

St. Leonard Parish – Heath – January 5th & 6th
The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 5th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Charlotte Osborne+</u> – Family
Sunday, January 6th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Parishioners</u>
Tuesday, January 8th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Don & Ginny Hobbs</u> (42nd Anniversary)
Wednesday, January 9th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Thursday, January 10th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Fr. Stanley Cmich, CPPS</u>
Friday, January 11th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Saturday, January 12th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Louis J. Bruno Jr.</u> & <u>Phyllis L. Bruno+</u>
Sunday, January 13th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Eugene C. & Diana F. Ney+</u> – Eugene C. Ney, Jr.



Dear fellow parishioners, this weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Epiphany means “enlightening.” It honors the “wisemen” or “Magi” who came from the East, as put forth in “We Three Kings” to find out about the New Born King of the Jews. While we are not sure exactly how many there were or from whence they actually came, legend and history give us three to reflect the three gifts given: gold, frankincense and myrrh. There might have even been more than three gifts – but three are noted in the Gospel to reflect Who Jesus was/is and what would happen to Him.

Gold: Jesus was/is a King. King of Kings and Lord of Lords as stated in: Deuteronomy 10:17 (*For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of Lords, the great, the mighty and awesome God...*); Psalm 136:3 *Give thanks to the Lord of lords for his steadfast love that endures forever.*; Daniel 2:47 (*The king... said to Daniel, “Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings and revealer of mysteries...”*) and Revelation 19:16 (*On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords...*).

Frankincense: was used in the temple as a sacrifice – it was and still is every expensive – that prayers might rise up to God in the sweet smoke. It was also offered to kings recognizing their greatness in most often an inherited title. Jesus was/is the Son of the Most High – so He comes to it completely legal.

Myrrh: was a very highly regarded gift – a very expensive perfumed oil. Only the wealthiest could really afford it to use it regularly. It was used in the preparation of a corpse for burial. There was not embalming like we have today or refrigeration so burials had to happen quickly! The body was washed (according to law) and prepared with the oil to present it to God, sort of a “nod” to the incense that the soul should rise up... like the prayers offered (see above).

There are many types of gifts that were given to kings, prophets, others of high esteem. Do you remember in *Ben Hur* when Moses returns from Ethiopia and the parade of gifts offered to the Pharaoh? Often gifts of robes, fabric, spices, the best possible things were given to them in tribute, appreciation and in recognition of their honor it may have been the same.

When I was in high school I travelled on a music tour in the former Yugoslavia. At each place we played, different gifts were given to us in recognition and honor: costumes, coins, fabric and even a large lobster mounted on a board (from a fishing village in the Adriatic Sea.) These were the gifts of the people – for honored guests. What gifts do (or don’t) you offer to the King of kings and Lord of lords... maybe consider what you might in this new year.

May God bless you all “real good” this year! Know that you are in my prayers always!

Peace and blessings – Fr. Bill.

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

OUR LADY OF MERCY PRAYER CHAIN

St. Leonard Parishioners: Bob Adams; Jody Adams; Norma Annarino; Roy Atkinson; Joe Beckman; Mary Beckman; Fr. Ronnie Boccali; 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; 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; Sr. Chris Bailey; Kay Baker; 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 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; 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 Weether; 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/Shelley Wilson – 740-323-3849

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

Money Counters: January 7th: Bill Gress & Frank Flynn
January 14th: Nancy Willey & Rita Kelly

Dusters January 7th: Greg & Gini Johnson
January 14th: Sonny Del Matto

Lay Ministers Schedule for January 5th & 6th
(EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)

January 5th
Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl
Lector: Dee Jones
Altar Servers: Wanling Baker, Ron Jones, Volunteer
E.M.H.C.: Deacon Larry, Sonny Del Matto, Don Hobbs
Cantor: Suzanne Baker

January 6th
Ushers: Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers
Lector: Rita Kelly
Altar Servers: Carlos Chaney, Andrea Chaney, Volunteer
E.M.H.C Deacon Larry, Jim Watercutter, Terri Jackson
Cantor: 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

Lay Ministers Schedule for January 19th & 20th
(EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)

Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl
Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers
Lectors: Terri Larkins; Bonnie Kinney
Altar Servers: Benvie Family
Brandon Shardell, Amelia Shardell, Keira Haynes
E.M.H.C.: Deacon Larry, Elizabeth Benvie, Carol Scholl
Deacon Larry, Jim Watercutter, Terri Jackson
Cantors: Don & Cindy Riesbeck; Suzanne Baker

**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 22-23 & 24-25

PARISH OFFERING	\$5,626.00	CHRISTMAS	\$13,081.00
CANDLES	\$ 22.00	ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1340.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 35.00	MARY MASSES	\$ 20.00
CAPITAL MAINTENANCE	\$ 8.00	FLOWERS	\$ 10.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT	\$	CHARITIES/RELIGIOUS	\$ 490.00

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018-DECEMBER 26, 2018

INCOME: \$130,143.81 EXPENSE: \$131,563.06 NET: -\$1,419.25

**DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION, FINANCIALS FOR DECEMBER 29TH/30TH
WILL BE IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.**



2nd Collection – January 6th Capital Maintenance
1st Collection – January 13th: Catholic Education

**Upcoming American Sign Language
Interpreted Parish Events**

January 13th – 9:30 a.m. Mass & 10:30 a.m. PSR
January 20th – 9:30 Mass & 10:30 PSR
January 27th – 9:30 Mass



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.

Please keep Sonny Del Matto in your prayers as he recovers from surgery this week. We wish you continued healing and God's strength and peace.

Lois McDermott has moved and is now at Newark Health Care in room 469. Visitors are very much welcomed and appreciated.

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. 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!

Christmas decorations will be taken down after Mass on January 13th. Volunteers are needed to help with this effort! Many hands make light work, so please stay after Mass to help put decorations away.

Parish Happenings

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.

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!

Propagation of the Faith: The weekend of January 19 and 20, 2019, is a renewal weekend for membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. To join, please use your collection envelope for "Membership Sunday," which is included in the parish's January collection envelope packet. Members of the Society receive the graces of 15,000 Masses celebrated each day by missionaries for its members – living or deceased. Mass is also celebrated daily for Society members at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Around the Diocese

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 and 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.

Bi-Monthly Mass of Healing: There will be a Mass of Healing January 21st at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral (212 East Broad Street, Columbus). Following Mass, the Healing Service will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of relics of the True Cross. Each person will then have an opportunity to speak individually with one of several priests present to discuss their particular situation and receive a prayer of healing; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available. The Healing Service will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited, especially those with physical illness and those seeking emotional and spiritual healing. Caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are also invited. Handicap elevator access to the Cathedral is located off Broad Street Courtyard. For more information, call (614) 224-1295 or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org.

Financial Peace University: Are you stressed about your holiday spending or year-end tax bills? Is the heaviness of your credit cards or other debt weighing you down? Financial Peace University is a proven way to enrich your New Year. On average, participants improve their financial position by \$8,000.00 during the class itself! This nine-week course teaches you about finances from a biblical perspective, and it works! Past students have had great things to say about the program! The kit costs \$119.00, and registration is due by January 13th. Join us Sunday evenings from 6:15-8:15 p.m., in Blessed Sacrament Shepherd Hall (394 East Main Street, Newark) from January 20th-March 24th (skipping Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd). Contact John and Susanne Urban at 417-682-1630 or the parish office at 740 345-4290 to sign up today!

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: Sometimes memories can keep us from experiencing the fullness of new life, even following the reception and graced forgiveness from the Sacrament of Penance. If you have experienced abortion in your life and the memory continues to haunt you, perhaps inviting Jesus often into that memory will open your spirit to the peace only He can give. Begin by praying "Jesus, I don't want to be chained any longer to the memories of my abortion. Please come and heal me." To share the graces of this journey with those who have been there, contact Bethesda Healing Ministry. He is waiting for you. The ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Call us on confidential lines: 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at www.bethesdahealing.org. Save The Date April 4, 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.

Men of the East – Traveling Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Reflection: St. Ann's 405 Chestnut Street, Dresden, Ohio 43821 will host the Men of the East for a traveling Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Reflection on Thursday, January 10th, 2019 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All men of the twelve-parish consortium are invited and encouraged to participate in these once-a-month Holy Hours.

Men of the East is a Catholic Men's Laity Ministry comprised of all practical Catholic men who attend one of the 12 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, visit www.MenOfTheEast.com.