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Celebrating 150 Years

WEEKLY BULLETIN MAY 21, 2023

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

*“Go and teach all nations,
says the Lord;
I am with you always, until
the end of the world”*

MT 28:16-20



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

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

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

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Rev. Robert Caprio, OFM

Rev. Francis Walter, OFM

Deacon: Nick Albin, SJ

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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 May 20 - May 26

May 20 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Emilio Scapicchio

May 21 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; Angela Modica

10:30 am - Domenico and Sestilia Federico; Luigi & Ersilia Torra; Rocco & Filomena Pezzano; Pasquale DiSpena; Maria DiSpena; Anna & Pat Devasto; Alyssa Devasto

12:00 pm - Mary Molinari, Carmela Sozio & Florence Molinari; For the healing of Howard Bearse

May 22 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Charlie Falla

12:05 pm - For the healing of Howard Bearse

May 23 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Miriam Vincent

12:05 pm - Marie Ruocco

May 24 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - Enrique Mieryteran

12:05 pm - Genetta Giuduce

May 25 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Mark Kutch

12:05 pm - Margaret Gingerich

May 26 - FRIDAY

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

12:05 pm - Pietro Lopriore



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 May 20 - May 26 at Saint Leonard Church for Antonio Guarino



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of May 20 - May 26 at Saint Leonard Church for Antonio Guarino

The St. Leonard Candle will burn the week of May 20 - May 26 at Saint Leonard Church in Memory of Dominico & Maria Ventresca



Christ is the Antidote



In speaking about the importance of the Ascension and Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit, Pope Benedict XVI wrote that not only is "the Holy Spirit...the power through which Christ causes us to experience his closeness" but empowers us to be

witnesses. He stated "The Risen Christ needs witnesses who have met him, people who have known him intimately through the power of the Holy Spirit; those who have, so to speak, actually touched him, can witness to him."

He continued "It is in this way that the Church, the family of Christ, "beginning at Jerusalem"..., as the Reading says, spread to the very ends of the earth. It is through witnesses that the Church was built - starting with Peter and Paul and the Twelve, to the point of including all who, filled with Christ, have rekindled down the centuries and will rekindle the flame of faith in a way that is ever new. All Christians in their own way can and must be witnesses of the Risen Lord. When we read the saints' names we can see how often they have been - and continue to be - first and foremost simple people from whom shone - and shines - a radiant light that can lead others to Christ.

We are therefore called to witness to the truth of the good news by authentically living out the teachings of Christ and putting our faith into practice. Only by enfleshing or incarnating love can we be credible witnesses.

This witness begins at home, where we are often most challenged to live the love which Christ calls us to. The most difficult challenge is often forgiveness, especially forgiving family members.

I recently came across a great lesson about forgiveness that is both profound and practical. The preacher began by saying that nobody has ever died from a snake bite but rather it's the poison that kills. He compared the hurts of our hearts to the fanged bites that we have sometimes received from people. These do not kill us. It is rather the venom of the anger, the bitterness, the resentment, and the hate which poisons us from the inside that have devastating effects and ultimately kills. This is what poisons our hearts. While we cannot control people, we can always choose how to respond to every situation. The antidote that Christ gives us to the venom of sin is himself, which is His Divine Mercy which comes to us in the Eucharist through the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness alone can bring true healing and completely cure the effects of the venom which come from having been hurt, betrayed or maligned in any way. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit, which we will celebrate at Pentecost, comes into our hearts and heals them so they may be set free to love.

By Fr Michael Della Penna



EVENTS

May Events

- **May 21st: 4th Sunday Stations of the Cross**
Social 1-2pm; Adoration 2-3pm; Stations at 3pm.

Because of Memorial Day weekend, the 4th Sunday Stations are being held on Sunday, May 21st.

**Every First Friday Adoration is Hosted from
12:30pm to 3:00pm**

SUNDAY - May 21

THIS SUNDAY!

Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, **May 21th**

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.

FRIDAY - June 02

ADORATION



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

Saint Anthony's Feast Day

~ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ~



Celebration of the Transitus

Monday, June 12, 2023
8:00 pm

Join the parish family of Saint Leonard's as we commemorate the final moments of Saint Anthony's earthly life. The celebration of the Transitus is a moving tribute to Saint Anthony's time on earth and encounter with sister death.

