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WEEKLY BULLETIN JULY 09, 2023

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*“The LORD lifts up all who
are falling
and raises up all who are
bowed down.”*

PSALM 145



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	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

**There will be 8:15 Mass during
the month of July.**

**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

St Stephen Rector: Rev. David Costello

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Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

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



SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions July 08 - July 14

July 08 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Emilio Scapicchio; Rita Gannon; In Thanksgiving to St. Pio; Leonard Lamkin; Connie & Guy Russo; Vera & Dominic Parente; Anna & Ettore Raduazzo; Joie & Buzz Filkins; Guy Michael Russo; Robert Spagnuolo Sr.; Andrea Spagnuolo; Ariana Spagnuolo

July 09 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; Dolores Merola

10:30 am - Luigi Torra; Madonna Delle Grazie "given by Lina Ciccone Presidente e Societa della Madonna Delle Grazie"; Angelo Martignetti; Benita and Carmelo Pintone; Prayers of healing for Michael Anderson

12:00 pm - Ann Speciale Colvario; Marie Polcari; Josephine and Louise Trodella; In Thanksgiving for St. Anthony; Marilyn Almeida

July 10 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Deceased of the Greek people

12:05 pm - Carol Solimine

July 11 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Deceased of the Armenian Genocide

12:05 pm - 3rd year Joan Unni Santoro

July 12 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - Victims/Deceased of Jewish people

12:05 pm - Clyde Gingerich

July 13 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - Ellen Adams

12:05 pm - Mark Kutch

July 14 - FRIDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Charlie Falla

12:05 pm - Joseph Angiulo & Anthony Troisi Jr.



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 Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of July 08 - July 14 at Saint Leonard Church for Luigi Torra



THE SECRET OF MEEK: LOVING WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH

Jesus states “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:30-31).

What does it mean to love God with all your strength? The answer can be found in the heart of Jesus.

Jesus describes himself in the Gospel this week as being “meek and humble of heart” Unfortunately this loses much in translation, as the modern usage of meek commonly has a negative connotation. Without understanding the original meaning found in its etymological root, we mistakenly associate it with weakness and use it to describe someone who is timid, shy or even cowardly.

While the origin of “meek” in English comes from the Old Norse mjukr, meaning “gentle,” a more robust and Biblically accurate understanding can be derived from the Greek, praus, which is translated as “strength under control.” In the Ancient Greek world, praus was a military term that described how the best war horses were systematically trained to be meek — strong and powerful yet willing to submit that strength under the control of their rider.



As writer Sam Wheatley explains, “Wild stallions were brought down from the mountains and [trained.]” Depending on their temperament, some were used for tasks like pulling carts and others were used for racing. The finest stallions, however, would be trained for war. Which ones? Only those horses who “retained their fierce spirit, courage, and power, but were disciplined enough to respond to the slightest nudge or pressure of the rider’s leg,” Whatley writes: “They could gallop into battle ... and come to a sliding stop at a word. They were not frightened by arrows, spears, or torches. Then they were said to be meeked.”

In this way, to be meek means to have great strength that is under control, more accurately, under the control of another. In the case of the war horse this takes trust in their riders.

Let us return to Jesus’ command to love in light of His having revealed that His heart is meek. For Jesus then who is omnipotent, this means that every last bit of His all powerful strength has been meeked and is under the full control of God His Father.

When we are called to love God with all our strength, it means we too are called to love God meekly by putting all our force and power of living under His control.

This reflects the virtue found in Aristotle’s thought, who wrote that to be praus is to be a person of virtue. Like all virtues, praus represents the mean between two extremes. If recklessness for example were on one end and cowardice on the other, praus would be characterized as steady courage.

In loving God and others meekly with all our strength, we learn to become persons who place their strength at the disposal and service of God. For a disciple, the virtue of meekness means being submissive to God’s commandments and obeying him.

St. Paul teaches that the only one who wins the prize are those who exercise self control in all things. (Cor 9:24-27)

Jesus himself humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, death on a cross.

Phil 2:5-8

While meek people are under control, they do not shy away from taking a stand but rather, the stand is taken at the right time, with the right people, in the right way. He or she submits or constrains their strength and harnesses their power and thus use it appropriately.

