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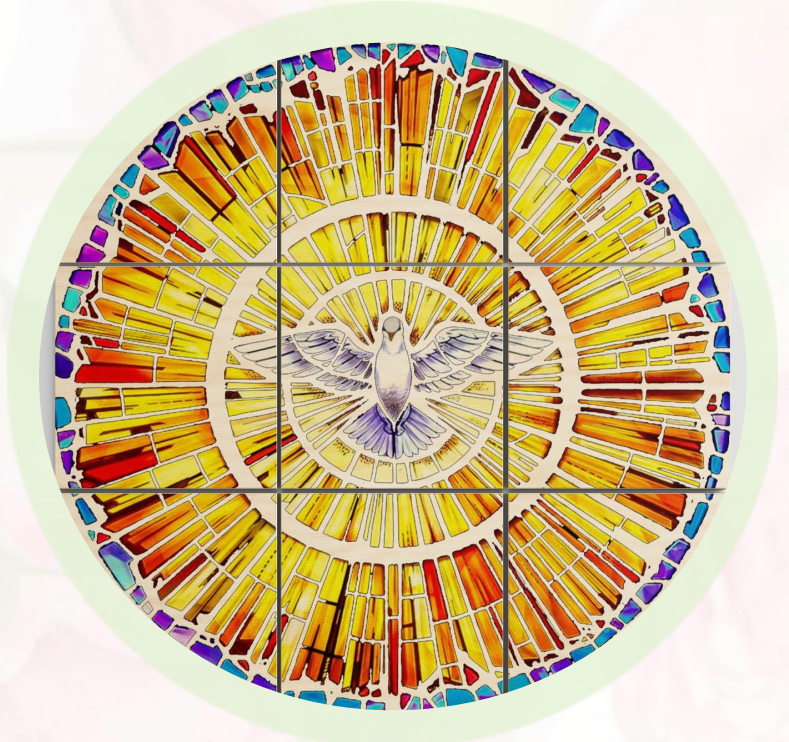
Celebrating 150 Years

WEEKLY BULLETIN MAY 28, 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

*"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the
hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire
of your love"*

JN 20:19-23



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

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 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) 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

NO 8:15 MASS DURING JUNE.
with the exception of Fridays St John School
Masses

**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

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Mass Schedule

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



SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions May 27 - June 02

May 27 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Bob Agrippino; Emilio Scapicchio; Sr. Charlotte Kane, SND; Maria Marabelle ;Deceased and Living members Of the North End Post 144 "Veterans of Foreign Wars"

May 28 - SUNDAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; As special prayer for Luka and Dominic Ivic

10:30 am - Christopher Iannella

12:00 pm - for the healing of Howard Bearse; Deceased members of the Picardo Family; Joseph and Josephine Trodella ; Jean Ann Simonelli; Joyce Salvato; Fr. Kenneth Garofalo; St. Anthony

May 29 - MONDAY - MEMORIAL DAY

8:15 am - Sharon Mullen & Bridget Williams

12:05 pm - Deceased and Living members Of the North End Post 144 "Veterans of Foreign Wars;" Nicholas Cortese, Philip D'Alessandro & Thomas Coyle

May 30 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Miriam Vincent

12:05 pm - Healing of Mark Kutch

May 31 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Charlie Falla

12:05 pm - Enrico Taglieri

June 01 - THURSDAY

NO 8:15 MASS IN JUNE (with the exception of Fridays)

12:05 pm - Margaret Gingerich

June 02 - FRIDAY

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

12:05 pm - Clyde Gingerich



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.

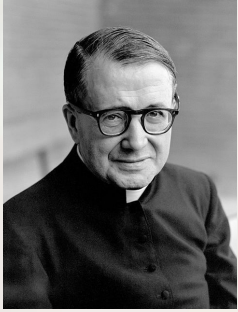
The Bread and Wine will be offered the week of May 27 - June 02 at Saint Leonard Church for Pauline Napoleon Montemorano



The St. Leonard Candle will burn the week of May 27 - June 02 at Saint Leonard Church in Memory of Ricky Anzilotti



Christ is passing by: The Great Unknown



To all these men and women, wherever they may be, in their more exalted moments or in their crises and defeats, we have to bring the solemn and unequivocal message of St Peter in the days that followed Pentecost: Jesus is the cornerstone, the redeemer, the hope of our lives. "For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Among the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I would say that there is one which we all need in a special way: the gift of wisdom. It makes us know God and rejoice in his presence, thereby placing us in a perspective from which we can judge accurately the situations and events of this life. If we were consistent with our faith when we looked around us and contemplated the world and its history, we would be unable to avoid feeling in our own hearts the same sentiments that filled the heart of our Lord: "Seeing the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were bewildered and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd."

