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WEEKLY BULLETIN AUGUST 13, 2023

NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*“Lord, let us see your
kindness, and grant us your
salvation.”*

PSALM 85



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

**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

Saint John School

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Mon - Fri 8AM - 3PM

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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

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)

SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH

401 Hanover St, Boston, MA 02109

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Mass Schedule

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



SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions August 12 - August 18

August 12 - SATURDAY

10:30 am - St. Padre Pio

5:00 pm - Emilio Scapicchio; Robert Capodilupo; Grace Caiani; Saverio & Rubina De Censo; Rocco Bruno; Angela Gaudino

August 13 - SUNDAY

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

10:30 am - St. Padre Pio; Per la guarigione di Rico Ferullo dalla mamma

12:00 pm - Fr. Ernest D'Onofrio; Mary and Dante Fiore; Marie Locicero; Mary Reuland

August 14 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Ellen Adams

12:05 pm - Mark Kutch

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Rocco Bruno

12:05 pm - Bob Agrippino

August 16 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - David Halpin

12:05 pm - Margaret Gingerich

August 17 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - Antonio Guarino

12:05 pm - Healing of Miriam Vincent

August 18 - FRIDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Charlie Falla

12:05 pm - For all the students at St. John's School

The Bread and Wine will be offered the week of August 12 - August 18 at Saint Leonard Church for Carmine & Assunta Guarino



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.



Masses for The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Tuesday 15 at 8:15am, 12:05pm and 7:00pm

Jose Maria Escriva on the Assumption of the Virgin Mary

"Mary has been taken up to heaven by God in body and soul, and the angels rejoice." Joy overtakes both angels and men. Why is it that we feel today this intimate delight, with our heart brimming over, with our soul full of peace? Because we are celebrating the glorification of our mother, and it is only natural that we her children rejoice in a special way upon seeing how the most Blessed Trinity honors her.



It was on Calvary that Christ, her most blessed Son and our brother, gave her to us as our mother, when he said to St John: "Behold your mother." And we received her, along with the beloved disciple, in that moment of supreme grief. The blessed Virgin embraced us in her suffering, as the ancient prophecy was fulfilled: "And a sword shall pierce your own soul." We are all her children, she is the Mother of all mankind. And now, the whole human race commemorates her ineffable assumption. Mary is welcomed to heaven: the Daughter of God the Father, Mother of God the Son, Spouse of God the Holy Spirit. Greater than she no one but God.

We face here a mystery of love. Human reason barely begins to comprehend. Only faith can shed some light on how a creature can be raised to such great heights, becoming a loving target for the delights of the Trinity. We know this is a divine secret. Yet because our Mother is involved, we feel we can understand it more — if we are entitled to speak this way — than other truths of our faith.

How would we have acted, if we could have chosen our own mother? I'm sure we would have chosen the one we have, adorning her with every possible grace. That is what Christ did. Being all-powerful, all-wise, Love itself, his power carried out his will.

See how Christians discovered long ago this train of thought. St John Damascene writes: "It was fitting that she who in childbirth preserved intact her virginity should preserve without corruption her body after the conclusion of her earthly life. It was fitting that she who bore in her womb the creator become a babe should dwell in the divine mansion. It was fitting that the spouse of God be taken to the heavenly home. It was fitting that she who witnessed her Son on the cross, suffering in her heart then the pain she was spared in childbirth, should contemplate him seated at the right hand of the Father. It was fitting that the Mother of God come to possess what belongs to her Son and that she be honored as Mother and Servant of God by all creatures."

Theologians have frequently come up with similar reasons to explain in some way the meaning of the abundant graces showered upon Mary and culminating in her assumption to heaven. They put it this way: "It was fitting; God could do so; therefore he did." This is the clearest reason why our Lord granted his Mother, from the very moment of her immaculate conception, all possible privileges. She was free from the power of Satan. She is beautiful, spotless and pure in soul and body.



EVENTS

August Events

- **August 15th:** Coffee and Conversations
After the 7:00pm Mass
- **August 23rd:** Visit to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy
- **August 27th : Stations of the Cross**
Social 12pm; Adoration 1-2pm; Stations at 2pm.

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

TUESDAY - August 15th

Coffee and Conversation

Assumption of the Blessed Mother

Tuesday, August 15th After the 7p.m. Mass



Please Join us to learn more about the Assumption of the Blessed Mother.

St. Francis of Assisi and the Franciscans who followed him were champions of the Marian dogmas including the Assumption.

Pope Pius the XII defined Mary's Assumption into heaven as a Dogma of the Catholic Church in 1950.