“What I need is the meekness by which the prince of the world is destroyed” St Ignatius of Antioch

Kevin Vost helps us understand the humble and meek heart of our God when he says, “We will find that humility, though lowly and meek, is anything but weak—a veritable spiritual Atlas that not only holds up the earth on its back, but which helps us grasp hold of God’s ‘strong hand and...outstretched arm’ (Psalm 136:12) that makes any burden light.”

Meekness trains us to remember our strength is a gift from God because our strength is, in fact, God. It teaches us how to allow God to use our strength for his good, and so can help us overcome the aggressiveness that sometimes accompanies anger.

“He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty and he who rules his spirit than he who capture a city.”

Proverbs 25:28

Meditate on these Scriptural thoughts:

1. Your will be done
2. Be it done unto me according to your word
3. Submit to God-letter of James
4. Eph 4:25-32



EVENTS

July Events

- **July 15-16th Coffee and Conversation** after all Masses
- **July 23rd: Sunday, Stations of the Cross**
Social 1-2pm; Adoration 2-3pm; Stations at 3pm.
- **August 9th**
Meet St. Clare flier attached for three-day retreat in August

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

SATURDAY & SUNDAY - July 15th & 16th

Coffee and Conversation

Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 16
After all the Masses in the Church Hall



Please Join us to learn about the Third Order of Franciscans.

Created by Saint Francis, the Third Order, a lay fraternity that, without withdrawing from the world or taking religious vows, would carry out the principles of Franciscan life: teaching, charity, and social service.

Through the three C's: Conversion, Community and Co-creation, members strive to emulate Saint Francis and help others become closer to God.

For more information contact
celebrating150years@seleonard.org

SUNDAY - July 23rd

Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, July 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.

FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY - August 2nd

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT-
MAURICE PARISH

FEAST OF "IL PERDONO"

("THE PARDON")

August 2, 2023

11:00AM - Confession

6:00PM - Penance Service and Rosary

7:00PM - Mass

THERE IS A SPECIAL PLENARY INDULGENCE (A REMISSION BEFORE GOD OF THE TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT DUE TO SINS) OFFERED ONLY ONCE A YEAR TO ALL THE FAITHFUL WHO VISIT A FRANCISCAN CHURCH OR PARISH CHURCH AND FOLLOW THE CONDITIONS.

TO RECEIVE THIS PRIVILEGE (FOR YOURSELF OR FOR SOMEONE ELSE - LIVING OR DECEASED), IN ADDITION TO THE VISIT, ONE MUST:

- 1) GO TO CONFESSION TO BE IN GOD'S GRACE (DURING EIGHT DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER),
- 2) PARTICIPATE IN THE HOLY MASS AND RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST.
- 3) RECITE THE APOSTLES CREED, OUR FATHER AND A PRAYER FOR THE POPE'S INTENTION.

FRIDAY - August 4th

ADORATION



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

WEDNESDAY - August 9th

Meet Saint Clare

Three Days of Reflection on Saint Clare of Assisi



7pm each night in the Church
Presented by: Andre Cirino OFM

Wednesday, August 9

Presentation of the Life of Saint Clare and
Prayer in Honor of St. Clare as a Healer

Thursday, August 10

Transitus of Saint Clare

Friday, August 11

Mass for the Feast Day of Saint Clare



SATURDAY - September 16th

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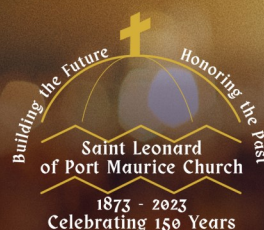
TALENT SHOWCASE

Show us your God given Talents!!

Save the Date:

Saturday, September 16, 7-9pm Church Hall

Can you sing, dance, play an
instrument, act, do stand up comedy?
We would love to have you join us for
this special night.



Register now: sweetnomar5@aol.com or call the Parish Office





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 July we are focused on the Seventh Station:

Jesus Falls a Second Time.

Our next 150th meeting is on Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30pm in the Hall.

