

ST. LEONARD PARISH

320 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113 | P: 617-523-2110

Celebrating 150 Years

WEEKLY BULLETIN OCTOBER 01, 2023

TWENTY-SIXTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

*"My sheep hear my voice,
says the Lord;
I know them,
and they follow me"*

JN 10:27



Guardian Angel Painting by Pietro da Cortona



Feast at the House of Simon by Paolo Veronese

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.

**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
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, 7:00PM Mass
First Fridays	12:30-3:00 PM Adoration
	3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

136 Blackstone Street, Boston
(Enter on New Sudbury Street)

There is validated* parking for visitors to the North End at the Parcel 7 parking garage, located on the corner of New Sudbury Street and Congress Street. Enter on New Sudbury Street next to the Haymarket "T" entrance.

Validated parking tickets are good for \$1 for up to 2 hours of parking, and \$3 for up to 3 hours of parking. If you park for longer than 3 hours, the validation is void and regular rates apply.

* 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 30 - October 06

September 30 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Emilio Scapicchio; Richard Giffun

October 01 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; Nikola Bracic; Vincent Del Peschio; James Costa

10:30 am - Maria DiBenedetto and Riccio Family; St. Theresa

12:00 pm - Maria DeStefano dalla Mamma Antonietta; Ciriaco & Vincenza Merluzzo dalla figlia Antonietta

OCTOBER 02 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Manoel B. Sousa

12:05 pm - Gregory Ryan

October 03 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Miriam Vincent

12:05 pm - Nancy Whitten Martignetti

October 04 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - David Halpin

12:05 pm - Maria Petruzzelli

October 05 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - Jerry & Ann McCormick

12:05 pm - Mark Kutch

October 06 - FRIDAY

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

12:05 pm - Caesare Angiulo



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.



Kenosis- The Greek word for self - emptying

Fr. Michael Della Penna, OFM

As we approach the great feast of our Founder St. Francis, we can easily see how Sundays scriptures are enfolded by his example. One of the most attractive parts of Francis' life which fascinates most people was his radical and even romantic embrace of poverty. At first glance, this total detachment from material things might make us only curious or even intrigued but it is not until we later revisit it and meditate on it that we can come to appreciate its depth and mystery. In our culture consumed by materialism, and enslaved by the need to buy the latest 'things', Francis' example of utter dependence on God, and the freedom, joy and peace that poverty brings is especially appealing. Francis once said: "Understand that Poverty is a choice way of salvation; the fruit it bears is manifold, and rare are they who know it well."

For St Francis, poverty was merely a means to an end, with the goal that we might imitate Him and thus "be rich through his poverty". In order to understand Francis' embrace of poverty, it is necessary to understand Francis' God first. Francis discovered, and followed a God who gives everything; A God who gives all. For Francis, God is the Great Giver, who, as St Paul states in today's second reading to the Philippians, "though He was in the form of God, did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave coming in human likeness and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Francis was in fact blown away by our God's overwhelming generosity of self, His complete and prodigal self -giving and total self-abandonment.

Francis was set aflame by the experience of the unimaginable love of God, revealed first in the Incarnation when God emptied Himself and the Word become flesh in Bethlehem in the form of a vulnerable, naked baby. He then contemplated that same brilliance in the ultimate sacrificial gesture of the Last Supper and of every Eucharist: Jesus handing over his Body and Blood--his complete self--to those he loved. In this way we can see that Jesus' poverty is a consequence of the way He loves us. TOTAL SELF-GIVING.

Jesus would later invite Francis to imitate Him in His complete self immolation on Mount La Verna where Francis received the stigmata and became a living icon of the God who holds nothing back out of love for us. Francis, in feeling the deepest experience of this reality, decided that the only true response to this great and total love was to love HIM with EVERYTHING, to give up everything for love of the God who gave up everything for him.



Since Jesus was willing to give up everything - (heaven, riches, comfort, his very life) to save us, Francis reasoned that he too, would strip himself and follow the naked Christ, naked. "Nudum nudus sequitur."

This experience of God's total self-emptying thus explains Francis' love for poverty. If the God-man could be poor--not clutching anything of his own, not even the divine nature, but accepting the poverty and nakedness of a crude manger at Bethlehem and the cross at Calvary--then Francis too could respond with self-giving and hold nothing back in his love of Christ.

For Franciscans, then, the self-sacrificing love of Jesus, as revealed in the cross, is the shining summit of God's revelation. The richest revelation of God's word and goodness peaks in Jesus, especially in his glorious self-emptying death and resurrection. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). This is why the cross has been central for Franciscans and, of course, for Christianity itself.



