

ST. LEONARD PARISH

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

Celebrating 150 Years

WEEKLY BULLETIN DECEMBER 10, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation
of God."*

Lk 3: 4,6



The Preaching of Saint John the Baptist by Baciccio



Walking to Bethlehem - Fritz von Uhde

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
	10:30 am (Italian)
	12:00 pm
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 Wednesday of every month
	Queen of Peace Prayer Group
	6:30 pm Rosary, 7:00 pm Mass
First Fridays	12:30 pm -3:00 pm Adoration
	3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Celebrant Schedule

- **Fr. Michael:** 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday, 9:00 am & 12:00 pm
- **Fr. Alexander:** 2nd Sunday, 9:00 am & 12:00 pm
- **Fr. Francis:** 4th Sunday, 9:00 am & 12:00 pm
- **Fr. Robert:** Saturday Confessions at 4:15 pm & Mass at 5:00 pm
- **Fr. Federico:** Sunday 10:30 am (Italian)

**St. Leonard Church will be closed for cleaning
on Mondays 9:00 am - 11:00 am &
Thursdays 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

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

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Friday Closed

Saint John School

Tel: 617-227-3143

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Website: <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

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 December 09 - December 15

December 09 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Emilio Scapicchio

December 10 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; Branko Sunjic; Dolores Merola; Hub Horbag; Anna Marino; Olga Elliott

10:30 am - Healing of Rico

12:00 pm - Filomena & Alfredo Frasca; Michele Tirela; Marcia Schreiber; Anna Ventresca; Rita Casoni; Michael Terilla; Dennis Pizzarella

December 11 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Marleny Aponte

12:05 pm - Lucia Bellia

December 12 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Joyce Termini

12:05 pm - Joseph Taglieri

December 13 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - Mariano Taborda

12:05 pm - Lucia Giudice

December 14 - THURSDAY

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

12:05 pm - Greg Austin Mendis

December 15 - FRIDAY

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

12:05 pm - Elena Cardillo



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 December 10 - December 16 at Saint Leonard Church for Michele Tirella

The St. Leonard Candle will burn the week of December 10 - December 16 at Saint Leonard Church in Memory of Auntie Dee Russo



CASA MARIA

Mass is celebrated every Saturday at 4:00 pm
December 09 - 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.



Meditation on the Second Sunday of Advent

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Advent pulls our hearts to the Lord! Advent is a time to begin anew. Advent is a time to be still and listen again to the Word of the Lord. All of this is to say that we must prepare the way of the Lord in our lives and in our hearts.

The first reading today is from the Prophet Isaiah. We have to understand this word as originally aimed at the Jewish people who had been taken out of their own land and were living in a foreign land without must capacity to celebrate their own faith. These people longed to return to their own land and to rebuild the temple of the Lord. As in any community, we can be sure that not everyone wanted to return because they knew that returning would be even worse hardship than staying where they were.

This is a parallel to our own lives today. We are in exile from the Lord because of our sins and the sins of our ancestors. Not everyone today wants to turn to the Lord because the Lord makes demands on our lives. The words of the Prophet Isaiah can be addressed to us if we long to live according to the Word of the Lord and recognize that we cannot do that without the grace and mercy of God in our lives.

If we have tried to be faithful and find ourselves failing over and over, then surely the words of Isaiah speak to us! Comfort, give comfort to my people! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

When we are using our energies to seek the Lord, these words of Isaiah can bring tears to our eyes and open our hearts so much more to the presence of the Living God, who is seeking us.

The Second Letter of Saint Peter, from which is taken the second reading today, repeats this lesson to us: "The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." It is God Himself who wants to give us comfort but can only do so insofar as our hearts are open and waiting for Him. It is God who invites us to be patient and who reminds us: "Beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace."

Advent is a time to stir up our desire for God, to stir up our hope in the Lord, to deepen our awareness of His love for us.

The Gospel of Mark today gives us the account of John the Baptist, a man seeking the Lord with all his strength. Mark recognizes that John the Baptist is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy that speaks of the one who will go before the Lord to prepare His way. John himself speaks this way in

the today's passage. And John is so completely humbled by his task that he sees himself even unworthy to untie the thongs of the sandals of the Lord who comes.

Everything in and about John the Baptist points to the One Who Is To Come, the Savior, the Messiah.

May our lives become so focused on God and His ways in our lives that we become like John the Baptist: our lives only giving witness to the love and mercy of God and drawing others to that love and mercy.

