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Celebrating 150 Years

WEEKLY BULLETIN APRIL 09, 2023

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*“Christ, our paschal lamb,
has been sacrificed;
let us then feast with joy in
the Lord. “*

JN 20:1-9



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

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
	(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
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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 09 - April 15

April 09 - SUNDAY - EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 am - All Parishioners Living and Deceased.

10:30 am - All Parishioners Living and Deceased.

12:00 pm - All Parishioners Living and Deceased.

April 10 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Souls of Purgatory

12:05 pm - Angelo Polcari

April 11 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Clyde Gingerich

12:05 pm - Giuseppe D'Alelio

April 12 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - Rich LaGreca

12:05 pm - Margaret Gingerich

April 13 - THURSDAY

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

12:05 pm - Anne F. Lynskey

April 14 - FRIDAY

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

12:05 pm - Healing of Mark Kutch

APRIL 15 SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Silvana D'Arista; Joseph Agrippino; John Agrippino; Bob Agrippino; Angie & Nicholas DiBisceglia & Grandson John



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

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.

The Bread and Wine will be offered the week of April 09 - April 15 at Saint Leonard Church for Dora Pasquale



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of April 09 - April 15 at Saint Leonard Church for Rita Bamonte



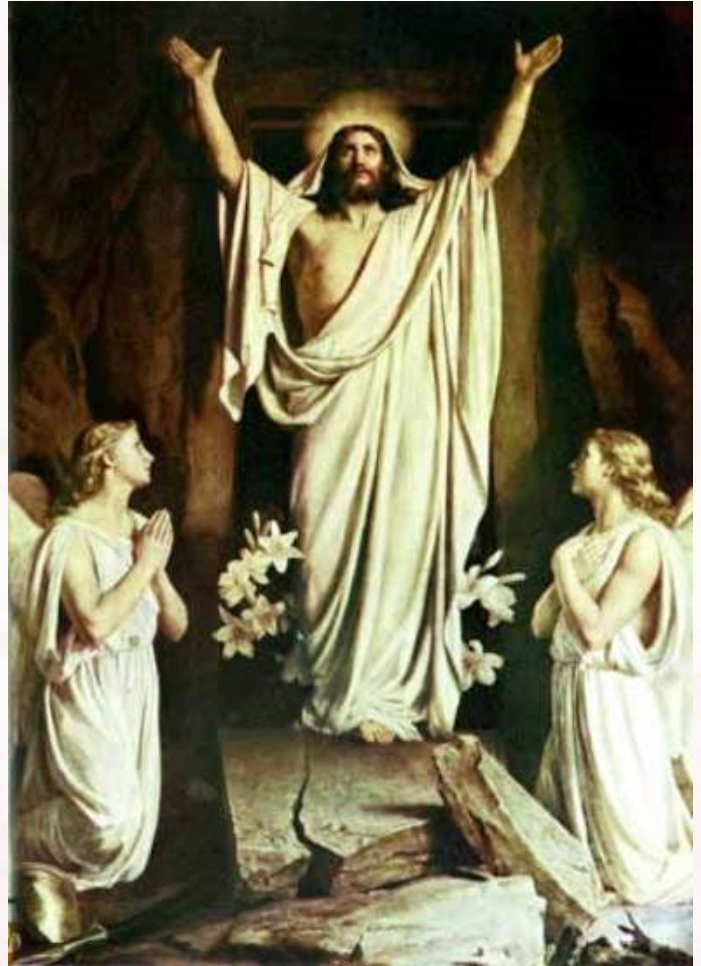
He is RISEN!!!

The Good News we boldly proclaim today all over the globe is a clarion call for each of us to RISE up and begin again! It is an invitation and challenge to each of us to live a new life, an everlasting life which begins today. Just as St Francis said at the end of his life: "Let us begin to do good, for up till now we have done little or nothing" we too must commit to a new beginning. We are called to live this true life Jesus won for us everyday! It is therefore not enough for us to bask in the glow of knowing that Satan's victory is always limited and temporary, that Christ has conquered evil, death and sin, but we must RISE and choose to cultivate and deepen this joy of liberation and freedom from the slavery of sin by deciding to follow Him anew today. Only in this way can we personally experience all the graces won for us in our own life.

