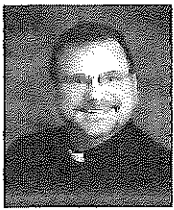


MASS INTENTIONS: August 17th & 18th**The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, August 17th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Mary Klass (SI)</u> ~ Cartwright Family; <i>Parishioners</i>
Sunday, August 18th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Robert Wirth</u> + ~ Wirth Family
Tuesday, August 20th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Jo Anne Westbrook</u> + ~ Fr. Bill Hritsko
Wednesday, August 21st	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Thursday, August 22nd	9:00 a.m.	<u>Margaret Murphy</u> + ~ Mary Gillespie
Friday, August 23rd	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Saturday, August 24th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Elvira Schell</u> + ~ Ms. Rosemary Walther
Sunday, August 25th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Eugene C. & Diane F. Ney</u> + ~ Eugene C. Ney, Jr.



Dear fellow parishioners, there are many folks, especially those of Catholic persuasion, who don't read the scriptures. I know you are thinking "Shock! Horror! Say it isn't so!" If you might be one of those folks... you need to change that. I am telling you, **it is more important than checking emails, twitters, Facebook postings, etc.** Yes, I really mean it!

Keeping up with social media, especially with those most important to you, builds stronger relationships, '... well, virtual ones at least. For some folks, it is constant if they are not in their social media and texting (how I despise texting!!!!) every few seconds their breathing becomes labored, eyes become glazed and they might even need to be reminded to "breathe in, breath out, breathe in, breathe out" and life to a stand-still.

Communication with God is, as I said above, more important than that - we are talking *eternal life!* When did you last communicate that often with God? Can you remember when you even last talked with Him? When was the last time you looked up His communication to you? Why? Why not? If you say that God is important to you - then you need to communicate with Him. Read His "twitters," emails, notes. That is the Bible folks! God's words to us! They are not dead; they are active, give you what you need to know to go about living. They give guidance, hope, comfort and fit into whatever mood you might be in.

In a scene from "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," Millie realizes her husband really wanted a wash/scrub, cook and clean woman for the house more than a wife and she takes to the tasks. When the brothers come to dinner her first night and act like animals - she overturns the food-laden table saying: "if you're going to act like animals you may as well eat like them." She then retreats to her bedroom and finds in the Bible (from whence her mother taught her to read) the passage: "...cast not your pearls before swine, lest they trample them then turn and rend you asunder..."

How often in a time of distress have you made a similar call of the refrain: "Lord, come to my aid!"? I do at least three times daily! The Psalmist tells us how God puts things right... however... he does not say it is all over. He is still struggling: "Though I am afflicted and poor, [see all is not completely good] yet the LORD thinks of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back!" [still waiting... for perfection - hope anyway].

If you want to *actually* read the Bible on your own, you should! Start with the Gospels. Next, the Psalms and Proverbs - I guarantee you will find something to fit your mood, feelings from joy to revenge... (of course, no one has that in our sister parishes). Some thoughts to ponder this week!

Let us pray for each other - 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.

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

Bob Adams; Jody Adams; Roy Atkinson; Joe Beckman; Mary Beckman; Fr. Ronnie Boccali; Kecha Brodsky; Steve Conner; Anna & John Cooperrider; Walter Crowe; Carl DiBlasio; Bonnie Del Matto; Mary Jo DiGiandomenico; Tina Floyd; Doug Gill; Gloria Gill; Sissy Goodin; Rosemary Gordon; Ruth Hottinger; George Jackson; Dale Keeler; Carol Luciotti; Frank Luciotti; Philip Miller; Robert Neumeayer; Mollie Overbey; Beth Prichard; Jason Reed; Joe Reed; Fr. Michael Reis; Cindy Riesbeck; Benjamin Sheets; Susie Sherrard; Carol Watercutter; Kathy Wildermuth; 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. Crosmer; Ashley Deck; Glenn DeBona; Sue Denison; D.H.; E.B.; Jim Durda; Albert Eyth; 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; Mary Klass; L.B.; Richard Koch; Storm Lazo; Richard Lieson; Sharon Luft; Lombardo Family; Trinity Langwasser; Fr. Michael Lumpke; Ashley M.; Andrew Madrid; Bernie Madrid; Richard Mayhew; Holden McFann; Bill McCluggage; Bill 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; Jane Walters; John Walters; David Walton; Carla Watson; Roberta Widman; Dave Wilson; Iona Wilson; Roger Wimer; Michael White; Hunter Wise; Dee Wright; Russ Yahn

