



Church of
SAINT LEONARD
of **PORT MAURICE**

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March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: Fr. Leo Schneider

Lectors: Trudy Monette / Bill Wernz

Eucharistic Ministers: Sharon Roth/ Dorie Woolsey/ Kathleen Brogan

Music Coordinator: Zara Turner

Order of Mass

Gathering	Amazing Grace	# 431 MI
Gloria		
Responsorial Psalm	I Have Loved You	# 608 MI
Gospel Acclamation	Ancient Words	In the Bulletin
Preparation of gifts	To You O Lord	# 425 MI
Holy, Holy, Holy		# 867 MI
Memorial Acclamation		# 869 MI
Amen		# 871 MI
Lord's Prayer	Sung	
Lamb of God		# 872 MI
Communion	Jesus Come To Us	# 344 MI
Parting	Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross	# 45 LMG

Mass Schedule, Meetings and Events

Regular Sunday Mass	Sundays	10:00 AM
Loaves and Fishes		Mar. 14th
Next Council Meeting		March

Readings for March 5 through March 4

Sunday	3/5	<u>GN 2:7-9, 3:1-7//MT 4: 1-11</u>
Monday	3/6	<u>LV 19: 1-2, 11-18 // MT 25:31-46</u>
Tuesday	3/7	<u>IS 55:10-11 // MT 6: 7-15</u>
Wednesday	3/8	<u>JON 3: 1-10 // LK 11:29-32</u>
Thursday	3/9	<u>EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25//MT 7: 7-12</u>
Friday	3/10	<u>EZ 18:21-28 // MT 5:20-26</u>
Saturday	3/11	<u>DT 26:16-19 // MT 5:43 - 48</u>

Collection: Feb.19

Cash Plate	\$	21.00
Envelopes	\$	1320.00
Coffee	\$	49.00
Vigil Lights	\$	00.00
Total	\$	1390.00
Weekly Need	\$	2,000.00
Loan balance	\$	59,484.13
Assessment	\$	2065.00
Raised to date		

See us online at www.stleonardmn.org or Facebook
 Council Chair: Ed Howard edfhoward@gmail.com, 612-532-9159

Mission Statement

The Church of Saint Leonard of Port Maurice believes that,
 with our worship and fellowship experience and faith as our base, we can achieve social justice
 through education and outreach that guides us on our Christian journey in the community.

Keep in your prayers parish members who are ill: Josephine Candalisa, Anne Schaak, Mary Ann Nash, Gladys Turner, Irene Donohue, MaryAnn LaCanne

Please Join Us

5th Annual St. Patrick's Celebration - Join fellow community members after **10:00 Mass on Sunday, March 19th**, for some special socializing and a chance to celebrate together. Menu highlights include Cecil's corned beef, caraway and rye breads, coleslaw and pickles.

From Merle and Mary Davis

Ancient Words

Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope, in this world
where e're we roam, ancient words will guide us home.
Ancient words, ever true
changing me and changing you, we have come with open hearts,
oh let the ancient words impart.

SLPM Adult Lenten Program

Lent is just around the corner. No Soup Supper this year, but adults can gather Sunday mornings before Mass for some reading, discussion, and time for quiet meditation or prayers. We will meet upstairs at 9am. (The first Sunday will be the easiest to attend since the sun will be up at 6:45.) Please sign up by the bulletins if you think you may come, or let Jeanette Sullivan know (612-729-1292).

Parishioners in Need: St Leonard's has a ministry that sends get well or sympathy cards in the name of the St. Leonard community to people who are experiencing health issues, loss or other difficulties in their lives. Please send the names of people in need of prayers and support to Maryellen: slpm3949@msn.org or leave a message on the parish phone: **612-825-5811**. Also, Father Leo has requested that you let him know anytime a parishioner is hospitalized.

LOVED THE WEDDING. INVITE ME TO THE MARRIAGE. LOVE, GOD

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can help you do that! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones — where married couples can focus just on each other. The next available **Weekends** are May 5-7, 2017 in Buffalo, MN and Jul 14-16, 2017 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

1st Sunday of Lent - Fr. Leo

*“The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground
and blew into his nostrils the breath of life,
and so man became a living being.” (GN 2:7)*

We live and move and have our being because of the infinite love of God who created us in his own image and breathed life into us. This love and gift of being is God’s original blessing to each one of us born into time. Nothing can erase or change the fundamental relationship with God that God himself has established. We are God’s sons and daughters!

Lent is a time for us to ponder the wonder of God’s love for each one of us that is beyond our imagining. Reflection on God’s love for us, is an endless source of bliss and renews our gratitude for such a gracious God. From this gratitude, our love for God expresses itself in our dedication to God and in our imitation of him in loving all creation, especially all humanity.

Sin is what weakens our gratitude to God. It doesn’t change God’s love for us, but distances us by our choice, from sharing in the fullness of God’s Spirit. The result of such actions brings shame, as we see Eve and Adam sewing fig leaves together because they were naked.

Grace, which is not earned but is pure gift through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit, is what restores our closeness with God. With God’s grace we can stand naked before him again, and be at peace with ourselves because we will be our true self before him. Our false self will be gone. This is what God desires, and God keeps offering himself to us in the hope we will return to him and desire him more than anything that could come between us.

