

# ST LEONARD PARISH

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## Celebrating 150 Years

### WEEKLY BULLETIN APRIL 02, 2023

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

*"Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. "*

PHIL 2:8-9



## SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

admin@saintleonardchurchboston.org

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

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



Headphones for hearing impaired are available  
upon request.

Gluten Free Host are also available upon request

### Confessions

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

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

### SAINT LEONARD CHURCH SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONS

<b>Mon - Fri</b>	11:30 AM Rosary 8:15 AM Mass 12:05 PM Mass
<b>Monday</b>	12:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:30 PM St Anthony Novena
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:30 PM Litany of St Joseph 1st Wed of every month Queen of Peace Prayer Group 6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	Pure in Heart Young Adults 6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass
<b>Friday</b>	12:30-3:00 PM Adoration (First Fridays from 12:30pm until 3:00pm)

**St Leonard Church will be closed for  
cleaning on Mondays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM  
& Thursdays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM**

### 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: Michael Dinsmore  
St Stephen Rector: Rev. David Costello

### Parish Office

Mon - Thu 10:00 AM - 1:00 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 STEPHEN CHURCH

401 Hanover St, Boston, MA 02109  
P: 617-742-4715

#### Mass Schedule

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





# SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions April 02 - April 08

## April 02 - SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY

**9:00 am** - Deceased members of the DePasquale & Varano Families; Francesca Piazza and Francesco Piazza; Dolores Merola

**10:30 am** - Healing of Miriam Vincent

**12:00 pm** - Anna Caso; Patricia "Patty" Larosa

## April 03 - MONDAY

**8:15 am** - Francis X. Scire

**12:05 pm** - Luigi Cogliani

## April 04 - TUESDAY

**8:15 am** - Souls of purgatory

No noon Mass, priest go to Christ Mass at Holy Cross Cathedral

## April 05 - WEDNESDAY

**8:15 am** - Healing of Charlie Falla

**12:05 pm** - Nick Giudice

## April 06 - THURSDAY - HOLY THURSDAY

**8:00 pm** - NO INTENTIONS

## April 07 - FRIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY (NO MASS)

**3:00 pm** - NO INTENTIONS

## APRIL 08 SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL

**8:00 pm** - All Parishioners Living and Deceased



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

The Bread and Wine will be offered the week of April 02 - April 08 at Saint Leonard Church for Rita Bamonte



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of March 12 - March 18 at Saint Leonard Church for Joseph DeRosa

## Are you in need of Prayers?

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.



# HOLY WEEK, & EASTER 2023

- The Stations of the Cross Will be prayed every Friday of Lent at 6:30pm
- Every Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 pm The Sacrament of Confession will be available at Saint Leonard's Parish.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **PALM SUNDAY**

**Saturday, April 1st**

**5:00 pm** - The Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

**Fr. Bob Caprio**

**Sunday, April 2nd**

**9:00 am** - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

**Fr. Michael Della Penna**

**10:30 am** - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Italian)

**Fr. Federico Cinocca**

**12:00 pm** - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

**Fr. Michael Della Penna**

### **MONDAY of HOLY WEEK**

**April 3rd**

*Masses scheduled as usual*

### **TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK**

**April 4th**

**8:15 am Mass**

**11:00am** Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross

**No 12:05 pm Mass this day**

*All parish priests are asked to attend this Mass*

### **WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK**

**April 5th**

*Masses scheduled as usual*

### **HOLY THURSDAY**

**April 6th**

**No 8:15 am or 12:05 pm Mass this day**

**8:00 pm** - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Fr. Federico Cinocca**

*\*Procession to the North End church's immediately following the Mass*

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

**April 7th**

**No Masses this day**

**12:00 pm** - Stations of the Cross

**Fr. Michael Della Penna**

**3:00 pm** - Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

**Fr. Federico Cinocca**

*\*Confessions immediately after the passion*

**7:00 pm** - Stations of the Cross

**Fr. Federico Cinocca**

### **EASTER VIGIL**

**April 8th**

**No 5 pm Vigil Mass**

**8:00 pm** - The Resurrection of Christ in the Holy Night of Easter

**Fr. Michael Della Penna**

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 9th**

**9:00 am** - Resurrection of Christ

**Fr. Michael Della Penna**

**10:30 am** - Resurrection of Christ (Italian)

**Fr. Federico Cinocca**

**12:00 Noon** - Resurrection of Christ

**Fr. Michael Della Penna**





## **MAKING YOURSELF A GIFT FOR OTHERS**

As we prepare to enter into the Holiest week of the year, I would like to share a reflection and propose some concrete opportunities. What strikes me most profoundly is the contrast of how Holy Week begins every year with the Hosanna's of Palm Sunday and end with the tragic reality of how an innocent man can be falsely accused and sentenced to death. The clash climaxes this week as certain members of the religious leaders (scribes, Pharisees) who either feared Jesus, or were threatened by his popularity, or concerned about their own agenda, plotted to have him unjustly condemned. At the heart of this tragedy and insidious hypocrisy is selfishness; a vicious self-centeredness which leads to the murder.

