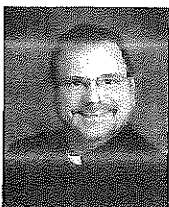


**MASS INTENTIONS: September 14th & 15th
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday, Sept. 14th	5:30 p.m. <u>Elvira Schell</u> + ~ The Schell Family; <i>Parishioners</i>
Sunday, Sept. 15th	9:30 a.m. <u>Eugene & Diane Ney</u> + ~ Eugene Ney, Jr.
Tuesday, Sept. 17th	9:00 a.m. <u>Raymond & Juanita Shumaker</u> + ~ Family
Wednesday, Sept. 18th	9:00 a.m. <u>Communion Service</u>
Thursday, Sept. 19th	9:00 a.m. <u>Parishioners</u>
Friday, Sept. 20th	9:00 a.m. <u>Communion Service</u>
Saturday, Sept. 21st	5:30 p.m. <u>Elvira Schell</u> + ~ The Schell Family
Sunday, Sept. 22nd	9:30 a.m. <u>Eugene & Diane Ney</u> + ~ Eugene Ney, Jr.



Dear fellow parishioners, the Gospel this week gives several illustrations of something missing, the longest being the parable of the Prodigal Son (PS). Not only did the younger go missing, his older brother did as well. He stays out of the celebration by his own choice and even blames the father for his decision. Doesn't that sound like us with God? At least sometimes?

There are many, including many folks reading this, that I know have blamed God for misgivings. It is interesting in the PS parable that the younger son *does not* blame father for his transgressions. He says, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." There is no, "you made me do it" or "it's your fault." How much maturity that took to admit: "I did it. No one made me... it was me." Doesn't seem to be the way of the world today.

On the other hand, the elder brother blames his unhappiness on the younger brother (resentment) and the father: "you never even gave so much as a kid goat to celebrate with my friends." You can almost hear: "you never acknowledged me as the 'good' son." (I even hear a whine in there somewhere, as well...) Seems that is the way the world is becoming. No one is responsible for their actions. It can all be put onto someone else: "my mother was too controlling," or "my father never had time for me"; "my brother/sister got all the attention"... Pick the excuse.

Now, I am not making light of or dismissing people who were abused or neglected. Those are truly terrible things – however, *we* decide how we will deal with adversity. *We* decide how we will affect our future. *We* decide on our actions – no one *makes* us do anything – *we choose to do something or not*. Now, circumstances may affect our decisions. Consider having to defend yourself or a loved one in life and death situation. There are tremendously horrific stories where a person has had to make a choice as to which child dies to save the other.

When we have been hurt deeply, betrayed, attacked, etc. while being innocent (or even guilty), we decide to heal or not. Yes, absolutely, mourn the loss, the hurt whatever it might be, but then do you wallow in the pain or do you change? Do you hold onto the hurt and take that energy away from doing good or seeking healing or peace? Do you take that negative energy, then hurt others, making their lives miserable or difficult as well? Think Ma'lynn from *Steel Magnolias*: "I want to hit someone as hard and as long as I can until they hurt as badly as I do." We might think that out loud... but how often does it happen...? How many times have you made that happen? Lots to find out and maybe change in ourselves... even if we think nothing is missing.

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; 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 Neumeier; 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; Evelyn France; 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 Licson; 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; Dec 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: September 17th

St. Leonard Women's Guild

Monthly Meeting ~ 2nd Thursday in the Social Hall
Next Meeting: October 10th

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

September 16th: *Nello Allori & Chris May*
September 23rd: Don Hobbs & Sherron Hamm

Dusters

September 16th: *Fill Bemis & Suzanne Neumeyer*
September 23: Elizabeth Orend

Lay Ministers Schedule for Sept. 14th & 15th
(EMHC - Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)

September 14th

Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl
Lector: Terri Larkins
Altar Servers: The Benvie Family, Volunteer
E.M.H.C.: Mary Beckman, Sonny Del Matto, Don Hobbs
Cantors: Suzanne Baker

September 15th

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 Sept. 21st & 22nd
(EMHC - Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)

Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl, Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers
Lectors: Jodi Adams, Leigh Ann Lutz
Altar Servers: Dee Jones, Maryann Chisek, Volunteer, John LaBelle, Keira Haynes, Volunteer
E.M.H.C.: Terri Larkins, Carol Scholl, Elizabeth Benvie, Terri Jackson, Bonnie Kinney, Bob Morman
Cantors: Diane Reef, Suzanne Baker

Lay Ministers Schedule for Sept. 28th & 29th
(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, Bob Morman
Altar Servers: The Benvie Family, Bob Adams, Jack Lutz, Amelia Shardell, Volunteer
E.M.H.C.: Deacon Larry, Nello Allori, Joe Beckman, Al Smith, Jan Smith
Cantors: Diane Reef, Don & Cindy Riesbeck



ST. LEONARD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12641

Next Meeting: October 9th 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.