EVENTS

October Events

- **October 1st: Sunday Baptisms commemorations,**
9:00am Mass
- **October 3rd: Tuesday, Transitus of St. Francis**
7:00pm
- **October 4th: Wednesday, Meet St. Francis**
6:30pm Rosary
6:45pm Mass
7:30pm Presentation
- **October 22nd : Sunday, Stations of the Cross**
1:00pm Social
2:00pm Adoration
3:00pm Stations of the Cross

SUNDAY - October 1st

THIS SUNDAY

SPECIAL 150TH BAPTISMS COMMEMORATION



As part of the 150th celebration, in honor of the first baptism that took place on October 5, 1873, Father will commemorate those who were baptized in the Parish with a special blessing, and renewal of baptismal promises, at the 9am Mass on Sunday, October 1st.

Please join us.

WEDNESDAY - October 4th

THIS WEDNESDAY

Transitus of St. Francis



October 4th marks the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. To mark this solemn celebration of our seraphic father, Saint Leonard's Parish will celebrate his feast at **06:45 pm on Wednesday, October 4th.**

In anticipation of this great feast day, the parish will continue a long standing Franciscan tradition of celebrating the Transitus of Saint Francis. This is a commemoration of his death and transition to new life. It will consist of a short prayer service that will take place the evening before, at **7pm on Tuesday, October 3rd.**

We look forward to celebrate this solemn feast with you!

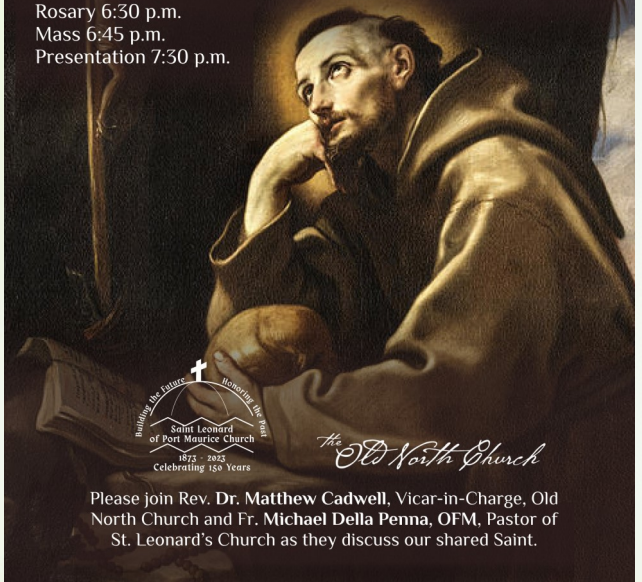
WEDNESDAY - October 4th

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@sleonard.org



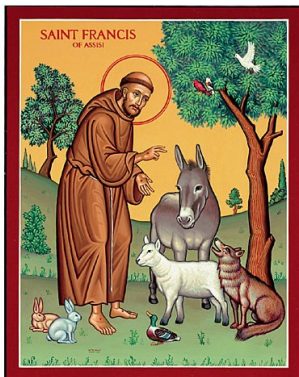
FRIDAY - October 6th

ADORATION



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

Blessing of the animals



Keeping the Franciscan tradition, on October 8, 2023 after the 9:00am Mass and the 12:00pm Mass, Fr. Michael Della Penna will bless the animals in the Peace Garden.

All pets are welcome!

TUESDAY & Wednesday, October 17th & 18th

Moby Dick at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30pm
@ the Mariner's House

- History of Seafaring, bethels and the North End
- Reverend Taylor as the model for Father Mapple in Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*.
- Historical tour of Sacred Heart from Bethel to Italian Catholic Church

Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30pm
@ Sacred Heart Church

MEET at Sacred Heart Church to watch the 1956 version of *Moby Dick*, starring Gregory Peck and Orson Welles. Discussion of themes of the book including good versus evil after the movie.



For more information, contact: celebrating150years@sleonard.org.

SUNDAY - October 22nd

Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, October 22nd at Saint Leonard's Church following the Noon Mass.

1:00pm: Social

2:00pm: Adoration

3:00pm: Stations of the Cross



We hope to see you then!



150TH ANNIVERSARY



Next meeting of the 150th
Committee is Monday, October 2nd
at 6:30pm in the Church 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@tleonard.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!