It has been said that in the middle of every S-I-N is the "I", because ultimately our pride and ego are the major culprits at the core of vice. The crucifixion narratives highlight how blind we can be to the good and how devastatingly evil the consequences of our choices can be.

As a remedy to our selfish inclination, which is at the core of our concupiscence, I would like to offer some opportunities to come out of our self and make ourselves a gift to another person.

There are three upcoming trips I would like to highlight:

The first is a unique opportunity to come with us on a parish mission to Africa in July with a charity of which I chair called Silent Children's Mission, which was founded on the charism of Mother Teresa. SCM seeks to help children who do have a voice in the world to know that God loves them. In early July we are planning to return to Malawi in which we have been visiting for some 15 years. Malawi as you know is one of the poorest countries in Sub Saharan and has suffered greatly with the recent cyclone. We are looking for people interested in serving the poorest of the poor to join us on this mission. We hope to bring a small group to help us make inroads for future parish missions. If this is something you feel God is calling you to, please send contact the office.

The second opportunity is our yearly pilgrimage to Medjugorje, which this year runs from July 24-Aug 1. We will be staying with Ivan the visionary and be able to learn first-hand about all that has happened and is happening in Medjugorje. For more details see our St Leonard Website.

Lastly I would like to invite you to our November St Leonard Italy Pilgrimage which seeks to walk in the footsteps of St Leonard and St Francis and included time in Rome where we plan to have an audience with the Pope.

All three are beautiful opportunities to free ourselves of our selfishness and lose ourselves in the love of God.

***By Fr Michael Della Penna***



# YOU ARE INVITED

During Holy Week and Easter Christians remember and reenact the events that lead up to the death and resurrection of Jesus and celebrate the central tenant of their faith. Holy Week culminates on Easter Sunday, which celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

You are invited you to join us for Holy Week services at Saint Leonard's Parish. Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through song, prayer, and reflection.



## SAINT LEONARD'S PARSH

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# HOLY WEEK AT SAINT LEONARD'S

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday - April 1st  
5:00 pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday - April 2nd  
9:00 am  
10:30 am (Italian)  
12:00 Noon

### Holy Thursday

7:30 pm - Holy Rosary  
8:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday

12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross  
3:00 pm - Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ  
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday

8:00 pm - Vigil Mass in the Holy Night of Easter

### Easter Sunday

9:00 am - Mass at Dawn  
10:30 am (Italian) - Mass of the Day  
12 Noon - Mass of the Day

\*Adoration will take place at Saint Leonard's, Sacred Heart, & Saint Stephen's from 9:30 pm - Midnight

\*Sacred Heart Church will be open throughout the day Holy Thursday, Good Friday, & Holy Saturday for quiet prayer & reflection





# EVENTS

## April Events

### April 3rd: Watch "the Passion of Christ" with Us

Join us to watch the moving film depicting the passion of Christ at 6:30 pm in the church

### April 11: 150th Meeting at 6:30pm in the Hall

**April 19:** 6:30pm in the Hall, Gala Raffle Basket assembly. If you have any items to donate for the Gala raffle or silent auction, please contact: celebrating150years@sleonard.org

### April 22nd: Meet Mary our Mother

Mass, Rosary and Meeting with Ivan Dragicevic at 6:40pm

### April 23rd: 5th Sunday Stations of the Cross

Social 1-2pm; Adoration 2-3pm; Stations at 3pm.  
Hosted By: Donne 2000

- During Lent the Stations of the Cross Will be prayed every Friday at 6:30pm
- Every First Friday Adoration is Hosted from 12:30pm to 3:00pm
- Every Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 pm the Sacrament of Confession will be available

## MONDAY - April 03

150 ANNIVERSARY PRESENTS



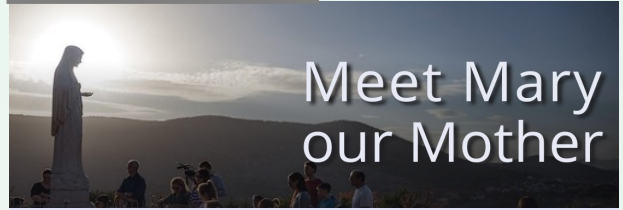
# THE PASSION OF CHRIST

PLEASE JOIN US TO WATCH THIS MOVING FILM DEPICTING THE PASSION OF OUR LORD.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK  
APRIL 3 - 6:30 PM  
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## SATURDAY - April 22



## Marian Retreat

Saturday, April 22nd

Mass at 5pm

Rosary at 6pm

Meeting with Ivan Dragicevic, one of the visionaries of Medjugorje at 6:40pm



## SUNDAY - April 23

## Fifth Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, April 23rd

1:00pm: Social

2:00pm: Adoration

3:00pm: Stations of the Cross

We hope to see you then!



In a bow to a late 1890's St. Leonard's Church tradition, and in honor of St. Leonard's devotion to the Stations of the Cross, each month, on the 4th Sunday, we are offering a Social in the Church Hall after the noon Mass from 1-2pm; Adoration in the Church from 2-3pm and then the Stations at 3pm. Various groups, affiliated with the Parish, have offered to host these monthly Sunday Stations.



