



Church of SAINT LEONARD of PORT MAURICE

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March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Schneider

Lectors: Linda Dugar/Steve Brandt

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Walsh/Rob Wood/Dorie Woolsey

Music Coordinator: Zara Turner

Order of Mass

Gathering	Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days	# 40 LMG
Gloria		
Responsorial Psalm	Like A shepherd	# 604 MI
Gospel Acclamation	Ancient Words (in bulletin)	
Preparation of gifts	We Remember	# 494 MI
Holy, Holy, Holy		# 916 MI
Memorial Acclamation		# 918 MI
Amen		# 920 MI
Lord's Prayer	Sung	
Lamb of God		# 921 MI
Communion	Precious Lord Take My Hand	# 685 MI
Parting	Lead Me Guide Me	# 168 LMG

Mass Schedule, Meetings and Events

Regular Sunday Mass	Sundays	10:00 AM
Loaves and Fishes		April, 11th
Next Council Meeting		April 19th

Readings for March 26 through April 1

Sunday	3/26	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Jn 9:1-41
Monday	3/27	Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	3/28	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	3/29	Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	3/30	Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday	3/31	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	4/01	Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Collection: Mar.19 (not available at run time)

Cash Plate	\$ 77.00
Envelopes	\$ 2345.00
Coffee	\$ 87.00
Vigil Lights	\$.00
Total	\$ 2509.00
Weekly Need	\$ 2000.00
Loan balance	\$ 59,484.13
Street Assessment this week	\$
Assessment To Date	\$

See us online at www.stleonardmn.org or Facebook

Council Chair: Ed Howard edfhoward@gmail.com, 612-532-9159

Mission Statement

The Church of Saint Leonard of Port Maurice believes that,
with our worship and fellowship experience and faith as our base, we can achieve social justice
through education and outreach that guides us on our Christian journey in the community.

Keep in your prayers parish members who are ill: Josephine Candalisa, Anne Schaak, Mary Ann Nash, Gladys Turner, Irene Donohue, MaryAnn LaCanne

Ancient Words

Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope, in this world
where e're we roam, ancient words will guide us
home.

Ancient words, ever true
changing me and changing you, we have come with
open hearts,
oh let the ancient words impart.

Frank Yaeger a long time member of the parish passed away last week. His funeral will be held Monday March 27, 2017 at St Leonard's of Port Maurice. Visitation will be at 9:00 A.M. and funeral at 10:00 A.M.. A luncheon will follow and parish members are asked to provide desserts for the luncheon. Please remember Frank and his family in your prayers.

Eucharistic Ministry to the St. Leonard's Homebound community.

Many members of the Eucharistic Ministry Committee have expressed a willingness and desire to serve communion to the SLPm homebound parishioners. To make this happen, we need to have an accurate list of who wants to be part of this ministry. So, if you are currently part of the Eucharistic Committee, or if you want to participate in the Homebound piece, please send a message to Katie McBride at: 612-825-7569 or at: kmcb2006@comcast.net so she can make out a schedule. The council will provide the pyx and the training. Once we have the list, we will have a commissioning ceremony after Mass for all Eucharistic Ministers. Fr. Leo has also said that he would like to do an **Anointing of the Sick** for anyone who is sick or preparing for surgery after Mass whenever it is requested.

Parishioners in Need: St Leonard's has a ministry that sends get well or sympathy cards in the name of the St. Leonard community to people who are experiencing health issues, loss or other difficulties in their lives. Please send the names of people in need of prayers and support to Maryellen: slpm3949@msn.org or leave a message on the parish phone: **612-825-5811**. Also, Father Leo has requested that you let him know anytime a parishioner is hospitalized.

Loaves and Fishes: The Parish Pastoral Council believes in the ministry of the Loaves and Fishes and commends those who have been serving food to the poor for over thirty-five years. The management of Loaves and Fishes is short of funds, and have asked the participating parishes to partner with one another and share the cost of serving on our one day a month ministry. St Francis Cabrini is willing to share the expense with us and will pay \$250/month for their part. St. Leonard's is currently not solvent enough to bear this expense, so we are asking you to help. The Outreach committee is currently working on a sustainable plan to raise \$250 a month to financially support this ministry. Please think about what you can donate *over and above your weekly contribution* over the next year and watch for our fundraising plan. Thank you.

2017 Annual Seder Meal will be held April 12, 2017 at 6:00P.M. If you are available and are planning to attend please sign-up on the sheets in the back of church so we have an idea of how many may attend. A free will donation of \$5.00 per person would be appreciated to cover costs. Any questions please contact Ed Howard at 612-532-9159.

