

DECEMBER 25-26, 2021



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To love, serve & reach out to our parish family & the surrounding  
community by living and celebrating the life of Christ.

A festive graphic with a blue and white background, featuring pine branches, red berries, and a red ribbon. The words "MERRY CHRISTMAS" are written in large, bold, red letters.

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

## 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

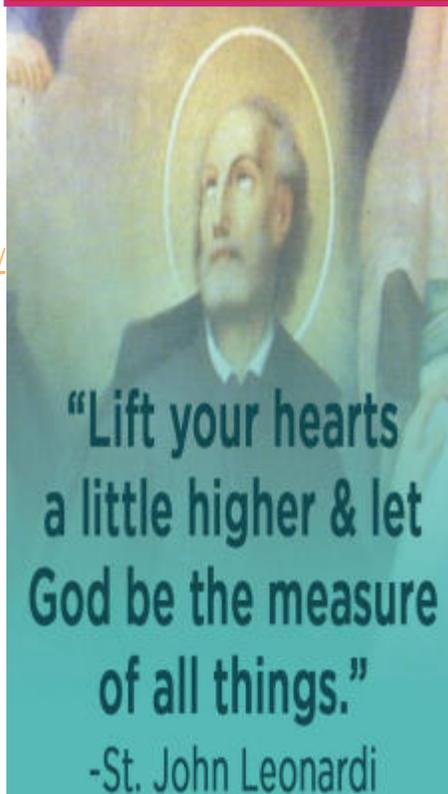
## COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday & Friday  
9:00 AM

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:45-5:15 PM

## DECEMBER 25-26



### 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

### Tuesday December 28, 9:00 AM

Harry & MaryAnn Reef+ - Ms. Diane Reef

### Wednesday December 29, 9:00 AM

Communion Service

### Thursday December 30, 9:00 AM

Rita Annarino+ -Vicki Annarino

### Friday December 31, 5:00 PM

Mrs. Margery Baldosser Swartz+ -Todd  
Baldosser

### Saturday Jan. 1, 10:00AM

Mrs. Dorothea Poffenbaugh+ -The  
Baldosser Family

### Sunday Jan. 2, 9:30 AM

Deceased Schell Family Members+ -Schell  
Family



## **Pastor's Column – December 25-26, 2021 – Christmas/Holy Family**

Dear fellow parishioners, I have been using the *Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs* during Advent. The wording has been inspiring to me and I wanted to share some excerpts with you.

### **VI: *The Church on a Path of Unity:***

*Lord, renew your church by the light of the Gospel. Strengthen the bond of unity between the faithful and the pastors of your people, together with Francis, our Pope, and the whole Order of Bishops, that in a world torn by strife your people may shine forth as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.*

### **V2: *God Guides His Church Along the Way of Salvation:***

*And so, having called us to [Y]our table, Lord, confirm us in unity, so that together with Francis, our Pope, and the whole Order of Bishops... Priests and Deacons, and your entire people, as we walk your ways with faith and hope, we may string to bring joy and trust into the world.*

### **V3: *Jesus the Way to the Father:***

*By our partaking of this mystery, almighty Father, give us life through your Spirit, grant that we may be conformed to the image of your Son, and confirm us in the bond of communion, together with Francis, our Pope, and the whole Order of Bishops,, with Priests and Deacons and with your entire people. Grant that all the faithful of the Church, looking into the signs of the times by the light of faith, may constantly devote themselves to the service of the Gospel. Keep us faithful to the needs of all, that sharing their grief and pain, their joy and hope, we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation and go forward with them along the way of your Kingdom.*

### **V4: *Jesus Who Went About Doing Good:***

*Bring your Church, O Lord, to perfect faith and charity, together with Francis, our Pope, and the whole Order of Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and the entire people you have made your own. Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters; inspire in us words and actions to comfort those who labor and are burdened. Make us serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at [H]is command. And may your church stand as a living witness: to truth and freedom, to peace and justice, that all people may be raised up to a new hope.*

### **Common to All:**

*Grant also to us, when our earthly pilgrimage is done, that we may come to [our] eternal dwelling place and live with you for ever... in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. Joseph her husband... the Apostles and Martyrs and... all the saints we shall praise and exalt you through Jesus Christ, your Son.*

I hope these prayers grant you peace – even if in sorrow. Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year to you from myself, Fr. Gribble and the Staff and Parishioners at our sister parishes: Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Leonard.

