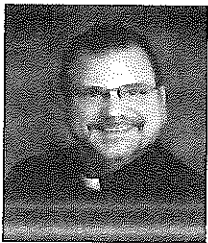


**MASS INTENTIONS: May 25th & 26th****Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Saturday, May 25th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Douglas Gordon+</u> ~ Rosemary Gordon
Sunday, May 26th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Elvira Schell+</u> ~ Schell Family
Tuesday, May 28th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Eugene C. &amp; Diane F. Ney+</u> ~ Eugene C. Ney, Jr.
Wednesday, May 29th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Mass</u>
Thursday, May 30th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Fr. Bill Hritsko ~ 21st Anniversary</u>
Friday, May 31st	9:00 a.m.	<u>Communion Service</u>
Saturday, June 1st	5:30 p.m.	<u>Norma Annarino+</u> ~ Ruth A. Pheneger
Sunday, June 2nd	9:30 a.m.	<u>Eugene C. &amp; Diane F. Ney+</u> ~ Eugene C. Ney, Jr.



Dear fellow parishioners, this Monday we celebrate Memorial Day. It began as a celebration called "Decoration Day" (I remember it being called that). It was initially established to honor the fallen Civil War soldiers - Union and Confederate. While it is a national holiday, it is celebrated yet on different dates in different states throughout our country - ahhh ... tradition.

The emphasis was shifted from the Civil War to include all those who offered their lives for their country. All peacekeepers ought to be honored through prayer, pageantry and celebration. As you host that barbeque, cook-out or other celebration, please take a moment (or a few) to remember those who have given their lives for the freedom you celebrate. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving... God has blessed our country!

It is also a day that for some has expanded to remembering all our deceased loved (unloved?) ones. I remember going to Mass on that day (I usually had to serve the 6:30 a.m. one. NO! I will not go back to that practice! Sorry). We would then make pilgrimages to the graves of family members, place flowers on the stones and say an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* at each grave (notice the pattern I keep at Mass?). We would then have a grill out for dinner. My mom made the best barbecued wings - which took as it seemed - forever! They were well sauced, carmelized and slightly charred... mmm. But I digress. When you are sitting down for your family gathering - remember those who you have loved and lost physically (they are still around... Communion of Saints you know) and those you may not have loved so much. Offer a prayer for all of them to have the mercies of God that He intends for them. Hoist a toast of your favorite adult or G-rated beverage to them all, soldiers, peacekeepers, loved ones, unloved ones and those who have no one else to even remember them... give them the honor of being remembered as beloved by God... you are as well. God shows not partiality in His love.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. It is to be celebrated the 40th day after Easter (a Thursday) however - in our Diocese and in many throughout the United States they date has been moved to the Sunday before Pentecost as more people attend Sunday Mass rather than weekday Holy Days - hmmm... odd... celebrating and think about God on a day other than Sunday... *say it isn't so!* (Okay, sorry, sarcasm over.) In the readings this week, Jesus prepares His disciples with the reality of Him going away - pre-Crucifixion and post-Resurrection. He tells them He will be with them. He says He will send the Advocate to give them what they need to proclaim His truth. He gives us the same promise. He is with us. He loves you!

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; Mary Jo DiGiandomenico; 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 Neumeyer; Mollie Overbey; Beth Prichard; Jason Reed; Joe Reed; Fr. Michael Reis; Cindy Riesbeck; Rodger Richter; Della Seymour; Benjamin Sheets; Susie Sherrard; Jan Smith; Carol Watercutter; Joe Whyte; 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; 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 Lumpke; 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; Roberta Widman; Dave Wilson; Iona Wilson; Roger Wimer; Michael White; Hunter Wise; Dee Wright; Russ Yahn; Bettyann & Darren 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: June 18th

**St. Leonard Women's Guild**

Monthly Meeting ~ 2nd Thursday in the Social Hall  
Next Meeting: June 13th 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**

*May 27th: Don Hobbs & Sherron Hamm*

June 3rd: Bill Gress & Al Smith

**Dusters**

*May 27th: Sonny Del Matto*

June 3rd: Gini & Greg Johnson

**Lay Ministers Schedule for May 25th & 26th  
(EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)****May 25th**

**Ushers:** Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl  
**Lector:** Dee Jones

**Altar Servers:** Bob Adams, Wanling Baker, Volunteer  
**E.M.H.C:** Ron Jones, Sonny Del Matto, Don Hobbs

**Cantors:** Diane Reef

**May 26th**

**Ushers:** Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers  
**Lector:** Bonnie Kinney

**Altar Servers:** Carlos Chaney, Andrea Chaney, Volunteer  
**E.M.H.C:** Al Smith, Jan Smith, Jim Watercutter

**Cantors:** Don & Cindy Riesbeck

**Lay Ministers Schedule for June 1st & 2nd  
(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; Rita Kelly

**Altar Servers:** The Benvie Family, Amelia Shardell,  
Volunteer, Volunteer

**E.M.H.C:** Deacon Larry, Mike Benvie, Ron Jones,  
Deacon Larry, Terri Jackson, Bonnie Kinney

**Cantors:** Steve Schlicher, Suzanne Baker

**Lay Ministers Schedule for June 8th & 9th  
(EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)**

**Ushers:** Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl,  
Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress,  
Gary Childers

