

MASS INTENTIONS: April 27th & 28th**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

Saturday, April 27th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Charlotte Osborne</u> + ~ Dodge Osborne
Sunday, April 28th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Joan Galich</u> + ~ Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Floyd
Tuesday, April 30th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Fr. Richard Snake</u> + ~
Wednesday, May 1st	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Thursday, May 2nd	9:00 a.m.	<u>Eugene C. & Diane F. Ney</u> + ~ Eugene C. Ney, Jr.
Friday, May 3rd	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Saturday, May 4th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Norma Annarino</u> + ~ Ron & Dee Jones
Sunday, May 5th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Dolly Stephens</u> + ~ Bill & Chris Rollins



Dear fellow parishioners,

This weekend, we come to the conclusion of the Octave of Easter for this year. The first Sunday after Easter St. John Paul II proclaimed as "Divine Mercy Sunday" on April 30, 2000 based on the visions and subsequent diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who was canonized that day. He declared: It is important then that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church, will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday."

St. John Paul strongly urged all people to follow the whole message of the visions of the Divine Mercy of God, which is being aware of and acting on the connection between the Easter Mystery: the Suffering, Death, Burial, Resurrection, and later the Ascension and Descent of the Holy Spirit.

This whole message is one that becomes "enfleshed" in us as the Word of God was enfleshed by Our Savior. It is enfleshed by action. Our Lord's words to Saint Faustina about the requirement to be merciful is action and there is no room for misinterpretation: *"Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy ... I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it."* More than words...

You hear me saying this often: "what are you going to do with it." Well, it isn't just from me. The Lord says it, St. James says it, St. John Paul II. St. Theresa of Calcutta (Mother Theresa) offers this:

The Fruit of Silence is Prayer; the Fruit of Prayer is Faith; the Fruit of Faith is Love; the Fruit of Love is Service and the Fruit of Service is Peace.

A few years ago, I set this prayer to an old Croatian folk tune about weaving a wreath of grass for a celebration – work for celebration. One little girl noticed that "peace leads us back to silence" so we can hear God's voice. She melted my heart. Let your heart be melted-with peace. If you listen and/or re-read the Gospel today, the first "gift" from the Lord to His disciples on that first day of the week is PEACE. In fact, He gives it to them *twice!* Then again the next week with Thomas. There is something about it that is needed above all.

As you continue in the Eastertide (season of Easter), I invite you to ask the Lord for Peace above all else *first*. As you gain it and accept it – all else falls into place. Let us pray for each other this holy season. 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 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.

Our Lady of Mercy Prayer Chain**St. Leonard Parishioners**

Bob Adams; Jody Adams; Roy Atkinson; Joe Beckman; Mary Beckman; Fr. Ronnie Boccali; Kay Brodsky; Kecha Brodsky; Steve Conner; Anna & John Cooperrider; Walter Crowe; Sonny Del Matto; Carl DiBlasio; Mary Jo DiGiandomenico; Frank Flynn; Forrest Garey; Doug Gill; Gloria Gill; Sissy Goodin; Rosemary Gordon; Ruth Hottinger; George Jackson; Dale Keeler; Bob Ley; Carol Luciotti; Frank Luciotti; Lois McDermott; Philip Miller; Robert Neumeier; Mollie Overbey; 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 J. Connor; Karis M. Gosmer; Ashley Deck; Glenn DeBona; Sue Denison; D.H.; E.B.; Jim Durda; Dr. Robert Finley, Jr.; Richard Flynn; 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; Linda Henry; 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; Sharon Luft; Lutz & McDermott Families; Lombardo Family; Trinity Langwasser; Fr. Michael Lumpe; Ashley M.; Andrew Madrid; Bernie Madrid; Richard Mayhew; Holden McFann; Bill McCluggage; Bill McNamara; Steve McNamara; Ed Moats; Fr. Dick Metzger; Pat Molnar; Flint Morgan; Bridgette Morgan; Claire Elizabeth Morgan; Josh Morgan; Sean Morris; Jackie Newman; Norman/Collins Family; Jeanette Price; Sean O'Hara; Sally Orend; Colton Phillips-Huffman; Richard Patellos; Don Powell; Eric, Ashley & Tristan Riesbeck; Hannah Roberts; 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; Roberta Widman; Dave Wilson; Iona Wilson; Roger Wimer; Michael White; Hunter Wise; Dee Wright; Russ Yahn; Bettyann Zimmerman

PSR & INCLUSION INFORMATION

PSR: SUNDAYS, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., September-May
Allison Shardell – Director of Religious Education & Disabilities/Inclusion Coordinator
 stleonardpsr@outlook.com

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

Monthly Meeting ~ 3rd Tuesday
Next Meeting: May 21st

St. Leonard Women's Guild

Monthly Meeting ~ 2nd Thursday in the Social Hall
Next Meeting: May 9th 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

