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Tuesday: 09:00 – 14:00

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Friday: 09:00 – 13:00

Baptisms arranged with one month notice

Weddings arranged with at least six months' notice

Confession available on request

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WEEKLY COLLECTION:

The collection for the weekend of Sept. 1st / 2nd totaled **342 Euros** (which will go towards Diocesan communication projects)

Thank you for your kind generosity!



ST. LEONHARD'S

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH-SPEAKING
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH FRANKFURT

Church location:

Holy Cross Center for Christian
Meditation and Spirituality
Kettelerallee 45
60385 Frankfurt am Main

Mass times: Saturdays 7:30 pm
Sundays 9:30 am

www.stleonhards.org

September 8th & 9th 2018
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said, "Ephphatha!", that is "Be opened!". And immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Universal: YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA – That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

TRUSTING THE CREATIVITY OF GOD

(a reflection on the Feast of the Birth of the Bl. Virgin Mary by Catholic Digital Resources)

A passage from the Book of Romans reminds us that "all things work together for the good of those who love God." Even the bad things that happen to us will get put to good use - if we trust the creativity of our all-powerful, mercifully loving God. One place where we see this principle perfectly illustrated is in Matthew 1, where the long genealogy of Jesus is listed, like a who's who of the Old Testament. But that list of Christ's ancestors shows that the Messiah also came from a long line sinners, not just from the righteous and just. The point of this reading: Despite the errors of the people, God accomplished His salvation plans.



God eventually always finishes what He sets out to do, one way or another. By putting God in charge of our lives, rather than taking matters into our own hands out of frustration – knowing that His timing is always perfect and His plans always are good – we realize that we can and should have hope and joy, even when we suffer at times. Mishaps discourage us. Sins divert us from our path of God's plan. But God is bigger than these things! He wants our troubles to work as blessings so that we can achieve victory for His Kingdom.

Consider the Feast that we celebrated yesterday, on September 8th – the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary was born without the affects of Original Sin so that she could later carry God in her totally human womb. If the Divine Father of Mary could do the impossible once for the sake of His salvation plan, He can do it again and again. And He wants to!

God makes all things work together for the good of those who love him and respond to his calling to serve His purposes. You have also been called. Do not worry about things that go wrong, for God will develop awesome plans from then and despite them.

FOOD DRIVE - "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." (Matthew 25:35)

Please remember to bring donations for the food drive every week. We need non-perishable food items. These donations are delivered to the Missionary Sisters of Charity and are used in their work with the neediest of the poor. Especially important: marmalade, fruit teas, sugar, margarine, dried meats, e.g. salami (the kinds that don't require refrigeration), 10-slice packs of individually wrapped yellow cheese (again the kind that doesn't require refrigeration). Thank you for your continued support.

FORECAST OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun 23rd 9:30 Indian/Pakistani/Sri Lankan Mass

OCTOBER 2018

Wed 10th 19.30 "The Teaching Church, The Listening Church" - with Father Steve
Sat 13th Parish Pilgrimage to Seligenstadt (Tentative)
Sun 21st 9:30 Mass followed by charity event

NOVEMBER 2018

Thur 1st 19.30 All Saints Day Mass
Sun 4th 9:30 Children's Mass
Sun 11th 9:30 Remembrance Day Mass
Parish Council Meeting (after Mass)
Wed 14th 19.30 "The Teaching Church, The Listening Church" - with Father Steve
Sun 18th 9:30 American Thanksgiving Mass

* *Indicates events that take place outside the parish*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION - We are currently accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 **First Communion** (for children grade 2 and above). + **Confirmation** (for teenagers age 14 and above) preparation programs. For more information or for a registration form contact Lori Bemb at Mass or via email - lori.bemb@stleonhards.org **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FINAL DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th.**

RCIA PROGRAM – Are you interested in becoming Catholic or simply learning more about the Catholic faith? Then we invite you to join our RCIA class (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Please contact the Parish Office for more details or to register.

BULLETIN VIA E-MAIL – The weekly bulletin is available by email in PDF format. To subscribe simply send an email to the parish office and write “Subscribe to Bulletin” in the subject line. Please remember to include your full name and your town in the text.

COFFEE SOCIAL – Please note that there will be no Coffee Social after Mass on the following dates:
 Saturday, September 8th
 Saturday, September 15th
 Saturday, September 22nd



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Tentative one-day parish pilgrimage to **Seligenstadt on Saturday, October 13th.** More details to follow soon.

NOISE DURING MASS – Due to the acoustics at Holy Cross, any noise in the back of the church (in the area of the baptism font) is AMPLIFIED. For this reason we ask that, if the children are making excessive noise – as children do – the parents please take them downstairs to the right of the altar to calm them and do not keep them in the baptistery area. Another suggestion, weather permitting, is to take the restless little ones outside for a 5-minute walk around the grounds and bring them back in. Sometimes a little fresh air works wonders.



If you are visiting our city for a weekend, a few days or you have come to work in this diverse and interesting city, our parish welcomes you. You may like to know we welcome each visitor ostentatiously and vocally at each Mass. Please, if you feel comfortable, stand up and be proud of your place in the Church and from whatever place you come from! We are the most diverse Parish in the City! If you are more reserved please introduce yourself to the priest or a parishioner who will say a quiet welcome. We also socialize with **TEA AND COFFEE** after every Mass if possible – it is FREE! We gather underneath the church - down the stairs at the front of the Church **on the right-hand side (also toilets). Come down and find out about the parish, meet some of our parishioners and also find out more about the city from people who live here.**

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PARISH REGISTRATION – If you are new to St. Leonhard’s and are planning on staying a bit longer, you are invited to register as a member of our parish. Forms are available from the parish office (see email on back) or alternatively can be obtained from the Welcoming Team. All information is purely confidential for internal purposes only. ... Completed forms can be handed to the parish priest or mailed to the office.

Daily Mass Readings September 10th – 16th

	<i>1st Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
10.9	1 Corinthians 5: 1-8	Luke 6: 6-11
11.9	1 Corinthians 6: 1-11	Luke 6: 12-19
12.9	1 Corinthians 7: 25-31	Luke 6: 20-26
13.9	1 Corinthians 8:1-7,11-13	Luke 6: 27-38
14.9	Numbers 21: 4b-9	John 3: 13-17
15.9	1 Corinthians 10: 14-22	John 19: 25-27
16.9	Isaiah 50: 5-9a	Mark 8: 27-35
	James 2: 14-18	

FIRST READING – Isaiah 35: 4-7

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

R: Praise the Lord, my soul.

SECOND READING – James 2: 1-5

A reading from the Letter of Saint James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism

really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?

For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly,

and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,

and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say,

“Have a seat here, please,”

while to the one who is poor you say,

“Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,”

have you not made distinctions among yourselves,
and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.

Has not God chosen the poor in the world

to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom

that he has promised to those who love him?

GOSPEL – Mark 7: 31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Returning from the region of Tyre,

Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee,

in the region of the Decapolis.

They brought to him a man who was deaf

And who had an impediment in his speech;

and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

He took him aside in private, away from the crowd,

and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him,

“Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released,

and he spoke plainly.

Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them,
the more zealously they proclaimed it.

They were astounded beyond measure, saying,

“He has done everything well;

he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”