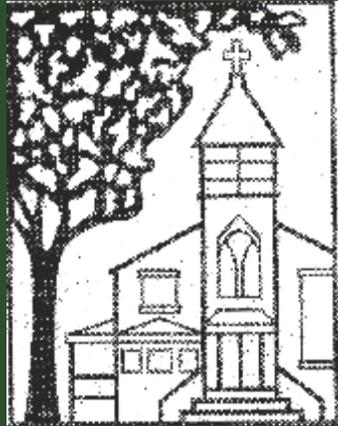


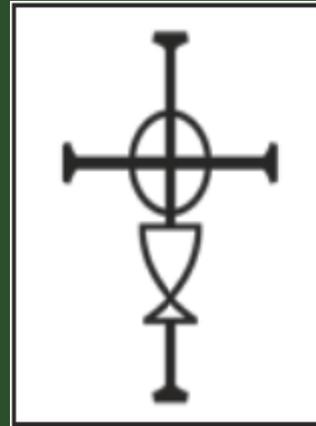
June 6, 2021: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

St. Frances of Rome

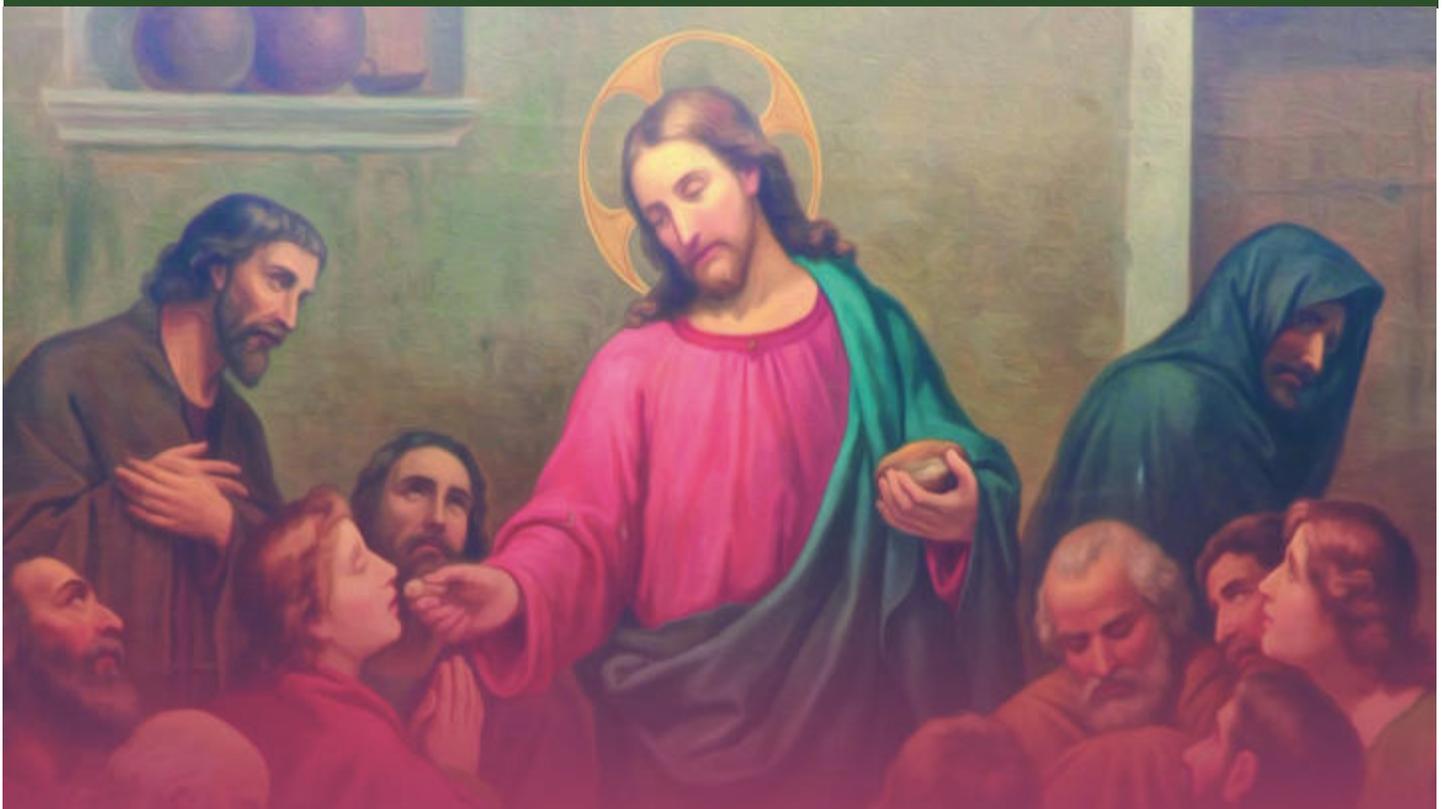


St. Frances of Rome is an inclusive, welcoming Roman Catholic family challenging ourselves to seek, experience and share the loving presence of God.