Choose today to make it a daily exercise to pull out the sinful weeds of selfishness and ego that wish to take root in your heart, and likewise to choose to water and feed your soul with His Word and allow His love to grow and blossom in your heart so that it might bear fruit in your actions. His resurrection is just the beginning. Rise and live out this new life through your concrete actions which speak of the joy and peace of Christ. Open your heart and allow His Easter light and love to shine through you.

Happy Easter!

By Fr Michael Della Penna



EVENTS

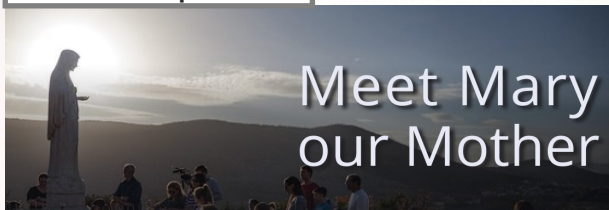
April Events

- **April 11:** 150th Meeting at 6:30pm in the Hall
- **April 20:** 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

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.

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



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

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

*New England Aquarium
1 Central Wharf, Boston*

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*Sponsorships available starting at \$2,000
Please contact celebrating150years@sleonard.org*

*All Gala proceeds benefit the 150th Building the Future Fund
www.saintleonardchurchboston.org*

Building the Future by Honoring the Past



**Gala Tickets
available now!**

Access the QR Code,
visit the Parish Office or
Contact

Celebrating150years@sleonard.org



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.



Recent Recipients of the Travelling San Damiano Cross: DiStefano Family



Hosting San Damiano's Cross

“What a blessing it was for us to take the San Damiano Cross home for Holy Week. We set up the Cross in our living room where it could be seen from several rooms. To view it continuously, was very inspirational to us. During the course of the week, we took the Cross to the cemetery as we visited our parents' graves. This was a very moving experience.

While in our possession, my hope was to receive true, beautiful spiritual nourishment from meditating with the Cross for a week. I hoped that Jesus would speak to me from the Cross the way He spoke to Saint Francis. I can say with one hundred percent certainty that the San Damiano Cross spoke to us.

As soon as it was in our home, there was a sense of peace. There was a feeling of calmness every time I prayed with it. It was as if Jesus was saying not to worry so much and to enjoy our family, our friends and each day a little more. Having the Cross in our home during Holy Week was especially powerful as we were reminded everyday of the love Jesus has for us. My spirituality has been strengthened.

Thank you Saint Leonard's Church for giving us the opportunity to take the Travelling San Damiano Cross home. It was an indescribable experience”

Maria and Anthony DiStefano

Our Pastor, Fr. Michael,
concelebrating the Chrism Mass
at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross
On Tuesday of Holy Week



FINANCIAL & GIVING



**Support our
priests this Easter**

GIVE TODAY

On Easter Sunday April 09 the Second Collection will be "Clergy Benefit Trust for Retired Clergy" for the retired Franciscans of the province of the immaculate conception

ST LEONARD PARISH APRIL OFFERTORY

Week 1: \$ 4,224

April Monthly Budget: \$ 11,810

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.

Thank you so much!

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PUTS

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It all starts with YOU

One of the most meaningful ways that we deepen the impact of our Archdiocese's schools, parishes, and ministries is by supporting the Catholic Appeal. The Appeal is a primary means by which we carry Christ's light into darkness and deepen the impact of our Church's ministries, many of which directly benefit our parish. Your partnership and participation carry Christ's love into our communities in numerous ways.

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.



**SCAN HERE
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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



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 150th 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

For more information visit:

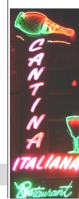
<https://saintleonardchurchboston.org/pilgrimage-to-italy>

We must have at least 15 people to finalize costs, lodging, airfare, transfers, etc.

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EASTER SUNDAY

Prayer

Dear Lord, may I realize afresh today
what Your death and resurrection
mean for me. Forgiveness, freedom,
and the ability to walk with You
through this fallen world into
eternity. May I always find my
satisfaction in You and Your
willingness to offer Yourself to me. In
Jesus' Name, Amen