

MASS INTENTIONS: December 28 & December 29; Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 28	5:30 p.m.	Reginald Wirick+ ~ Robert Wirick; Parishioners
Sunday, December 29	9:30 a.m.	Rita Annarino+ ~ Annarino Family
Tuesday, December 31	5:00 p.m.	Elvira Schell+ ~ Schell Family (Solemnity of Mary)
Wednesday, January 1	10:00 a.m.	Mae Knoll + ~ Eugene C. Ney (Solemnity of Mary)
Thursday, January 2	9:00 a.m.	Edward J. Kistner+ (Nephew of Bishop Griffin)
Friday, January 3	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Saturday, January 4	5:30 p.m.	Elvira Schell+ ~ Schell Family
Sunday, January 5	9:30 a.m.	Reginald Wirick+ ~ John & Nancy Trapp; Parishioners

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

Monthly Meeting ~ 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

ST. LEONARD WOMEN'S GUILD

Monthly Meeting ~ 2nd Thursday in the Social Hall at 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting – January 9, 2020

Vicki Annarino ~ 740-403-2576

Shelley Wilson ~ 740-323-3849

Altar Flowers ~ Teresa Grigsby (740) 366-3892

Scheduler ~ Anna Sikora (740) 745-2044

Money Counters

December 30: Susie Gribble & Vickie Annarino

January 6: Bill Gress & Frank Flynn

Dusters

December 30: Sonny Del Matto

January 6: Elizabeth Orend

Lay Ministers Schedule for December 28 & 29

(EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)

Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl

Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers

Lectors: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

E.M.H.C: Volunteers

Cantors: Diane Reef, Don & Cindy Riesbeck

Lay Ministers Schedule for January 4 & 5

(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; Terri Jackson

Altar Servers: Bob Adams, Dee Jones, Volunteer

Carlos & Andrea Chaney; Volunteer

E.M.H.C: Deacon Larry, Nello Allori, Ron Jones

Deacon Larry, Bonnie Kinney, Gina LaBelle

Cantors: Diane Reef; Suzanne Baker

Mass and Holy Day Schedule

December 31 – Holy Mary Mother of God, 5:00 p.m.

January 1 – New Year's Day, 10:00 a.m.

(Holy Mary, Mother of God & World Day of Prayer)

2020 AUCTION NEWS

A planning meeting for the auction is after Mass on December 29.

Raffle tickets to win \$500.00 are on sale after weekend Masses. \$5.00 a ticket or \$20.00 for five tickets.

Dinner Tickets will go on sale on January 4 and 5. Prices are \$40.00 a person and a table of eight for \$280.00.

Auction donations will be accepted until February 3. Example of donations: cash donations, gift cards, sports packages, small kitchen appliances, jewelry, man-cave items, movie or theatre package, etc.

If you know of a business that would advertise in the program, please contact the church office at 740-522-5270.

Gifts for You

Gifts, blessed by Father Bill, and pocket calendars are in baskets at the back of the church for each family and are given by Fr. Bill and the Welcome Committee.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is January 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome.

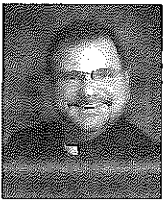
Blood Pressures

Blood Pressure will be taken on January 4 and 5 after Mass in the Sacristy.

FOCALORE

Focalore will meet for dinner on January 2 at 5:00 p.m. at Tumbleweed. After dinner, we will recite the Rosary and have a Word of Life reading at the Church. If you plan to attend, let Mary Morman know at 740-522-1639.

"As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."
Colossians 3:13



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear fellow parishioners, this weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.

With this weekend we give thanks for our families – wonderful, maybe not so much ones, perfect, and maybe not so much ones, ones into which we are born or marry and ones which we choose. We also pray for those who are estranged from their families by distance or other issues. And we pray for our parish and community families – that God will bless and bring peace to them – regardless of how we might feel. God has made us all in His image and likeness. Let us always place all the human family, all individual members, into the hands of God. May they be open to God's love and be moved to express that love appropriately and peacefully.

Since this is the weekend of families, I want to thank the members of our sister-parish families who have made this a truly wonderful and lovely Christmastide. The decorators who have again done Herculean (yes, I use this term in their work/ministry) tasks in fluffing, preparing, setting up... Thank you, from your parish families and visitors! I, personally, cannot thank you enough. You make a difference!

For the musicians and singers who prepared diligently – especially our directors who have done the, yes – Herculean, task of selecting, preparing (arranging...), teaching and playing the music that made the Christmas Masses so wonderful, prayerful, joyful and beautiful times of worship. I cannot thank you enough on behalf of our parish families and visitors! You touch hearts and minds that you don't even know – may God bless your ministry always.