**This is our Sesquicentennial Prayer;
we hope you will join us in praying it
during this year:**

*Almighty and merciful God, who made Saint
Leonard an outstanding herald of the mystery of
the Cross, grant, by his intercession,
that, acknowledging on earth the riches of the
same cross, we may be worthy to attain the fruit
of redemption in Heaven.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who
lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen*

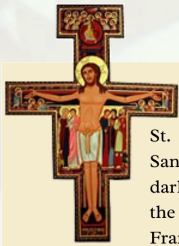
*Let us pray that this 150th celebration be an
opportunity for us to be transformed by the Cross
and more intimately united with Christ.*

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 October
we are focused on the Tenth Station:
Jesus is Stripped of His Garments





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.

DINNER DANCE



The Original North End Dinner Dance, celebrating the 150th Anniversary, will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, November 11th at 6pm. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ playing songs from the '70's and '80's, and raffles. A special Folk Mass will be celebrated at 5pm in St. Leonard's Church.

The maximum capacity of the event is 150 people, and tickets will be \$65 each. To ensure that it is fair to everyone, the process for selling the tickets will be:

- Ticket sales will be IN-PERSON ONLY-- no phone calls or e-mails.
- First come, first served
- One day only—Wednesday, October 4 (Feast of St. Francis) from 12 noon until 6:30pm in the Peace Garden.
- Maximum of five tickets per person
- Cash or checks accepted only

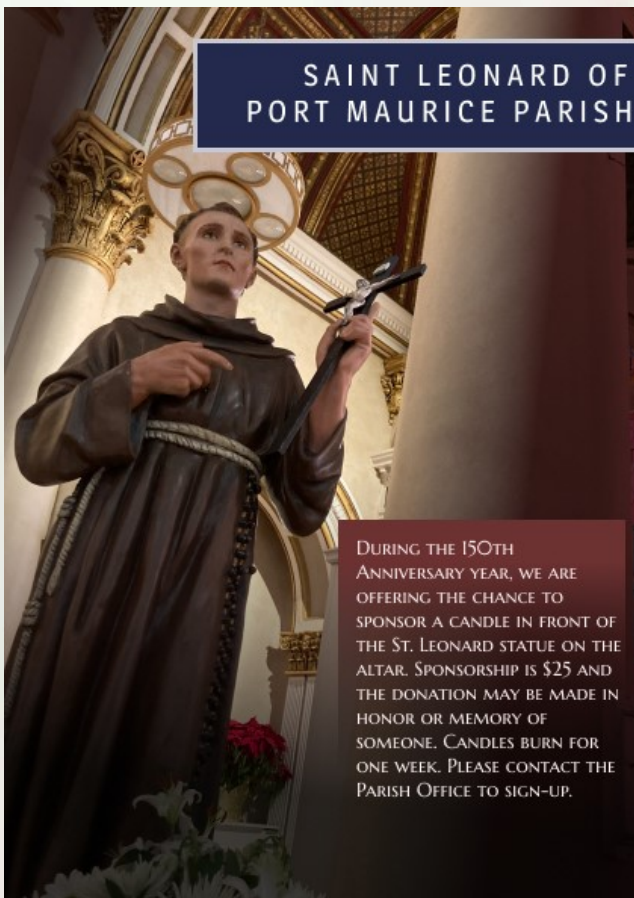
Sorry, but there are no exceptions to this process.

This event will sell out, so if you plan to attend, we will see you on October 4th.

PROGRAM (AD) BOOK

Please consider supporting this special event by placing an ad in the program book. Boosters and patrons sponsorships are available too.

Thank you.



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 ORIGINAL NORTH END” DINNER DANCE

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Parish

AD BOOK

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

Color proof is needed for colored pictures.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Color | \$200.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page Color | \$150.00 |
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Please type, print or attach a business card, a copy of your ad, or a photo that you would like to appear in the Ad Book. Please list Sponsors, Patrons, and Boosters. Return envelope provided or e-mail to: **celebrating150years@sleonard.org**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IN THE AD BOOK: OCTOBER 15, 2023

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
SAINT LEONARD 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

NAME _____ PHONE NO. _____

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Saintly Franciscan Parents

By Riccardo Gemelli, OFS

We all know and love St Therese of Lisieux, also known as “The Little Flower.” She was a young Carmelite nun in Northern France. You could say her spirituality had noticeable characteristics of Franciscanism in its “Little Way.” St. Francis called his followers “lesser Brothers” or as we know them today, the Friars Minor. Being little was Francis’ way. In 2015, Pope Francis canonized Louis and Azelie-Marie or “Zelie” Martin, the parents of St. Therese. Saints Louis and Zelie were Secular Franciscans. The first canonized married couple.