Jesus’ time in the desert was his affirming of what makes him one with his Father, and a denial of all that would make him turn against God. Power for himself, riches and a lack of total reliance on the Father is what Jesus rejects so he can be one with the Father.

The unity of Father and Son is what Jesus desires for us. In this Spring time of Lent, God sends his Spirit upon us that we may be fully one with the Father and the Son. To make us divine, is God’s goal, and now is the time for us to let the Spirit form us into the fullness of God’s image. The season of Lent culminates in Pentecost, so let us strive to come face to face with God in all we do, so that we may come to reflect his love back to him and to all, on the moistened eyes he gave us. Let us gaze with gratitude upon the Lord that we may see his face and enter into the fullness of God’s Kingdom. Living in gratitude is the key. So let us not give up something this lent, rather, let us take up gratitude in all we do and with every breath we take.

Birthdays: March 3: Keelia Wood and Ann Wernz; March 8: Sarah Howard and Jameson Hoerd; March 9: Kasia Howard and Giovan Jenkins.

To add your birthday, e-mail the parish at slpm3949@msn.com

Bulletin: The March editor is Mary Leoni. Send notices by noon on Wednesday to: slpm3949@msn.com

NOTE: The bulletin is now being posted on our website!

St. Leonard of Port Maurice is a Black National Parish, and we welcome you wherever you are on your journey! We are a diverse parish with big hearts and great action for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please come and join us in the great work of this faith community!

*San Leonardo de Port Maurice es una parroquia Nacional Negro, y le damos la bienvenida a usted dondequiera que estés en tu viaje!
Somos una parroquia diversa con grandes corazones y gran acción para el Evangelio de Jesucristo. Por favor, Venga y únase a nosotros en la gran obra de esta comunidad de fe*

TRUST NEWS

St. Joan of Arc parish and TRUST community seniors are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with prayer, food, song and prizes. Corn beef & cabbage, music & raffle. Wednesday, March 15, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. Mass is at 11:30 am in the Church followed by lunch in Hospitality Hall. Our own Irish tenor, JP Fitzgibbons, will lead us in a sing-a-long of Irish songs. Space is limited; reservations required. Please RSVP to the Parish Center at 612-823-8205 by noon Monday, March 13. Free will offering; no one turned away for inability to pay.
4537 3rd Ave South, Minneapolis

March is Meals on Wheels Month

Volunteers are the heart of Meals on Wheels! In March, the TRUST congregations observe Meals on Wheels Month. It's a time to recognize and thank the volunteers who have delivered nutritious meals and warm smiles to our elderly and disabled neighbors during the past year. More volunteers are always needed. If you can give sometime each week or can help as a substitute, please contact TRUST Meals on Wheels at 612-822-6040 or trustmow@yahoo.com

A Sunday Early Evening Study Series

“White Privilege; Let's Talk”

Linden Hills UCC, 4200 Sheridan Ave So, Minneapolis

All are invited to attend

Sundays, March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 (5:00 – 6:30 pm)

This series will take its shape from the United Church of Christ's “White Privilege: Let's Talk” curriculum. We will start by reflecting upon our Spiritual Autobiographies through the lens of race, along seeking other perspectives by reading spiritual autobiographies from writers of several races. We will consider the racial history of the twin cities area, including facets that have not been a standard part of school curriculum, so may be new to many of us. We'll also look at the phenomena of norming and stereotype threat, and be introduced to critical race theory as a framework for analyzing racial incidents large and small. All the while we will endeavor to build a space of trustworthy listening for each other and practice mindful communication skills.

Rie Algeo Gilsdorf is interested in the intersection of spirituality, social justice, and education. She is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Linden Hills, where she has led learning experiences for the Facing Race ministry. Rie currently works for Pacific Educational Group, coordinating racial equity seminars for PreK-12 schools and districts, and is a Courageous Conversations About Race affiliate practitioner. Please register at <https://www.lhucc.org/white-privilege> or contact Pastor Eliot Howard at 612-597-5533. The cost of this series is \$30/person or \$45/maximum per family. Scholarships are available. This series is planned for participants of middle school age and all ages older.

Southwest Senior Center focuses on Brain Health

Southwest Senior Center is hosting the Brain-a-thon, a three month long program designed to teach people about the latest in brain research and to motivate them to engage in brain healthy activities. Brain –a-thon activities include speakers from AARP, North Point Health and Wellness Center and the MN Historical Society; creative activities led by professional poets, painter and actors; brain games; and 15 exercise classes per week. The Brain-a-thon Kick-off on Friday, March 10, includes a home cooked brain healthy lunch at noon (\$4 recommended donation – RSVP to 612-822-3194 by Tuesday, March 7) and talk by Dr. Nicole Winbush from North Point. For a complete schedule, please drop by Southwest Senior Center at 3612 Bryant Ave S or contact Mary Ann Schoenberger at mschoenberger@voamn.org or 612-278-4278. Our newsletter is available on voamnwi.org by going to Senior Programs and then to Southwest Center/calendar.

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Every Friday, 9:30 – 10:00 am

Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

A pause for quiet. Focus. Perspective.

A place to bring your longings, fears and concerns to God.

A chance to lift up the needs of our country and find hope.

From Lake Nokomis Presbyterian

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