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Baptisms arranged with one month notice

Weddings arranged with at least six months' notice

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## 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

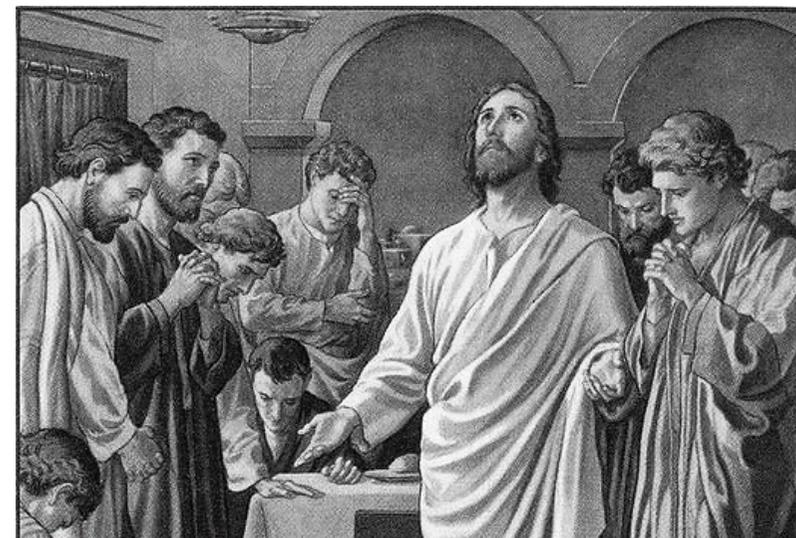
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May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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*Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:  
"Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me,  
so that they may be one just as we are one."*

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

**Evangelization: The Mission of the Laity** – That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION:** : Last weekend, May 5/6, the total collection was **363 Euros**, for the Katholikentag in Münster  
Thank you for your kind generosity!



**THAT THEY MAY BE ONE** - What makes us one with our brothers and sisters of faith, i.e. those people who love and follow the same Lord Jesus? ... We can have many differences and still have unity. We can have conflicts among the people of God in parish staffs and ministries, and still have unity. We can disagree with the non-Catholic beliefs of our Protestant kin and still have Christian unity.

Jesus prayed for this unity, as we see in this Sunday's Gospel reading. Are we the answer to his prayers? Or are we working against him?

Being one in the Lord does not require getting rid of everything that divides us from each other. Rather, it comes from recognizing that we stand on common ground as we worship Christ, no matter how differently we worship him. The spirit of unity is the appreciation of what we have in common. It is the recognition that we are individually members of the same body and that we need each other so that the Body of Christ on earth functions well.

Being one in the Lord means being different from the rest of the world. Our unity comes from belonging to the kingdom of God rather than the kingdom of darkness and evil. Jesus said to his Father, "I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world."

All those who love, follow and serve Jesus, regardless of their denominational affiliations, are all members of the same family – the Holy Family. We live together on the same side of the cross, which is resurrection and eternal life.

However, when we allow ourselves to start thinking as the world does, with prejudices and judgmentalism and condemnation toward other Christians, we divide ourselves not only from our brothers and sister but also from God's kingdom of love. We break the unity for which Jesus prayed.

*(a reflection from Catholic Digital Resources))*

**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.

**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.

## FORECAST OF EVENTS

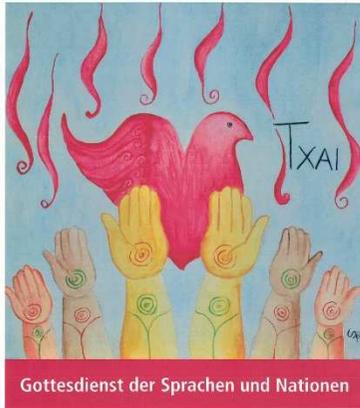
### MAY 2018

Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	19.30	"The Teaching Church, The Listening Church" - with Father Steve
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	18.00	<i>International Pentecost Mass at the Dom</i>
	19.30	Mass at St. Leonhard's Holy Cross
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	19.30	Memorial Mass for Jean Mier-Bölinger
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	after Mass	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	<i>Corpus Christi Mass on the Römer</i>

### JUNE 2018

Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	19:30	"The Teaching Church, The Listening Church" - with Father Steve
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30	British Mass and Celebration
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	13:00	<i>St. Leonhard's &amp; St. Mary's Joint Mass and Parish Picnic at St. Georgen</i>

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Gottesdienst der Sprachen und Nationen  
am Samstag, 19. Mai 2018 um 18 Uhr  
im Dom zu Frankfurt am Main

**INTERNATIONAL PENTECOST MASS –**

On Saturday, May 19 at 18:00 the Foreign Language Parishes of Frankfurt celebrate their annual International Pentecost Mass at the Dom. This year the Bishop of Limburg, Dr. Georg Bätzing, will preside at the Mass.

Afterwards there is a reception at the Haus am Dom, with food and drink from around the world.

Please note that there is, as always, Mass at St. Leonhard's / Holy Cross on that evening at the normal Mass time of 19:30.

**MEMORIAL MASS** – for Jean Mier-Bölinger will be held on **Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 19.30.**

**PARISH COUNCIL** – The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> after Mass.** Please note that these meetings are open to all who are interested in observing the workings of the Parish Council.

**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

**NEW ELECTRONIC MUSIC BOARD** - This now displays the number of the hymn to be sung. When the number is preceded with the letter "L" this signifies the new hymn book, Laudate and when preceded by "S" this signifies a supplementary sheet. When the hymn number gives verses signified by "+" these are the verses which we will sing as a congregation. If no verse is given, it is for the choir to sing that verse.



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 May 14 – May 20**

	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
<b>14.5</b>	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26	John 15: 9-17
<b>15.5</b>	Acts 20: 17-27	John 17: 1-11a
<b>16.5</b>	Acts 20: 28-38	John 17: 11b-19
<b>17.5</b>	Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11	John 17: 20-26
<b>18.5</b>	Acts 25: 13b-21	John 21: 15-17
<b>19.5</b>	Acts 28: 16-20	John 21: 20-25
<b>20.5</b>	Acts 2: 1-11	John 20: 19-23
	1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7	

## **SUNDAY MASS READINGS**

### **FIRST READING – Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers — there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place —. He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry. “For it is written in the Book of Psalms: *May another take his office.* “Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

**R: The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

### **SECOND READING – 1 John 4: 11-16**

A reading from the first Letter of St. John.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in

him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

### **GOSPEL – John 17: 11b-19**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: “Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”