

DECEMBER 18-19, 2021



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4th Sunday OF ADVENT



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY | 5:30 PM
SUNDAY | 9:30 AM

ST. LEONARD MASS ONLINE

Saturday | 5:30 PM
Sunday | 9:30

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WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 AM

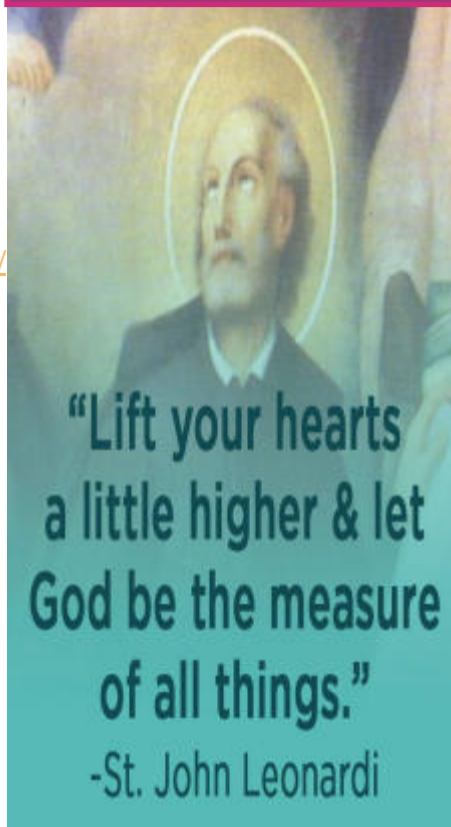
COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday & Friday
9:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:45-5:15 PM

DECEMBER 18-19



Saturday December 18, 5:30 PM

Mary Jo DiGiandomenico+ -Focolare

Sunday December 19, 9:30 AM

Susie Sherrard+ -Dell Koch

Tuesday December 21, 9:00 AM

Frank Luciotti+ -Carol Luciotti

Wednesday December 22, 9:00 AM

Communion Servicko

Thursday December 23, 9:00 AM

Joseph & Mary Stefan+ - Fr. William Hritsko

Friday December 24, 4:00 PM

Living & Deceased Members of the Hritsko, Sekel & Stefan Families

Friday December 24, 9:00 PM

George & Catherine Gribble+ -Fr. Bill Hritsko

Saturday December 25, 10:00AM

Living & Deceased Members of St. Leonard Church -Father Bill Hritsko

Sunday December 26, 9:30 AM

Father Stanley Cmich, CPPS -Fr. William Hritsko



Pastor's Column – December 18-19, 2021 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Dear fellow parishioners, I was in St. Louis, MO, during last week's terrible tornadoes. I am safe, everyone I was with is also. Tornadoes touched down within five miles south of me, one began the terrible trek of destruction. We were at the funeral home when the warnings and sirens went off and were ushered to the most central room with instruments, cell phones, etc. and the first thing I said was – "we're going to pray". Then we proceeded to rehearse the music for the Mass – praising God, praying to Him, I think that kept us safe and no one will change my mind to that.

We need to pray for the victims of the disaster. Lives lost, homes, possessions, "whole lives" of the survivors completely gone. Images don't tell the entirety of the loss. We see homes, properties demolished, but what about other tangible and intangible things that were valuable? Memories? Items held dear that can't be replaced? Identification documents and other important papers? I can't even think of what will have to do to replace such things. In this we give thanks for those who survived and pray for the souls that were lost. As in so many natural disasters, when the shock wears off and the desire of others to help begins to wane... the reality of life sets in maybe with a sense of abandonment.

Realization of what was lost sets in along with despair. Years after such tragedies, people ravaged by the event/s try to rebuild from the devastation to survive and hopefully thrive. But is there still interest in them? Sometimes it is just an anniversary note in the news... then nothing more...

I wonder if the chosen people of God felt like that. The shock wears off and reality sets in and the questions come: "Where is the One who said He would be there for us? *Where is God?*" I can only imagine what the absolute loss and abandonment would feel like.

We must keep interest for the devastated at the fore. Keep praying; maybe make "notes to self" to follow how things are going and how to continue to help. We get caught up in the "new" issues and attention shifts – like some of us with short attention spans (Oh.. something new and shiny!). We have been conditioned for that with our media – that is why we call it "news"...

The same happens with our relationship with God. The moments pass when we think about God (Christmas, Easter) and then what? God doesn't forget about us, just the opposite – we forget about Him. We need to anchor and continue to remember. Maybe seek out something or someone to help – even a stranger. Select a project, a tragedy that needs long term support. Place it in God's hands then yourself, time, talent, treasure as well... as His hands on earth to do something. The same with God... makes notes, keep it in the fore. He hasn't forgotten... we have... only you can change it.

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

Peace and blessings – Fr. Bill.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The ministry sign up sheets for special Masses for the remainder of the year are on a clipboard at the back of the church. Since the format is different than in the past, there are instructions for signing at the top of each page. Thank you!