Feast Day of Saint Anthony

Tuesday, June 13, 2023
8:15 am Blessing of Bread & Lilies
12:05 pm Mass
5:00 pm High Mass
6:00 pm Procession

The High Mass will be followed by a candle-lit procession through the streets of the North End. Led by the majestic wood-carved statue of Saint Anthony, the procession will include the Franciscan Friars, Devotees, and the Italian-American Band of Lawrence.

Throughout the Weekend

Saturday, June 10 - Tuesday, June 13

A relic of Saint Anthony will be on display for public veneration in Saint Leonard's Church throughout the weekend of June 10th - June 13th. There will be a special blessing with the relic following each of the Masses on the weekend and June 13th.

Devotional items to Saint Anthony will be available outside and in the Saint Francis Gift Shop for an offering. We encourage you to use this time and these objects as a way to increase your faith and devotion to our beloved patron. Items available will include Saint Anthony Blessed Oil, Rosary Beads, Holy Cards, and Statues.

Available on June 13th only will be Blessed Lilies & Blessed Bread of Saint Anthony. The lilies and bread will be blessed following the 8:15 am Mass and available for an offering until supplies runs out.



150TH ANNIVERSARY



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 May, is the Fifth station:

Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

Let's build on the sense of community and fun of the Gala.

Come to the next Social on Sunday, May 21st at 1pm in the Hall.

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, May 21, 2023

SCHEDULE:

1-2 PM - SOCIAL HOUR

2-3 PM ADORATION IN THE CHURCH

3 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**HOSTED BY: Our Lady Queen of Peace
Prayer Group**



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

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

Sesquicentennial Prayer

**we hope you will join us in praying it
during this year:**

Almighty and merciful God, who made Saint Leonard an outstanding herald of the mystery of the Cross, grant, by his intercession, that, acknowledging on earth the riches of the same cross, we may be worthy to attain the fruit of redemption in Heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Let us pray that this 150th celebration be an opportunity for us to be transformed by the Cross and more intimately united with Christ.

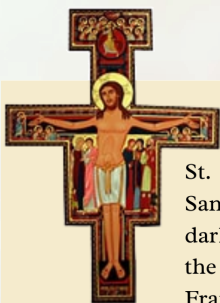


RECENT RECIPIENTS OF THE TRAVELLING CROSS

May 14 2023



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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.



FINANCIAL & GIVING

ST LEONARD PARISH MAY OFFERTORY

Week 1: \$ 2,843

Week 2: \$ 4,769

May Monthly Budget: \$ 12,151

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PUTS

Faith ^{into} Action

It all starts with **YOU**

As Of April 19th. We have raised \$5,420 toward our Parish goal of \$51,454. We thank the 19 families who have contributed thus far.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a Generous gift to this year's appeal. For the parish to get full credit from your generosity, please turn in a completed pledge with your Catholic Appeal Donation.

Please take a pledge from the pew, fill it out and return it in the collection box or mail it to the Parish Office, 320 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113.

Thank for you contribution!



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Donation for World Youth Day

This weekend at some of our masses, there will be some youth visiting us from another parish who are raising money to attend the World Youth Day in Lisbon with Pope Francis this summer. You might remember that there was a similar group who came last summer doing the same to go on pilgrimage to Israel.

They will come forward after communion.

Catholic teens and young adults are a sign of hope for our church! Please support them with your prayers and generosity.

You can add your donations to the Basket at the back of the Church.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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The background of the entire page is a faint, artistic depiction of the Ascension of Christ. At the top center, Jesus is shown rising into the air, wearing a white robe and holding a banner. Below him, a large group of people, including men and women in traditional robes, are gathered on the ground, looking up in awe and prayer. The scene is set against a soft, golden light, suggesting a heavenly or divine atmosphere.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus Christ,
Right before your Ascension into
heaven you told your apostles to be
His witnesses to the ends of the earth
upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I
be similarly inspired to spread your
Gospel message in word and deed,
according to your will for me. And
may I do so prudently and joyfully,
with your help, your guidance, and
your grace! And remembering this
glorious event, help me to seek what
is above, Heaven, where you are
seated at the right hand of God the
Father!
Amen.