For our liturgical ministers, again you have raised the bar for celebrations at our parishes! So many graces are granted to our parish families and visitors by your diligence and willingness to serve in their stead at the altar of God. You really make my heart soar when you give your gifts to God! Thank you, on behalf of all who have been witness to your witness of God's love.

I want to thank, on behalf of our sister parish families, our office and maintenance staff members who have kept things going in the offices and parish facilities. It can be a truly monumental task – and often is. In keeping things running, you make a true difference in our hearts and spirits. You do make a difference to all who come to our parish for worship, community events and times of need. God will continue to bless all you have done and will do.

Thank you, personally, to all those who have shared your lives with me this past year. Your gifts are truly appreciated – even though I am not good at individual thank-you notes, know that my appreciation is always felt and meant even in these "general" ones. You do make a difference in my life – thank you. I do give thanks to God for you – each one of you.

Let us pray for each other – know that you are in mine always.

Peace and blessings, Fr. Bill



ST. LEONARD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #12641



Next Meeting: January 8, 2020
Sonny Del Matto – Grand Knight ~ (727) 320-3676
sdelmatto@stleonard-heath.com
Join us at KofC.org and click the "JOIN US" button.

STEWARDSHIP ACTIVE REGISTERED FAMILIES 234
PARISH OFFERINGS NEEDED PER WEEK: \$4,100.00

DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION OF BULLETINS,
THE OFFERTORY WILL BE LISTED AS FOLLOWS:
DECEMBER 21/22 OFFERTORY WILL BE
IN THE JANUARY 4/5 BULLETIN.

CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 28/29, JANUARY 4/5
OFFERTORIES WILL BE IN THE JANUARY 11/12 BULLETIN.

GIFTS FROM GOD

2nd Collection: January 5 ~ Capital Maintenance
1st Collection: January 12 ~ Catholic Education

2019 Contribution Statements

For inclusion on your 2019 contribution statement, please submit all contributions by noon on December 30.

Contribution statements will be mailed out around the 3rd week of January after the office receives the BAA receipts from the Diocese of Columbus.

World Day of Peace is January 1, 2020

In addition to the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Church commemorates the World Day of Peace each year with a message from the Holy Father. As Mary is known as Our Lady of Peace and the Queen of Peace, what a great day to make a New Year's resolution to work for peace. To read Pope Francis' 2020 message *Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation and Ecological Conversion*, visit the Vatican website at www.vatican.va.



Around the Diocese & St. Leonard's

Our grateful thank-you to The Columbus Catholic Foundation for awarding The Turban Project ministry a \$2,000.00 grant for operating funds. We used it to purchase first-class postage, rotary cutting blades, contact cards, laptop & mouse, packaging tape, individual packaging supplies, and large cutting mats. Grants like this help us focus on the patients we serve. We continue to need donations from individuals and organizations to keep funds available throughout the year for things we need that aren't donated. 100% of donations go directly into this ministry of God's love in action. We run 100% on angel volunteers, too! In the seven years our ministry has been active, over 40,000 items of headwear and reusable medical face masks have been donated. We have 14 satellites in the United States and 8 in other countries. We are truly guided by God and pray daily for His will, not ours, in our growth. Visit our website www.turbanproject.com.

Women's **RETREAT**

January 11, Women's Retreat at St. Francis de Sales

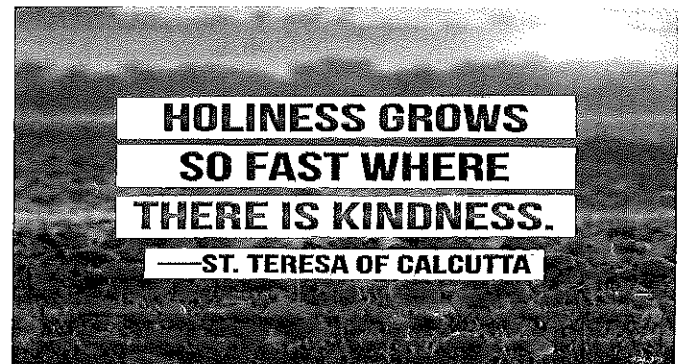
What if you witnessed the events of the last days of Jesus? Using six universal gifts through the eyes of women in the Gospels, you will be guided on a prayerful journey through the days of Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. This retreat will help you go deeper in your relationship with Jesus. Want more info? Call Tina Burtch, 740-345-9874, ext. 206. TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. COST: \$35.00 (includes continental breakfast and lunch.) Register at <https://bit.ly/2QB7lrL>.