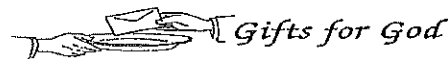


STEWARDSHIP ACTIVE REGISTERED FAMILIES 234
PARISH OFFERINGS NEEDED PER WEEK: \$4,100.00
PARISH OFFERTORY SEPTEMBER 7TH & 8TH

PARISH OFFERING	\$3,969.40	PARKING LOT	\$1,630.00
CANDLES	\$ 11.00	EDUCATION	\$ 267.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 550.00	ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 80.00
HALL RENTAL	\$ 100.00	CAPITAL MAINTENANCE	\$1,000.00
BAA REFUND 2019	\$1,368.92		

OPERATING BUDGET FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019-SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

INGOME: \$46,044.17 EXPENSE: \$43,031.72 NET: \$3,012.45



2nd Collection: September 15th ~ Capital Maintenance Fund
2nd Collection: September 22nd ~ Bereavement Ministry



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.

Mark your calendars for the Parish Picnic/Feast Day that is scheduled for October 6th starting at 12:00. We will also be celebrating our Feast Day at the 9:30 Mass with our children presenting flags of the missions of different countries. Our Saint, John Leonardi, co-founded a society of priests dedicated to working in foreign missions, which later became the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. At the parish picnic, brats, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided by the parish. We ask that each family bring a dish to share. There will be bingo after we eat so come and enjoy the fun! Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Parking Lot Project: Thanks to everyone who has donated to the Parking Lot Project. Paving is being scheduled at the end of September.

Church Email Change: With the church computer software being updated, the church email address has changed. It is parish@stleonard-heath.com. Here are the following emails that have changed:

- Parish/Priests** parish@stleonard-heath.com
- Bulletin** bulletin@stleonard-heath.com
- Deacon Larry** lwilson@stleonard-heath.com
- Peggy Pound** ppound@stleonard-heath.com
- Allison Shardell** ashardell@stleonard-heath.com
- PSR@stleonard-heath.com
- Sonny Del Matto** sdelmatto@stleonard-heath.com

When there are other changes, they will be put in the bulletin.

A huge thank-you to Sonny Del Matto for installing the new smoke detectors (both flashing for deaf and hard of hearing, as well as audio alarms) around the building, including in the classrooms and kitchen. We really appreciate the planning and effort it took to get this project finished before the new PSR year started so that our students can be safe. Also, thank you to the Catholic Foundation for funding this project! Allison S.

Parish Happenings

St. Leonard Spaghetti Dinner



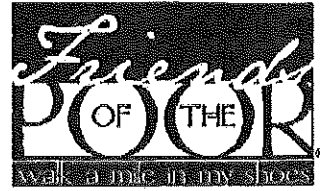
Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be on September 19th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy fellowship with each other and enjoy spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce, salad, bread, beverages, and dessert. Adults are \$8.00, children 6-12 are \$5, children 5 and under are free, and families are \$30.00. Volunteers, dessert donations, or financial contributions are greatly appreciated. Proceeds go to support Parish maintenance costs. 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, fellowship, and remember there is a 50/50 drawing! We are also having a Silent Auction item to bid on. \$5.00 per bid. It is a picnic basket with everything you need for a picnic as well as a surprise gift certificate inside the basket!

A Big Thank-You to Father Bill, Deacon Larry, Peggy, the Resurrection and Bell Choirs, the Servers, the Eucharistic Minister, the Bereavement Committee, and all those who served and prepared food, sent cards, and prayed for us on my mom's passing. Your support and caring mean more than you will ever know. We are grateful for you every day and keep you in our prayers.
The Kinney/Prior families

Around the Diocese

Ladies, you are invited to the Women of St. Francis Ladies Brunch on Saturday, September 21st from 9:30 a.m.-Noon (doors open at 9:00 a.m.). There is no charge; freewill donations accepted. Our speaker will be Brian Merritt, the Director of Culinary Services at Licking Memorial Hospital. Please make reservations by September 16 by calling Debby Shelly at 740-366-6924 or Lori Brown at 740-323-3562. We hope to see you there.

The Pontifical College Josephinum annual lecture series begins Wednesday, September 18th, with a presentation by Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, SV, Superior General of the Sisters of Life. Mother Agnes will present "The Mission Field of the Christian Disciple: The Human Person" at 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center on the Josephinum campus. The event is free of charge and open to the public; reservations not required. For more information, please call the Academic Dean's office at 614-985-2274.



Friends of the Poor Walk & 5K Run/Walk. Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the 2019 Columbus Friends of the Poor Walk & 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, September 28th from 9:00 a.m.-noon at St. Francis de Sales High School, Columbus. 100% of all proceeds will go to support persons living in poverty in our diocese. Register to participate at <https://runsignup.com/friendsofthepoor>.