April 29th: Don Hobbs & Sherron Hamm

May 6th: Bill Gress & Al Smith

Dusters

April 29th: Sonny Del Matto

May 6th: Greg & Gini Johnson

Lay Ministers Schedule for April 27th & 28th
(EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)

April 27th

Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl
Lector: Sherron Hamm
Altar Servers: Dee Jones, Bob Adams, Volunteer
E.M.H.C: Joe Beckman, Mary Beckman, Ron Jones
Cantors: Diane Reef

April 28th

Ushers: Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers
Lector: Bob Morman
Altar Servers: Benvie Family, John LaBeile
E.M.H.C: Jim Watercutter, Terri Jackson, Bonnie Kinney
Cantors: Suzanne Baker

Lay Ministers Schedule for May 4th & 5th
(EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)

Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl, Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers
Lectors: Mary Gillespie, Leigh Ann Lutz
Altar Servers: Kozlowski Family, Ben Bemis, Andy Bemis, Volunteer
E.M.H.C: Deacon Larry, Dee Jones, Terri Larkins, Deacon Larry, Bob Morman, Christina Ross
Cantors: Diane Reef; Steve Schlicher

Lay Ministers Schedule for May 11th & 12th
(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; Terri Jackson
Altar Servers: Bob Adams, Wanling Baker, Volunteer, Brandon Shardell, Amelia Shardell, Volunteer
E.M.H.C: Joe Beckman, Carol Scholl, Nello Allori, Al Smith, Jan Smith, Jim Watercutter
Cantors: TBD



ST. LEONARD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12641

Next Meeting: May 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Don Hobbs – Grand Knight

(740) 344-5008 / tower1249@hotmail.com



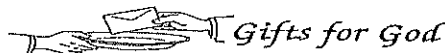
STEWARDSHIP ACTIVE REGISTERED FAMILIES 235
PARISH OFFERINGS NEEDED PER WEEK: \$4,100.00

PARISH OFFERTORY APRIL 13TH & 14TH

PARISH OFFERING:	\$3,324.70	ONLINE GIVING	\$ 400.00
CANDLES	\$ 18.00	CAPITAL MAINT.	\$ 67.55
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 100.00	RICE BOWL	\$ 150.00
EASTER FLOWERS	\$ 310.00	EDUCATION	\$ 240.00
EASTER	\$ 90.00	HOLY LAND	\$ 20.00

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018-APRIL 15, 2019

INCOME: \$245,899.64 EXPENSE: \$215,706.65 NET: \$301,929.99



Gifts for God

1st Collection ~ April 28th: St. Vincent de Paul

2nd Collection ~ May 5th: Central & Eastern Europe

Upcoming ASL Interpreted Parish Events

May 5th, 9:30 a.m. Mass & PSR
May 12th, 9:30 a.m. 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.

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to Maddie Childers, Elizabeth Schwartz, & Jude Benvie on receiving their First Holy Communion!

Happy Birthday Card Shower: On Mother's Day this year, Mary Jo DiGiandomenico will be celebrating her 90th Birthday. To help Mary Jo celebrate 90 years, St. Leonard asks that parishioners send her a card. You can send cards and wishes to 2359 Ryan Road, Newark, Ohio 43056. Thanks for your help!!!

R.C.I.A. New Member: St. Leonard would like to welcome our newest member, Linda Compton. At the Easter Vigil, Linda received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist thus becoming a full member of the Catholic Faith. Please welcome Linda to our parish and help her continue her journey of faith!

Prayers and Healing for Steve Connor who is recovering from surgery. Continued prayers for others with major health concerns.

Eucharistic Adoration will take place Friday, May 3rd from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Come spend some time with the Lord!

Blood pressures will be taken May 4th and 5th in the sacristy after the Masses.

St. Leonard Spaghetti Dinner



Save the date – May 23rd from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinners are back! Come and enjoy spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce, 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. Volunteers, dessert donations, or financial contributions are greatly appreciated. Proceeds go to support the parish maintenance fund. If you need a gluten free meal, please contact Sonny Del Matto or the office at least a week in advance. Join us for an evening of good food and fellowship!

Parish Happenings

PARISH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHS: St. Leonard is doing a NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY! Photographers will be on site May 29, 30, & 31st taking pictures from 2:00-9:00 and June 1st from 9:00-4:00. All families (pets welcome!) are encouraged to be photographed. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photograph and have the opportunity to purchase a package. Sign-ups for photography appointments will begin April 27th and 28th after Masses. You can also sign up today at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ykg98t66/>

2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal: "God Makes Every Grace Abundant," the theme of the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal, inspires us, as people of Faith, to place our trust in God and bring hope to those who most need to feel His love. Works of kindness and assistance, sometimes in the smallest way, can bring about a profound change in a person's life. Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we have an opportunity to bring about a positive change in the lives of many of God's people. Through your generosity, you are supporting the various ministries and programs that are vital in spreading His love. Next week is Commitment Weekend for the Appeal, at which time you can make your gift or pledge. Our parish has been asked to raise \$25,131.94. We can accomplish this if, after prayerful consideration, everyone gives what they can. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for our particular need. Thank you!