Your brother in the Lord,
Abbot Philip





ADVENT CALENDAR



SUN, DECEMBER 3 - MON, DECEMBER 25, 2023

2ND WEEK OF ADVENT

**SAT
09 DECEMBER**

St. Leonard Choral Society "Concerto di Natale" @4:00PM (Sacred Heart)
Cost: \$15.00 online and \$20.00 at the door

**SUN
10 DECEMBER**

Magdalen College "What Sweeter Music" Concert @4:00PM (St. Leonard)

**TUE
12 DECEMBER**

Meet St. Lucy
Mass @7:00PM
Presentation @7:45PM

**FRI
15 DECEMBER**

Christmas in the North End
Adoration @7:00PM (St. Leonard)
Concert @8:00PM (St. Leonard)

**SAT
16 DECEMBER**

Afternoon of Reconciliation
Guided Meditation @1:00PM
Confessions with Fr. Michael | Praise & Worship with NER Praise @1:30PM-2:30PM

**SUN
17 DECEMBER**

Anniversary of Re-dedication of St. Leonard's
Social @1:00PM, Adoration @2:00PM, Stations of the Cross @3:00PM

**SAT
23 DECEMBER**

4th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass @5:00PM

**SUN
24 DECEMBER**

4th Sunday of Advent Mass @9:00AM, @10:30AM (Italian), and @12:00PM
Christmas Vigil Mass @5:00PM (Sacred Heart)
Midnight Mass (St. Leonard)

4TH WEEK

CHRISTMAS

**MON
25 DECEMBER**

Christmas Day
Mass @9:00AM, @10:30AM (Italian), and @12:00PM



EVENTS

- **December 9th : Concerto di Natale**
4:00pm at Sacred Heart Church
- **December 10th : What Sweeter Music**
4:00pm at Saint Leonard Church
- **December 12th : Meet St. Lucy**
7:00pm at Saint Leonard's
- **December 15th : Christmas in the North End**
7:00pm Adoration at Saint Leonard's
8:00pm Concert at Saint Leonard's
- **December 16th : Afternoon of Reconciliation**
1:00pm Guided Meditation
1:30-2:30pm Confessions (Fr. Michael)
Praise & Worship (NER Praise)
- **December 17th : Sunday**
 - ◇ **Blessing of the Bambinelli at Saint Leonard's**
During Noon Mass
 - ◇ **Stations of the Cross**
1:00pm Social
2:00pm Adoration
3:00pm: Stations of the Cross
 - ◇ **Christmas Joy Party**
4:00pm Adoration & Praise
5:00pm Party at Dodici
 - ◇ **Encounter Boston Advent Retreat**
8:45am to 5:00pm at Northeastern CC
- **January 5th : Adoration**
7:00 pm at Saint Leonard's

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

SATURDAY - December 9th



SAINT LEONARD CHORAL SOCIETY AND ORCHESTRA PRESENTS:

Concerto di Natale

AN ITALIAN - AMERICAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

CONDUCTOR: DR. DAN DRZYMAJSKI
ORGANIST: DR. JUAN MESA



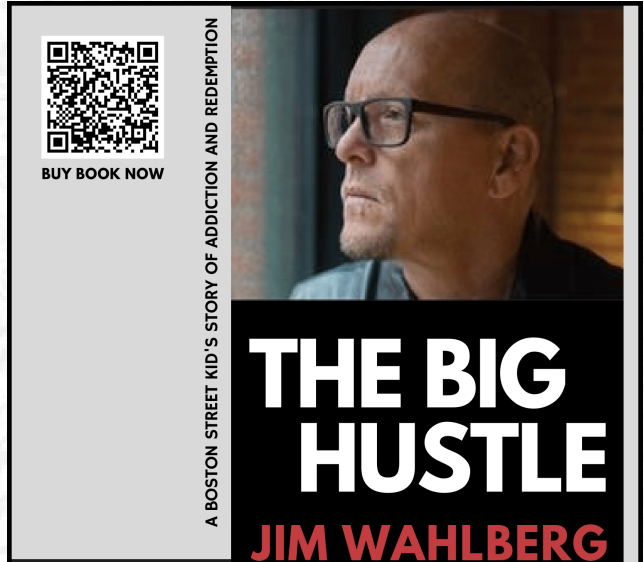
DECEMBER 9, 2023 | 4PM

Sacred Heart Church
12 North Square
Boston, MA 02113

Tickets available at: saintleonard.weebly.com.



