

## PERSONNEL, OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT DETAILS

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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 September 29 /30 totaled **320 Euros**.

**Thank you for your kind generosity!**



### 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](http://www.stleonhards.org)

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October 6<sup>th</sup> & 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.**

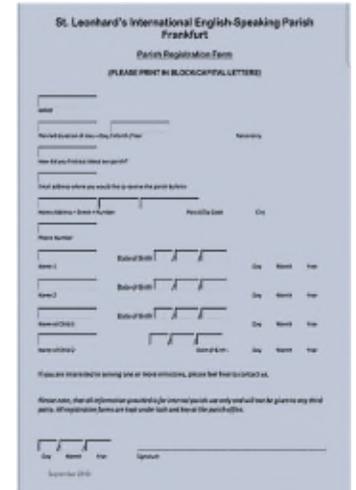
**Holy Mary, Mother of God,**

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

**Amen.**

**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 locked post box located at the back of the church near the ushers. 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**

- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 19.30 "The Teaching Church, The Listening Church" - with Father Steve
- Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Parish Pilgrimage to Seligenstadt
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 Mass followed by Bake Sale

**NOVEMBER 2018**

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

\* *Indicates events that take place outside the parish*

**PILGRIMAGE DAY TO SELIGENSTADT** -- On **Saturday, October 13th** we are offering a trip to the beautiful town of Seligenstadt.

Preliminary plans: We will be leaving the main station around 9:00 and the cost of transportation will be 6 euros each. Please pay at time of registration since tickets need to be bought before the train leaves. We will have a guided tour in English of the Basilica and the old town. Return will be late afternoon. This will be the last weekend for registration. Please sign up with Nancy before or after Mass. More detailed information is forthcoming.

**BAKE SALE** – We will be holding our annual charity bake sale on the weekend of **October 20/21**. We need donations of cakes, breads, jams, cookies and other items to sell. If you are willing to donate something to sell, please see Nancy Clements or Tammy Corvin. All proceeds go towards our parish charity, to provide text books for the IRKISONGO GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL located in Arusha, Tanzania. As always, your participation is vital. If St Leonhard's is as generous with baked goods donations as in past years, it will be a successful fundraiser.

**ORGANIZER NEEDED** – The American Thanksgiving Mass and Celebration is scheduled for November 18th but we have no organizer this year. As with all our events, without an organizer it cannot take place. If no one volunteers to do this by October 28, this event will be cancelled. If you are interested in taking on this event, please contact Nancy Clements (nancy.clements@t-online.de / 069 50684493).

**CHILDRENS' LITURGY** – We are in the process of renewing and restarting our Children's Liturgy, which is held Sunday's during Mass. The new concept is to have 4 teams of 3 adult volunteers to help teach the children. That way each team is only responsible for one Sunday a month (if we have more teams that would be even better!) Each team will get the material for their Sunday a few weeks in advance and will have time to prepare. The Children's liturgy will be geared for children ages 5-8. If you are interested in helping contact Lori Bomb at Mass or via email for more details.

**"THE TEACHING CHURCH, THE LISTENING CHURCH"** – On Wednesday, **October 10th at 19.30** 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).



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 October 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**

	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
<b>8.10</b>	Galatians 1: 6-12	Luke 10: 25-37
<b>9.10</b>	Galatians 1: 13-24	Luke 10: 38-42
<b>10.10</b>	Galatians 2: 1-2, 7-14	Luke 11: 1-4
<b>11.10</b>	Galatians 3: 7-14	Luke 11: 5-13
<b>12.10</b>	Galatians 3: 7-14	Luke 11: 15-26
<b>13.10</b>	Galatians 3: 22-29	Luke 11: 27-38
<b>14.10</b>	Wisdom 7: 7-11	Mark 10: 17-30
	Hebrews 4: 12-13	

### **FIRST READING – Genesis 2: 7abm 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.