Catholic Women's Conference

Mark your calendar for February 22, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Ohio Expo Center. For more information on speakers and to register, go to www.columbuscatholicwomen.com. Register before January 13 for Early Bird pricing.

New Year Random Acts of Kindness

1. Give up your spot in line to the person behind you.
2. Donate to your favorite charity.
3. Clean out your closet and donate to St. Vincent de Paul.
4. Send cards to shut-ins.
5. Donate pet supplies to an animal shelter.
6. Do yard work or shovel snow for a neighbor.
7. Feed the birds.
8. Volunteer at a food bank.
9. Volunteer at St. Leonard's Spaghetti Dinner.
10. Volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul.
11. Pay for coffee for the person in line behind you.
12. Bring a side dish to a Mercy Meal.
13. Help take care of landscape at your church.
14. Plant flowers at your church.
15. Be kind and smile – it's contagious!





... WHERE HOPE GROWS

THE SUCCESSFUL INTERACTIONS THAT ESCAPE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By: Susanne Miller-Urban

The past few newsletters have included "Success Stories," showcasing one or more residents who have graduated from The Haven by completing their full programs, procuring during their stay a set of skills and habits that enable them to function more autonomously in the Licking-County community. Such residents have transitioned to more independent living and their progress is often heralded as the ultimate goal of the services that The Haven provides.

Interestingly, the "successful" individuals often demand less focus and fewer staff hours than the individuals in most critical need of The Haven's services. One of The Haven's founding principles was to improve accessibility to existing community services, never compete with them. To this end, The Haven staff spends much time in assessment, coordination, and placement. For example, The Haven is not a drug rehabilitation facility, but regularly assists individuals to enter both in- and out-patient programs. The relationships made during these interactions are not temporal. Rather, Haven staff follows up with such placements and becomes family for these non-residents. One such individual contacts us to share his successes. Since many residents are estranged from family, having people who care how they are doing can make the difference between carrying on and giving up.

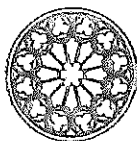
The Executive Director instructs Haven staff that "our programming begins the first time that a potential resident graces our door and does not end at exit, but continues for the rest of their lives." Another example is an elderly gentleman who has been in and out of The Haven for years now. In an on again/off again marriage, he has now developed dementia on top of his existing mental health issues. Though he may never attain the desired "Voluntary Planned Exit" status, without the services provided by The Haven, he would have spent nights on the street and may never have secured a proper diagnosis for his condition.

Our "not told" stories are of the most-at-risk and hardest-to-impact members of our community; those for whom The Haven was founded. For many residents, it takes small progress over many stays before programming starts to make lasting change in their lives, or until we are able to connect them with the services that matches their needs. One Haven staff member stated, "It is all part of the process." While this part of the mission is difficult to quantify, explain, or celebrate; this is where the healing of hearts initiates, where the smallest, but most time-consuming transformations occur. Please pray for our residents, and staff as we face these daily challenges, but also that we may reach those not-yet-ready to be residents.

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Special thanks to:



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

We want to acknowledge and give special thanks to The Catholic Foundation who generously awarded St. Vincent Haven with \$50,000 for general funding in 2020. Their generosity, counsel, and partnership has been critical to our mission. Please visit them at www.catholic-foundation.org to learn more.



IN 2019...



>9,700 SHELTER NIGHTS PROVIDED



>26,000 MEALS SERVED



>75 PLACED IN SUSTAINABLE JOBS



>5,700 VOLUNTEER HOURS



Birthdays for January

- 1/1 Emily Herbert, Mary McAlpine
1/2 Robert Crawford
1/3 William Gress, Ronald Foehl
1/5 Margaret Hatem, Rita Kelly
1/6 Susie Gribble
1/7 Kevin Lyons, Zackery Morrow, Elizabeth Myers, Alan Smith, Taylor Cartwright
1/9 Norma Annarino
1/10 Jessica Cartwright
1/11 Theresa Boehmer, Sydney Gummer, John Hupp, Brian Koby
1/13 Jean Rosengarten
1/14 Christine Betts, Griffin Flowers, Jennifer Mehler, Alex Osborn, Amelia Shardell
1/15 Michael White
1/16 Andrew Benvie, Kecha Brodsky, David Kurto, Christopher McAlpine, Patricia McElroy
1/17 Brandon Orend
1/18 Thomas Ashbrook, Kevin Boehmer, Mistiann Happney, Devin Villaloboz
1/19 Alanna Boyette
1/20 Jason Reed
1/21 Wesley Koby, Alexis Madsen, Joseph Reed
1/22 Kaia Haynes, Karen Jones
1/23 Kelly Flowers, Kenneth Mills, Matt Stromski
1/25 Elizabeth Kelly
1/26 Sarah Wolfe
1/28 John LaBelle, Beth Prichard
1/29 Isaiah Morrow
1/31 Daniel Cartwright, John Lutz IV, Carissa Villaloboz

