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WEEKLY BULLETIN JULY 16, 2023

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*“The seed that falls on good
ground will yield a fruitful
harvest”*

LK 8:8



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	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

Guest Priest: Rev. Alexander O'Kere

Rev. Robert Caprio, OFM

Rev. Francis Walter, OFM

St Stephen Rector: Rev. David Costello

Parish Office

Mon - Thu 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday Closed

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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 July 15 - July 21

July 15 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Emilio Scapicchio; Louis Pallotta; Javier Perez; Marian Shaugnessy; Thomas Eastman; Philip DeAngelo; Andrea Vorvis-Weeks; For the health of William Turbert; For the health of Jose Rodrigues

July 16 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; rits Horbag; Maria Callas; Charles Yared; For the health of William Turbert, Sr.; Careta Mottola

10:30 am - All the holy souls in purgatory; Antonio and Anna Guarino; San Rocco Society in memory of Gerald Favorito; Gerardo Antonio Fabrizio

12:00 pm - Mary and Dante Fiore; Healing for Loretta Muse

July 17 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Miriam Vincent

12:05 pm - Roco Pezzano

July 18 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Mark Kutch

12:05 pm - Antonio Guarino

July 19 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Charlie Falla

12:05 pm - Margaret Gingerich

July 20 - THURSDAY

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

12:05 pm - Mike Angiulo

July 21 - FRIDAY

8:15 am - Ellen Adams

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 Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of July 15 - July 21 at Saint Leonard Church for Salvatore Curiale



THE SECRET OF MEEK: LOVING WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time for Year A takes us into the third great discourse in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus speaks a parable to his disciples that can serve as a paradigm for all Christians on how to persevere in evangelizing and witnessing to the Gospel. The Greek word for parable is *parabolē*, and translates the Hebrew word *mashal*, which literally means a riddle or a proverb. The idea in a Jewish context then, isn't just about telling moral stories but rather to invite us to ponder and figure out what this puzzle means for us personally in our every day lives. The parables almost always contain an unexpected twist which can serve decipher the hidden, inner meaning. The first twist in this parable of the sower comes when we hear that in sowing the seed, the seeds fall in different areas i.e. some seeds fell along the path, the thorns, rocky ground etc. This reveals that the sower was careless in sowing the seed and not



mindful of where he was sowing. A first century Jewish farmer hearing this parable would have asked “who is this careless sower and what does this have to do with coming of the kingdom of God?”

The answer becomes more obvious when we see the parable was meant to represent how we sow the seed and how others receive it. The onus is not on the seed, which represents the Word of God but rather on the recipients heart, and their different response. Jesus says there are four kinds of soil, or four kinds of responses to the word of the Kingdom. All of us hear the Word of God, but each one responds differently, resulting in vastly different outcomes. The reason however that I believe Jesus told the

parable was to avoid the inevitable disappointment that the disciples would face. It is simply not our responsibility on worrying about where the seed falls, or how someone responds; We can't control that. Our job is to spread His Word of love indiscriminately and carelessly to everyone, always. In this way, we are free from the temptation to measure our success by how much grows, or how others receive the Word, but rather focus our attention on spreading His love everywhere. This parable reminds me of the prodigal son. The Word prodigal as we know means wasteful and extravagant. After reading the parable and hearing the details about how the father runs to the son, gives him a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet and a new robe and even kills the fatted calf, we can see that it more accurately describes the extravagant and wasteful love of the father for his son and thus our Father for us.

EVENTS

July Events

- **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

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.

WEDNESDAY - August 2nd

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT-
MAURICE PARISH

FEAST OF "IL PERDONO"

("THE PARDON")

AUGUST 2, 2023

11:00 AM - CONFESIONS

6:00 PM - 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.



FUTURE EVENTS

FRIDAY - August 4th

ADORATION



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

SATURDAY - September 16th

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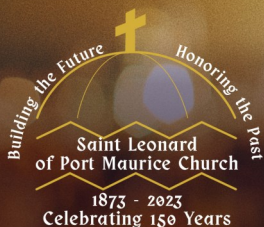
TALENT SHOWCASE

Show us your God given Talents!!

Save the Date:

Saturday, September 16, 7-9pm Church Hall

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

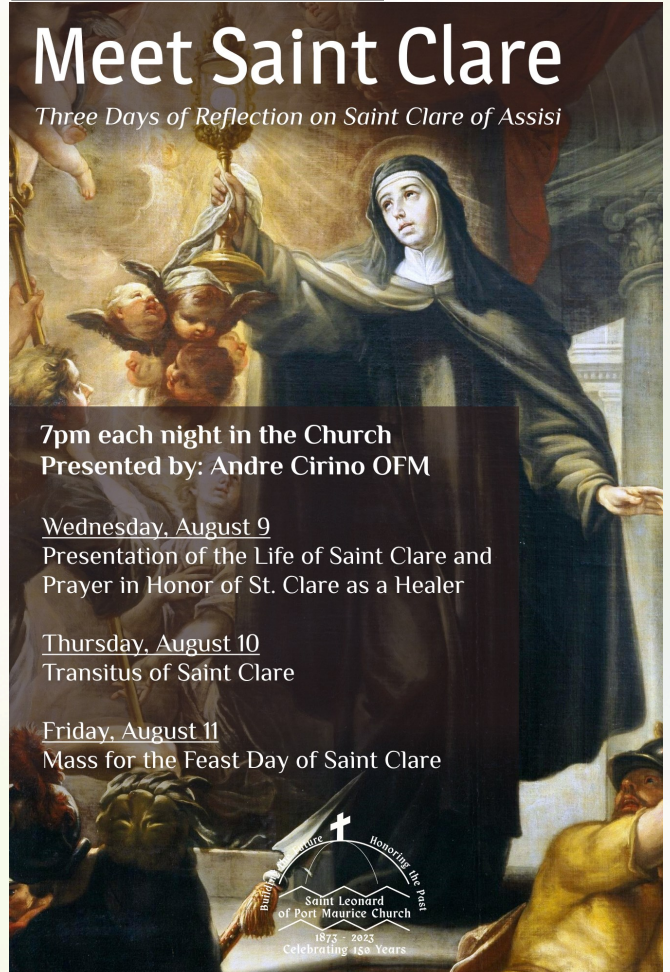


Register now: sweetnomar5@aol.com or call the Parish Office

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

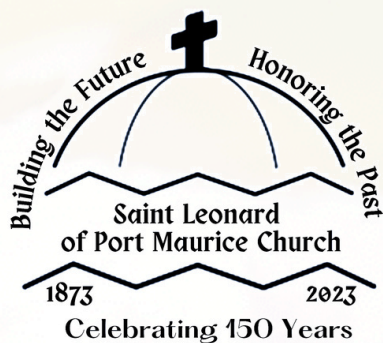
Presentation of the Life of Saint Clare and
Prayer in Honor of St. Clare as a Healer

Thursday, August 10

Transitus of Saint Clare

Friday, August 11

Mass for the Feast Day of Saint Clare



150TH ANNIVERSARY

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
Rectorry. 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.

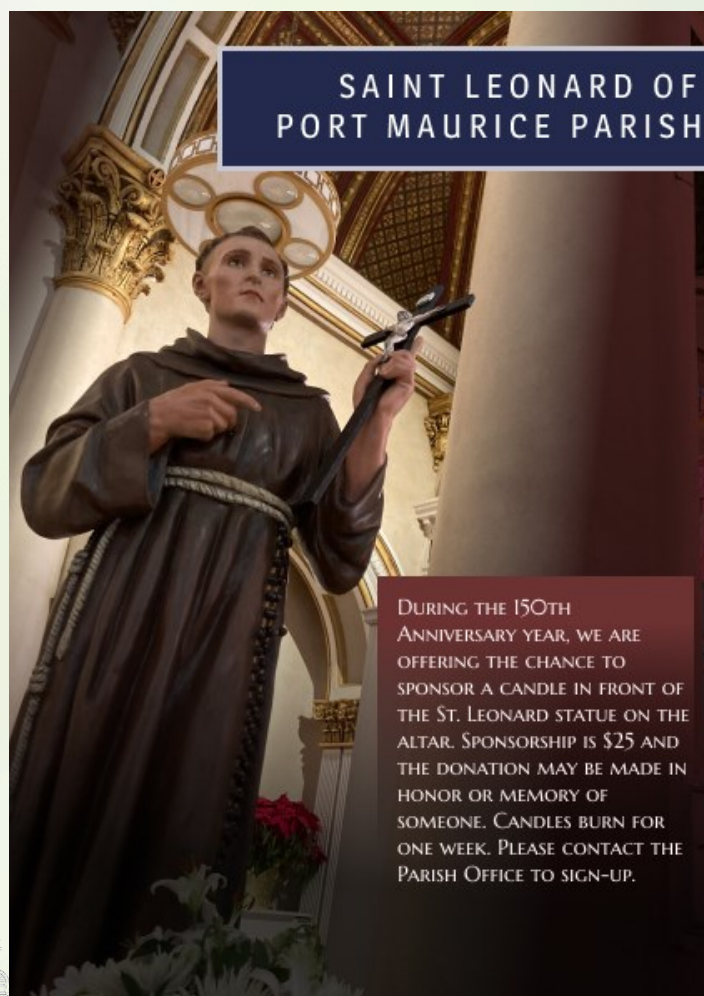
Thank you so much!

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.



SAINT LEONARD OF
PORT MAURICE PARISH

DURING THE 150TH
ANNIVERSARY YEAR, WE ARE
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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.

Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity!

Donations can be made here





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

Week 2: \$ 2,300

July Monthly Budget: \$ 6,215

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PUTS

Faith into Action

It all starts with **YOU**

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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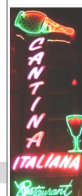
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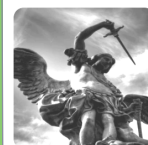


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Prayer

Saint Mary Magdalene,
woman of many sins, who by conversion
became the beloved of Jesus,
thank you for your witness
that Jesus forgives
through the miracle of love.
You, who already possess eternal happiness
in His glorious presence,
please intercede for me, so that some day
I may share in the same everlasting joy.
Amen.

July 22, 2023