St. Leonard



The St. Leonard family welcomes all into our Catholic community to serve, pray and worship, as we welcome Christ.



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Nuns of the Battlefield

Back in the 80's I had a Catholic Trivial Pursuit knockoff that we would play sometimes in seminary. The only thing left of it is one question that stuck in my mind, "What does the monument 'Nuns of the Battlefield' commemorate?" ...

It probably stuck in my mind because I immediately thought of a bronze statue of a group of nuns, veils flying, charging with spears or muskets. Turn's out, of course, they weren't fighting nuns at all. And their story is rooted, like the Memorial Day Holiday that is the traditional beginning of summer, in the awful cost of the Civil War. When the war started, what we know as hospitals or nursing care, didn't really exist yet. Those who could afford treatment were mostly treated at home. Those who were homeless or poor were mostly treated by religious groups. And so it was that the largest pool of people with training on treating wounds at the time were the orders of Catholic women religious. More than 600 volunteered for service as nurses. "They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty," says [the inscription on the monument](#), which I found out is near Dupont Circle in Washington D.C. (thanks to one of my favorite websites [Atlas Obscura](#).) So as we celebrate this weekend, let's make sure to offer a prayer for those who gave their lives in military service, and give thanks for the dedicated women who stood by them in Christ's name on the battlefields that are the beginning of this holiday.

The relief on the monument depicts 12 orders of women religious. Can you spot the habit of the Sisters of Charity, founded in Kentucky and the order of St Frances' Sr Carmelita? -Fr Lou



St. Frances of Rome Church Welcome Back!

Masses have resumed at St. Frances of Rome Church!

The renovation of the church is complete and the church looks absolutely beautiful!

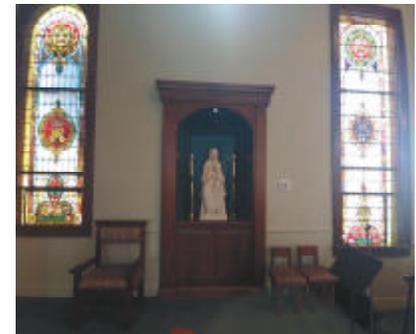
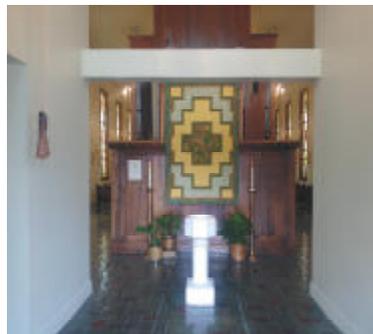
The work actually finished ahead of schedule. This allowed for additional improvements to be made in a few other areas. For example, all entrance doors were refinished, the sacristy counter was refinished, and new bathroom fixtures were installed. A huge thank you to all of the parishioners of St. Frances of Rome, both present and past, for making these much needed renovations possible. With everyone's financial support, it made this project possible.



Before



After



Thank you!

A special thank you to all those who helped clear out the church before the renovation. Plus, those who cleaned and helped put the church back together once the project was complete! Throughout this project, there were over 40 St. Frances of Rome parishioners who donated their time and energy to insure this project was completed in a timely matter. ~God Bless Everyone!



Thank you Leonard Ladies!

Many thanks to the Leonard Ladies for their hard work doing some spring cleaning in St. Leonard's church last week. The polished pews and freshly-scrubbed kneelers look great! Our next service project will take place this Wednesday, June 9 as we help out our partners at United Crescent Hill

Ministries - please call St. Leonard's office at 502-897-2595 for details. And don't forget to join us next Wednesday, June 16 at 7:00 pm for our next edition of Encountering the Psalms!

New Prayer Chain Ministry

As a parish family, an important gift that we can offer to one another is that of prayer. St. Leonard Parish is excited to host a new Prayer Chain ministry for both of our parishes, offering you the opportunity to share your specific prayer intentions and to commit to praying for others' requests. Members of the Prayer Chain will receive a weekly email listing the prayer requests submitted online. Anyone can submit a prayer request (and even do so anonymously), and anyone can sign up to pray for others' intentions. Go to <https://>

www.stleonardlouisville.org/prayer-requests to share requests and sign up online, or call the St. Leonard Parish office at 502-897-2595 to add a request to our prayer list.

HOME COMING
St. Leonard Wolverines

Join us for a weekend of fun as we celebrate St. Leonard!

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday
September 11th
4pm - 11pm
Mass at 4pm

All current and prior parishioners are welcome to attend our St. Leonard Homecoming!
Join us for class reunions with past alums, and a walk down memory hall.

Live music, food trucks, kids activities, silent auctions, raffles and so much more!

