

Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Parish April 12, 2020 ~ Easter Sunday



Mass Schedule



Saint Leonard Church

Saturday:

5:00PM

Confession 4:15 -5:00PM and upon request

9:00 AM

10:30 AM (Italian)

12:00 Noon

Monday - Friday

12:05PM



Saint Stephen Church

Saturday: Sunday

4:00PM 11:00 AM

Thursday and Friday 7:30 AM



Sacred Heart Church is temporarily closed



Saint John School School Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Tel: 617-227-3143



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DEVOTIONS at Saint Leonard Church



ROSARY

Monday - Friday 11:30 AM



NOVENA TO SAINT ANTHONY Tuesday 12:05 PM



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Friday after 12:05 PM Mass



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY Friday at 3:00 PM



Queen of Peace Group Ist Wedesday of every month Rosary at 6:30 and Mass at 7Pm

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appy Easter, to all our Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of Saint Leonard Parish.

Father Michael, Pastor and all the Friars of Saint Leonard Parish



Jesus Christ has Risen

A message of support from Father Michael.

Your financial offerings are our basic means of support. During this time of Church closure due to the Coronavirus, we ask you to continue your weekly offering or make a one time offering to Saint Leonard Parish. Your generous donations will enable us to continue providing support for those families and elderly who are in need of food during this time of crisis.

Your offering can be made by one of the following methods:

- 1) Thru our donation portal on our website.
- Sending your donation check to: Saint Leonard Parish, 320 Hanover St, Boston, MA. 02113.
 Check should be made payable to Saint Leonard Parish.
- Dropping your donation in our Peace Garden offertory box located on your left at the entrance of the Garden.

Thank you and God Bless you, Father Michael Della Penna, OFM, Pastor.



Pastor's Reflection

Contaminated

Avoiding contamination is the new priority of the day. It is ever present in our thoughts and at the forefront of almost every decision we make. For the Jews of the first century, avoiding contamination and thus uncleanness was similarly the number one fear. In fact these Jews were arguably more diligent in remaining clean since defilement meant something worse than losing ones life, it meant potentially losing ones soul a separation from God. Being ritually clean or kosher there fore was a daily preoccupation that was governed by strict purification laws. These kosher laws underwent a dramatic transformation reinterpretation through the radical teaching of Christ. Jesus revealed the heart as the center and locus of what makes one clean or unclean and thus interiorized the concept of purity and impurity. At the last supper, Jesus washes the feet of the apostles and tells them they are already made clean by the word of truth which He has spoken to them This comes about when we open our heart to receive the grace of God. MIt is not our strength or effort that can make us clean, but rather an opening of ourselves to God's healing love which alone can purify them. Pope Francis even defined holiness as an encounter between our weakness and the power of God's grace(60). Confession is the sacrament which best cleanses our hearts, it is, if you will, the decontamination chamber that purifies our heart. The sacrament of confession rightly emphasizes it is God who initiates the healing process and it is we who respond. This is key in understanding the celebration of the Easter Triduum, which offers each of us an opportunity to participate in the free giffiel of God's pure unconditional love. infinitely being poured out for each of us. It our task to ask God for the grace to remove all that contaminates my heart; cleansing all the impurities which make us unclean, so that we may be prepared to be filled with His Risen Graces.

In this way we are invited to have new hearts, hearts like Christ's, gentle and humble. Easter therefore offers us a new life, a life in Christ in which He can live in and through us.



NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19 IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is below:



THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

(to be recited on ordinary rosary beads)
Begin with:

Our Father ..., Hail Mary ..., The Apostles' Creed.

Then, on the OUR FATHER BEADS you will say the following words:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the HAIL MARY BEADS you will say the following words:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. In conclusion, THREE TIMES you will recite these words:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(From the Diary of Blessed Faustina, 197) IMPRIMATUR: Joseph F. Maguire November 17, 1979 Bishop of Springfield, MA

"Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for will be compatible with My will" (Diary, 1731,1541).

"By the Novena of Chaplets before the Feast of Mercy,

I will grant every possible grace to souls" (Diary, 796).

"Even if a sinner were most hardened, if only once he will recite this chaplet, he will obtain grace from My infinite mercy"

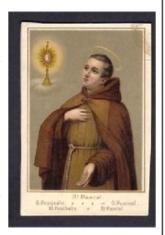
SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Paschal Baylon

Offen in life, one experience leads to another and before you know it, you are wandering down pathways that are totally unexpected, such was the case with Saint Paschal Baylon.

Saint Paschal was born in the kingdom of Aragon on May 24, 1540. His parents, Martin Baylon and Elizabeth Jubera, were

celebrated on May



poor peasants. Paschal was a shepherd in his youth. He was illiterate but had an intense desire to read. He always carried a book with him and would ask passersby to teach him the alphabet, thus in time, he learned to read.

Paschal led the solitary life as a shepherd until he was 24. Through his readings, prayer and meditation he developed the desire to enter religious life. In 1564, he joined the Reformed Franciscans in the Kingdom of Valencia and insisted on becoming simply a lay brother. He purposely chose to live in poor monasteries, for he said, "I was born poor and am resolved to die in poverty and penance." Saint Paschal lived for twenty-eight years in extreme poverty and constant prayer, which even his work did not interrupt, for the rest of his life.

He was a mystic and contemplative, and characterized by intense devotion to Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Toward the end of his life, he frequently spent the night before the altar in prayer. He often experienced ecstasies but out of humility downplayed these experiences to his community. Saint Paschal died on May 17, 1592. He was beatified by Pope Paul V in 1618 and canonized by Pope Alexander VIII on October 16, 1690. Pope Leo XIII proclaimed him Patron of Eucharistic Congresses. Paschal Baylon's feast day is

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