Thank You TRUST Meals on Wheels Volunteers TRUST wants to extend a special "Thank you!" to the TRUST congregations and especially to their Meals on Wheels volunteers who make our program possible. In 2016 our volunteer drivers delivered a total of 23,109 nutritious meals, an average of 89 meals delivered each weekday. Our 420 volunteers, coming from TRUST congregations, the community, and two corporate volunteer programs, together donated nearly 4200 hours of vital service to TRUST Meals on Wheels during the year. Thank you, volunteers, for your caring and commitment! To join us as a volunteer, please contact TRUST Meals on Wheels at 612-822-6040 or trustmow@yahoo.com

Church of the Holy Name: Spring Salad Luncheon: Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. Music Legends with songs and Stories of the Pop and Country singer of the 1940s - 1950s – 1960s. Tickets sold at door. Adults - \$10.00 and Children - \$3.00. Many Door Prizes, Sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women.

4th Sunday of Lent - Fr. Leo

There seems to be an apparent contradiction in our first reading from Samuel. We first are told not to judge by appearance or someone's lofty stature, for God sees into the heart. Then, when David is found he is said to be "a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. So which is it? What is this "appearance" that is good and which is not good? For me, God must have seen in David a man of integrity and a good heart though not perfect. David was a sinner, but at the same time, by the grace of God, a man who allowed God's Truth to direct him in his mind and heart.

In the gospel today from John, the behavior of the blind man's parents makes me think about how keeping up a certain "appearance" can bring us to act against the call to love. When asked if their son was blind from birth, they answered, "Yes." When asked how he can now see, they distance themselves from their own son and instead of supporting him, say, "ask him, he is of age, he can speak for himself." It was so important that they fit in and be accepted by society as then structured, that they threw their own son under the bus.

The son lives with integrity. He simply and honestly explains what happened and gives his opinion when asked, that Jesus must be a man of God, a prophet. Then, the truth he proclaims threatens the Pharisees who have to demonize him and say he was born in sin. Jesus denies the man's sinfulness and confronts the Pharisees with their own blindness to truth and ultimately to God in him.

Each of us is called to live with integrity. This means we won't be conformist to external pressures, but that we will be our own unique self. Even if these pressures "appear" real from society and even the Church, we will listen from the truth within us and trust that the Spirit within, the God within, will help us live out our truth and not someone else's.

When we find our true self, we don't find someone totally independent and apart from others, but one who is a person in relationship with others, with the courage to live as God calls them to live. This person also knows that others are called to their own truth as well, and does not claim that his or her truth must be someone else's. Differences are embraced by all, as possible teachers to a deeper truth not yet recognized and lived.

Let us strive to know in our hearts the real Christ, and be faithful to our real-selves. Let us try to live with integrity. This road will bring the pain of letting go of our false-selves, but also the joy that only living God's truth can bring. For this let us pray for one another and for all humanity.

Birthdays: April: 1.Wilson Johnson; 4.Aaron Clubb; 6.April Hoerd; 7.Maryellen Mueller; 8.Steve Larsen; 11. Anne Schaak; 15. Mike Howard and Patrick Howard.

To add your birthday, e-mail the parish at slpm3949@msn.com

Bulletin: The April editor is Katie McBride. Send notices by noon on Wednesday to: slpm3949@msn.com

NOTE: The bulletin is now being posted on our website!

St. Leonard of Port Maurice is a Black National Parish, and we welcome you wherever you are on your journey! We are a diverse parish with big hearts and great action for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please come and join us in the great work of this faith community!

San Leonardo de Port Maurice es una parroquia Nacional Negro, y le damos la bienvenida a usted dondequiera que estés en tu viaje! Somos una parroquia diversa con grandes corazones y gran acción para el Evangelio de Jesucristo. Por favor, Venga y únase a nosotros en la gran obra de esta comunidad de fe

The Fundraiser for TRUST Continues!!!!: \$69 Fundraiser Special (Normally priced at \$210)
Precision Furnace Tune-Up and Carbon Monoxide Safety Check - Uptown Plumbing, Heating and Cooling
Uptown has donated 100 Precision Furnace Tune-Ups to TRUST Package Includes:

- ~ Camera inspection of furnace and heat exchanger
- ~ Test carbon monoxide
- ~ Test safety controls
- ~ Test and adjust system efficiency
- ~ Remove dirt, soot and corrosion

Can be used for furnace or boiler, Cannot be used for rental or commercial
Call Uptown at 612-213-3720 or Uptown.com

Benefitting TRUST Nursing Program: Caritas Vocal Ensemble, Sunday, April 9 at 4:00 pm
Dinner follows the concert. Menu – Salad, Lasagna, French bread, Dessert, Beverages
\$25 for concert and Dinner; Concert only - \$15 general; \$10 for students and seniors
Call 612-827-6159 or email: trust@trustinc.org to make reservations
St. John's Lutheran Church 4842 Nicollet Ave S JOIN US!!!!

