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WEEKLY BULLETIN FEBRUARY 19, 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts. "*

Ps 95:8



SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

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P: 617-523-2110

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

Starting March 1, 2023 the office hours will change to 10:00pm - 1:00pm Monday - Thursday

Closed on Fridays

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

Starting on February 22, Every Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 pm The Sacrament of Confession will be available at Saint Leonard's Parish.

Thursday Pure in Heart Young Adults
6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass

Friday 12:30-3:00 PM Adoration
(First Fridays from 12:30pm until 3:00pm)
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet



SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions February 19 - February 25

FEBRUARY 19 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale & Varano Families; Marie LoCicero, Donna Scire; Francesca Pizza and Francesco Pizza; Deceased members of the Cataldo and Merola Family

10:30 am - Healing of Miriam Vincent

12:00 pm - Ricky Anzilotti; Maria Pagliuca

FEBRUARY 20 - MONDAY

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

12:05 pm - Nancy Whitten Martignetti

FEBRUARY 21 - TUESDAY

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

12:05 pm - Annette Mastrullo

FEBRUARY 22 - WEDNESDAY (ASH WEDNESDAY)

8:15 am - For our personal conversion during this lent

12:05 pm - For our personal conversion during this lent

7:00 pm - For our personal conversion during this lent

FEBRUARY 23 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - Nick Vatisstas

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

FEBRUARY 24 - FRIDAY

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

12:05 pm - Healing of Charlie Falla

FEBRUARY 25 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Dante & Franco Di Tirro; Anne Marie Fahey



The St. Leonard Candle will burn the week of February 19 - February 25 at Saint Leonard Church for This Candle Burns in Honor of Miriam Vincent

The Bread and Wine will be offered the week of February 19 - February 25 at Saint Leonard Church for Marsha T. Schreiver



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of February 19 - February 25 at Saint Leonard Church for Marsha T. Schreiver



HEADPHONES FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

Headphones for hearing impaired are available upon request.

Please let us know before Mass begins

GLUTEN FREE HOST

Gluten Free Host are also available upon request

Christ is Passing By. N59

by St. Josemaria Escriva



"We entreat you not to offer God's grace an ineffectual welcome." Yes, God's grace can fill us this Lent, provided we do not close the doors of our heart. We must be well-disposed, we must really want to change; we cannot play with God's grace.

I don't like to speak of fear, for the Christian is moved by the charity of God, which has been shown to us in Christ and teaches us to love all men and the whole of creation. However, we should speak about being responsible, being serious. "Make no mistake about it; you cannot cheat God," the Apostle Paul warns us.

We must decide. It's wrong to have two candles lighted — one to St Michael and another to the devil. We must snuff out the devil's candle: we must spend our life completely in the service of the Lord. If our desire for holiness is sincere, if we are docile enough to place ourselves in God's hands, everything will go well. For he is always ready to give us his grace, especially at a time like this — grace for a new conversion, a step forward in our lives as Christians.

We cannot regard this Lent as just another liturgical season which has simply happened to come around again. It is a unique time: a divine aid which we should accept. Jesus is passing by and he hopes that we will take a great step forward — today, now.

"Here is the time of pardon; the day of salvation has come already." Once again we hear the voice of the good shepherd calling us tenderly: "I have called you by your name." He

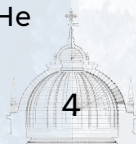
calls each of us by our name, the familiar name used only by those who love us. Words cannot describe Jesus' tenderness toward us.

Just think about the wonder of God's love. Our Lord comes out to meet us, he waits for us, he's by the roadside where we cannot but see him, and he calls each of us personally, speaking to us about our own things — which are also his. He stirs us to sorrow, opens our conscience to be generous; he encourages us to want to be faithful, so that we can be called his disciples. When we hear these intimate words of grace, which are by way of an affectionate reproach, we realize at once that our Lord has not forgotten us during all the time in which, through our fault, we did not see him. Christ loves us with all the inexhaustible charity of God's own heart.

