CAPITAL MAINTENANCE	\$1,000.00	SPAGHETTI DINNER	\$582.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT:	\$140.00	DIOCESAN CHARITIES	\$10.00

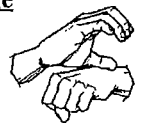
OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018
INCOME: \$103,215.76 EXPENSE: \$115,758.99 NET: -\$12,543.23



2nd Collection – December 30th: St. Vincent de Paul
2nd Collection – January 6th: Capital Maintenance

**Upcoming American Sign Language
Interpreted Parish Events**

January 1st – 10:00 a.m. Mass
January 6th – 9:30 a.m. Mass
January 13th – 9:30 a.m. Mass & 10:30 a.m. PSR



We have low-gluten Communion hosts available for those with Celiac disease or who need to be gluten-free. Please see the Sacristan at least 10 minutes before Mass if you require a low-gluten host.

Eucharistic Adoration will take place Friday, January 4th from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Come spend some time in prayer before our Lord!

Blood pressures will be taken next weekend (January 5th & 6th) after Masses in the sacristy.

Thank you and best wishes to Tom Held: Tom has been a cantor at St. Leonard for many years and has moved to the Columbus area. We wish him all the best and thank him for his service to our parish. His last day cantoring will be on January 1st. We will miss you Tom!!

Peggy Pound – Music Director



Holiday Schedule

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.
The Parish Office will be closed January 1st & 2nd

Parish Happenings

Happy Birthday, Fr. Ronnie! Fr. Ronnie Boccali's 89th birthday was on December 26th. Cards may still be sent to the following address: Fr. Ronnie Boccali; Mother McCrory Manor; 5199 E. Broad Street, Columbus Ohio 43213. Fr. Mike Reis is at the same address. I am sure both of our former Priests would love cards throughout the year.

January Parish Spaghetti Dinner: The next parish spaghetti dinner will take place on Thursday, January 17th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy spaghetti with marinara sauce, meat sauce, or meatballs, along with salad, bread, beverages, and dessert. Adults are \$8.00, children 6-12 are \$5.00, children 5 and under are free, and families are \$30.00. Proceeds will benefit the parish maintenance projects. Since July, we have had \$10,000.00 in repairs to the buildings and grounds. Dessert donations are requested to help make our spaghetti dinners a success! Gluten-free? Please contact Sonny Del Matto or the parish office at least a week in advance for a gluten-free meal. We hope to see you January 17th!

Message of Thanks: Nancy and I would like to thank you for all the sympathy cards and condolences for our brother John's passing. It was very hard for us, but your compassion helped us a lot. – Steve Connor

Catholic Foundation Grant for St. Leonard's PSR Program: We have been blessed to receive a \$12,000.00 Responsive Grant Award this year, distributed by the Catholic Foundation, for our PSR Special Education program. This grant will allow us to expand our special education program to ensure that all of our parish children can have a Catholic education. As part of this project, the classrooms will be equipped with flexible seating options and sensory-friendly furnishings, hands-on curriculum options, materials in American Sign Language, in addition to written and spoken English, and we will be able to provide accommodations and materials for dyslexia and reading/communication delays. In addition, the parish plans to add flashing smoke alarms to the building to ensure that all of our parishioners are alerted in the case of a fire. St. Leonard, and especially the PSR program, are grateful to the donors who contribute to and support the Catholic Foundation to make these grants possible. If you would like to support this wonderful organization, you can donate 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 religious education to all of God's children and ensure that our parish is welcoming and inclusive, as well as continues to serve as a model for inclusion to other parishes in the diocese. 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 (shartman@catholic-foundation.org) 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 pre-tax 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.

Attention, all prospective Kindergarten through 8th grade families! On Sunday, January 27th, St. Francis de Sales School will host an Open House and Registration for the 2019-2020 school year. You can visit us on this day from 11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Come and find out what makes St. Francis special – a faith-based education, a tight-knit community, and a commitment to all children meeting high expectations and achieving great things! During the Open House and Registration, prospective families will be able to take a tour of the school, ask questions and register for the 2019-2020 school year. We are proud of what we have been doing at this school for many decades and want to share our future plans and successes with all who want to join us! If you cannot make it on Sunday the 27th, there is opportunity to visit us the week of January 28th. Our student council members will be available to give tours and we can register children at this time. Also, Sally Mummey will visit our parish on January 12th and 13th to speak about St. Francis de Sales School. You can also call the school with questions at 740-345-4049, or email Principal Sally at smummey@cdeducation.org. We look forward to meeting you!

Around the Diocese

The Catholic Foundation: “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 JOHN 3:1) During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God’s children, it’s important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently. 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.

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 – January: *Young People and the Example of Mary.* That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Bethesda Healing Ministry: In the fullness of time, Christ came as our infant King. He invites each of us to come to Him for healing and hope, even from an abortion of long ago. He is waiting! 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; Save the Date: April 4th, 2019 for “Joy in Forgiveness” Benefit, featuring Keynote Speaker Dr. Ray Guarendi.

January is Poverty Awareness Month. For resources about what Catholics can do to address poverty in the United States, visit USCCB’s Poverty USA website at www.povertyusa.org.



New Pastoral Letter on Racism: The U.S. Catholic bishops issued a new pastoral letter on racism, “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love.” The letter asks us to confront the evil of racism and recall that we are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God. For the full text, as well as many accompanying educational resources, visit www.usccb.org/racism.

National Migration Week is January 6-12, 2019. This year’s theme is “Building Communities of Welcome,” which emphasizes the importance of proactively engaging immigrant and refugee communities and creating a culture of welcome that will assist in the integration process in our parishes and communities. For a tool kit, visit USCCB’s website at <https://justiceformigrants.org/2016site/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Final-NMW-Toolkit-2019.pdf>.

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.