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WEEKLY BULLETIN AUGUST 20, 2023

TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

*“Jesus proclaimed the
Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every disease
among the people.”*

MT 4:23



SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

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.

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**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

Tel: 617-227-3143

Mon - Fri 8AM - 3PM

<https://sjsne.com/>

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	8:15 AM Mass
	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
First Fridays	12:30-3:00 PM Adoration
	3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

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 August 19 - August 25

August 19 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Emilio Scapicchio; Tom Zazzaro; Madonna della Assunta and Santo Rocco

August 20 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; Cindy Colafella and Guido Colafella; Madonna del Soccorso Society

10:30 am - Tutti I difunti di famiglie Federico e Bonanno; San Rocco di Anzano Mass; Maria DeStefano dalla mamma Antonietta

12:00 pm - Healing prayers for Gabriella DosRamos; Robert Cappucci; Richard Muse; Alice Fucci; Adelina & Adolph Cillo; Marie DiMauro; Josephine Buscemi; Jerry Bonelli; Healing prayers for Loretta Muse; Roger Mustone; Robert Giovanditto; Jim Cushman; Salvatore Lauretano; Frank Viscione; Frances S Kopcak; Dino DeRamio

August 21 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Maureen Rafferty

12:05 pm - Mark Kutch

August 22 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Eadaoin Snee

12:05 pm - Margaret Gingerich

August 23 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - David Halpin

12:05 pm - Mary R. Whitten

August 24 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Charlie Falla

12:05 pm - Rico Barrasso

August 25 - FRIDAY

8:15 am - For all the students at St. John's School

12:05 pm - Rico Barrasso



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of August 19 - August 25 at Saint Leonard Church for Michelle Tirella.



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.



Obediently Crowned

By Phillip Baker

“Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it” (Lk 11:28).

God graced Mary with a number of unique and extraordinary graces. However, neither the Immaculate Conception, nor the Assumption, nor any other particular grace God bestowed upon her crowns and honors Mary so much as her humble obedience to the will of God. Mary’s unique participation in the glory of her Son is given to her through the merits of Christ, so Mary’s glory is, as with all God’s saints, a sharing in Christ’s glory. Mary’s “fiat” mirrors the obedience of her Son, Who “humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him...” (Phil 2:8-9) In His life and by His death, Christ showed the way for all His disciples to be raised to glory through obedience to the Father’s Will – as He said “I have given them the glory You gave Me” (Jn 17:22).

“The Coronation of the Virgin” -Fra Angelico, c. 1434-35

Mary was obedient to God’s will throughout her life, and in this way she preeminently shares in her Son’s glory. As our Lord says, “blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it,” and none kept it better than Mary who said “be it done unto me according to thy word” (Lk 11:28; 1:38). By her constant and ready obedience to the will of God, Mary, already preserved free from the stain of original sin, also never committed or consented to even the smallest sin throughout her entire life (cf. CCC 411).

For we who are “mourning and weeping in this valley of tears,” Mary is both hope and exemplar. Would we keep from sin and hold on to the hope of Heaven? Then let us follow Mary’s example and pray that we might receive from God the grace to be as obedient to His will as she was. For the life of Mary testifies to the truth that “sacrifice and offering you do not want ... so I said, ‘see; I come... I delight to do your will, my God’” (Ps 40:7-9).



Indeed, God wants nothing from us but ready obedience to His will. God made us to be happy, not necessarily in this life, but in eternity with Him. Our sure way home, then, is to do His will. Mary’s obedience is her crowning glory and her lowliness is her crown, for “the humble of spirit acquire honor,” and “the one who humbles himself will be exalted” (Prov 29:23; Lk 14:11). Who of all God’s saints has been exalted more than Mary, who we venerate because God has made her so venerable as Queen of Heaven and Earth? Indeed, “He has looked upon His handmaid’s lowliness,” so Mary, who always heard the word of God and kept it, proclaims forever: “...behold, from now on will all ages call blessed” (Lk 1:48).

EVENTS

August Events

- **August 23rd:** Visit to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy Stockbridge, MA
- **August 26th:** VIVA! Concert at 11 Tileston Street
 - **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**

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



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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 Provided

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 21st to the Parish office at 617-523-2110 or by e-mailing: celebrating150years@seleonard.org.

FRIDAY - September 1st

ADORATION



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

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.





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.



The Lady Clare

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

A very special retreat entitled “Meet Saint Clare of Assisi—Three Days of Reflection,” was held at Saint Leonard Church the evenings of August 9, 10, and 11. The event was conducted by Father André Cirino, OFM.



The first night focused on the life of Saint Clare who was born in 1193/4. When she was in her late teens, the inspired words of Francis kindled a flame in the heart of Clare; she sought him out secretly and begged him to help her that she too might live “after the manner of the holy Gospel.” St. Francis, who at once recognized in Clare one of those chosen souls destined by God for great things, promised to assist her. In 1211/12, Clare, accompanied by another woman, went to the humble chapel of the Portiuncula where she received the penitential habit.

St. Francis, in order to secure Clare the greater solitude she desired, brought her to the monastery of the Benedictine nuns in Bastia. Some sixteen days later, Clare was joined by her younger sister Agnes. Soon after, several other ladies joined them. The foundation of the Poor Clares, or the Second Order of Saint Francis, was thus laid.

The second night of the retreat focused on the Transitus or passing of Saint Clare from this life. Testimony of her life and miraculous deeds was given by four readers taking the roles of individuals whose life she touched. Saint Clare passed away on August 11, 1253.



Night three of the retreat consisted of Mass and a healing service conducted by Father Michael and Father André held on Saint Clare’s Feast Day, August 11. A relic of Saint Clare was available for veneration.



Father Andre’ Cirino is an itinerant preacher whose experience includes parish work, Franciscan formation and high school education. He is an author and co-author of many books on the life of Saint Francis and Franciscan tradition.

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SAINT JOHN SCHOOL?

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September 13, 2023 at 10 AM
September 27, 2023 at 10 AM
October 11, 2023 at 10 AM



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First Friday Visits, 5:00 PM

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October 6, 2023

November 3, 2023

December 1, 2023

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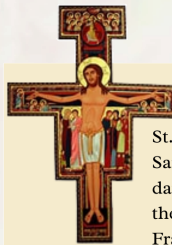
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Travelling San Damiano Cross

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 AUGUST OFFERTORY

Week 1: \$ 3,174

Week 2: \$ 2,516

August Monthly Budget: \$ 6,239

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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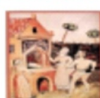
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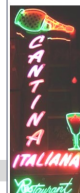
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loving Mother, attracted by your
beauty, sweetness, and tender
compassion, I confidently turn to
you, and beg of you to obtain for me
of your dear Son the favor I request
Amen.

August 22, 2023