**SUNDAY - April 23**

## 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, April 23, 2023**

### **SCHEDULE:**

**1-2 PM - SOCIAL HOUR**  
**2-3 PM ADORATION IN THE CHURCH**  
**3 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**HOSTED BY:**

**Donne 2000**



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT  
[CELEBRATING150YEARS@SLEONARD.ORG](mailto:CELEBRATING150YEARS@SLEONARD.ORG) OR  
[SAINTLEONARDCHURCHBOSTON.ORG](http://SAINTLEONARDCHURCHBOSTON.ORG)

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

## ADORATION



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





# 150TH ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY - May 05

## Next Meeting

The next 150th Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30pm in the Church Hall. Please join us, everyone is welcome!

## 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 April, is the Fourth station:

**Jesus Meets His Mother**

## St Leonard's 150th Gala

It is going to be a fun and festive evening. There will be a signature cocktail, delicious food, raffles, music, dancing and so much more.

Don't miss all the fun. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.saintleonardchurchboston.org](http://www.saintleonardchurchboston.org)



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*Saint Leonard's Sesquicentennial Gala  
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*All Gala proceeds benefit the 150th Building the Future Fund  
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**150th opportunity**  
**Stations of the Cross Sponsorship**  
**Opportunities**

Our Sesquicentennial Year is dedicated to the Stations of the Cross, which were a special devotion of St. Leonard. We have a special opportunity this anniversary year to sponsor the remaining Stations of the Cross within our Church. Stations 1: Jesus is Condemned to Death; Station 2: Jesus Takes up His Cross; Station 7: Jesus Falls the Second Time and, Station 14: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb are all available for sponsorship. A plaque will be placed under the Station within the Church and you can honor or memorialize someone on the small plaque. Sponsorship is \$10,000 and would make a very special and unique memorial for a loved one. Please contact the office for more information.





## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY... CONTINUED (LAST INSTALLMENT)

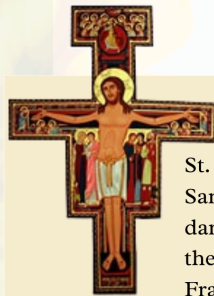
*Written by Dr. Jessica Dello Russo*

Today, as the North End's territorial parish, the Saint Leonard's congregation is the union of several historic centers of Catholic worship (St. Leonard's, Sacred Heart and St. Stephen's, and St. Mary's Chapel at Casa Maria Housing) and the neighborhood parochial school (St. John's School). There are multiple Masses held daily (streamed live on social media) and regularly scheduled devotions, as well as special prayer and discussion groups and family-friendly activities, such as CCD, Italian language school and sponsorship of neighborhood sports teams (St. Leonard Knights). The parish music program of organ concerts and seasonal choir performances is further enhanced by its

partnership with the St. Joseph Home for Artisans in the Katherine Moore House on Tileston Street. Parish volunteers staff the Saint Francis Bookstore and Gift Shop which is frequented by hundreds of thousands of visitors annually from all over the world. St. Leonard's remains open during daylight hours to welcome and inspire friends, neighbors, and visitors to the North End. Such indefatigable service truly honors the spirit of Saint Leonard, who reminds us that God "cannot grow poor by giving; the more you petition for, the more you shall obtain." As Saint Leonard was famous for saying: "Blessed be God."



## Recent Recipients of the Travelling San Damiano Cross



### 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](mailto:celebrating150Years@sleonard.org) or by calling the Parish office at 617-523-2110 and asking for Claudia.



# FINANCIAL & GIVING

## 150th Building the Future Fund

Thank you to all the Angels that have contributed to our 150th Building the Future Fund thus far.

We still need to raise \$100,000 to repair the facade of Sacred Heart, and \$100,000 to fix the Roof at the Rectory. 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
- \$150,000+ Seraphim

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](http://www.saintleonardchurchboston.org).

Thank you so much!

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Many of you may have received a letter from Cardinal Seán requesting your early support of the 2023 Catholic Appeal. We hope that you will respond to his invitation with a generous gift, knowing that each contribution transforms faith into action. Thank you.



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YOUR GIFT

## 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](http://haleyhouse.org/goods) for list of accepted items.

Donations can be brought to our parish office.



**HALEY HOUSE**



# FUTURE TRIPS

July 24 to August 1



## 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

November 25 to December 04



## Join us for this special pilgrimage

In honor of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Leonard of Port Maurice Parish.

### We will be visiting:

**Port Maurice:** Visiting the birthplace of St. Leonard of Port Maurice

**Tuscany:** Having lunch with local wine tasting in the countryside.

**Rome:** Attending the Papal Audience and visiting the Vatican Museum

**Assisi:** following St. Francis' paths...

Please submit your indication of interest at:

[info@vibeyourjourney.com](mailto:info@vibeyourjourney.com)

For more information visit:

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# **PALM SUNDAY**

## Prayer

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week,  
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,  
and to the life, death, and  
resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up  
within us the gift of faith that we may  
not only praise him with our lips, but  
may follow him in the way of the  
cross Amen.