The Martins’ spiritual director had to talk them into consummating their marriage after ten months of living celibate together as husband and wife. They went on to have 9 children. Five daughters would make it into adulthood, all of whom became religious sisters.

St. Zelie died of breast cancer when Therese was four years old. St. Louis held to a routine prayer life and found inspiration and God in nature. It was no question that the Little Flower was her father’s favorite, as he called her, “Little Queen”. Her love of nature and flowers in particular came from her father as well as the hidden life of prayer. She devoted her short life to prayer until her death at the age of twenty-four.

Is it all in the name? Louis and Zelie named their youngest Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin. Francis is in her name. It was later that she would take the name Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. It was not unusual that a girl of her time in France would look up to Saint Joan of Arc, another saint in the Franciscan family. She even wrote and performed a play about the French heroine.

Saints Louis and Zelie’s feast day is July 12th. Saint Thérèse had her feast day on October 3rd, the day Saint Francis died. It was then appropriately moved to October 1st, since sister death took her on September 30th 1897.



The Secular Franciscans will soon resume regular meetings at St Leonard’s. If you’d like to be on the email list or have any questions, please email: stleonardsecularfranciscans@gmail.com

Sunday - October 8th



**Catholic Daughters
of the Americas®**

The First meeting of the year for Court Ausonia #781 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be on Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 1:15 PM in St. Joseph's Hall at St. Leonard's Church. All women 18 Years old and over are invited to come to the meeting. We will be discussing the growth and rebuilding of the Court and projects to do for the coming year.

Refreshments will be served.

With Love, To Father Claude



A book about Father Claude will hopefully be published by Christmas.

- 1: The book will include pictures and stories by the Scrima and Pasto family.
- 2: My incredible honor will be to transcribe Father Claude's personal stories and remembrances.
- 3: North Enders' (present and past) personal stories and remembrances.

***I need to collect your stories, etc. to begin work!**

I will be outside Church to collect your stories, personal remembrances and/or thoughts this weekend, after all Masses. You can write them right at the table!

All proceeds of this tribute to Father Claude will be donated to charity.

Thank you so much,

Peggy Fucillo

email: airola1893@aol.com

St. Leonard's religious education program

St. Leonard's Children Catechism

St. Leonard's Church Catholic Catechism Instruction (Kindergarten through high school) will begin in person on October 15th and conclude in May, culminating in our First Communion and Confirmation celebrations. Classes will take place on Sunday mornings at 10:30am.

If you would like your Child to participate this year please fill out the registration form on our website.

St. Leonard's RCIA

St. Leonard's Church RCIA will begin in person on October 22th and conclude on March 10th, and culminating during Easter weekend.

Classes will take place on Sunday mornings after 12pm Mass.

If you would like to participate this year, please fill out the registration form on our website.

Online registration for RCIA is now opened.

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BE FORMED

Train yourself to emulate the life and work ethic of St. Joseph the Worker. Discover mentors who can offer formation guidance on your quest.

BE CONNECTED

From priests to CEOs to young adults, meet new friends and form meaningful connections to accompany you on the journey of life.

BE INSPIRED

Level up in your professional life through pursuing excellence in every realm of human endeavor and most importantly become a saint.

MAIN PROGRAMMING



EXECUTIVE SPEAKER SERIES



NETWORKING HAPPY HOUR



EXECUTIVE PANEL DISCUSSIONS

MAIN TAKEAWAYS

- Seasoned leaders offer faith guidance and professional development when you need it most. We have FREE drinks and appetizers, too!
- Make connections with people like you and leave refreshed, energized, and ready to take on tomorrow.
- Diverse panelists dive into a single virtue and apply it to everyday life. A great interactive Q&A experience and FREE drinks and appetizers!

Connect with us!   