The Dinner Dance Committee is seeking photos from Church or School events and/or the North End prior to the 1980's. Please send photos to celebrating150years@sleonard.org

150th Building the Future Fund

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

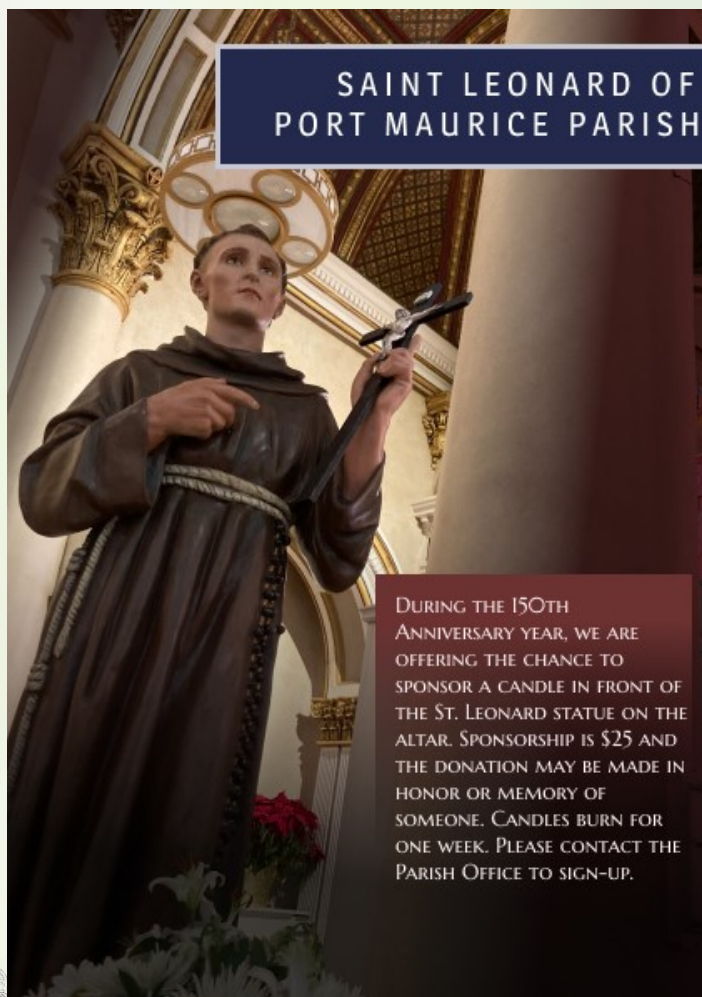
We still need to raise \$100,000 to repair the facade of Sacred Heart, and \$100,000 to fix the Roof at the Rectory. Please consider donating to our Angelic Choir:

- \$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!

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH



DURING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR, WE ARE OFFERING THE CHANCE TO SPONSOR A 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.



SACRED HEART CHURCH



Work has begun on reinforcing the façade of Sacred Heart Church. Funds are still needed for the “Building the Future Fund” to pay for repairs to the roof of the Rectory and the façade of Sacred Heart Church.

Donations can be made here:



Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity!





Hello! My name is Molly Broekman and I am an artist and designer from Detroit, Michigan. I am staying at St. Joseph's Home for Artisans this summer, and am working on a project in which I will create vestments for use by the priests at St. Leonard's. I really enjoy working with secondhand materials, and would like to collect materials from within the community to use as the basis of the vestment materials. If you have any of the following items that you would like to contribute, I would greatly appreciate the donation.

Textiles (*table/bed linens, curtains, etc.*)

Beads

Trims and Ribbons

Fabric



There will be a bin located in the church for material drop off!
If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

+1 (313) 919-6876 (call or text)
mollyebroekman@gmail.com

Thank you so much!



FINANCIAL & GIVING

ST LEONARD PARISH JULY OFFERTORY

Week 1: \$ 2,972

July Monthly Budget: \$ 6,215

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PUTS

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As Of May 30th. We have raised \$9,920 toward our Parish goal of \$51.454. We thank the 31 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!

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.



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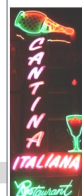
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Prayer

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Tuesday, Jul 11, 2023