



## ST. MARY'S

ENGLISH-SPEAKING ROMAN CATHOLIC  
PARISH RHEIN-MAIN-AREA

Church location:

Wachenheimer Str. 58  
65835 Liederbach / Taunus

**Sunday Mass: 5:00 pm**

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October 7<sup>th</sup> 2018

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*Jesus answered the Pharisees, "What God has joined together,  
let no one separate."*

### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

**Evangelization: THE MISSION OF RELIGIOUS** – That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.



**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY** - October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, a prayer tool for meditating on the life of Christ, drawing us ever closer to God. Mary has given us this tool as part of her on-going ministry of bringing her Son to us. She wants to enflame the light of Christ ever more brightly within us.

In Luke 1:26-38, we're shown how the light of Christ affected her even before He came to earth as a human. Jesus has always been the Light of the world: an uncreated, divine emanation of Father God, who overcomes our darkness and confusion and the deceptions of evil. Even though Jesus had not yet come into the world in the flesh of the Son, His holy light totally bathed Mary in its pure glow. And even though she could not understand how the long-awaited Messiah could be conceived within her virgin body, in His light she could see that God was the one who was asking.

The Rosary is our direct connection to this same light. It's not just a string of repeated words. Nor is it just a set of meditations about the life of Jesus. It's more, much more. It opens our spirits to the Holy Spirit through the assistance of Mary's prayers, her love, her comfort, and her guidance.

Mary didn't need to see the future to say yes to her vocation as the mother of the Messiah. Certainly, there was good reason to worry about the future, but she lived in the light of the present moment. She trusted God.

Even in our own lives, the light is not shining on the future — it's only shining on what God is revealing to us right now, right here, in this moment. That's all we need to know if we trust God. Mary wants to help us trust him as she trusted him. For this reason, she has given us the Rosary to pray.

**Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed are thou amongst women**

**and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,**

**pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

**Amen.**

## **PERSONNEL, OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT DETAILS**

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### **Public office hours for inquiries and appointments:**

Tuesday: 09:00 – 14:00  
Wednesday: 09:00 – 14:00  
Friday: 09:00 – 13:00

Baptisms arranged with one month notice  
Weddings arranged with at least six months' notice  
Confession available on request  
Spiritual Direction as arranged with the Parish Priest

**WEBSITE: [www.st-marys.de](http://www.st-marys.de)**

*(This will lead you to our new website, which is shared with St. Leonhard's in Frankfurt. Just hit the button for St. Mary's and you will see all relevant information)*

**FACEBOOK:** "St. Mary's Parish – Liederbach, Germany"

### **St. Leonhard's in Frankfurt**

Holy Cross Center for Christian Meditation and Spirituality  
Kettelerallee 45, 60385 Frankfurt am Main  
Mass times: Saturdays 7:30 pm // Sundays 9:30 am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY -- OCTOBER 7 -- IS "GIVING SUNDAY"** - Our Parish sets aside the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month to help out those less fortunate and you can help in 2 ways:

(1) We will collect food for the **Hofheimer Tafel**, a local charity which helps the needy in our area. This month, we will be doing this in collaboration with the German parish of St. Marien, in honor of the German Church holiday of "Erntedank" (Harvest Thanks) ... The Tafel has stated that they welcome whatever is donated, but at the moment they are in particular need of the following: **Flour, Sugar, Rice, Cooking Oil, Coffee H-Milk and Toiletries (Soap, Shampoo)**

(2) We will offer a special **SECOND COLLECTION** at Mass to help support our Parish Charity - **Mary's Meals**. This is an organization that provides warm meals at school for children in Africa and India. It costs only **15 Euros** to feed a single child for an entire school year!! For more information on Mary's Meals: [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)



**MINISTRY SIGN-UPS** – As many of St. Mary's parishioners have moved back home during the summer break, we are looking for new people to serve in the various Lay Ministries – **Altar Servers, Lectors, Social Committee, Music Ministry**. If you are interested, please speak with either Father Steve or Lori Bemb. Training is available if necessary.

**And ...** for all of our existing Lay Ministers – there is a **sign-up sheet** located in the back of the church each Sunday. Please stop by on your way out and put down your availability. Thank you!

**"THE TEACHING CHURCH, THE LISTENING CHURCH"** – On Wednesday, **October 10th at 19.30** (St. Leonhard's Frankfurt) – Father Steve will continue his teaching and discussion series on a specific aspect of Catholic Teaching. The topic this time will be "Child Abuse ... The Church's Response and Our Reaction". The session will be held in Room 17 (entrance door is located next to the Kindergarten, in the direction of the back parking lot).

## NEW PARISH REGISTRATION FORMS –

Dear Parishioners, due to new Diocesan regulations concerning data security, we ask **ALL PARISHIONERS** – whether you have already registered or not – to **please fill out a NEW registration form** (they are GREEN and will be handed out with the books and bulletins during the next few weeks) ... Completed forms can then be placed in the **PURPLE BOX** located at the back of the church. Or you can write to the parish office and register electronically. The information provided is solely for internal parish + Diocesan usage and will not be given to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party without your consent. All forms will be kept under lock and key at the office.

## FORECAST OF EVENTS

		OCTOBER 2018
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>		"Giving Sunday"
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	"The Teaching Church, The Listening Church" - with Father Steve at St. Leonhard's in Frankfurt
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>	4:00 pm	Start of First Communion classes
		NOVEMBER 2018
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 pm	All Saints Mass at St. Leonhard's/Frankfurt
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Parent/Teacher meeting for all parents of First Communion children + "Giving Sunday"
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>		Remembrance Sunday
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	3:30 pm	Parish Council Meeting

### **FIRST READING – Genesis 2: 7ab, 15, 18-24**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**R: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

### **SECOND READING – Hebrews 2: 9-11**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

We do indeed see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

### **GOSPEL – Mark 10: 2-16**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.