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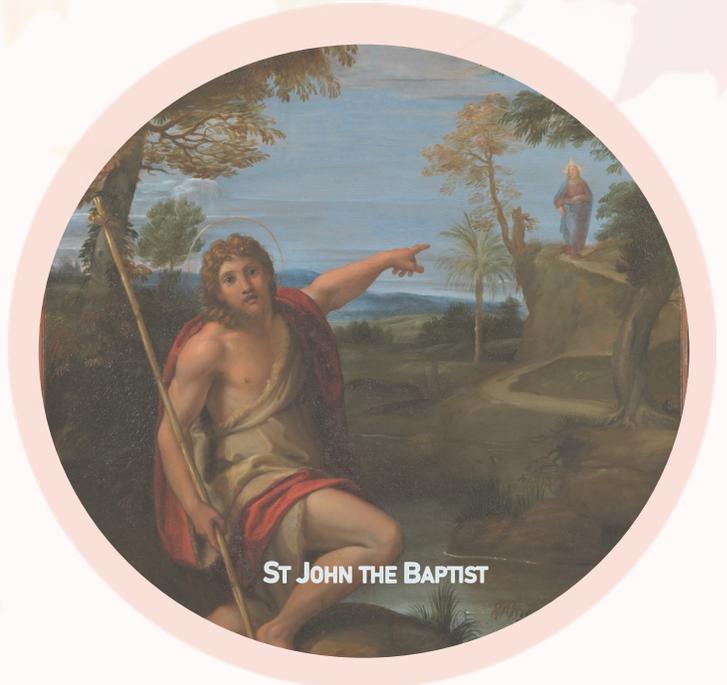
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WEEKLY BULLETIN DECEMBER 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.”*

MT 11:2-11



SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

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Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	10:30 AM (Italian)
	12:00 Noon
Mon-Fri	8:15 AM
	12:05 PM

Confessions

Saturdays 4:15 - 4:45 PM
and upon request

SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	11:00 AM
Thurs-Fri	7:30 AM

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Michael Della Penna, OFM

Deacon: Brother Charles Gingerich, OFM

Student Priest in Residence: Rev. Federico Cinocca

Guest Priest: Rev. Alexander O'Kere

Rev. Robert Caprio, OFM

Rev. Francis Walter, OFM

Deacon: Nick Albin, SJ

Sacristan: Charles Falla, OFS

St Stephen Rector: Rev. David Costello

Parish Office

Mon - Thu 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Friday Closed

Saint John School

Tel: 617-227-3143

Mon - Fri 8AM - 3PM

<https://sjsne.com/>

Saint Francis Gift and Book Store

Mon - Thurs 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Fri - Sat 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

SAINT LEONARD CHURCH SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONS

Mon - Fri 11:30 AM Rosary

8:15 AM Mass

12:05 PM Mass

Monday 12:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday 12:30 PM St Anthony Novena

Wednesday 12:30 PM Litany of St Joseph

1st Wed of every month

Queen of Peace Prayer Group

6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass

Thursday Pure in Heart Young Adults

6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass

Friday 12:30-3:00 PM Adoration

3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet



SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions December 11 - December 17

DECEMBER 11 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale & Varano Families; Deceased members of the Catalado Family and Merola Family; Matthew Joseph Tutela

10:30 am - Carlo & Anna DiCenso; Vincenza Toto; Franco Volpe

12:00 pm - Louise and Josephine Trodella; Joseph C. Ponzio; Louis Sr., Mary, Louis Jr. and Lou Molinari; Maria Verrocchi

DECEMBER 12 - MONDAY

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:15 am - In Honor of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 pm - In Honor of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

DECEMBER 13 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Charlie Falla

12:05 pm - Lucia Giudice

DECEMBER 14 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - For the homeless people around the world

12:05 pm - Happy Birthday Anita

DECEMBER 15 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - Souls of Purgatory

12:05 pm - Elena Cardillo

DECEMBER 16 - FRIDAY

8:15 am - For all the students at St. Johns School

12:05 pm - Souls of Purgatory

DECEMBER 17 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Michael Romano; Louis Maldero & Grandson Louis; John, Patrick, Anthony Bobnis; Simboli Family; Mark Anthony Trent; Anthony Lovuolo.