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

**Peace and blessings – Fr. Bill.**

**Christmas Best Wishes** The staff and volunteers at St. Leonard Church wish all of the St. Leonard parish a wonderful and blessed Christmas!

**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 19<sup>th</sup> or December 26<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**  
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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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**(Administrative Assistant)**  
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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.**

**Sympathy and prayers for the family of Chuck Kane who passed Tuesday Dec. 14.**

**Prayers for Gretchen Madrid and her husband Bernie Madrid.**

**Prayers to Ann Henry for 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; Theresa Boland Cuprak; 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 26, 2021

- 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]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

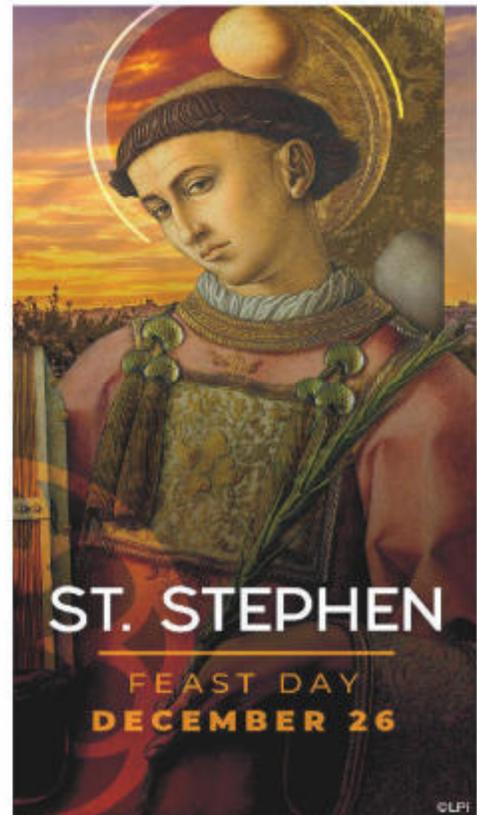
### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 25-26, 2021



## St. Leonard Christmas 2021



### ST. LEONARD CONTACT INFORMATION

#### Parish Staff

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Maintenance:	Sonny Del Matto
Custodian:	Fred Orend

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E-mail: parish@stleonard-heath.com

Sacramental Emergency: 740-323-6437

St. Vincent de Paul Help: 740-877-8242

Social Hall: 740-522-4988

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon

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



#### 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](mailto:bill.gress@yahoo.com) and Glenn Wirth Deputy Grand Knight [gwirth@roadrunner.com](mailto:gwirth@roadrunner.com)

**Women's and Men's Conferences 2022:** The Women's Conference will be on Saturday, February 19, and the Men's Conference on the following Saturday, February 26, 2022, both at the Ohio Expo Center. The invitations for confessors will be sent by email only.

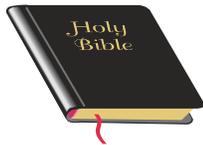
**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2022 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR.** The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2022 Catholic Man of the Year. The annual award will be presented on **Friday, February 4, 2022** at the Men's Luncheon held at St. Patrick Church in downtown 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." 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!

**March for Life 2022:** If you are planning to participate in the activities for the March for Life, please send your request by e-mail to Yvette Reategui at [yreategui@columbuscatholic.org](mailto:yreategui@columbuscatholic.org), with the information about masses and confessions. Washington and Arlington prefer one letter of good standing with the names of all priests and deacons from a particular diocese.

**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](mailto: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 25-26

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



### MINISTER SCHEDULE

#### January 2-3

- Ushers:** Frank Flynn, Bill Gress, Gene Hill
- Lectors:** Bonnie Kinney  
Volunteer
- Altar Servers:** Volunteer  
Volunteer
- EMHC:** Deacon Larry, Volunteer  
Deacon Larry
- Cantors:** Diane Reef  
Suzanne Baker
- Videographers:** Dan Cartwright/Deacon Larry
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