A Big Thank You Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Giving Tree this year. We raised \$2,150.00 in gift cards to help out those who are in need. Your generosity shows how your faith is moved to action as we are called to love one another as God loves us.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – There will be NO PSR on Sunday December 19th or December 26th. Classes will resume on Jan. 2nd at their usual time. Have a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Prayer List The prayer list is always available for parishioners to post prayers and sympathy concerns. Please call or email Todd with your prayer requests.

Special Music Christmas Eve. Please come early on Christmas eve Friday December 24 at 3:30 or 8:30 PM for 30 minutes of sacred Christmas music at the nativity Masses. Music will be performed by St. Leonard church musicians.

Upcoming Masses at St. Leonard

Friday December 24, 4:00 & 9:00 PM Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Saturday December 25, 10:00 AM Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Sunday December 26, 9:30 AM Feast of the Holy Family

Friday December 31, 2021 5 PM Solemnity of Mary

Saturday January 1, 2022 10:00 AM Solemnity of Mary (no evening Masses)

Sunday January 2, 2022 9:30 AM Solemnity of the Epiphany

STEWARDSHIP
OFFERINGS NEEDED PER WEEK: \$4,100.00



Offering information available in church office.

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Bulletin Submissions:
Please send information and submissions to be included in the St. Leonard's Bulletin by Tuesday of each week.

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Pray for St. Leonard Parishioners

Joe Beckman; Mary Beckman; Kim Boring; Rick Branscome; Nancy Buchanan; Ann Cooperrider; Anna & John Cooperrider; Steve Connor; Walter Crowe; Bonnie Del Matto; Jo Ann Brunton; Doug Gill; Gloria Gill; Dale Grigsby, Gary & Teresa Grigsby; Sissy Goodin; Marc Guthrie, Linda Hammond, George Jackson; Jane King; Carol Luciotti; Philip Miller; Suzanne Neumeyer; Robert Neumeyer; John Niggemeyer; Mollie Overbey; Roy Phillips; Beth Prichard; Jason Reed; Cindy Riesbeck; Charles Ritchey, Jean Rosengarten; Bill Scholl; Bonnie Selby; Benjamin Sheets; Greg Wade; Leslie Waldren; Carol Watercutter; Kathy Wildermuth; Nancy Willey.

Please pray for all priests.

Please pray for the St. Leonard Parish.

Please pray for our country and all elected officials.

Prayers for all those having cancer treatments.

Prayers for all those recovering from Covid.

Prayers for Walter White and Deb White for healing.

Prayers to Jim Reef in healing and wellness.

Sympathy & Prayers for the family of Gloria Gill who passed December 3.

Prayers for Mark Toskin in healing.

Pray for Our Family and Friends

The Allen Family: Kay Baker; Sr. Sharon Baldy; Sharon Baumer; Marilyn Booze; Karen Burns; Jane Butts; Bruce Campbell; David and Judy Christopher; Jeffery J. Connor; Debra Daugherty; Sam DeMatteo; Beverley & Pat Goodin; Julie Goss; Steven Gress; Colton Phillips-Huffman; Ken Justice Family; Jan King; Rose Murnane; Jacque Murphy; Darlene Pound; Amy Reed; Eric, Ashley & Tristan Riesbeck; Holly Samuels; Marie Smith; Jennifer Staten; Bishop Daniel Thomas; Jane Walters; David Walton; Roxanne Wilson; Roger Wimer.



Pray for our Military Families

SrA. Therin Brown, USAF

Pvt. Kaleb Hoffer, USMC

Evan Andrew Hammond,
US Navy

Aidan Healy US Navy

Sgt. Matthew Mills, USMC

Sgt. Donald R. Hoffer II,
US Army

Pvt. Andre Manning,
US Army

Kaitlin Hanks, US Navy

Lila Schenk US Air Force

Hannah Watercutter,
USMC

Zack Watercutter,
US Army



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

- Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
- Monday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
- Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
- Friday:** *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
- Saturday:** *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

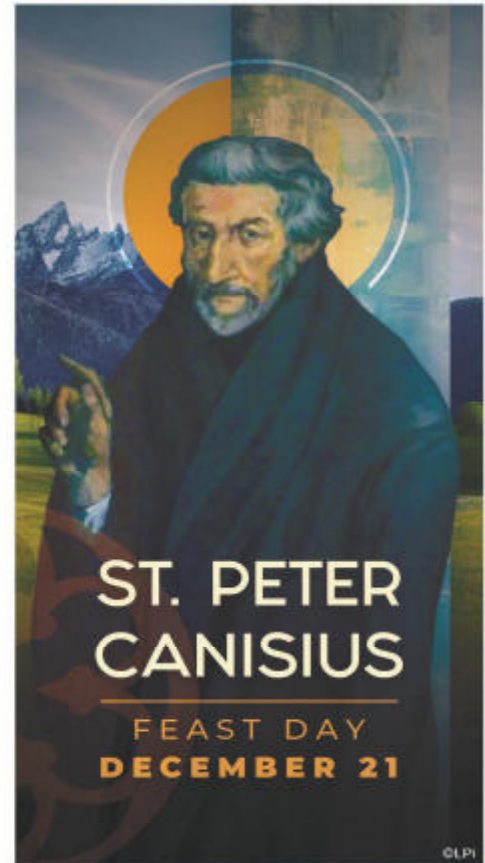
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday:** St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest
- Friday:** Christmas Eve
- Saturday:** The Nativity of the Lord
- Next Sunday:** The Holy Family

