



Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Parish

April 26, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Easter



Mass Schedule



Saint Leonard Church

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

Sunday 9:00 AM
10:30 AM (Italian)
12:00 Noon

Monday - Friday 12:05PM

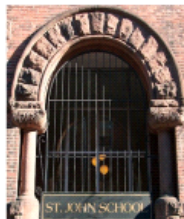


Saint Stephen Church

Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday 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



Saint Francis Gift Shop

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PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor:

Rev. Michael Della Penna, OFM

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Father Claude Scrima, OFM

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Rev. David Costello

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DEVOTIONS at Saint Leonard Church



ROSARY

Monday - Friday 11:30 AM



NOVENA TO SAINT ANTHONY

Tuesday 12:05 PM



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday after 12:05 PM Mass



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Friday at 3:00 PM



Queen of Peace Group

**1st Wednesday of every month Rosary
at 6:30 and Mass at 7Pm**

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MASS SCHEDULE

*Masses throughout the
Archdiocese of Boston have been
suspended due to the Coronavirus.*



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.
- 2) Sending your donation check to:
Saint Leonard Parish, 320 Hanover St,
Boston, MA. 02113.
Check should be made payable to
Saint Leonard Parish.
- 3) 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

Anchored in Christ

Many people are struggling right now and maybe some of us are feeling like the disciples from Emmaus. Despite it being Easter, we may be feeling our life is unraveling, that everything has gone south. In this time of uncertainty about our job, the economy, and the future, we may be feeling a little lost. Maybe we are concerned about our children's education, or maybe we've had our dreams broken, our wedding, or graduation cancelled; everything seems up in the air right now. We may even feel hopeless, and be questioning what is going to happen next? We can give in to discouragement and this can lead to depression and even despair.

The image one of my friends gave me was like a boat being tossed on the ocean with no anchor, just floating adrift, without knowing where it is or will it will end up; subject to the whim of the next wave with nothing to hold on to.

We may be asking ourselves, where is Jesus in all this? The great irony of course, He is, just like with the disciples from Emmaus, He is walking right beside us! The question becomes do we recognize Him or are our eyes closed as well?

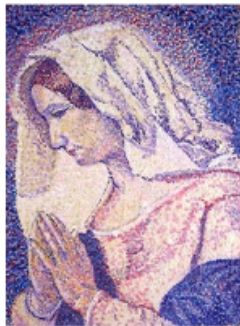
The Word of God refers to Christ as an anchor in Hebrews 6:19 which states "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, both firm and secure." An anchor in the ancient world was a sign of stability which insured ships were rooted in something and empowered them to withstand any weather. While anchors don't seem useful when the waters are calm, they are a necessity during storms.

The truth is you cannot see an anchor because it is underneath the water! Although invisible it is what is holding you in place against the winds of life, all the trials and tribulations you face, and all the obstacles that are being thrown at you; the many waves of difficulties, doubts, stress, and financial uncertainty. In all of this, Jesus is our firm and secure hope who grounds us and roots us and holds us in place. Today let us take a deep breath and pray. Let us be reminded that Jesus anchors my soul and no wind no storm, no wave, can toss me from His immovable love.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers all our Heroic Health Care workers and First Responders and all who are experiencing sickness due to the Coronavirus .

Please remember all our parishioners and benefactors who are ill, the residents of North End Nursing Home, the elderly and homebound and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one and whomever is in need of special divine assistance. May the good Lord sustain and comfort them.



FRANCISCAN VOCATIONS

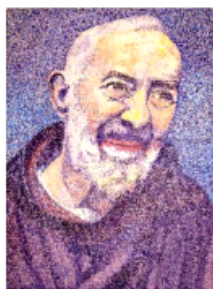


We are all called to serve God faithfully as a single, married, ordained, or consecrated religious. Just as Jesus was compelled by the Spirit and blest by the Father to respond to a call to mission, the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate Conception Province, pray that some men among you will be inspired to respond to a call to mission in the

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Padre Pio

Francesco Forgione, was born on May 25, 1887. He was the son of Giuseppa and Grazio Forgione, peasant farmers, who lived in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina. Francesco was very devout even as a child, and at an early age felt drawn to the priesthood. As a young boy, he was able to see and communicate not only with his guardian angel but also with Jesus and the Virgin Mary. In his simplicity, he assumed everyone had the same experiences.



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He became a Capuchin novice at the age of sixteen and received the habit in 1902. Francesco was ordained to the priesthood on August 10, 1910 after seven years of study and became known as Padre Pio.

On September 20, 1918, Padre Pio was kneeling in front of a large crucifix when he received the visible marks of the crucifixion, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of Church. The painful wounds would remain with him for 50 years. The doctor who examined Padre Pio could not find any natural cause for the wounds. Upon his death in 1968, the wounds were no longer visible. In fact, there was no scarring and the skin was completely healed. He had predicted 50 years prior that upon his death the wounds would heal.

The wounds of the stigmata were not the only mystical phenomenon experienced by Padre Pio. The blood from the stigmata had an odor described by many as similar to that of perfume or flowers, and the gift of bilocation was attributed to him as well as healing, prophecy and discernment of spirits. When a friend once questioned him about these charisms, Padre Pio responded, "You know, they are a mystery to me, too. " His day began at 2:30 in the morning when he would rise to begin his prayers and prepare for Mass. His regular workday lasted 19 hours divided between Mass and confessions. He was able to carry on with just a small amount of sleep and food. He rarely left the monastery and never took a day's vacation from his grueling schedule in 51 years. Padre Pio had the ability to read the hearts of the penitents who flocked to him for confession which he heard for ten or twelve hours per day. The confessional was his means of bringing both sinners and devout souls closer to God; he would know just the right word of counsel or encouragement that was needed. Even before his death, people spoke of the possibility of his canonization. He died on September 23, 1968 at the age of eighty-one. It is estimated that his funeral was attended by approximately 100,000 people.

On June 16, 2002, over 500,000 people gathered in Rome to witness Pope John Paul II proclaim Padre Pio, Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. His feast day is celebrated on Sept. 23.

*Painting of Saint Padre Pio
(Sacred Heart Italian Church.)*



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