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: August 20th



St. Leonard Women's Guild
 Monthly Meeting ~ 2nd Thursday in the Social Hall
 Next Meeting: September 12 at 11:00 a.m.
Vicki Annarino at 740-403-2576 or Shelley Wilson at 740-323-3849

Altar Flowers ~ Teresa Grigsby ~ (740) 366-3892
Scheduler ~ Anna Sikora ~ (740) 745-2044
Money Counters
 August 19th: *Chris May & Nello Allori*
 August 26th: Don Hobbs & Sherron Hamm
Dusters
 August 19th: *Fill Bemis & Suzanne Neuneyer*
 August 26th: Sonny Del Matto

Lay Ministers Schedule for August 17th & 18th (EMHC - Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)
August 17th
Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl
Lector: Mary Gillespie
Altar Servers: Maryann Chisek, Dee Jones, Volunteer
E.M.H.C.: Deacon Larry, Carol Scholl, Nello Allori
Cantors: Suzanne Baker
August 18th
Ushers: Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers
Lector: Bob Morman
Altar Servers: Jack Lutz, Amelia Shardell, Volunteer
E.M.H.C.: Deacon Larry, Jim Watercutter, Terri Jackson
Cantors: Steve Schlicher

Lay Ministers Schedule for August 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: Sherron Hamm, Christina Ross
Altar Servers: Maryann Chisek, Bob Adams, Volunteer, Carlos Chaney, Andrea Chaney, Volunteer
E.M.H.C.: Sonny Del Matto, Don Hobbs, Ron Jones, Bonnie Kinney, Bob Morman, Al Smith
Cantors: Diane Reef, Don & Cindy Riesbeck


Lay Ministers Schedule for August 31st & September 1st (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, Terri Jackson
Altar Servers: Ron Jones, Maryann Chisek, Volunteer, John LaBelle, Keira Haynes, Volunteer
E.M.H.C.: Terri Larkins, Carol Scholl, Nello Allori, Al Smith, Jan Smith, Jim Watercutter
Cantors: Suzanne Baker; Tom Held


 **ST. LEONARD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12641** 
 Next Meeting: September 11th at 6:30 p.m.
Sonny Del Matto - Grand Knight ~
 (727) 320-3676 / santodelmatto9@gmail.com
 Join us at KofC.org and click the "JOIN US" button.

STEWARDSHIP ACTIVE REGISTERED FAMILIES: 235
PARISH OFFERINGS NEEDED PER WEEK: \$4,100.00
PARISH OFFERTORY AUGUST 10/11

PARISH OFFERING:	\$ 3,986.00	BEREAVEMENT	\$ 5.00
CANDLES	\$ 16.00	SVdP	\$ 100.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 625.00	LATIN AMERICA	\$ 10.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 300.00	PARKING LOT	\$ 2,005.00
EDUCATION	\$ 199.00		


OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019-AUGUST 11, 2019
 INCOME: \$ 24,917.39 EXPENSE: \$ 24,409.30 NET: \$508.09

 *Gifts for God*
 2nd Collection: August 18th ~ Parking Lot Project
 1st Collection: August 25th ~ St. Vincent de Paul

 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 and look for the Communion line with the mini-ciborium attached to the main ciborium.

Parking Lot Project: We have received \$18,886.00 in donations for the \$30,000.00 needed to fund the parking lot paving. We still need to raise \$11,134.00. Please help us meet our needs. We have received 45 donations so far. The other \$35,000.00 is coming from our maintenance fund and reserves. To donate, you can put it in an envelope and put "parking lot" on the outside of the envelope. You can also donate online through our online program.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We are concluding our BAA. Please return your pledge card if you have not done so. Remember, anything that is donated now is returned to the parish since we have met our parish goal. Thanks for your support.

 **New Members:** We welcome the following new members to our parish: Conni Farmer, Shirley Hyatt, Netti Nau and her daughter, Elisa. May your time be blessed here!

Parish School of Religion
PSR registration for the 2019-2020 school year is taking place until August 18th. Any child ages 3 through 8th grade is welcome to register, as well as 9th-12th graders seeking Confirmation. Registration packets will be available at the back of the Church. Teens who have been confirmed are also invited to volunteer as teen mentors/aides. Please contact Allison at stleonardpsr@outlook.com for questions or to have registration documents emailed to you.

Parish Happenings

2nd Collection on August 17th & 18th: There will be a second collection on August 17th/18th for the Paving of the Parking Lot. We still need around \$14,000.00. Please help us meet our needs for this important project.

