

MASS INTENTIONS: September 21st & 22nd
The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, Sept. 21st	5:30 p.m.	<u>Lois McDermott</u> ~ Nello & Lorraine Allori; <i>Parishioners</i>
Sunday, Sept. 22nd	9:30 a.m.	<u>Elvira Schell</u> ~ Family
Tuesday, Sept. 24th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Rick Smith</u> ~ Tom & Pattie Herr
Wednesday, Sept. 25th	9:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service</i>
Thursday, Sept. 26th	9:00 a.m.	<u>Raymond & Juanita Shumaker</u> ~ Family
Friday, Sept. 27th	9:00 a.m.	<i>Communion Service</i>
Saturday, Sept. 28th	5:30 p.m.	<u>Cecelia Watson</u> ~ Richard & Shirley Patellos
Sunday, Sept. 29th	9:30 a.m.	<u>Beatrice Wirth</u> ~ The Wirth Family



Dear fellow parishioners, what are your talents? In the Gospel passage today, it was the steward's wily-ness that the king "admired." It has always seemed odd to me that the Lord said to "admire" the steward... but God knows best.

While the Lord presumes we know the immorality of the man's behavior, He praises his shrewdness as he derives advantages from his position before anyone realizes he's fired! So, basically, in spreading the good news of the Kingdom of God, we are to apply *at least* the same amount (if not more!) of ingenuity and effort that we put into our worldly affairs, attempts of attaining recognition, riches, sensuality, recreation, etc., as we put into purifying our souls and bringing the faith into the world. Is that the reality? Probably not... alas...

Yes, we count on God's grace however, we still need to employ all the resources at our disposal such as strenuous effort, heroic sacrifice and even those "misguided (?) talents." When we have a living and active faith that uses *all* resources and abilities, there will be no obstacle that we cannot overcome.

Jesus notes that worldly folks are shrewder than *the people of the light* (holy folk). He knows that worldly people think about how they use their resources, in long and short terms, even if misused, for their benefit; this is the reason the master commends the steward. He then "suggests" His disciples do the same by their use of their varied resources even "misguided talents" for the building of the kingdom. In addition, Jesus alludes that the steward sacrificed what he could have taken now so he could receive gain later. This is the case when we use our talents, gifts, etc. and we find our way to heaven and the "welcoming committee" awaits us.

The welcoming committee consists of those who received the benefits of the stewardship, the angels and yes, God Himself. A song by Ray Boltz called "Thank You, for Giving to the Lord" describes a person's dream of going to heaven and is met by all the people touched by his generosity. "*One by one they came, as far as the eye could see, each one somehow touched by your generosity, little things that you had done, sacrifices made - unnoticed on the earth, heaven now proclaims.*" Jesus, Himself, towards the end of the dream takes the person's hand and says "*My child look around you for great is your reward.*" Over and over, the chorus of each welcoming person says: "*Thank you for giving to the Lord; I am a life that was changed! Thank you for giving to the Lord; I am so glad you gave.*"

Whatever you think are your talents (well guided or "misguided"), put them to use for service to the kingdom of God - the wealth gained is out of this world even with *formerly* "misguided talents."

See you next week! Let us keep each other in prayer. 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 Neumeyer; 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; Rick & Ruth D'Amico; 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 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**

PSR@stleonard-heath.com

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

Monthly Meeting ~ 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
 Next Meeting: October 15th, 2019

St. Leonard Women's Guild

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

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 23rd: Don Hobbs & Sherron Hamm

September 30th: Vicki Annarino & Susie Gribble

Dusters

September 23: Elizabeth Orend

September 30th: Gini & Greg Johnson

Lay Ministers Schedule for September 21st & 22nd (EMHC – Minister of Sacred Body/Precious Blood)

September 21st

Ushers: Jan & Les Waldren, Joan Kefeli, Bill Scholl
Lector: Jodi Adams
Altar Servers: Dee Jones, Maryann Chisek, Volunteer
E.M.H.C.: Terri Larkins, Carol Scholl, Elizabeth Benvie
Cantors: Diane Reef

September 22nd

Ushers: Frank Flynn, Gene Hill, Bill Gress, Gary Childers
Lector: Leigh Ann Lutz
Altar Servers: John LaBelle, Keira Haynes, Volunteers
E.M.H.C.: Terri Jackson, Bonnie Kinney, Bob Morman
Cantors: Suzanne Baker

Lay Ministers Schedule for September 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, Deacon Larry, Al Smith, Jan Smith
Cantors: Diane Reef; Don & Cindy Riesbeck

New Staff Member: We welcome Maggie Barno to our office staff. She will be our bulletin editor, updating the website, facebook page, as well as assisting in the office. You may email her for the bulletin at bulletin@stleonard-heath.com and all other communications should be at mbarno@stleonard-heath.com. She looks forward to working with our parishioners!

Eucharistic Ministers Needed: We are in urgent need of more Eucharistic Ministers. Consider being a part of this important ministry that serves so many. Contact the office to sign up! We only have four EMs on Sunday for the whole month.



ST. LEONARD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12641

Next Meeting: October 9th at 6:30 p.m.