The Bread and Wine will be offered the week of December 11 - December 17 at Saint Leonard Church for Mary Colleameno



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of December 11 - December 17 at Saint Leonard Church for Luigi Torra



ADVENT CALENDAR 2022

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT, DEC 11 - 17

17 **CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION**
10:15 AM WITH THE STUDENTS OF THE PROGRAM
SAT SACRED HEART CHURCH "ITALIANO A SAN LEONARDO"

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT, DEC 18 - 23

23 **CHRISTMAS DECORATION**
1:30 PM WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO DECORATE
FRI WE WILL COOKIES, ST. LEONARD CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS,
COFFEE AND TEA CONTACT OUR PARISH OFFICE 617-523-2110

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

24 **CHRISTMAS EVE** 4:00 PM CONFESIONS
SAT MASS TIMES 5:00 PM
MIDNIGHT

25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** 9:00AM
SUN MASS TIMES 10:30AM
12:00PM

31 **NEW YEARS EVE** 12:05PM
SAT MASS TIMES 5:00PM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS, PLEASE GO TO OUR
ST LEONARD WEBSITE [HTTPS://SAINTLEONARDCHURCHBOSTON.ORG/](https://saintleonardchurchboston.org/)

The Wise Men. by G.K. Chesterton's

*Step softly, under snow or rain,
To find the place where men can pray;
The way is all so very plain
That we may lose the way.*

*Oh, we have learnt to peer and pore
On tortured puzzles from our youth,
We know all the labyrinthine lore,
We are the three wise men of yore,
And we know all things but truth.*

*We have gone round and round the hill
And lost the wood among the trees,
And learnt long names for every ill,
And serve the made gods, naming still
The furies the Eumenides.*

*The gods of violence took the veil
Of vision and philosophy,
The Serpent that brought all men bale,
He bites his own accursed tail,
And calls himself Eternity.*

*Go humbly ... it has hailed and snowed...
With voices low and lanterns lit;
So very simple is the road,
That we may stray from it.*

*The world grows terrible and white,
And blinding white the breaking day;
We walk bewildered in the light,
For something is too large for sight,
And something much too plain to say.*

*The Child that was ere worlds begun
(... We need but walk a little way,
We need but see a latch undone...)
The Child that played with moon and sun
Is playing with a little hay.*

*The house from which the heavens are fed,
The old strange house that is our own,
Where trick of words are never said,
And Mercy is as plain as bread,
And Honour is as hard as stone.*

*Go humbly, humble are the skies,
And low and large and fierce the Star;
So very near the Manger lies
That we may travel far.*

*Hark! Laughter like a lion wakes
To roar to the resounding plain.
And the whole heaven shouts and shakes,
For God Himself is born again,
And we are little children walking
Through the snow and rain.*



HAPPENINGS



CHRISTMAS DECORATION

we will need volunteers to help decorate St. Leonard Church for Christmas

Friday December 23, 2022 at 1:30pm

★ WE WILL HAVE COOKIES, COFFEE, TEA AND HOT CHOCOLATE ★

PLEASE CONTACT OUR PARISH OFFICE AT 617-523-2110

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Our Grand Annual collection is under way. As of October 21st, we have raised \$10,242 toward our goal of \$56,462, that will help reduce our deficit. We thank all the families who have contributed.

We invite you to prayerfully consider contributing to this year's Grand Annual.

Please mail the grand annual to the Parish Office, 320 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113.

Thank for you contribution

GIVING TREE Christmas at Monica's Kitchen

In collaboration with the Good Samaritan Ministry at St. Monica Church in South Boston, we will be offering a giving tree again this year. The Good Samaritan Ministry serves individuals and families whose health and happiness are threatened by poverty, hunger, violence, addiction and other hardships. Through their food pantry, community peace gatherings and monthly community breakfasts, we hope to be instruments of hope and healing for our friends and neighbors in South Boston.

You can make Christmas bright for our friends and neighbors in need by taking a Giving Tree gift ornament that describes who will receive the gift. Once the gift is purchased, put the ornament on the unwrapped gift and please place in the Christmas box.

