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WEEKLY BULLETIN OCTOBER 15, 2023

TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

*"May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know what is the hope
that belongs to our call. "*

EPH 1:17-18



Santa Teresa de Ávila by François Gérard



The Parable of the Unworthy Wedding Guest by Jacob Adriaensz Backer

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

Celebrant Schedule

- **Fr. Michael:** First and Third & Fifth Sunday 9:00am & 12:00pm
- **Fr. Alexander:** Second Sunday 9:00am & 12:00pm
- **Fr. Francis:** Fourth Sunday 9:00am & 12:00pm
- **Fr. Robert:** Saturday 4:15pm and Confessions at 5:00pm
- **Fr. Federico:** Sunday 10:30am (Italian)

**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

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Fri - Sat 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH

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P: 617-742-4715

Mass Schedule

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

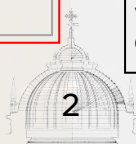
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* For the discount, parking ticket must be validated by a North End store, church, attraction, restaurant, business or organization.



SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions October 14 - October 20

October 14 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Emilio Scapicchio; Pasqualina & Salvatore Fantasia; Mary, Fred and Benny Fuccillo; Josephine and Joseph Gaeta Fuccillo; Angelina and Annibale D'Elia Fuccillo; Lucy Qualter Fuccillo; Fred Ferullo Fuccillo

OCTOBER 15 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; Deceased Members of the Cataldo and Merola Family; Dolores Merola; Enrico & Dora Giammarco; Domenico & Alighiera Federico

10:30 am - Virginia Iannella; Michelena Torre; Salvador Tizzano; Vittorio D'Amore; Yolanda D'Amore; Mario Massimino D'Amore; D'Amore Family; Fiore Family; Tizzano & Torre Family; Michelina Fucillo; Pia Trotta

12:00 pm - Raffaele Martignetti; Michael and Karen McGillicuddy

OCTOBER 16 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Frances Puopolo

12:05 pm - Souls of Purgatory

October 17 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Charlie Falla

12:05 pm - Frank Toscano

October 18 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - David Halpin

12:05 pm - Bertha Horbag

October 19 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - Antonio Guarino

12:05 pm - Marie Imbergamo Smith

October 20 - FRIDAY

8:15 am - For the healing and renewal of families

12:05 pm - Healing of Miriam Vincent



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

The St. Leonard Candle will burn the week of October 15 - October 21 at Saint Leonard Church in Memory of Angelo Solimine



CASA MARIA

MASS IS CELEBRATED EVERY SATURDAY AT 4:00 PM

October 14 - CELEBRATED BY FR. ALEXANDER

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.



Friends of God ***Freedom, a Gift from God***

By Saint Josemaría Escrivá

In the parable of the wedding feast, when the master of the house finds out that some guests have declined his invitation with poor excuses, he tells his servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedgerows and compel — *compelle intrare* (Latin for *force to enter*) — people to come in.' Surely this is coercion, an act of violence against the legitimate freedom of each individual conscience?

If we meditate on the Gospel and reflect on the teachings of Jesus, we will not mistake these commands for coercion. See how gently Christ invites: 'If you have a mind to be perfect... If any man would come after me...' His *compelle intrare* implies no violence, either physical or moral. Rather, it reflects the power of attraction of Christian example, which shows in its way of acting the power of God: 'See how the Father attracts. He delights in teaching, and not in imposing necessity on men. That is how he attracts men towards himself.'

When we breathe this air of freedom we see clearly that evil is an enslavement, not a liberation. 'He who sins against God keeps the freedom of his will to the extent that he is free from coercion, but he has lost it in that he is no longer free from blame.' Such a person may show that he has acted according to his preferences, but he does not speak with the voice of true freedom, because he has become the slave of his decision and he has decided for the worst, for the absence of God, where there is no freedom to be found.

I tell you once again: I accept no slavery other than that of God's Love. This is because, as I have told you on other occasions, religion is the greatest rebellion of men, who refuse to live like animals, who are dissatisfied and restless until they know their Creator and are on intimate terms with him. I want you to be rebels, free and unfettered, because I want you — it is Christ who wants us! — to be children of God. Slavery or divine sonship, this is the dilemma we face. Children of God or slaves to pride, to sensuality, to the fretful selfishness which seems to afflict so many souls.

Love of God marks out the way of truth, justice and goodness. When we make up our minds to tell Our Lord, 'I put my freedom in your hands,' we find ourselves loosed from the many chains that were binding us to insignificant things, ridiculous cares or petty ambitions. Then our freedom, which is a treasure beyond price, a wonderful pearl that it would be a tragedy to cast before swine, will be used by us entirely to learn how to do good.

This is the glorious freedom of the children of God. Christians who let themselves be browbeaten or become inhibited or envious in the face of the



licentious behaviour of those who have not accepted the Word of God, show that they have a very poor idea of the faith. If we truly fulfil the law of Christ — that is if we make the effort to do so, because we will not always fully succeed — we will find ourselves endowed with a wonderful gallantry of spirit that does not need to look elsewhere to discover the full meaning of human dignity.

Our faith is not in any way a burden or a limitation. What a poor idea of Christianity one would have if one thought that way! When we decide for God we lose nothing, and we gain everything. He who at the expense of his soul 'secures his own life, will lose it; it is the man who loses his life for my sake that will secure it'.

We have drawn the winning card, the first prize. If anything prevents us from seeing this clearly, let us look inside our own soul. We may find that our faith is weak, that we have little personal contact with God, that our life of prayer is impoverished. We must beg Our Lord, through his Mother who is our Mother too, to increase his love in us, to grant us a taste of the sweetness of his presence. Only when we love do we attain the fullest freedom: the freedom of not wanting ever to abandon, for all eternity, the object of our love.

EVENTS

October Events

- **October 17th & 18th: Tuesday & Wednesday, "Moby Dick at Sacred Heart":**
Tuesday 6:30pm at The Mariner's House
Wednesday 6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church
- **October 22nd : Sunday, Stations of the Cross**
1:00pm Social
2:00pm Adoration
3:00pm Stations of the Cross

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!

FRIDAY - November 3rd

ADORATION



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



150TH ANNIVERSARY



Next meeting of the 150th
Committee is Tuesday, November
14th at 6:30pm in the Church Hall.

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



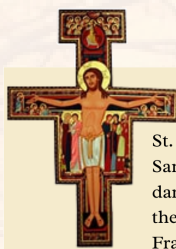


ST. LEONARD PARISH VENERATE THE SAINTS

*Join us to learn more about the saints
and the relics located at our parish.*

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023
ROSARY 6PM
MASS 7PM

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



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.**

PROGRAM (AD) BOOK

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

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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.

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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!



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Week 2: \$ 3,131

October Monthly Budget: \$ 6,616

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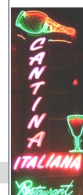
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and His genuine compassion
for all human beings.

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instructor of the faithful,
help me to understand
Christ's words
and faithfully apply them
in my life.

Amen.

October 18, 2023