Pictorial Directory: If any of your information has changed such as address, phone numbers, etc., please let the office know so that our Pictorial Directory coming out towards the end of September is up to date. Thanks.

Around the Diocese

Blessed Sacrament School is Hiring!

Blessed Sacrament School, 394 E. Main Street, Newark, has several positions available for hire for this school year, 2019-2020. They are:

Part-time Intervention Specialist. Candidates should have the following requirements:

- Hold an appropriate Ohio teaching license (Intervention Specialist) or be eligible to obtain one before beginning to teach.
- Have experience or willing to work with a diverse learning community.
- Have attended or be willing to attend a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Safe Environment seminar

Part-time Classroom Aide. Candidates should have the following requirements:

- Hold an appropriate Ohio Aide license or be eligible to obtain one before beginning of the school year.
- Have experience or willing to work with a diverse learning community.
- Have attended or be willing to attend a VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Safe Environment seminar.

To apply for these positions, complete the online teaching application for the Diocese of Columbus.

Blessed Sacrament School is also hiring an Afternoon Latchkey Monitor for 3:00-6:00 p.m. on School Days. Must have or be willing to complete background checks and the Protecting God's Children Safe Environment Seminar. Please email principal Josh Caton at jcaton@cdeducation.org if you are interested in any of these positions.

Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center Job

Opportunities: Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center in Newark of the Diocese of Columbus has two different job openings for self-motivated individuals to fill the positions of part-time cook/manager-on-duty and full-time Customer Care Representative. The position for part-time cook/MOD (20-25 hours a week) requires working as cook for retreatants and must be able to work weekends and stay overnight on occasion when guests stay. The position for full-time Customer Care involves sweeping, mopping floors, setup and teardown and cleaning for incoming and outgoing groups as well as light maintenance duties. Send résumé and cover letter to Margie Sindelar, Marketing Representative, at msindelar@stspeterandpaulretreatcenter.org.

Josephinum 4-Miler! Bring the whole family to the Josephinum 4-Miler! The Friends of the Josephinum invites adults and children of all ages to a 4-mile run/walk at Glacier Ridge Metro Park at 9:00 a.m. on September 21, 2019. Walk or run at your own pace and enjoy a September morning in the park! Strollers are welcome; children in strollers do not need to be registered as participants. This professionally run event is open to the public; free parking is available. Participants receive great takeaways, including wine or jam and bread. Register now to receive a family discount or early registration rate! Register at m3ssports.com (click "events" then "Josephinum 4-Miler"). Proceeds benefit seminarians of the Pontifical College Josephinum. Sponsorship opportunities are available; please contact Debbie Coleman at dcoleman@columbus.rr.com.

Ohio Dominican to Host Preview Days on Saturday, October 5 and November 9. All high school students are invited to attend Ohio Dominican University's Preview Days from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 5 and November 9. The free events will take place on ODU's campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus. Students will have a chance to tour campus, explore majors, and learn about ODU's Honors and Early Admission programs. Register today at ohiodominican.edu/Preview.

St. Edward Christmas Bazaar Vendors Needed:

The Women of St. Edward are accepting vendors for the 2019 Christmas Bazaar on December 7th. Applications are available in the St. Edward Parish Office. For more information, contact Annie Lach at 614-360-2855 or email annielach626@gmail.com.

Middle School Retreat: Holy Fire Great Lakes:

Sunday, October 13, 2019 at the Bowling Green University Stroh Center. The producers of the nation's largest Catholic youth event, NCYC, invite young people in grades 6-8 to a one-day experience of dynamic speakers, music, and the Sacrament of the Eucharist like they have never before experienced. The Diocese of Columbus is offering a special ticket package which includes Holy Fire Great Lakes with bus transportation and a sack lunch, and registration to the 2020 Bosco Bash on March 7, 2020, all for one low price of \$70.00! For more information and to register, go to <https://columbuscatholic.org/HOLY-FIRE>.

Parish Festival: Blessed Sacrament (394 E. Main Street, Newark) will be having their annual Parish Festival Saturday, August 24th, from 5:00-11:00 p.m. Free admission and open to the public. Come and enjoy music, food and beverages, games for children and adults, inflatables, raffles, and more!