Look how he keeps insisting: "I have answered your prayer in a time of pardon, I have brought you help in a day of salvation." Since he promises you glory, his love, and gives it to you at the right time; since he calls us, what are you in turn going to give to the Lord, how are you going to respond, and how will I respond, to this love of Jesus who has come out to meet us?

The day of salvation is here before us. The call of the good shepherd has reached us: "I have called you by your name." Since love repays love, we must reply: "Here I am, for you called me." I have decided not to let this Lent go by like rain on stones, leaving no trace. I will let it soak into me, changing me. I will be converted, I will turn again to the Lord and love him as he wants to be loved.

"You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart and your whole soul and your whole mind." And St Augustine comments: "What is left of your heart for loving yourself? What is left of your soul, of your mind? He says 'the whole.' He who made you requires you to give yourself completely



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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

ST LEONARD PARISH JANUARY OFFERTORY

Week 1: \$ 2,224

Week 2: \$ 2,270

February Monthly Budget: \$ 7,448

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

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SUGGESTION BOX

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



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

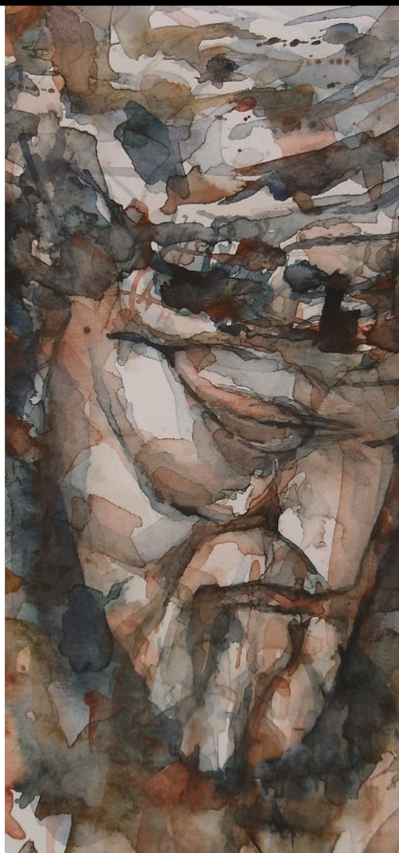


LENTEN MISSION: LOVE & THE CROSS



In honor of the 150th anniversary of our parish, you are invited to a special three night Lenten mission led by the North End's own Fr. Rick Martignetti. Fr. Rick will share stories from his new book, *Perfect Love*, to help us hear the call to greater self-knowledge, humility, and self-giving love. The Mission will begin in the church each evening at 7pm with light refreshments afterwards in the hall.

**FEB. 28 - MARCH 2,
TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY EVENINGS.
ST. LEONARD'S
CHURCH**



Starting on February 22, Every Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 pm The Sacrament of Confession will be available at Saint Leonard's Parish.



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje July 24- August 1, 2023

Fr Michael Della Penna will be leading a Pilgrimage for St Leonard's Parish this year to the Youth Festival in Medjugorje 2023 from July 24 to August 1.

All the information and link to sign up is posted on our website.

It is currently listed as waiting list and is on a first come first serve basis.

To register click on Waiting List and register under the dates of the pilgrimage. You will be confirmed as soon as you sign

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:15 AM - MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

12:05 PM - MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

3:00 PM - PRAYER SERVICE & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

7:00 PM - MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES WITH PENITENTIAL PROCESSION





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**God needs priests. Is He calling you?
If you are 30-60, you may be surprised.**

First Friday Visits

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary
558 South Ave., Weston, MA

Friday, March 3rd

5:00 PM

Join the Seminary community either **virtually** or **in person**
for prayer & fellowship

