



Church location:

Wachenheimer Str. 58
65835 Liederbach / Taunus

Sunday Mass: 5:00 pm



JANUARY 21st 2018
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Jesus said, "Come follow me and I will make your fishers of people."
And they immediately left their nets and followed him.*

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia - That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Get Up and Go

God sometimes seems to choose the most unlikely people to proclaim his message. We find examples of this in today's readings. In the Gospel we hear about the call of simple fishermen who know a lot about bait and nets, but very little about preaching. And in the First Reading we hear the story of Jonah, a prophet who tried to escape his calling. God says to Jonah, "Get up, go the Nineveh, that great city and proclaim to it the message I am telling you."

What we fail to hear, however, that this is actually the SECOND time God has said these words to Jonah. The first time when God told him to go to Nineveh, Jonah tried to run away. This resulted in the well-known story of Jonah being in the belly of a great fish (whale?) for 3 days. Now, lying somewhere on a beach, probably not in the best of shape after being spit out of the fish, God speaks to Jonah a second time and tells him to "Get up and go to Nineveh." ... God gave Jonah a second chance to complete his mission. And what did Jonah do? Well, he actually did get up and go to Nineveh, where he proclaimed God's message to the people.

Have you ever needed a second chance? God went to great lengths to give Jonah a second chance. And when Jonah availed himself to the opportunity God gave him, lives were changed for eternity, as we hear in the rest of today's reading.

God is still the God of second chances today! Yes, sometimes we fail. We may be stubborn and wish to do things our way instead of following what God wants for us. We may sometimes have to be in our own dark belly of the whale for a while (figuratively, of course!) until we realize the error of our ways. But when we finally listen to God, when we get up and go and actually do that what he is telling us to do, we can always be assured of his forgiveness and also of his continuing guidance in our lives. *(a reflection by Lori Bemb)*

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“STERNSINGER” AT ST. MARY’S – Last Sunday our parish was visited by a group of Sternsinger from our German sister-parish of St. Marien. Through your generosity at the special collection, St. Mary’s was able to donate **270 Euros** towards their projects to help underprivileged children in India. The Sternsinger say **THANK YOU** and **DANKE SCHÖN** to everyone.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION – This reflective day of practical preparation for the Lenten season will be held on the Saturday before Ash Wednesday – **Saturday, February 10 - from 9:30 to 15:30 in the Parish Hall at Holy Cross.** ... It is necessary to register for this event in order that the hall can be set out according to the numbers attending. There will be lunch-time light buffet, to which you are kindly asked to bring a cold dish. Please register with Nancy Clements by email or telephone (nancy.clements@t-online.de // Tel: 069-5068 4493)

YOUTH RETREAT IN WIESBADEN – **February 16 -17** ... This retreat is for teens grades 6 to 12 and is held by an outreach ministry of the Franciscan University of Steubenville’s Austrian Program. The registration cost of 30 € will be covered, if needed, by the parish. You will, however, be responsible for all travel expenses. Registration forms (with a detailed itinerary) are available from the parish priest. For further information please contact the parish office.

“THE TEACHING CHURCH, THE LISTENING CHURCH” – In February, April, May, June, October and November 2018 - on the second Wednesday of the month at 19:30 – Father Steve will attempt to teach, reflect and facilitate discussion on a specific aspect of Catholic Teaching. This is not a scripture group. It is an ongoing formation in the Faith. Each session will be one hour long and held in Holy Cross Church /Frankfurt (address on opposite page). Please check your bulletins on a regular basis for more details on exact location and topics.

Mary’s Meals – On the first Sunday of each month we hold a special second collection for our parish charity, Mary’s Meals. Last year the total raised for this wonderful charity was **1,447 Euros**. Thank you again for all your support!



ST. MARY’S ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF -- **January 28th** (directly following Mass) Now that the church renovations are complete, it is once again time for St. Mary’s Annual Chili Cook-Off! **So dig out those prize winning recipes and get your taste buds ready!** Those who would like to share their famous/infamous chili are asked to contact Marlys Dewor (m.dewor@gmx.net) Chili should be brought prepared in a warming device. Remember to also bring serving utensils, extension cords, hot plates, as well as any added enhancements (sour cream, cheese, onions, etc.) ... And also provide an original name for your chili for judging. Special prizes will be awarded for the 3 best tasting Chilis!

WELCOME NEWCOMERS – We warmly welcome any new parishioners to St. Mary’s and ask that you kindly register with our church. You will then automatically receive the weekly copy of our bulletin directly to your email, as well as any updates concerning parish activities, schedule changes, etc. **Please note that all information is kept confidential and is for internal parish purposes only.** You can send your contact info directly to: st-marys-parish@hotmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2018

Sun 28 th	3:30 pm after Mass	Parish Council Meeting Chili Cook-Off
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FEBRUARY 2018

Fri 2 nd	19:30	Presentation of the Lord Mass (***)
Wed 7 th	19.30	“The Teaching Church, The Listening Church” - with Father Steve (***)
Sat 10 th	9:30-16:00	Lenten Day of Reflection (***)
Wed 14 th	19:30	Ash Wednesday Mass (***)
Wed 21 st	19:30	Lenten Mass (***)
Wed 28 th	19:30	Lenten Mass (***)

(***) indicates at **St. Leonhard’s/Holy Cross in Frankfurt**

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

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

FIRST READING – Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jonah.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

R: Lord, make me know your ways.

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and Sisters: The appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

GOSPEL – Mark 1: 14-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