Website: <https://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org/chapter/boston>

Questions? Email: info@ycpboston.org



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 (JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023)

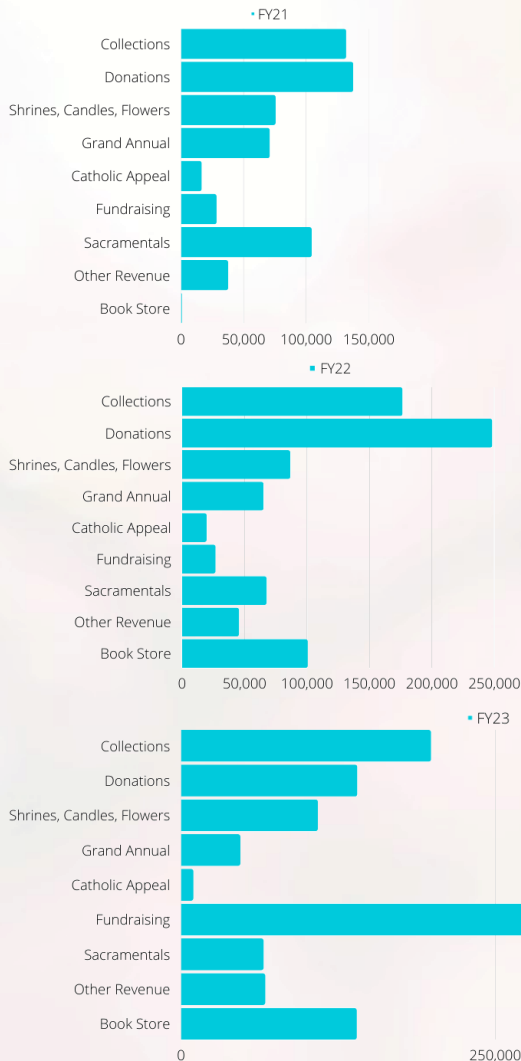
Thank you...A heartfelt thank you to the entire St. Leonard Parish family for your generosity and commitment which continues to enable us to minister to the needs of the parish. Much of the last fiscal has been centered around celebrating St. Leonard's 150th anniversary, which has been a tremendous effort with tremendous results. The 150th anniversary is a special milestone for us to Honor the Past and Build the Future. As a parish St. Leonard has been celebrating with monthly events that deepened our parish community...with many more to come throughout this year. In addition to building community and celebrating our faith, the 150th celebration fundraising continues to be a tremendous success, with over \$500K raised thus far. Your generosity enables St. Leonard to Build the Future and keep our parish buildings viable - whether repairs to Sacred Heart façade; a new HVAC system at St. Leonard or repairing the rectory roof. Again, thank you!

In addition to the 150th celebration, our parish continues to grow its ministries through the St. Joseph Artisans, Encounter Ministry who minister to the homeless in our community, and the Italian school whose classes continue the Italian heritage.

Also, the St. Leonard book store and gift shop continues to bring in visitors to the church along with revenue to keep the church funded.

Income: Our Parishioners continued their generosity, both in weekly collections and in the 150th fundraising. Our parish also benefited from the many visitors who visited the church and put money in the Saint boxes throughout the church. The bookstore continued to thrive as well and add much needed funding to our parish. Thank you to all the volunteers donating their time and talents to the bookstore! Overall, the increased revenue, much of it from the generous fundraising, helped St. Leonard be financially positive this past fiscal year.

INCOME



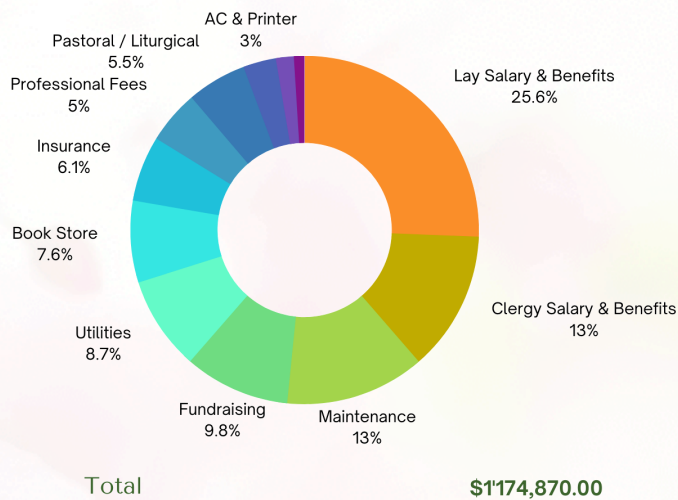
INCOME

	FY23	FY22	FY21
Collections	\$ 198,857	\$ 176,245	\$ 131,825
Shrines, Candles, Flowers	\$ 108,812	\$ 86,452	\$ 75,537
Grand Annual	\$ 47,171	\$ 65,010	\$ 70,818
Donations	\$ 140,235	\$ 248,255	\$ 137,456
Catholic Appeal Rebate	\$ 9,822	\$ 19,535	\$ 16,503
Sacramentals	\$ 65,729	\$ 67,525	\$ 57,874
Fundraising	\$ 652,317	\$ 26,689	\$ 28,352
Book Store	\$ 139,746	\$ 100,448	\$ 47,214
Rental & Other Revenue	\$ 67,016	\$ 45,427	\$ 37,639
Income Totals	\$ 1,429,704	\$ 835,586	\$ 603,218



Bequest: For another year, St. Leonard and St. John School benefited from the generous bequest from the Vincenza Raspa and her family.