Holy Hour and Evening Prayer

In Person: Dinner with the seminarians and a tour of the Seminary

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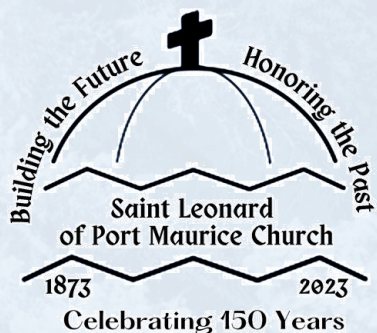
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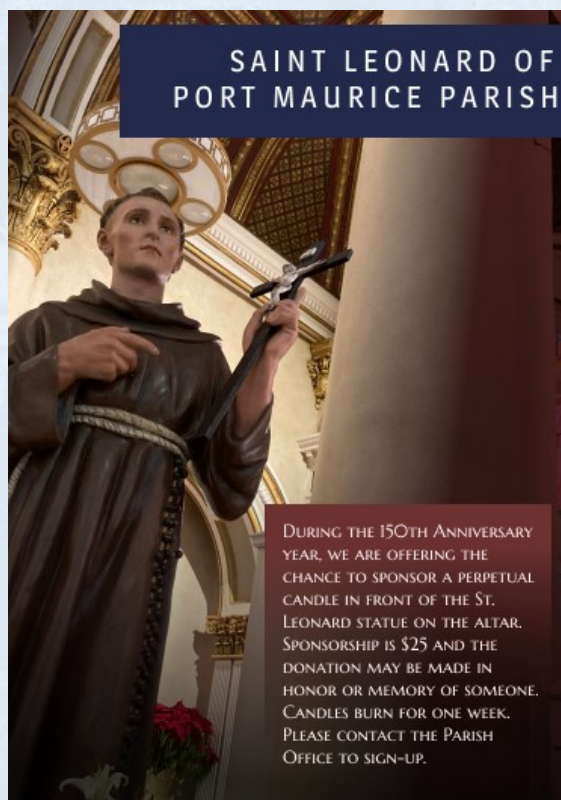
Happy Sesquicentennial!!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are the centerpiece of our 150th celebration and we will be offering, as an insert each week in the bulletin, the Station of the month along with meditations for your prayer and reflection.

We encourage you to spend some time each day allowing Jesus to speak to you through His Passion.

This week, for the month of February, is the second station: Jesus Takes Up His Cross.



DURING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR, WE ARE OFFERING THE CHANCE TO SPONSOR A PERPETUAL CANDLE IN FRONT OF THE ST. LEONARD STATUE ON THE ALTAR. SPONSORSHIP IS \$25 AND THE DONATION MAY BE MADE IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF SOMEONE. CANDLES BURN FOR ONE WEEK. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN-UP.



St. Leonard's Church 150th Anniversary

Pilgrimage to Italy

Walking in St. Leonard's Footsteps

25th November—04 December 2023

We will be visiting:

- The Birthplace of St. Leonard at Port Maurice on the occasion of the **150th Anniversary** of the foundation of St. Leonard's Church at the North End, on his feast day, 26th November 2023.
- **Rome** and attend to the **Papal Audience** in Sala Nervi and visit the Sistine Chapel.
- **Assisi** and complete the spiritual path in the footsteps of St. Francis
- The **Sanctuary of Greccio**, on occasion of the **800th** anniversary of the Sanctuary, located in the Sacred Valley, near Terni.

And much more..

Please submit your indication of interest by **20th February 2023**: we need to form a group of at least 15 participants in order to make the trip and obtain a lower cost : Airfare, Hotels, excursions, transfers , meals, etc., have not been booked. Therefore, the sooner we reach the minimum number of participants the better. Once this number is reached, we will proceed to book the services mentioned. According to the availability and costs applicable at that time, we will be able to formulate the final cost for this trip.

Indicatively, the fare would be as from USD 3,250 per person in double occupancy, all included.