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**

PARISH OFFERTORY SEPTEMBER 14TH & 15TH

PARISH OFFERING:	\$3,028.00	PARKING LOT:	\$500.00
CANDLES	\$ 26.00	EDUCATION:	\$ 31.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 400.00	CAPITAL MAINTENANCE	\$752.80
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 85.00	MISSION SUNDAY	\$ 5.00

OPERATING BUDGET YEAR JULY 1, 2019-SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

INCOME: \$50,655.83 EXPENSE: \$51,471.58 NET: -\$815.75



2nd Collection: September 22nd ~ Bereavement Ministry

2nd Collection: September 30th ~ 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.

Mark your calendars for the Parish Picnic/Feast Day that is scheduled for October 6th starting at 12:00 p.m. We will also be celebrating our Feast Day at the 9:30 a.m. 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. Please sign up for the picnic next weekend at the back of the church so we can plan on how many to prepare for. Thanks for your help!

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 as well as the staff emails. The correct emails are on the front of the bulletin.

Sympathy and prayers for the Marie Patellos family in the passing of her mother, Cecelia Watson, who passed away at the end of August.

Youth Choir and Handbells have started! We could use more singers and bell ringers. Also, Adult bells will begin this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the church. We also need more cantors. If you are interested in any of the music ministries, contact Peggy at ppound@stleonard-heath.com or call the office. Thanks.

Parish Happenings

St. Leonard Spaghetti Dinner

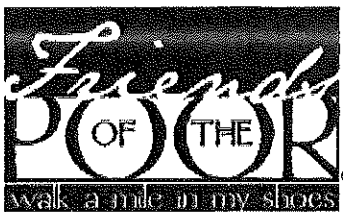


Our next Spaghetti Dinner will be on October 17th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy fellowship with each other and enjoy spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce, salad, bread, beverages, and dessert. Adults are \$8.00, children 6-12 are \$5.00, children 5 and under are free, and families are \$30.00. Volunteers, dessert donations, or financial contributions are greatly appreciated. Proceeds go to support 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!

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

Friends of the Poor Walk and 5K Run/Walk.



Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the 2019 Columbus Friends of the Poor Walk and 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>. Our parishioners will be participating, so sponsor one of our walkers!

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.



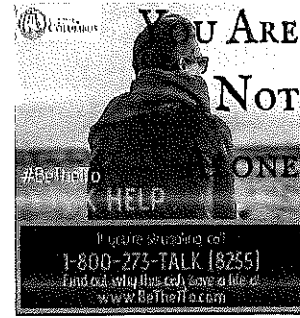
Building a Culture of Life Conference is Saturday, October 19, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, Sunbury. Topics will include pro-life public policy, our response to racism, advanced medical directives, pro-life youth, and a message from Bishop Brennan. Sponsored by Social Concerns, Marriage and 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.

White Mass: The Diocesan White Mass will take place at Our Lady of Victory Church at 6:00 p.m., Friday, October 18th. Clergy are invited to join Bishop Brennan and the local guilds of the Catholic Medical Association in showing our support for Catholics working in the healthcare profession. Priests who wish to concelebrate and deacons who wish to assist are asked to RSVP to Father Bob Penhallurick, CMA Guild Chaplin, at frbob@stbrendans.net.

Prepared for True Love: Event for Young Adults! Are you looking for more joy in your dating life? Regardless of your relationship status, join us for desserts to learn how you can build your relationships on solid ground. All are invited! Where: St. Andrew Bryce Eck Activity Center, 3880 Reed Road, Columbus. When: October 29th, 2019; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It's never too early or too late to prepare for true love! Questions? Contact Catherine Suprenant at csuprenant@columbuscatholic.org.

Jobs Available: The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, which will open later this year is starting to hire staff. The new site of the store will be located at the Carnaby Center on East Main at the I-270 exit on the east side. The address of the current site is 5935 E. Main Street, Columbus, 43232. Part-time staff will be hired first, and over the course of the next three months, additional part-time and full-time staff will join the team. We are partnering with InnoSource to staff the new St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. InnoSource is currently interviewing for all store positions, with some part-time positions available immediately. Please visit <https://innosource.com> and search for SVDP as the Career or Keyword and Columbus as the location. If you know of someone who would thrive in a thrift store environment with a mission, please share this information with them.

September 28th: Wrapped in God's Love: 1:00-3:00 p.m.: Free event held at Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics for ages 6 and older that will begin with prayer led by Sister Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S. Projects are fleece blankets, sewn little dresses, pants, flannel blankets and burp cloths. Sponsored by the Holy Angels, Sidney Outreach Committee. Contact Judy Zimmerman at 937-492-4364 for more information.



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).

Let us pray for our parishioners, family, and friends serving in the military

- SrA. Therin Brown, USAF
- Sgt. Donald R. Hoffer II, US Army
- Pvt. Kaleb Hoffer, USMC
- Pvt. Andre Manning, US Army
- Evan Andrew Hammond, US Navy
- Pvt. Kaitlin Hanks, US 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 bulletin@stleonard-heath.com.

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.

I am with you

and will watch over you wherever you go.