You can also donate by purchasing a gift from our Amazon Christmas Wish List for Children and Adults. The wish lists can be found on the homepage at goodsamaritanministry.org





150th NEWS



Please join us as we commence the year-long celebration of

*The 150th Anniversary of
St. Leonard's Church*

and rejoice in the investiture of

*Father Michael Della Penna OFM
as Pastor*

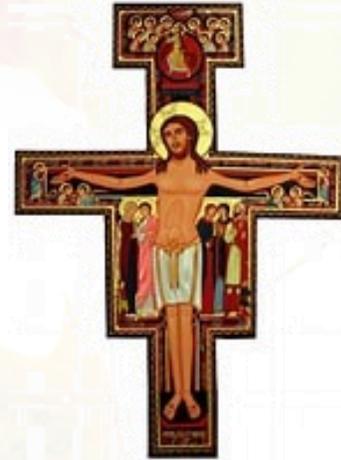
Sunday, January 8, 2023

Twelve o'clock Mass

St. Leonard's Church

- with Cardinal Seán O'Malley OFM Cap. -

refreshments to follow in St. Joseph's Hall



Travelling San Damiano Cross

St. Francis' vocation began at the foot of the Cross at San Damiano where he prayed to God to "enlighten the darkness of his heart..." Later he heard Jesus say from the Cross, "Go, repair my Church" and as a result the Franciscan order was born. Since that time all Franciscans have a longstanding devotion to the Cross.

St. Leonard, coming out of this tradition, refined the devotion of the Cross by popularizing the Stations of the Cross and preached that we can be transformed in and through the Cross.

Thus, as part of the 150th Anniversary, we would like to invite parishioners to welcome the San Damiano Cross into their homes and allow themselves to be transformed by the Cross.

Parishioners can have the Cross in their home for one week. Let us know if you are interested. We will fill weeks consecutively beginning on January 29, 2023. The Cross will be blessed and handed over at the noon Mass each week. We hope you will invite family, friends and neighbors into your home to pray before the Cross.

To sign-up for the travelling San Damiano Cross, please

contact celebrating150Years@sleonard.org or by calling the Parish office at 617-523-2110 and asking for Claudia.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

All masses are transmitted on our Facebook page "St Leonard's Parish, North End, Boston"



ST LEONARD PARISH DECEMBER OFFERTORY

Week 1: \$ 2,177
December Monthly Budget: \$ 9,636

ONLINE DONATIONS

For the convenience of our parishioners online donations are encouraged.

Use the following QR code for our website donations



venmo

Also Venmo is available for online donations

Adoration on Fridays will be held during first Fridays from 12:30pm until 3:00pm ending with the benediction

Each day the friars of St. Christopher Friary pray for the intentions entrusted to them. If you would like your intention included in our prayers, please call the friary prayer request line: 617-742-4190 ext. 100. We are happy to keep you in our prayers.



All intentions and holy cards found near the Saints will be offered up once a month at the Sunday mass

St Leonard Church will be closed for cleaning on Mondays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM & Thursdays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM
Schedule subject to change

Need a meal, or a place to donate clothes?

St. Leonard will be partnering with Haley House, a soup kitchen and donation center in South Boston. Currently, they are most in need of men's clothing. Please check the link haleyhouse.org/goods for list of accepted items.

Donations can be brought to our parish office.



HALEY HOUSE





Pilgrimage to Medjugorje July 24- August 1, 2023

The date for Youth Festival Medjugorje 2023 are July 31 - August 8 and Fr Michael Della Penna will be leading a Pilgrimage for St Leonard's Parish. All the information is posted on the website www.pilgrimages.com/medj July 31- August 8, 2023.

All parishioners are invited to sign to the pilgrimage. It is currently listed as Waiting List. It will be open next week and spots will then be first come first served.

Click on Waiting List and register under the pilgrimage. You will be confirmed as soon as you

SUGGESTION BOX

We have a suggestion box in the back of the church for all parishioners and visitors



May the Lord give you peace!

Encounter, a homeless ministry at St. Leonard's, is hosting a sleeping-bag drive. Our missionaries know dozens of homeless men and women who plan to sleep outdoors through the cold. For reference, the forecasted average low for this winter is 22 degrees Fahrenheit.

Encounter wants to bless these souls by donating at least 50 sleeping bags by the end of December! Please prayerfully consider donating a new or gently used sleeping bag. We recommend 0-degree Fahrenheit sleeping bags, such as Coleman's North Rim Adult Mummy Sleeping Bag.

Sleeping bags can be dropped off outside St. Leonard's Parish Office, which is to the right of the church entrance and down the stairs. Whatever your ability to give, please remember the poor in your prayers and give a warm "hello" to whomever you pass on the streets!

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PRAYERS FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

prayer



Third Week

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