Please send your indication of interest (which is not a commitment) to : info@vibeyourjourney.com

Remember to Submit your Indication of interest by 20th February 2023

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE SESQUICENTENNIAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AS A SPECIAL WAY OF HONORING THE PAST, WE ARE RESURRECTING THE TRADITION OF ST. LEONARD'S IN THE LATE 1800'S OF OFFERING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH,

EACH MONTH WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A PROGRAM HOSTED BY DIFFERENT GROUPS AFFILIATED WITH THE CHURCH AFTER THE NOON MASS.

Sunday, February 26, 2023

SCHEDULE:

1-2 PM - SOCIAL HOUR

2-3 PM ADORATION IN THE CHURCH

3 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOSTED BY: **Pure in Heart**



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT
CELEBRATING150YEARS@SLEONARD.ORG OR
SAINTLEONARDCHURCHBOSTON.ORG

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

Next Meeting

The next 150th Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30pm in the Church Hall.

Please join us, everyone is welcome!

Recent Recipients of the Travelling San Damiano Cross



If you would like to host the San Damiano Cross in your home, please contact:
celebrating150years@seonard.org.

Thank you to all the angels that have contributed to our 150th Building the Future Fund thus far. Please consider donating to our Angelic Choir:

- \$ 150 Sesquicentennial Club
- \$ 500 Angels
- \$ 1,500 Archangels
- \$ 5,000 Principalities
- \$ 15,000 Powers
- \$ 30,000 Virtues
- \$ 50,000 Dominions
- \$ 75,000 Thrones
- \$100,000 Cherubim
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Donations can be made with a check to St. Leonard's 150th and sent to the Parish office at 320 Hanover Street, Boston MA 02113; or by donating online at www.saintleonardchurchboston.org.

Thank you so much!

Saint Leonard's



Reads for Lent

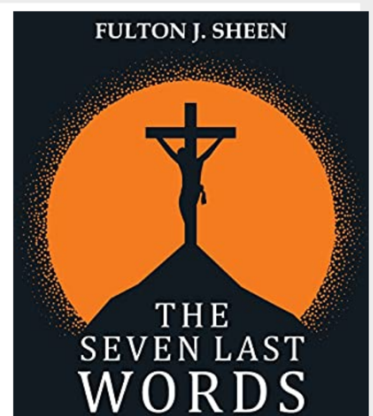
"THE SEVEN LAST WORDS" BY FULTON SHEEN

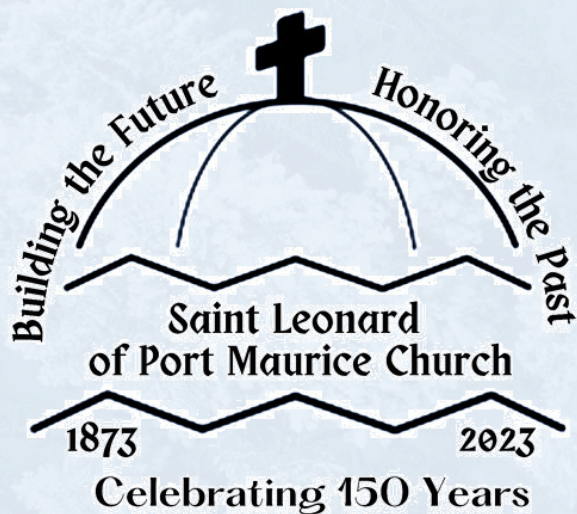
JOIN US FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS BOOK

*Limited copies of this book are available for purchase in the Gift Shop.

WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 15 - 6:30 PM
SAINT LEONARD'S
CHURCH

Questions, contact:
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Gala Tickets available now!



Access the QR Code, visit the Parish
Office or Contact
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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

Saint Leonard's Sesquicentennial Gala
Friday, May 5th 2023
Cocktail Hour Begins at 6:30PM

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A PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY.

Prayer

Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds your Spirit. This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of your love incarnate. Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting. And, when I open my soul to your presence, let your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart. I ask this for the sake of your love.