Mass Schedule Update



No daily Masses June 8th - 10th

Due to the archdiocesan Presbyteral Assembly, there will be no daily Masses at either parish on Tuesday, June 8 through Thursday, June 10. There will still be an 8:30 am Mass at St. Frances of Rome on Monday, June 7 and Friday, June 11. Let us pray for our priests as they spend time together for prayer and renewal!



Pray for our Sacramental Candidates!

--Henry Furdek will receive First Eucharist on June 6

-Frankie Underwood will receive First Eucharist on June 6

-David Bawa will receive First Eucharist on June 6

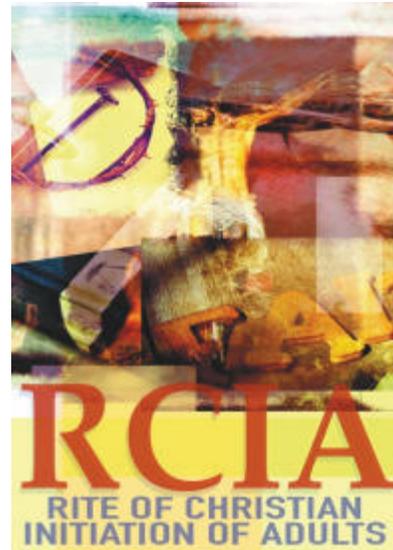
-John Bawa will receive First Eucharist on June 6

-Willa Metzger will receive First Eucharist later in June



Sacred Service Teen Days: June 14-16

As we come to the end of the school year, and the beginning of a more open world, we are going to get together with our teens to **serve God's people, and share a little bit about the sacred.** If your teenager needs to get back into the swing of an active faith, needs service hours, or just needs to get out and be with other kids, contact Andrew. More details to follow!



Inquiry about the Church - RCIA

Do you know someone who is seeking a fuller life, someone is looking to share in the truth, beauty, and goodness of God, some who you can see God acting in? Would you like to learn how to share the journey with others and offer guidance towards the life in the Church?

Please join us Sunday the 13th of June at 6pm at St. Frances of Rome to learn about RCIA Inquiry.

We'll have some snacks, maybe some wine, and talk about the journey towards communion in God's life.



This year's Vacation Bible School program will take place on Wednesday, June 16 from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm on the campus of St. Leonard Parish. Due to continued COVID safety precautions, we are limiting the number of participants to only 12 this year - so register ASAP to guarantee your child's spot! Pick up a registration form in either parish office or church vestibule and return it no later than this Thursday, June 10. Contact Andrew Hennessy by calling either parish office with questions or to volunteer to help!



United Crescent Hill Ministries

This month, **St. Leonard** is doing a "Shine up June for UCHM!" drive to support our partners at United Crescent Hill Ministries. We are asking for donations of cleaning supplies such as Clorox, Windex, all-purpose cleaners, or other cleaning accessories. Donations can be dropped off in the box in the church vestibule before or after Masses, or at the parish office during office hours (Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; Friday, 9:00 am - noon).

St. Frances of Rome is also collecting the following items: Clorox Wipes, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Soap and Shampoo. Donations can be placed in the floral box in the vestibule of St. Leonard church or dropped off at the St. Frances of Rome parish house, Monday – Friday: 8:00am to 2:00pm.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following St. Frances of Rome parishioners who were initiated into full communion with the Church last weekend:

Carolyn Catlett received her Confirmation

Josh & Nick Runyon received Baptism, Confirmation, and the First Eucharist



Gospel Meditation

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

June 6, 2021~ The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, “the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist.” What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God’s sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God’s love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. “There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us.” Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God’s unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.©LPi

Readings

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ-June 6

First Reading: Ex 24:3-8

Second Reading: Heb 9:11-15

Gospel: Mk 14:12-16, 22-2

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time-June 13

First Reading: Ez 17:22-24

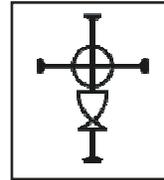
Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10

Gospel: Mk 4:26-34

Stewardship of Treasure

Please Note: Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the collection report for May 30, 2021 was not available at time of submission. Please check next week's bulletin for the collection report.

Mass Intentions



Friday, June 4, 8:30 am: **Jim Milliman**

Sunday, June 6, 8:30 am: **People of the Parish**

Sunday, May 30, 11:30 am: **JoEllen Sheroan**

(No weekday Mass June 7-10)

Friday, June 11, 8:30 am:

Sunday, June 13, 8:30 am: **Kathleen Speevack**

Sunday, June 13, 11:30 am: **People of the Parish**

Saturday, June 5, 5pm: **Anne Sheptuck**

Sunday, June 6, 10am: **People of the Parish**

(No noon Masses June 8 or 10)

Saturday, June 12, 5pm: **Holy Souls**

Sunday, June 13, 10 am: **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, June 15, Noon: **Deede Jones**

Thursday, June 17, Noon: **Paul & Regina Schmidt**



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