**Lectors:** Jody Adams, Bob Morman

**Altar Servers:** Ron Jones, Bob Adams, Volunteer, Mason May,  
Amelia Shardell, Volunteer

**E.M.H.C:** Dee Jones, Terri Larkins, Carol Scholl, Al Smith,  
Jan Smith, Jim Watercutter

**Cantors:** Diane Reef, Don & Cindy Riesbeck



**ST. LEONARD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL #12641**

Next Meeting: June 12 at 6:30 p.m.

**Don Hobbs – Grand Knight**

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



**STEWARDSHIP ACTIVE REGISTERED FAMILIES 235**

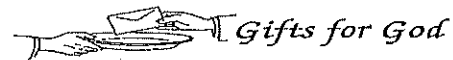
**PARISH OFFERINGS NEEDED PER WEEK: \$4,100.00**

**PARISH OFFERTORY MAY 18 & 19**

PARISH OFFERING:	\$2,354.00	ONLINE GIVING	\$ 300.00
CANDLES	\$ 12.00	MAINTENANCE	\$ 30.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 220.00	BAA PLEDGES	\$2,290.00
EDUCATION	\$ 40.00	COMMUNICATION	\$ 272.00
CENTRAL EUROPE	\$ 53.00		

**OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2018-MAY 17, 2019**

INCOME: \$254,598.48 EXPENSE: \$238,275.13 NET: \$16,323.35



*1st Collection ~ May 26th: St. Vincent de Paul*

*2nd Collection ~ June 2nd: Catholic Home Missions*

**Upcoming ASL Interpreted Parish Events**

June 2nd: 9:30 a.m. Mass

June 9th: 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.

**Congratulations to the following who are graduating this spring:**

Wanling Baker & Ben Bemis (HS); Andrew Gulick (College-Bachelors), Kecha Brodsky (College-Masters). They will be recognized on Saturday, June 2nd at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

**Prayers and healing** for the following who are having health issues; cards are welcome. Joe Whyte currently at Arlington Care Center, Room C-8 (8317 Somerset Road, Thornville, Ohio 43076), Jason Reed (P.O. Box 983, Newark, Ohio 43055), and Kathy Wildermuth (622 Hudson Avenue, Newark, Ohio 43055). Rita Wimer is at AlterCare (151 Price Road Newark) in Room 111. Vickie Annarino is also recovering from surgery. Please keep these and all facing health issues in your prayers.

**Congratulations to Fr. William Hritsko** on the 21st anniversary of his ordination (May 30th). Your St. Leonard family appreciates you and thanks you for all of your hard work and guidance as our pastor. We are blessed to have you here! May God continue to guide you as His servant.

**Sympathy and prayers** to the Kay Brodsky family and the Claire Pelletier family. Kay's funeral was on Monday, May 20th and Claire's was on May 24th. May they both rest in peace.

**Blood pressures** will be taken next weekend (June 1st and 2nd) in the Sacristy after the Masses.

**Memorial Day:** The office will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. Please see the Memorial Day Services offered by the American Legion on the next page.

## **Parish Happenings**

**Focolare** will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6 at Red Oak Pub off of N. 21st Street. After dinner we will return to the Church to say the Rosary, read the Word of Life and have a discussion. All are welcome; if you would like to attend, call Mary Morman at 740-522-1639.

**PARISH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHS:** St. Leonard is doing a NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY! Photographers will be on site May 29, 30, and 31 and on June 1. **That is this week – so sign up! Call the office on Tuesday.** It helps families know each other and especially our newer families. **Remember, you get a free 8 x 10 and a free Directory.** The more families that have their picture taken, the more activity pages of ministries that St. Leonard can put into the Directory. You can sign up for appointments after the Masses. There are coupons for 20% off for Military families and those 60 and over. Also, Lifetouch donates \$1.00 to St. Leonard to feed the hungry for every person who signs up for a picture. **The pictures will be taken in the PSR classrooms off the church.**

**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. We have been asked to raise \$25,131.94. After 3 weeks, we have had pledges of \$18,893.00. That leaves \$6,238.94 to raise. Any amount raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to be used for paving the main parking lot with anticipated costs of over \$65,000. Thank you for your help!

**St. Leonard Women's Guild Retreat:** Wednesday June 5th, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The Women's Guild is hosting a retreat entitled Reflection-Spirituality-Sacred Peaceful Living. The Mass celebrant is Fr. Hritsko and presenter is Sister Carol Spencer, OP. Reservations are a \$10.00 donation and include a continental breakfast and lunch. Reservations can be sent to Lorraine Allori (NLAllori@roadrunner.com, 740-522-2306) or Mary Morman (oldfolks78@yahoo.com, 740-522-1639) by May 31st.

