



Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Parish

July 26, 2020 ~ Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



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

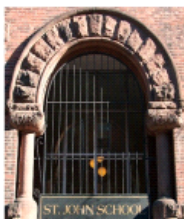
Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday 11:00 AM

Thursday and Friday 7:30 AM



Sacred Heart Church is temporarily closed



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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 July 26- August 2

July 25 – Saturday

5:00pm. John DeMelis; Antoinette

“Penny” LaFrazia; Dolores Pezzano

July 26- Sunday

9:00am Deceased Members of the DePasquale Family; Deceased Members of the Varano Family; Iacoviello Family; Phyllis and George Sarno; David Halpin

10:30am. Gesu Buon Pastoredi Vallenga; Sabato Musto

12:00pm. Heather Marie Germano; Filomena and Carmine Bruno; Domenic Lerro; All Living and Deceased Members of the Morino and Josephine Lerro Families; Anne and Joseph Luongo



July 27 – Monday

12:05pm. Frances Fiorello

July 28 – Tuesday

12:05pm Joseph and Rita Caso

July 29 - Wednesday

12:05pm Luigia Cataldo

July 30 - Thursday

12:05pm. Michelina Martignetti

July 31 – Friday

12:05pm. Joseph Guiggio

August 1 – Saturday

5:00pm. James Kilroy

August 2- Sunday

9:00am Deceased Members of the Frank Barassi Family; Deceased Members of the DePasquale Family; Deceased Members of the Varano Family; Annette Perzio; Nora Boncore; David Halpin

10:30am. In honor of Saint Agrippina Di Mineo; In loving memory of James Aloisi Sr

12:00pm. Anne and Joseph Luongo; Noeleen Sage

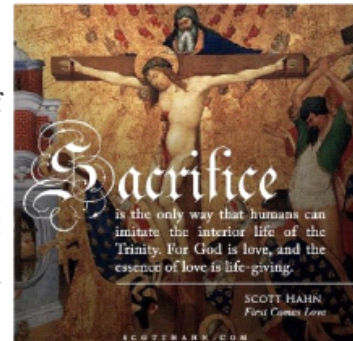


Sanctuary Lamp Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of July 26th at Saint Leonard Church in memory of **Dr. John D. Stoeckle**



Pastor's Reflection

If you could have anything you wanted, what would you ask for? ☺ This week, the unselfish answer Solomon gives to this provocative question that God asks him reveals his deepest desire to serve God.”s people. The parables in the Gospel challenge us to think about the cost of having what we want. Both of the men who found the treasure and the pearl of great price were willing to sell everything they had. We are invited to ask ourselves what



would we be willing to pay to have what we most want. This is a question about sacrifice, it is about being willing to pay the price and give up everything else in order to get what is most valuable, most precious to us. The radical totality of the sacrifice is precisely what is highlighted by Jesus who reveals the “joy” of the finders as the motive to readily sacrificing all for what they know is worth it. This of course begs the question about what is worth giving up everything for? Perhaps one way to answer it is reminding ourselves that one man lived who was willing to give up everything including his own life for what he knew was worth it. What was so precious? Us. And that man is our Lord Jesus Christ, who willingly sacrificed himself and died to save us. How can I respond to such great love today, which desires to give everything to the other? How can I imitate Jesus today?



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SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT PATRICK

Saint Patrick, known as the Apostle of Ireland, was born at Kilpatrick, near Dumbarton, in Scotland, in the year 387; his father Calphurnius held the office of *decurio* in Gaul or Britain and belonged to a Roman family of high rank. His mother Conchessa was a possibly related to St. Martin of Tours the great patron of Gaul.



Patrick was carried off into captivity by Irish marauders when he was sixteen. He was sold as a slave to a chieftain and Druid named Milchu in Dalriada, the present county of Antrim in Ireland, where for six years he tended his master's flocks in the valley of the Braid near the modern town of Ballymena. He relates in his "Confessio" that during his captivity, while tending the flocks, he prayed many times in the day as the spirit and "love of God" grew within him. Patrick's captivity became a preparation for his future apostolate. He became fluent in the Celtic language in which he would one day preach the Gospel and he became familiar with all the details of Druidism from which he was destined to liberate the Irish.