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES FY23



Expenses: As our revenue increased last year, so did expenses. Three areas contributed to the increases the most – Fundraising expenses, such as the Gala increased to support the fundraising drive; Maintenance continued to increase over the years to maintain our buildings; Clergy stipends, as St. Leonard expanded the number of masses it offers, the number of visiting priests to support those masses also increased.

EXPENSES	FY23	FY22	FY21
Lay Salary & Benefits	\$ 300,881	\$ 306,013	\$ 202,815
Clergy Salary & Benefits	\$ 152,946	\$ 105,687	\$ 118,827
Maintenance	\$ 152,430	\$ 95,686	\$ 23,904
Fundraising	\$ 115,123	\$ 3,021	\$ 4,097
Utilities	\$ 102,459	\$ 103,805	\$ 67,577
Book Store	\$ 89,191	\$ 49,223	\$ 17,178
Insurance	\$ 71,441	\$ 95,706	\$ 81,940
Professional Fees	\$ 58,365	\$ 27,759	\$ -
Pastoral / Liturgical	\$ 64,973	\$ 43,544	\$ 30,173
AC & Printer	\$ 35,830	\$ 30,264	\$ 3,003
Office Expenses	\$ 19,568	\$ 47,796	\$ 25,663
RCAB	\$ 11,663	\$ 20,926	\$ 13,951
Expenses Totals	\$ 1,174,870	\$ 929,430	\$ 589,128

Non-operating income and expenses: Capital improvements started with the down payment for the heating and air conditioning system, along with the dunnage for the Sacred Heart Façade. The \$45K bequest from the Raspa family. Lastly the church’s investments continue to grow, yet with the economic outlook could bring these down over the next year.

Operating Net Income/Loss	\$ 254,834	\$ (93,844)	\$ 14,090
Non-Operating			
Capital Improvements	\$ (240,502)	\$ (112,981)	\$ (97,840)
Gifts and Bequests	\$ 45,058	\$ 582,753	\$ -
Investments Gain/Loss	\$ 213,875	\$ (162,424)	\$ 660,612
Total Income/Loss	\$ 273,265	\$ 213,504	\$ 576,862

ST. LEONARD PARISH SEPTEMBER OFFERTORY

Week 1:	\$ 3,981
Week 2:	\$ 2,338
Week 3:	\$ 3,141
Week 4:	\$ 2,508

September Monthly Budget: \$ 6,239



FINANCIAL & GIVING

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 you for your contribution!



SCAN HERE
TO MAKE
YOUR GIFT

Family Rosary Annual Rosary Festival

On The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
Saturday, October 7, 2023, 6 pm
At the
Father Peyton Center
518 Washington St.
N. Easton, MA 02356



Celebrate the Month of the Rosary

The Family Rosary Annual Rosary Festival has become a favorite local October family tradition.

The evening includes a radiant and inspiring outdoor candlelit Rosary procession for all ages led by priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross. Prayer will be followed by seasonal treats of cider and donuts.

Bring your own special Rosary or we'll give you one. We'll supply the candles. Come a bit early to park your car, gather and light the candles. The procession will begin at 6 pm.

Along the procession, children will have the honor of scattering flower petals in the path before the Blessed Mother statue.

Don't know how to pray the Rosary? That's OK! Please join us. Just follow along with the crowd. You'll start to get the rhythm of it in no time and discover the simplicity and beauty of this perfect prayer. Keep a special family intention/need in your heart and we'll surround you in prayer.

In case of rain, the Festival will take place indoors at the St. Joseph Chapel on the property.

A crisp fall evening, many flickering candles lighting the way, voices of all ages praying and singing together, some new to the Rosary and some not so new, fellowship and refreshments - please mark your calendar for this very special event and continue this beautiful local tradition that grows larger each year.

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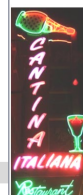
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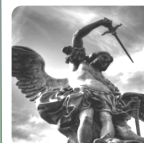
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SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Peace Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

October 04, 2023