A Sunday Early Evening Study Series

“White Privilege; Let's Talk”

Linden Hills UCC, 4200 Sheridan Ave So, Minneapolis

All are invited to attend

Sundays, March 26 and April 2 (5:00 – 6:30 pm)

This series will take its shape from the United Church of Christ's “White Privilege: Let's Talk” curriculum. We will start by reflecting upon our Spiritual Autobiographies through the lens of race, along seeking other perspectives by reading spiritual autobiographies from writers of several races. We will consider the racial history of the twin cities area, including facets that have not been a standard part of school curriculum, so may be new to many of us. We'll also look at the phenomena of norming and stereotype threat, and be introduced to critical race theory as a framework for analyzing racial incidents large and small. All the while we will endeavor to build a space of trustworthy listening for each other and practice mindful communication skills.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Just as jobs need continuing education and enrichment, SO DO MARRIAGES. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter will make your good marriage GREAT! The next available Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are May 5-7, 2017 in Buffalo, MN and Jul 14-16, 2017 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

From CoAM Life Enrichment Classes begin!

Monday, April 3 9:30 – 10:30 am

LOCAL AFFAIRS: Housing for the Homeless presented by a representative of Beacon Inter-faith Housing Collaborative. Several CoAM congregations work with this organization to develop housing for homeless people.

TRAVELOGUE: Deep in the Heart of Texas by Dave Swanson. Includes the Johnson Space Center, the still controversial Oil Rig Museum at Corpus Christi, the LBJ Ranch, the huge King Ranch, the Little Rock Clinton Library, and maybe a typical Texas house, including front porch with couch, refrigerator and gun rack.

From CoAM DayTrippers CoAM Day Tour – Thursday, April 20 Cost: \$60

Wife Begins at Forty

It's a laugh-a-minute farcical afternoon when housewife Linda fans the flames of passion with her mild-mannered, ordinary husband, George. Throw in the assistance of their fun-loving neighbors Roger and Betty, along with George's father Bernard and their son Leonard – and you have the formula for a belly rolling good time. Hilarious comedy with parents and kids, neighbors and friends and grandparents and kids.

SCHEDULE :

11:30 am - Tour bus leaves Bethel lot (42nd Street E & 17th Ave So

12:15 pm – Lunch

1:15 pm – Play

4:00 pm – Back at Bethel

Daytrippers Dinner Theatre is at 9152 Old Cedar Ave in Bloomington

BUFFET MENU CHOICES – Salad Bar, Chicken Kiev, Roast Loin of Pork, Country Sausage with Sauerkraut, Red Potatoes and Cut Green Beans, Dinner rolls, Spice Cake, Coffee, Tea

FOR RESERVATIONS 1. Call CoAM at 612-721-5786 or email trust@trustinc.ort to reserve your place.

Please leave your phone number

Send check for \$60 per person to CoAM, 3045 Chicago Ave So, Mpls, MN 55407

Immigration: Moving from Political Rhetoric to the Moral Discourse of Pope Francis

A Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary Theology Day: For more than a year politicians have been talking about the “problem of immigration” and how the United States needs to develop more effective ways of preventing undocumented persons from entering our nation, especially those crossing our southern border. Most of these discussions took place within the context of presidential election politics and were not particularly marked by attention to facts or compassion. In contrast, Pope Francis never tires of embracing immigrants and refugees, and of modeling the biblical call to welcome the stranger. The Holy Father challenges us as individuals and as a nation to think more deeply and more religiously about our relationship to persons having to leave their homes for economic, political or security reasons. **April 6th**, check-in from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and presentation from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Pax Christi Church, Eden Prairie. Free event. Light refreshments provided. Registration is required: www.csbsju.edu/sot/theology-day, 320-363-3560 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu

Power, Control, & Pluralism: Being Church in a Secular Age

A Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary Theology Day

What is the church's place in an increasingly secular, pluralistic society? Is it our mission to be in control as a way to advance the kingdom of God? If not, how do we bring about just, humane structures and policies in society? To address such questions we will engage in a theological reflection on power and its relation to love and control. Our reflection will be informed by the character of God's power as revealed in Scripture and the person of Christ. It will also consider Vatican II's Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Decree on Religious Liberty, the example of Pope Francis, and the exercise of power in the church. **Mar. 30th**, check-in from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and presentation from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis, MN. Free event. Light refreshments provided. Registration is required: www.csbsju.edu/sot/theology-day, 320-363-3560 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu.