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WEEKLY BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 03, 2023

TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

*"My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God."*

PSALM 63

**FOR WHOEVER
DESIRES TO SAVE
HIS LIFE WILL
LOSE IT, BUT
WHOEVER LOSES
HIS LIFE FOR
MY SAKE
WILL FIND IT.**

**MATTHEW
16:25**



SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

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 the 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	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

**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

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

Parcel 7 (Haymarket) Garage Parking

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* For the discount, parking ticket must be validated by a North End store, church, attraction, restaurant, business or organization.



SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions September 02 - September 08

September 02 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Emilio Scapicchio; Diane Colvario VanMeter; Carmela & Francesco Bruno; Angie & Nicholas DiBisceglia & Grandson John

September 03 - SUNDAY

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

10:30 am - Rosetta Miele; St. Gerardo; Rosetta Miele; Marina Cristina Arantes

12:00 pm - Deceased members of the Picardo Family; Deceased members of the Molinari, Sozio, and Rizzo Families; Rita Ciolkosz

September 04 - MONDAY: LABOR DAY

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

September 05 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Charlie Falla

12:05 pm - Carmela & Francesco Bruno

September 06 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - David Halpin

12:05 pm - Mark Della Penna

September 07 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - For the homeless people around the world

12:05 pm - Souls of Purgatory

September 08 - FRIDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Miriam Vincent

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



All intentions and holy cards found near the Saints will be offered up once a month at the Sunday Mass.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of September 03 - September 09 at Saint Leonard Church for Saverio Piso

The St. Leonard Candle will burn the week of September 03 - September 09 at Saint Leonard Church in Memory of the Blessed Marriage of Paul and Victoria Rogers on September 9 2023



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.



On Monday September 04 there will not be a 12:05pm Mass & Rosary due to Labor Day.



Pastor Message

Take up your Cross

As we enter into September and move towards the new season of fall which brings about the end of summer and a change of weather, the liturgy begins to speak of the mystery of suffering and death. This seems all the more appropriate as we will soon see the leaves begin to die on the trees. It is fascinating that at the end of the life cycle of the leaf, it is the most colorful and therefore the most beautiful.

This always speaks to me of the Paschal mystery, and the invitation to deny ourselves and die to ourselves with the promise of new life after death. Today in the gospel, Jesus tries to help his followers see that it is only by embracing our crosses and its suffering, and death, that we can be a true disciple. It reminds me of that saying that we cannot experience Easter or new life, other than in and through Good Friday. This is the necessary prerequisite for every Christian, in order to experience the transformation of the Paschal mystery. Returning to the image of the leaves on the tree, we can reflect how they do not clean to the tree, but rather trustingly let go and fall. The tree, even though it is left barren and stripped of its beauty, speaks of a mystery that is written into the very fabric of creation. While the tree may appear from an external point of view to be dying, it is instead, witnessing to the inner transformation of the Paschal mystery which is stamped right into nature itself. For it is true that after fall and winter the leaves of the tree will be reborn anew. For those who have eyes to see, God speaks in a language that invites us into trust and hope.

Let us get acclimated to that language and see that all around us creation speaks of the truth of the cycle, which all creation proclaims. This may inspire us to let go of our fears of suffering and death, and to embrace them instead, trusting that God's love will transform them and lead to new life.

By Fr. Michael Della Penna



National Shrine of the Divine Mercy Pilgrimage | Stockbridge, MA 2023

Pope Francis ends the World Youth Day 2023 celebration with the message for the young “to shine, to listen, and to be unafraid.” When we root ourselves with the source of love, we become Christ-like and filled with joy. Although not everyone can hop onto an airplane, take time off work, and attend World Youth Day, many of us can take a little time to reflect on God’s rootedness in our lives. This past week, on Wednesday, August 23, St. Leonard parishioners had the opportunity to join Fr. Michael Della Penna on a pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine.

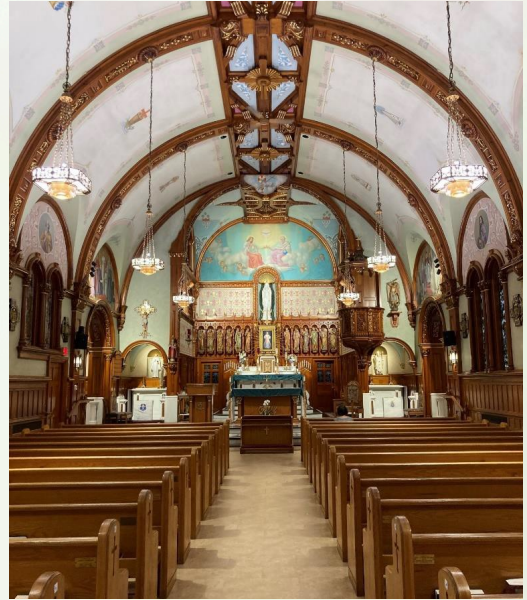


A look back — the Marians, a religious community, purchased Eden Hill on November 24, 1943, in the town of Stockbridge, as a place for their Shrine of the Divine Mercy. Antonio Guerrieri, a well-respected master furniture maker and wood carver, helped oversee its building efforts. In 1996, it was honored as the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy. In 2000, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska was proclaimed a saint and canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday.

For many of us, the pilgrimage trip was our first time at the shrine. The day was filled with things to do and places to be, which made the day go by quickly. Whether it was contemplating on the Stations of the Cross, browsing through the gift store, eating lunch, walking around the grounds, attending Mass, praying the Divine Mercy chaplet, participating in adoration or confession, it was apparent that everyone was touched by the movements of the Spirit.