If you received a text or email about Fr. Stash Dailey, the Family Soup Kitchen, or the Holy Family Food Pantry asking for money or donations, please be alerted that this is a scam.

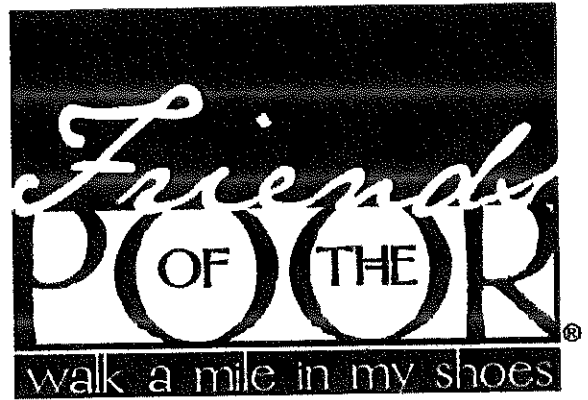
Building a Culture of Life Conference is Saturday, October 19, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury. Topics will include pro-life public policy, our response to racism, advanced medical directives, pro-life youth, and a message from Bishop Brennan. Sponsored by Social Concerns, Marriage & Family Life, and Greater Columbus Right to Life. Cost: \$25.00/Students \$10.00. Register by October 14. For a list of speakers and to register, visit <https://bclc2019.eventbrite.com> or call 614-241-2540.

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.*



The St. Vincent de Paul "Walk For The Poor" is coming up, September 28th, 2019. Please help us help the poor by supporting our walkers. See any one of them to pledge this worthy cause. You can also sign our pledge form on the bulletin board in the back of church. We will be asking for pledges on the weekend of September 21-22.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2019



This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 15, 2019. The 2019 theme will be "**Stay with Us.**" Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

St. Joseph Cathedral Bimonthly Mass of Healing:

September 16th, 6:30 p.m.; the Memorial Mass of Saints Cornelius and Cyprian will be celebrated. Following the Mass, a 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 who suffer with addictions, mental health issues, physical illness and infirmities (e.g. cancer and other debilitating diseases and conditions), in addition to those seeking emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited as well. Secure parking is available off East Gay Street; handicap elevator access to the Cathedral is located off the Broad Street Courtyard. Saint Joseph Cathedral is located at 212 East Broad Street. For more information, call (614) 224-1295 or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org.

September 22nd: Heritage Day Celebration:

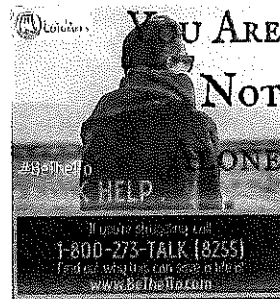
1:00-5:00 p.m.: Join us on Sunday, September 22nd for free, family fun! Enjoy lots of great food, games, a tractor show, petting zoo, pie baking contest, and so much more! Purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win up to \$1,000.00 at the event! Additional drawings of \$100.00 will happen each month! For complete event details, visit mariasteinshrine.org!

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

The Pope's Monthly Intention – September: *The Protection of the Oceans:* That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Bethesda Healing Ministry – Post-Abortion

Healing: "Post-traumatic suffering is the untold story of abortion. Are there many like you who may be waiting to hear a word of hope or healing? Yes. You do not suffer alone." (Mother Agnes Mary, S.V.) Bethesda Healing Ministry invites and welcomes you. There is a light in the window. Please call Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential phone lines at 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at www.bethesdahealing.org.



September is National Suicide Prevention Month

and the Diocese of Columbus is encouraging people to join the #BeThe1to movement from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. How can you #BeThe1to make a difference in the life of someone feeling isolated, alone, and in pain?

- **#BeThe1to ASK** the tough question--when you know someone is in emotional pain, ask them directly: "Are you thinking about killing yourself?"
- **#BeThe1to KEEP THEM SAFE.** Is your friend thinking about suicide? Separate them from anything they could use to hurt themselves.
- **#BeThe1to BE THERE.** If your friend is thinking about suicide, listen to their reasons for feeling hopeless and in pain with compassion, empathy, and without dismissing or judging.
- **#BeThe1to HELP THEM CONNECT** to a support system: family, friends, clergy, therapists, or a hotline (800-273-TALK).
- **#BeThe1to FOLLOW UP** on a regular basis with a friend in crisis.
- If you or someone you know is suicidal, in danger of harming themselves, or in emotional distress, do not be afraid to contact the confidential National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-Talk (8255) or text "Hello" to 741741 to reach the Crisis Helpline. Our parish is here to support you, #BeThe1to ...Seek Help. *"Whoever suffers from mental illness 'always' bears God's image and likeness in themselves, as does every human being. In addition, they 'always' have the inalienable right not only to be considered as an image of God and therefore as a person, but also to be treated as such"* (Pope John Paul II).

I am with you

and will watch over you
wherever you go.

Genesis 28:15