Not that the Christian should neglect to see all that is good in humanity, appreciate its healthy joys or participate in its enthusiasm and ideals. On the contrary, a true Christian will vibrate in unison with all the good he finds in the world. And he will live in the midst of it with a special concern, since he knows, better than anyone, the depth and the richness of the human spirit.

A Christian's faith does not diminish his spirit or limit the noble impulses of his soul — rather it makes them grow with the realization of their true and authentic meaning. We do not exist in order to pursue just any happiness. We have been called to penetrate the intimacy of God's own life, to know and love God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, and to love also — in that same love of the one God in three divine Persons — the angels and all men.

This is the great boldness of the christian faith: to proclaim the value and dignity of human nature and to affirm that we have been created to achieve the dignity of children of God, through the grace that raises us up to a supernatural level. An incredible boldness it would be, were it not founded on the promise of salvation given us by God the Father, confirmed by the blood of Christ, and reaffirmed and made possible by the constant action of the Holy Spirit.

We must live by faith. We must grow in faith — up to the point when it will be possible to describe any one of us, or any Christian, in the terms used by one of the great

Doctors of the eastern Church: "In the same way as transparent bodies, upon receiving a ray of light, become resplendent and shine out, so the souls that are borne and illuminated by the Holy Spirit become themselves spiritual and carry to others the light of grace. From the Holy Spirit comes knowledge of future events, understanding of mysteries, comprehension of hidden truths, giving of gifts, heavenly citizenship, conversation with the angels. From him comes never-ending joy, perseverance in God, likeness to God, and the most sublime state that can be conceived, becoming God-like."

Together with humility, the realization of the greatness of man's dignity — and of the overwhelming fact that, by grace, we are made children of God — forms a single attitude. It is not our own forces that save us and give us life; it is the grace of God. This is a truth which can never be forgotten. If it were, the divinization of our life would be perverted and would become presumption, pride. And this would lead, sooner or later, to a breakdown of spiritual life, when the soul came face to face with its own weakness and wretchedness.

"And shall I dare to say, I am holy?" asks St Augustine. "If I mean by 'holy' that I bring holiness and that I need no one to make me holy, I would be a liar and full of pride. But if by 'holy' I understand one who is made holy, as we read in Leviticus, You will be holy, because I, God, am holy, then the whole body of Christ, down to the last man living at the ends of the earth, may dare to say, together with its head and under him, I am holy."

Love the Third Person of the most Blessed Trinity. Listen in the intimacy of your being to the divine motions of encouragement or reproach you receive from him. Walk through the earth in the light that is poured out in your soul. And the God of hope will fill us with all peace, so that this hope may grow in us more and more each day, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

By St Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer



EVENTS

June Events

- **June 2nd:** Adoration 12:30pm to 3:00pm. Ending with Benediction at 3:00pm

- **FEAST OF SAINT ANTHONY**

June 12nd: Celebration of the Transitus of Saint Anthony

June 13th: Feast of Saint Anthony

- **June 25th: Sunday, Stations of the Cross**

Social 1-2pm; Adoration 2-3pm; Stations at 3pm.
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Every First Friday Adoration is Hosted from
12:30pm to 3:00pm

FRIDAY - June 02

THIS FRIDAY!

ADORATION



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

SUNDAY - June 25th

Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, **June 25th**

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.

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.



THANK YOU, DEACON NICK!

GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU ARE ORDAINED AND IN YOUR FUTURE MINISTRY

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

When I was a student in high school, I made a summer family trip to Boston with my parents and my sister. During our visit, we enjoyed walking along the Freedom Trail, seeing the historical sites throughout the city, and eating a lot of pizza, pasta, and pastries in the North End. (I am pretty sure we ate cannoli almost every day we were here!) On the Sunday of our trip, my family and I attended mass here, at St. Leonard's Church. I remember how my family and I felt at home here during our visit. It is a funny thing because as a 15 year-old sitting here in one of the pews at St. Leonard's, visiting for one Sunday in the summer of 2005, I never imagined that I would be back here someday to serve as a deacon. Nearly eighteen years later, I am so grateful that God led me back here to serve you in this community.

As my service comes to a conclusion at St. Leonard's Church, I would like to express my deep gratitude in thanking you for all of your prayers, love, and support. It has been a privilege to serve and accompany you as your deacon during these past eight months. You continue to bring so much joy and inspiration into my life through your beautiful witness to the faith. Thank you for being an integral part of my vocation as you helped to shape and form me into the Jesuit priest whom God is calling me to become. I would also like to express my gratitude to our pastor, Fr. Michael Della Penna, OFM, for his generous "yes" in permitting me to serve here, and to Deacon Brother Charles Gingerich, OFM, for serving as a wonderful mentor throughout my ministry here as your deacon.

