



Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Parish

May 17, 2020 ~ Sixth 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

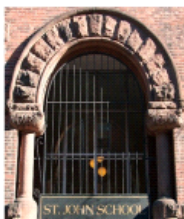


Saint Stephen Church

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
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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 Intentions May 17 - May 24

May 16 – Saturday

5:00pm. Anna and Andrew Russo, Sarah & Pasquale Fabiano; Lena & Joseph Troisi; Louise Silvestro; The Cataldo and Merola Families; Sean Murphy

May 17- Sunday

9:00am Deceased Members of the DePasquale Family; Deceased Members of the Varano Family; Susan Hetico, Mrs Edward L Amaral

10:30am. Rocco & Filomena Pezzano, Michele Musto

12:00pm. In Memory of Deceased Graduates of Julia Billart High School and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur; Anne & Joseph Luongo

May 18 – Monday

12:05pm. Frasca & Fiore Families

May 19 – Tuesday

12:05pm Joseph and Rita Caso



May 20– Wednesday

12:05pm Joseph & Josephine Trodella

7:00pm Special Intention

May 21- Thursday

12:05pm. Flora Sasso

May 22– Friday

12:05pm. Nancy Whitten Martignetti

May 23 – Saturday

5:00pm. Bob Agrippino, Marie Ruocco

May 24- Sunday

9:00am Deceased Members of the DePasquale Family; Deceased Members of the Varano Family; Susan Hetico

10:30am. Anna DiChiara; Domenico & Sestilia Federico

12:00pm. Father Ronald Siciliano o.f.m.; Heather Marie Gernano; Veterans of Foreign Wars North End Post 144, Anne & Joseph Luongo



Pastor's Reflection

“Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’; aim at earth and you will get neither.” C.S. Lewis

On Thursday we celebrate a holy day of obligation, the celebration of Jesus ascending into heaven. This offers us an opportunity to reflect on what heaven is and the belief we all profess in the creed about believing in an everlasting life. While Jesus uses many parables to try to help us understand what heaven is like, scripture also warns us, eye has not seen and ear has not heard exactly what Heaven is. Sacred Scripture emphasizes heaven as the state of existence for the soul— perfect happiness in the fullness of communion with God and with all of the saints and angels. Heaven is identified as “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Hebrews 12:22). The quality of life in heaven is described as “everlasting life” (Matthew 19:16), “the joy of the Lord” (Matthew 25:21), “the crown of life” (James 1:12), “a crown of glory” (1 Peter 5:4) and “the wealth of His glorious heritage” (Ephesians 1:18). Heaven is therefore the ultimate end and fulfillment of all of our desires and all our deepest human longings. It is neither an abstraction nor a physical place in the clouds but rather a living personal relationship and participation in life and love of the Trinity. Benedict XVI wrote that “these souls have seen and do see the divine essence with an intuitive vision, and even face to face, without the mediation of any creature.”

What is most important to know about heaven is that there is a heaven. And secondly, that it starts now. Because we believe heaven is already and not yet, we value this earthly life as a preparation for the next. St John Climacus wrote. “At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love.” Our life is an opportunity to learn how to love, to expand our capacity in freely choosing to seek the good of the other.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen stated, “...It is the mystery of the Trinity which gives the answer to the quest for our happiness and the meaning of Heaven. Heaven is not a place where there is the mere vocal repetition of alleluias or the monotonous fingering of harps. Heaven is a place where we find the fullness of all the

fine things we enjoy on this earth. Heaven is a place where we find in its plentitude those things which slake the thirst of hearts, satisfy the hunger of starving minds, and give rest to unrequited love. Heaven is the communion with perfect Life, perfect Truth, and perfect Love” (The Divine Romance).

Let us therefore strive for heaven so that we may enjoy the blessings of this life thrown in.



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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

St. Elizabeth was born in Hungary in 1207. She was the daughter of King Andrew II of Hungary and his wife Gertrude, a member of the family of the Counts of Andechs-Meran; the sister of St. Hedwig, wife of Duke Heinrich I of Silesia, while another saint, St. Elizabeth (Isabel) of Portugal was her great-niece. **Continued on next page**



In 1211, at the age of four, she was sent for her education to the court of Herman I, of Thuringia, which is today a state in central Germany, to whose eldest son, Herman, who was four, she would be brought up and in the course of time later to be married.

The court of Thuringia was at this period famous for its grandeur. Its center was the stately castle of Warburg, splendidly placed on a hill in the Thuringian Forest near Eisenach. Despite the secular life of the court and the pomp of her surroundings, Elizabeth grew up a very religious child with an evident inclination to prayer and pious observances and small acts of self-mortification.

In 1213, Elizabeth's mother, Gertrude, was murdered by Hungarian nobles. On December 31, 1216 Herman, who Elizabeth was to marry, died. After his death she was then betrothed to Ludwig, the second son.

Herman I died on April 25, 1217. He was succeeded by his son Ludwig IV, in 1221. Ludwig and Elizabeth were married, the groom being twenty-one years old and the bride fourteen. The marriage was in every regard happy; he gave his protection to her acts of charity, penance, and her vigils. He was a pious and capable ruler and a brave soldier. They had three children: Herman II, Sophia and Gertrude who became abbess of the convent of Altenberg.

Shortly after their marriage, Elizabeth and Ludwig made a journey to Hungary; Ludwig was often employed by the Emperor Frederick II of Hungary in the affairs of the empire. In 1226, while Ludwig was in Italy attending the Diet at Cremona on behalf of the emperor and the empire, floods and famine broke out in Thuringia, Elizabeth assumed control of affairs, distributed alms in all parts of the territory of her husband, giving even state robes and royal artifacts to the poor. In order to care personally for the sick she built below the castle Warburg a hospital with twenty-eight beds and visited the patients daily to attend to their needs; at the same time she aided nine hundred poor daily. Ludwig on his return confirmed all she had done. While on a Crusade with Emperor Frederick II in Palestine, Ludwig died on September 11, 1227. The news did not reach Elizabeth until October, just after she had given birth to her third child.

It was in 1221 that the Franciscans made their first permanent settlement in Germany. With the aid of Elizabeth the Franciscans in 1225 founded a monastery in Eisenach. Elizabeth left the court at Warburg, made arrangement for the care of her children, and in 1228 became a member of the Third Order of Saint Francis, she was among the first tertiaries of Germany. She then built the Franciscan hospital at Marburg and devoted herself to the care of the sick. She died at the age of 24 in 1231. Pilgrimages to her grave began almost immediately where many miracles involving the sick took place. At Pentecost on May 28, 1235, Elizabeth, one of the greatest women of the German Middle Ages was canonized by Pope Gregory IX at Perugia. The feast of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary is celebrated on November 17th.

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