As a new employee at St. Leonard Church in the parish office, I too, was able to take time to think and ponder on the many God moments in my life. Having worked here for a little over a month, I have the pleasure to work and converse with many individuals who love God deeply and are striving for

holiness. As we all become a little more transformed as individuals and foster our relationship, I give thanks for the opportunity to learn and grow – for Father Michael who treats everyone as precious, for the care and attention of Mrs. Janine Martignetti for guiding me in my office duties, for Mr. John Kutch and his sense of humor, and for everyone who have welcomed and treated me as part of the family, always wanting the best for me.



While at the shrine, it was no different. My God moment came when Mrs. Claudia Carroll, upon learning that I had missed out on the veneration of the St. Faustina’s relic, pulled me, urging me to follow her to find someone to help me experience the moment. When we finally made way back to the church to locate a priest to help us, I thought I’ll just have to wait until next time. This missed encounter turned out to be a beautiful one-on-one experience with the relic when we located the priest, however, it was only after getting up enough courage to knock on the door to see if he was available. God gave me the opportunity and I needed to step up and be unafraid to ask. To echo the words of Pope Francis, we are meant “to shine, to listen, and to be unafraid.” I’m grateful for not missing another encounter.

To truly shine we aren’t simply a spotlight, but a burning fire that remains burning because at our core, the embers we feed is our very relationship with Christ. The image of the Divine Mercy reminds us of the love of Jesus for us beyond time and space. God’s everlasting love fulfills and ignites us “to shine, to listen, and to be unafraid.”

Jesus, I trust in you.

Written by Theresa Nguyen



EVENTS

September Events

- September 24th: Sunday, Stations of the Cross
Social 1-2pm; Adoration 2-3pm; Stations at 3pm.

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

SUNDAY - September 24th

Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, September 24th at
Sacred Heart Church following the Noon Mass.

1:00pm: Social

2:00pm: Adoration

3:00pm: Stations of the Cross

We hope to see you then!



*Please note the change of location for this
particular Sunday

WEDNESDAY - October 4th

Meet Saint Francis

Wednesday, October 4th at 7:30pm

St. Leonard's Church 320 Hanover St, Boston

Rosary 6:30 p.m.

Mass 6:45 p.m.

Presentation 7:30 p.m.



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.

For more information: www.celebrating150years@stleonard.org

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SAINT JOHN SCHOOL?



St. John's preschool continues to proudly offer an environment that nurtures the social and emotional well-being of students in order for robust learning to take place prior to the start of kindergarten. This is made possible thanks to our ongoing partnership with the Lynch Early Childhood Project. A project funded by Peter S. Lynch, the famed Fidelity Investments money manager.

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Information Session & Tour

August 22, 2023 held at 10AM & 4PM

September 13, 2023 at 10 AM

September 27, 2023 at 10 AM

October 11, 2023 at 10 AM



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Learn More about the Franciscan Secular Order

The Franciscan family, as one among many spiritual families raised up by the Holy Spirit in the Church, unites all members of the People of God – laity, religious, and priests – who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi,” (Rule, I.1).

The Franciscan family isn’t just friars, cloistered nuns, and other sisters and brothers; as the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order states, it includes lay people too! Like the religious, Secular Franciscans strive to follow Jesus according to the example of St. Francis; and with the religious, Secular Franciscans “intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father.”

Are you wondering if the Franciscan life might be for you, as a lay person? Would you like to learn more about the charism of St. Francis?



Secular Franciscans will again be meeting here at St. Leonard’s!

Please join us on Sunday, September 17, the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis. We’ll meet at 2:30pm in the Church Hall to watch *Reluctant Saint*, a short film about St. Francis and his special call and charism. There will be time for discussion after the film. All are welcome!

If you have any questions, please email:
stleonardsecularfranciscans@gmail.com.



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JOIN US FOR ALL OR PART OF THE DAY AT THE FREE FAITH GALLERY OPENING

SEPTEMBER 9, AT 10AM

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150TH ANNIVERSARY



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
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- \$150 Sesquicentennial Club
- \$500 Angels
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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!

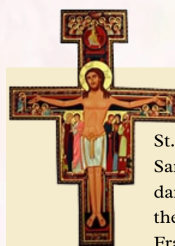
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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
September we are focused on the
Ninth Station:

Jesus Falls the Third Time



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.



SPECIAL 150TH MARRIAGE COMMEMORATIONS

SUNDAY - September 17

As part of the 150th celebration, in honor of the first marriage that took place at St. Leonard's Church on September 12, 1873, Father will commemorate those who were married in the Parish with a special blessing at the Noon Mass on Sunday, September 17th.



THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the volunteers who assisted during Saint Anthony's Feast,
as well as all who assisted the Stations of the Cross last Sunday



FINANCIAL & GIVING

ST. LEONARD PARISH AUGUST OFFERTORY

Week 1:	\$ 3,174
Week 2:	\$ 2,516
Week 3:	\$ 1,920
Week 4:	\$ 4,900

August Monthly Budget: \$ 6,239

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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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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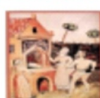
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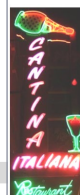
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Prayer

Your Nativity, O Virgin Mother of God, was the herald of joy to the whole world; since from you arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God, who, destroying the curse, bestowed the blessing, and confounding death, rewarded us with life everlasting. Let us celebrate with joy the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary Amen.

September 8, 2023