As I approach the end of my eleven year journey of Jesuit formation, I look forward to my ordination to the priesthood along with five of my Jesuit classmates, which will take place on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 10am Central Time (11am Eastern Time) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. You are most welcome to tune into the celebration by way of the livestream link which will be available: <https://www.jesuitsmidwest.org/ordination23/>. Following ordination, I am thrilled to return to Boston to share the gift of the priesthood with you by celebrating the weekend masses at St. Leonard's Church on Saturday, June 17 at 5pm and Sunday, June 18 at 9am and 12pm.

Be assured of my continued thoughts and prayers for you. I will miss you so much! Following my ordination to the priesthood, the Jesuits have missioned me to serve as the Mission Officer at Creighton Preparatory School in Omaha, Nebraska. It is one of our Jesuit-sponsored, all-boys Catholic high schools with around 1,000 students. There, I will be working in administration while training faculty, staff, and board members in the Jesuit tradition. While working, I will also pursue graduate studies in educational leadership at Creighton University. As I move onto this next adventure, know that I will continue to carry the memories and experiences from St. Leonard's Church close to my heart. I hope to return to St. Leonard's to visit from time to time!

God bless,

Deacon Nick Albin, SJ

Link to ordination livestream, available June 10: <https://www.jesuitsmidwest.org/ordination23/>



Thank you, Deacon Nick, for sharing your time and faith with us, we are so glad you were a part of our Parish, particularly during our 150th anniversary year. We congratulate you as you are ordained a priest on Saturday, June 10th and look forward to welcoming you as Father Nick the next weekend in our Parish. Please join us in congratulating Father Nick on Sunday, June 18th after the 9am and Noon Masses.



SPECIAL COMMEMORATION IN JUNE

Confirmations

One of the many special ways we are celebrating our 150th anniversary is to provide opportunities to commemorate liturgical and sacramental milestones in our community. We are therefore designating several different Masses to focus on celebrating those who received Communion, Baptism, etc. in St. Leonard's and the surrounding churches: Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, or St. Stephen's.

In June, we would like to honor all those who were confirmed in St. Leonard's Parish. Please join us to commemorate receiving this special sacrament in our Church with a special blessing on Sunday, June 25th at the Noon Mass.



Mary's Crowning

On Sunday, May 14th, as part of the 150th celebration, we commemorated all the May crownings that have taken place in our Parish. Father offered a special blessing to anyone present who had participated in a May crowning throughout the history of our Church. After Mass, while singing hymns, there was a procession to the statue of Mary in the Peace Garden. Geraldine DiBenedetto, a Consecrated Virgin in the Archdiocese of Boston and former history teacher at Julie Billiart Central High School, crowned the Blessed Mother. Joyfully, Miss DiBenedetto, whose vocation and apostolate is dedicated to Mary, said: "I crowned Mary when I was 13 years old in the 8th grade at St. Anthony's School, and now fifty-six years later I am crowning her again. She is the joy of my heart. To paraphrase what Father Patrick Peyton said, "Mary, she is everything to me." What a special moment for everyone present.

August 1967



May 2023



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

Special thank you to Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group for hosting the May 21st Social, Adoration and Stations of the Cross. There was delicious food and raffle prizes graciously provided by Antico Forno and Terramia Ristorante. The Stations, as seen through Mary's eyes, were offered along with a cantor processing from Station to Station.

What a beautiful and memorable afternoon.

Please join us for the next Social, Adoration and Stations on Sunday, June 25th beginning at 1pm, and hosted by St. Anthony's Society.

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.



FINANCIAL & GIVING

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Week 1: \$ 2,843

Week 2: \$ 4,769

Week 3: \$ 3,307

May Monthly Budget: \$ 12,151

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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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On May 24th, I had the honor of greeting Pope Francis in Saint Peter's Square. It was truly the experience of a lifetime! After a few words, Pope Francis bestowed his blessing and I asked him to "trade" a White Zucchetto - meaning I brought him a new one and he gave me his. A beautiful moment and a treasured memory!

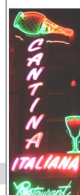
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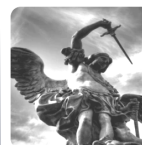
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Breathe in me O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be
holy. Act in me O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be
holy. Draw my heart O Holy
Spirit, that I love but what is
holy. Strengthen me O Holy
Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy.
Amen.