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 18-19, 2021



ST. LEONARD CONTACT INFORMATION

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Custodian:	Fred Orend

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Social Hall: 740-522-4988

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon

Parish Office Hours: Monday –Thursday. 9am – 3pm
Friday 9-12pm



The St. Leonard Knights of Columbus Council 12641

 will have their meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the St. Leonard social hall. Please consider becoming a new member. If you need more information, contact Bill Gress Grand Knight bill.gress@yahoo.com and Glenn Wirth Deputy Grand Knight gwirth@roadrunner.com



St. Leonard 2020

4th Degree Knights of Columbus December Meeting

The Knights will have their December meeting on **Thursday December 16th** in the social hall at St Leonard. Rosary will be held at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7:00pm. The Knights will hold another BCS pool this year. The anticipated date to pick-up the booklets will be Monday evening December 6th, 6-7:00 pm in the front door lobby of St. Leonard Church.

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2022 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR.

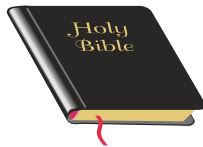
The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2022 Catholic Man of the Year. The annual award will be presented on **Friday, February 4, 2022** at the Men's Luncheon held at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. The Catholic Man of the Year is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." The recipient will have the opportunity to share his personal testimony during the ceremony. Nominations will be accepted through **December 31, 2021**. For details, nomination instructions and the required online nomination form, go to <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/catholic-man-of-the-year>. Submit your nomination and let us know why your husband, father, son, uncle, brother or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year!

Trip with Happy Trails June 22 to 28, 2022

Traveling with Linda from Newark to Boston, Salem, Cape Ann, New Haven & much more. Visiting sea ports, Trinity Church, Quincey Marketplace, Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center (formerly Knights of Columbus Museum), Our Lady of Grace Monastery (Cloistered Community Of Dominican Nuns) Guilford CT, "Old Ironsides", Cambridge, Salem Witchcraft Trials, many more towns and attractions. Seven days/six nights, \$730.00 per person double occupancy. \$75.00 deposit due upon signing and balance due in full by **April 15, 2022**. Single and triple rooms available. Call or email Linda A Woolard, Group Leader, 740-323-3105 or linda-woolard@windstream.net for brochure and full details. Check payable to Linda Woolard, 636 Fox Run Circle S, Newark OH 43055.

2021 CALENDAR /LAY MINISTERS & VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

- Monday** **7:00 pm** **AA Meeting-All Mondays**
- Tuesday** **5:30 pm** **St. Vincent DePaul-3rd Tuesday**
- 6:00 pm** **Heart of Ohio Quilters-3rd Tuesday**
- Wednesday** **7:00 pm** **St. Leonard Knights of Columbus-2nd Wednesday**
- Thursday** **7:00pm** **Focolare**
- 7:00 pm** **Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus- 4th Thursday**
- Thursday** **11:00 a.m.-Social Hall St. Leonard Women's Guild -2nd Thursday**
- Friday** **9:30 am - 2:30 pm** **Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction-**
*Eucharistic Adoration, First Friday of the month, after the 9:00 am Communion Service.
 Benediction at 2:30 pm. Volunteers Needed. We could use 2 or 3 more people, especially in the
 afternoon. Please call Jan Smith 740-522-7990 or Pattie Herr 740-334-3610.
 Come and pray with our Lord.*



MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 18-19

- Ushers:** Frank Flynn, Bill Gress, Gene Hill
- Lectors:** Volunteer
- Volunteer
- Altar Servers:** Volunteer
- Volunteer
- EMHC:** Deacon Larry, Volunteer
- Deacon Larry
- Cantors:** Don Riesbeck
- Jill Watson
- Videographers:** Dan Cartwright/Deacon Larry
- Money Counters:** Chris May & Nello Allori
- Dusters:** Elizabeth Orend

MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 25-26

- Ushers:** Frank Flynn, Bill Gress, Gene Hill
- Lectors:** Volunteer
- Volunteer
- Altar Servers:** Volunteer
- Volunteer
- EMHC:** Volunteer
- Volunteer
- Cantors:** Suzanne Baker
- Don Riesbeck
- Videographers:** Dan Cartwright/Netti Nau
- Money Counters:** Sherron Hamm, Cathy Perry
- Dusters:** Jill Bemis

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