For more information contact celebrating150years@sleonard.org

THIS TUESDAY!

SUNDAY - August 27th

Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, August 27th at St. Stephen's Church following their 11am Mass.

12:00pm: Social

1:00pm: Adoration

2:00pm: Stations of the Cross

We hope to see you then!

Hosted By: Society of St. James at St. Stephen's Church & St. Joseph's Artisans Home



***Please note the change of location and time for this particular Sunday**



FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY - August 23rd

Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Parish

Please join us to Visit

National Shrine Of The Divine Mercy Stockbridge, MA

Wednesday, August 23

7:30am Bus Leaves from front of Church

10-11am Arrival + Free Time

11am Stations of the Cross (St. Leonard Version)

Noon Lunch (Please bring your own Lunch + Beverage)

1pm Adoration, Confession and Rosary

2pm Mass

3pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Benediction

3:30-4:30pm Divine Mercy + Benediction

4:30pm Bus Leaves & Arrives in North End around 7pm,

Transportation included. This event is rain or shine & schedule is subject to change.

First come, first serve to fill the bus. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 16 to the Parish office at 617-523-2110 or by e-mailing: celebrating150years@sleonard.org.

SATURDAY - September 16th

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

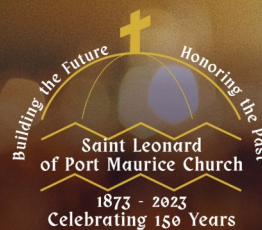
TALENT SHOWCASE

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: celebrating150years@sleonard.org or call the Parish Office

WEDNESDAY - October 4th

Meet Saint Francis

Wednesday, October 4th at 7:30pm



St. Leonard's Church

320 Hanover St, Boston,

Please join Rev. **Dr. Matthew Cadwell**, Vicar-in-Charge, Old North Church and Fr. **Michael Della Penna, OFM**, Pastor of St. Leonard's Church as they discuss our shared Saint.



FRIDAY - September 1st

ADORATION



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





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 Eighth Station:

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem .

Our next 150th meeting is Tuesday, September 5th 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!

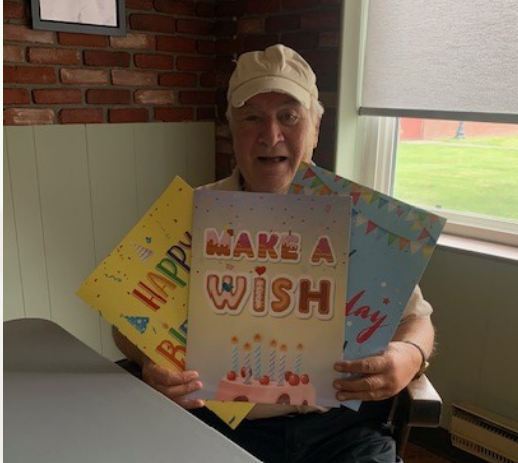
SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

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.



FATHER CLAUDE'S BIRTHDAY

Thank you to all of you who signed Father Claude's birthday cards. He was so happy to receive them. When his family came to celebrate with him, they were also very appreciative.



I can tell you that Father Claude kept commenting, "this is so nice and so unexpected that people remembered my Birthday." He read each card and all the names. Some other comments were "I wish I could see the last names, there are so many names!" "Why did you do this for me?" I answered "because we love you!"



I told him how many of you told me "Father Claude Stories". He was humbled. I remembered only a couple out of many, and I would love for anyone with "Father Claude Stories" to share them with me. The idea is to make a compilation of these stories and read them to him the next time I visit. Those of you with stories could zoom, meet after church, set up convenient time or you could email a story. It does not have to be long, just a remembrance will be wonderful. I know these will make him so happy. My email is: airola1893@aol.com. Thank you so much.

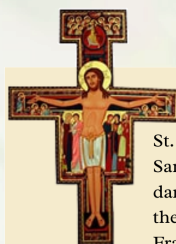
Peggy Fucillo.



Deacon Charles 41 years of Diaconate.



On August 10th Deacon Charles Gingerich OFM is celebrating 41 years of Diaconate.



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.

**God needs priests. Is He calling you?
If you are 30-60, you may be surprised.**

First Friday Visits, 5:00 PM

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August Monthly Budget: \$ 6,239

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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.

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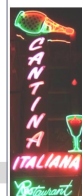
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ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Prayer

As we rejoice in the Assumption of
Mary, give to us a renewed
confidence in the victory of life over
death.

O merciful and loving Mother, may
your glorious beauty fill our hearts
with a distaste for earthly things and
an ardent longing for the joys of
Heaven.

Amen.

August 15, 2023