Annual Jack Nutter Memorial Golf Outing: Sign-up for the annual Jack Nutter Memorial Golf Outing Four Man Scramble. Join us on Saturday, September 21st at 8:00 a.m. at Kyber Run Golf Course, 5261 Mink Street, Johnstown. The cost is \$40.00/per or \$160.00/team and includes lunch, awards, and door prizes! Sign-up and turn-in fees to Blessed Sacrament Church's parish office by September 7th. Registration forms are on blsac.net. For more information, call Don Blosser at 740-407-6298.



**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.*

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

The Pope's Monthly Intention – August: *Families, Schools of Human Growth:* That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

Bethesda Healing Ministry – Post-Abortion

Healing: God's infinite mercy is present in our lives. It is bigger than our understanding, enduring forever. All we have to do is ask and he will forgive us. Bethesda is a confidential, safe place providing support, prayer, reconciliation and spiritual renewal for anyone wounded by the tragedy of abortion. Come to Bethesda Healing Ministry and let us support you in seeking the Sacrament of Forgiveness and Healing. Please call Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential phone lines at 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at www.bethesdahealing.org.

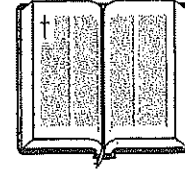
**Governor DeWine Offers Thoughtful Proposals
in Response to Gun Violence:**

Source: Catholic Conference of Ohio – Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced a series of legislative reforms to address gun violence and outlined further action to increase mental health prevention, identification, and treatment to better protect Ohioans. "Gun violence doesn't just take the form of mass shootings, people are victims every day in Ohio and across the country," said Governor DeWine. "I believe that this is both a public safety issue and an individual wellness issue – we must address both sides to help solve the problem. It's time to do something, and that is exactly what we are going to do." The Catholic Conference of Ohio commends the Governor for his thoughtful approach to the issue of gun violence and encourages the legislature to give expedited consideration.

Foster Parents Needed – St. Vincent Family Center

is responding to the most urgent crisis our community faces – the damaging effects of the opioid epidemic, which has resulted in an increasing need for foster homes. The demand for compassionate foster parents is greater than ever, as children are being abandoned by addiction and have no place to go. St. Vincent Family Center is deeply committed to providing these children with a safe family and a loving home while their families heal. St. Vincent partners every step of the way, from initial call to licensing. Most importantly, St. Vincent provides expert treatment to help parents foster a child. If you know of families willing to learn more about what it means to be a foster parent, have them contact St. Vincent Family Center at www.svfc.org or call (614) 940-6399.

RCIA



Are **you** interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Do you know someone who is interested in Catholicism?

Through the RCIA process you will have a chance to:

- learn about the faith in a group of inquirers.
- ask questions and discuss topics about which you have always wanted to know.
- meet new people and some "veterans" who have been through the RCIA process.
- get to know members of our sister parish.
- learn about the "hows" and "whys" of the Catholic Faith.
- continue your journey of faith if you are already Catholic.
- make the decision whether the Catholic Faith is for you.

Our RCIA program begins on **Tuesday, Sept. 10** at 7 pm in the Parish Hall of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket. Also, you may call Pam Klein, Coordinator of Religious Education at 740-928-3266 or Deacon Larry Wilson at 740-522-5270 for further information.

Yes! I want to learn more about the Catholic Faith!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Best time of day to contact me is: _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

at Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics

SEPTEMBER 5: STATIONS FOR VOCATIONS / 6:30 p.m.

Service will begin in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel for devotions and veneration of the St. Teresa of Calcutta relic in honor of her feast day. We will then proceed to the courtyard for Stations. Refreshments immediately following. Sponsored by the Serra Club of the St. Marys & Sidney Deaneries. Led by Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer. Contact Mary Ann Kinsella at 937-693-3511 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 8: LEGENDARY RELICS / 5:30 p.m.

Presented by: Matthew Hess, Director of Ministry at the Shrine. Where did all these relics come from? How did Notre Dame get the Crown of Thorns? Why isn't St. Catherine's head with her body? We will discuss some of the legends that have been passed down with various relics, both across the world and here at the Shrine. Many times, these past events are used to help authenticate various relics and make for entertaining dinner conversation. Tickets for the event, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a dinner by Bella's Italian Grille, are \$30.00 per person and can be purchased at the Shrine or on their website.

SEPTEMBER 12: CANCER CARE MINISTRY TRAINING / 7:30 p.m.

The Shrine is proud to introduce Our Journey of Hope, a biblically-based cancer care ministry open to anyone who is ready to make a difference in the lives of others. Susan Jenkins, Pastoral Minister at the Shrine, recently completed training and is now a certified Our Journey of Hope instructor. We are looking for people who also wish to be trained in this important ministry.