Focolore will meet on May 2 at 5:00 p.m. at Watts in Utica for dinner followed by our monthly meeting at the Church. All are welcome, we would love to have you join us. If you plan on coming to dinner, please call Mary Morman at 740-522-1639.

Focolore members will be saying the Rosary every week night at 7:00 p.m. during the month of May at the Church. It only takes 15 minutes to complete and you have the opportunity to have many prayers being acknowledged and answered.

Dear friends and parishioners: Thank you for the love you shared with our family during the passing of our mother, Dolly Stephens. Our sorrow was blessed by all your caring and help during a difficult time. We loved the stories about Dolly and her time spent at St. Leonard with her second family! God bless you all!

~ The Stephens Family

Around the Diocese

Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass: Couples celebrating their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th (and every year thereafter) anniversary are invited to the annual Jubilee of Anniversaries Mass and celebration in honor of their marriage! The Jubilee will take place on Sunday, June 23rd at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Dublin. Bishop Robert Brennan will celebrate Mass at 2:30 p.m. and a light reception will follow. Couples may register by contacting the Marriage and Family Office at (614) 241-2560 or by visiting columbuscatholic.org. Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 12th. Late registrations will be accepted, but the names will not be featured in the event program or *The Catholic Times*. Congratulations to these couples on their faithful love!

Our condolences and prayers to the family of Fr. Joseph Ehwald, who died on Good Friday. He was a former instructor at Bishop Watterson High School, Marion Catholic High School, and Newark Catholic High School. He also served at St. Francis de Sales (Newark), Riverside Methodist Hospital, and St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Our condolences also to the family of Fr. Floyd Richard Snoke, who died on April 15th. He was a former instructor at Bishop Hartley High School and Fr. Wehrle High School and assistant principal of St. Francis de Sales High School and Bishop Watterson High School. He was also the pastor at St. Luke Catholic Church (Danville) and Saint Rose of Lima (New Lexington).

Pilgrimage Opportunity: Pilgrimage travel is 'life-changing! Encounter Christ more intimately by standing where He stood and walking where He walked. Engage in scripture more deeply by following in the footsteps of Paul. Develop your relationship with the Blessed Mother by visiting the sites of the Marian apparitions. Jerusalem Tours has offered faith-based travel for over 40 years and would love to customize a pilgrimage for your group. Whether you want to go to Israel, Fatima, Lourdes, Italy, Greece, Turkey...or anywhere else, we can plan a trip that will draw you closer to the Lord and connect you more deeply with your Catholic Faith. Call Katy at 614-501-6714 to get started on your faith journey!

2019 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC): November 21-24 in Indianapolis. Registration is now open for the 2019 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). NCYC is an exciting, biennial three-day experience gathering over 20,000 Catholic teenagers for prayer, catechesis, community, and discipleship. For more information and to register go to <https://columbuscatholic.org/ncyc>. Initial deposits and registration forms will be due in May. The NCYC theme for 2019 is Blessed • Broken • Given; Bendito • Partido • Entregado. Contact Sean Robinson at (614) 241-2565, ext. 1311 or srobinson@columbuscatholic.org with questions.

We Are One Body –
Catholic Social Teachings:
Diocese & Worldwide

Listening, Encouraging, and Assisting Families of the Incarcerated (LEAF) is a ministry supporting families and loved ones of the incarcerated, irrespective of faith affiliation. Meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month. Locations: St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E, OH-37, Sunbury at 4:00 p.m. in the Faith & Family Center (classroom 9). Corpus Christi Church, 1111 Stewart Avenue, Columbus at 2:00 p.m. For details, visit www.svdpcolumbus.org/leaf_ministry.

The Pope's Monthly Intention – May: *The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity.* That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Suicide Prevention & Intervention Resources: For a list of resources for families, schools, and parishes about suicide prevention and intervention, visit www.columbuscatholic.org/suicide-prevention or contact Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.

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 pastoral and educational resources, visit www.usccb.org/racism.

Bethesda Healing Ministry: Did the promotion or viewing of the movie "Unplanned" bring up feelings from the past that you feel a need to discuss? We're a loving, nonjudgmental community that is eager to serve. Call us at Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential phone lines: 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at www.bethesdahealing.org.

Earth Day Resources: Catholic Climate Covenant's 2019 Earth Day Program is now available for download. The one-hour educational program is grounded in scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. To download the program, visit www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/earth-day.

Let us pray for our parishioners, family, & 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
Evan Andrew Hammond, U.S. Navy
Pvt. Kaitlin Hanks, U.S. Navy
Sgt. Matthew Mills, USMC



Please also keep their families in your prayers. If you would like to submit names for this list, please email Allison.shardell@gmail.com.