**SPRING CLEANING?** Remember to set aside items for the annual St. Leonard Women's Guild rummage sale. The event will take place August 2 and 3. Donations can be brought to church starting JUNE 1, 2019. The items can be put in the music room by the rest rooms or the classroom off the social hall. We do not accept exercise equipment, electronics, or furniture. For more info, please contact Dee Jones at 740-522-4875 drjones1@columbus.rr.com.

## **Around the Diocese**

**Employment Opportunity:** St. Francis de Sales School in Newark is looking for a preschool teacher and preschool aide for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are interested, please contact their office for more details.

**American Legion Memorial Day Service:** Monday, May 27. The American Legion will have a service at St. Joseph Cemetery at around 10:00 a.m., following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The Mass will be outdoors at St. Joseph Cemetery (bring a chair if you need to sit). There will also be a service at Mount Calvary Cemetery around 11:00 a.m. Please join us at one of these services. St. Joseph Cemetery is located on OH-13 north of Newark, Mt. Calvary is located on OH-13 in Heath across from the radio station. The Legion will be placing flags on veterans' graves at St. Joseph Cemetery on Friday, May 24 starting at 4:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us to make sure your loved ones are not missed. Thank you, The Heath American Legion, Post 771.

**2019 National Catholic Youth Conference** (NCYC) November 21-24 in Indianapolis. Time is running out to register for the 2019 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) and experience over 20,000 Catholic teenagers gathered for prayer, catechesis, community, and discipleship. May 31 is the initial deadline to register and secure spots with a \$100.00 deposit. Registration will stay open through June, but space is limited and the deposit after May 31 will be \$200.00 per person. For more information and to register, go to <https://columbuscatholic.org/ncyc>.

**Active Retired Citizens:** Please come join us for a fun-filled afternoon Monday, June 3rd from 3:30-5:30. Bingo, euchre, fabulous door prizes, a great spread of refreshments, and just plain fun. Due to the construction at St. Francis, we will be holding the festivities at the Sons of Italy Lodge at 607 McKinley Avenue. Please note the location change. Ages 55 and older are welcome. Bring a friend and make new ones.

**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.*

**New Wave Volleyball Camp** will be July 8th-11th at the YMCA. The camp is open to girls from any school entering grades 2-8. The cost is \$90.00 and includes a T-shirt. For more information, call 740-404-5446 or email jerihelfer@gmail.com.

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

**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.

**Listening Session on Racism:** The Ethnic Ministries Office invites everyone to join us on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Josephinum's Jessing Center for an evening with Bishops of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, Bishop Brennan, and other bishops from around the country. The purpose of this event is provide an opportunity for the bishops to listen to brief reflections from the faithful of the Diocese on racism in the Church and community. The USCCB approved and published "Open Wide Our Hearts, an enduring call to love, pastoral letter against racism" this past November. The document is a call to acknowledge racism as a sin and to put forth efforts of reconciliation and healing. All are invited and encouraged to attend and participate. Please register for this free event at [www.columbuscatholic.org/cem](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/cem) or email [ethnicministries@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:ethnicministries@columbuscatholic.org). For additional information, contact Pam Harris, Director, Ethnic Ministries Office, at [pharris@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:pharris@columbuscatholic.org) or 614-221-7990.

**Diocesan Senior Citizens Celebration** is Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at St. Mary Church, Chillicothe. Bishop Brennan will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m. A luncheon will follow. This annual event is a great opportunity for prayer, food, and fellowship with senior citizens from our 23-county diocese. Registration is \$15.00. To register, please send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, Catholic Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For more information, call 614-241-2540 or email [socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org). Registrations are requested by June 13.

**Jubilee of Anniversaries:** 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. Registered couples, whether attending or not, will receive a personalized certificate. RSVP by contacting the Marriage and Family Office at (614)-241-2560 or by visiting [columbuscatholic.org/marriage-enrichment](http://columbuscatholic.org/marriage-enrichment). 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!

**Cyclone Relief in India:** CRS is responding to Cyclone Fani in India, which damaged infrastructure, communication, and electricity. Due to well-planned evacuations, many lives were saved across the region. Catholic Relief Services assisted the government of India with those evacuations and is now closely coordinating with local partners there to provide emergency shelter, water, and living supplies to affected families. For more information, contact Erin Cordle at 614-241-2540 or [ecordle@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:ecordle@columbuscatholic.org) or CRS at [www.crs.org/media-center/news-release/crs-responds-cyclone-fani-slams-india-and-bangladesh](http://www.crs.org/media-center/news-release/crs-responds-cyclone-fani-slams-india-and-bangladesh).

**Natural Family Planning:** All natural! Good for the body. Great for the soul! Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods are effective for postponing or achieving pregnancy and are completely natural – no pills, patches or devices! Learn more by attending an NFP Class Series at St. Catharine Parish, starting on July 10, 7:00 p.m.; the course continues July 31, August 21, and September 11. For more information and to register, go to [www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning](http://www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning) or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560.