After six years he managed to escape his captors, he travelled towards Killala Bay and then to Westport where he sailed for Britain; his heart was set on devoting himself to the service of God in the sacred ministry.

Patrick was ordained to the priesthood by St. Germain, and remained under his guidance for some years. It was St. Germain, Bishop of Auxerre, who commended Patrick to Pope St. Celestine I, who entrusted St. Patrick with the mission of preaching the Gospel of Christ to the Irish and organizing the Church of Ireland. It was only shortly before his death that Celestine gave this mission to Ireland's apostle and on that occasion bestowed on him many relics and other spiritual gifts, and gave him the name "Patercius" or "Patritius".

It was probably in the summer months of the year 433, that Patrick and his companions landed at the mouth of the Ventry River close by Wicklow Head. He rested for some days at the islands off the Skerries coast, one of which still retains the name of Inis-Patrick. Continuing his course northwards he halted at the mouth of the River Boyne, there too he performed his first miracle on Irish soil. Leaving one of his companions to continue the work of instruction, he hastened forward to Strangford Lough, leaving his boat, he continued his journey over land towards Slemish. He had not proceeded far

when a chieftain, named Dichu, appeared on the scene to prevent his further advance. Impressed by the saint's meekness and miracles, Dichu asked for instruction and made a gift of a large *sabhall* (barn), which was the first sanctuary dedicated by St. Patrick in Erin. It became in later years a chosen retreat of the saint. A monastery and church were erected

there, and the hallowed site retains the name Sabhall (pronounced Saul) to the present day. Continuing his journey towards Slemish, the saint was struck with horror on seeing at a distance the fort of his old master Milchu enveloped in flames. The fame of Patrick's marvelous power of miracles preceded him. Milchu, in a fit of frenzy, gathered his treasures into his mansion and setting it on fire, cast himself into the flames. An ancient record adds: "His pride could not endure the thought of being vanquished by his former slave".

Returning to Saul, St. Patrick learned from Dichu that the chieftains of Erin had been summoned to celebrate a special feast at Tara by Leoghaire, who was the Ard-Righ, that is, the Supreme Monarch of Ireland. This was an opportunity which Patrick would not pass up; he would present himself before the assembly, to strike a decisive blow against the Druidism that held the nation captive.

It was on 26 March, Easter Sunday, in 433, that an assembly of leaders was to meet at Tara, and the decree went forth that from the preceeding day the fires throughout the kingdom should be extinguished until the signal blaze was kindled at the royal mansion. The chiefs and Brehons came in full numbers and so did the druids. St. Patrick arrived at the hill of Slane, at the opposite end of the valley from Tara, on Easter Eve, and on the summit of the hill kindled the Paschal fire. On Easter Day the missionary band having at their head the youth Benignus carrying above his head a copy of the Gospels, and followed by St. Patrick who with mitre and crozier was arrayed in full episcopal attire, proceeded in processional order to Tara. The druids and magicians attempted to stop them but the prayer and faith of Patrick prevailed; this was the final blow given to paganism in the presence of all the assembled chieftains. It was a momentous day for the Irish race. Twice Patrick pleaded for the Faith before Leoghaire. It was on this second solemn occasion that St. Patrick is said to have plucked a shamrock from the soil, to explain by its triple leaf and single stem, the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity. On that Easter Day, the triumph of religion at Tara was complete. The Ard-Righ granted permission to Patrick to preach the Faith throughout the length and breadth of Erin.

St. Patrick died on March 17, 461, in the monastery of Saul in Down, Ulster leaving behind his Confessions which give a vivid picture of a great man of God. St. Patrick established many monasteries for men and women that became famous as seats of piety and learning. In the ensuing centuries, Irish monks carried the faith to England, France and Switzerland.

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