Anniversaries for January

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| 1/4 | David & Allison Shardell | 17 years |
| 1/8 | Donald & Ginny Hobbs | 43 years |
| 1/10 | Kenneth Madsen & Patricia Lazo | 22 years |
| 1/13 | Steve & Nancy Connor | 41 years |
| 1/14 | Gary & Patricia Childers | 42 years |
| 1/21 | Greg & Ginny Johnson | 42 years |
| 1/23 | Roy & Janice Phillips | 54 years |
| 1/29 | William & Vina Bentley | 17 years |
| 1/31 | Matthew & Kelly Gulick | 33 years |





OUR PARISH AT PRAYER



Pray For our Military Families

SrA. Therin Brown, USAF
Pvt. Kaleb Hoffer, USMC
Evan Andrew Hammond, US Navy
Sgt. Matthew Mills, USMC



Sgt. Donald R. Hoffer II, US Army
Pvt. Andre Manning, US Army
Pvt. Kaitlin Hanks, US Navy

Pray for St. Leonard Parishioners

Roy Atkinson; Joe Beckman; Mary Beckman; Kim Boring; Anna & John Cooperrider; Walter Crowe; Carl DiBlasio; Mary Jo DiGiandomenico; Tina Floyd; Doug Gill; Gloria Gill; Dale Grigsby, Gary & Teresa Grigsby; Sissy Goodin; Rosemary Gordon; George Jackson; Dale Keeler; Carol Lucioti; Frank Lucioti; Philip Miller; Robert Neumeyer; Mollie Overbey; Beth Prichard; Jason Reed; Joe Reed; Fr. Michael Reis; Cindy Riesbeck; Bill Scholl; Benjamin Sheets; Susie Sherrard; Carol Watercutter; Kathy Wildermuth; Rita Wimer.

Pray for Our Family and Friends

Christopher Allen; Father Allen; Rick & Ruth D'Amico; Chris Bailey; Kay Baker; Sr. Sharon Baldy; Mike Barrett; Liam Barry; Nancy Bell; Megan Boley & family; Marilyn Booze; 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; Sam De Matteo; Ashley Deck; Glenn DeBona; Sue Denison; D.H.; E.B.; Jim Durda; Beth Eckels; Albert Eyth; Dr. Robert Finley, Jr.; Richard Flynn; Evelyn France; Debbie Frazee; David Froberg; Doug Froberg; Christine DeSerio Gatehouse; Pat Goodin; Phil Gregg; Steven Gress; Doug Grimm; Ann Hathaway; Linda Henry; Carol Herr; Dennis Hoffman; Beau, Gina, Jill, Matt Jago; Sheryl Johnson; Terry Jones; Darla Jurden; Nevin Keim; Hope Klaus; Mary Klass; L.B.; Richard Koch; Isaac 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; 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; Paul R.; Hannah Roberts; Sammy Roszman; Anderson R. Trinity Russell; Kristen Ryan; Ohmson Schroeder; Carol Diane Smith; Marie & Ken Smith; Barry Spurr; 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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14; PS 128: 1-5; COL 3:12-21 or COL 3:12-17; MT 2:13-15, 19-23

As we continue celebrating the Christmas season, we focus our attention on the Holy Family. This is a great time to thank God for the gift of family life. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* refers to the family as the “domestic church,” so today’s feast is a fitting time to consider the importance of the virtue of the stewardship pillar of hospitality within the context of our own domestic churches.

Why is hospitality so important? Well, we can hardly expect our family members to pray together, study their faith, and serve others if we have a home where we are disconnected from each other, or the atmosphere is stressful and tense. Of course there will be moments like this. But we must be intentional in creating homes where everyone feels accepted and important. We want our homes to be the place to get recharged to go out and bring love to everyone we encounter outside our home.

This is not easy, but we can turn to the Holy Family for help. Lest we think that the Holy Family is somehow unable to sympathize with our struggles, we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew that this Family was certainly not free from trials and stress; quite the contrary. The very life of the newborn Jesus was threatened by Herod’s extreme jealousy such that the family had to flee suddenly into a foreign land for protection until Herod’s death. Yet Mary and Joseph remained united and ever obedient to the Holy Spirit for direction. Who better to turn to for help and inspiration for our own families?

– catholicstewardship.com