SATURDAY - December 9th



A BOSTON STREET KID'S STORY OF ADDICTION AND REDEMPTION

THE BIG HUSTLE
JIM WAHLBERG

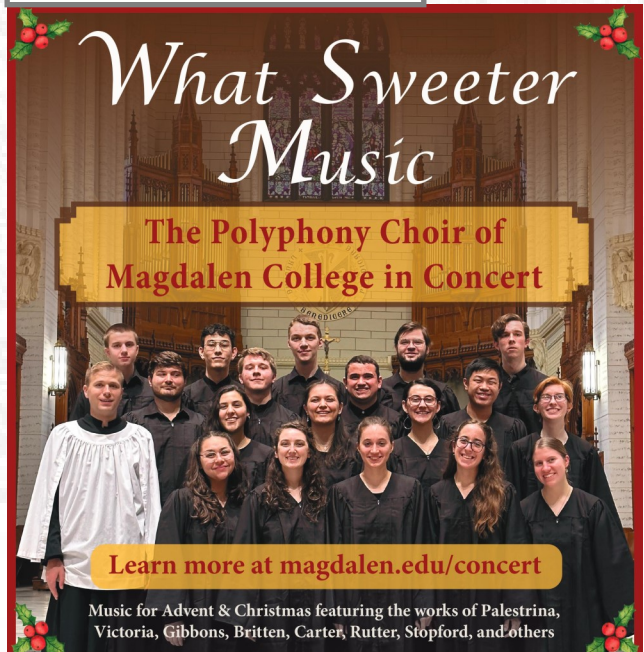
BOOK SIGNING

DEC. 9, 2023

2:00PM - 4:00PM ST. FRANCIS BOOKSTORE
5:30PM - 6:30PM ST. JOHN SCHOOL HALL
(AFTER CHRISTMAS CONCERT)

A story of a redeemed life and a family's healing. This book is a testament to God's power and an invitation to all of us to hope in the darkest places.

SUNDAY - December 10th



What Sweeter Music

The Polyphony Choir of Magdalen College in Concert

Learn more at magdalen.edu/concert

Music for Advent & Christmas featuring the works of Palestrina, Victoria, Gibbons, Britten, Carter, Rutter, Stopford, and others

Holy Name Church · West Roxbury
December 9, 7:00 PM

Saint Leonard Church · Boston
December 10, 4:00 PM

A feast of sacred music capped off by familiar carols for all present to sing

FREE

TUESDAY - December 12th



MEET ST. LUCY

DEC. 12, 2023

- 7:00PM MASS & BLESSING WITH THE RELIC @ ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH
- 7:45PM REFLECTIONS ON ST. LUCY
DARLENE D'ELIA, PRESIDENT OF ST. LUCY'S SOCIETY
- REV. MATTHEW CADWELL, VICAR IN CHARGE, OLD NORTH CHURCH
- 8:15PM SOCIAL IN PARISH HALL



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: CELEBRATING150YEARS@SLEONARD.ORG

SATURDAY - December 16th

**"...until every fall,
every imbalance, will
become Love..."**



**An Afternoon of Reconciliation
Saturday, Dec. 16th**

**1 pm
Guided Meditation**

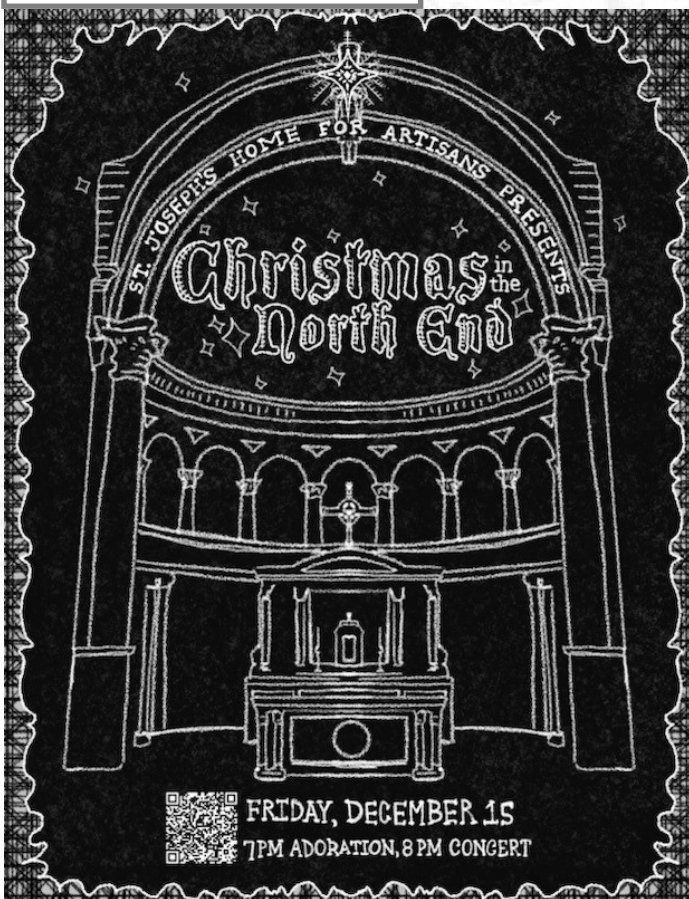
**1:30-2:30 pm
Confessions
(Fr. Michael Della Penna, OFM)
Praise & Worship
(NER Praise)**

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church
12 North Square, Boston**

**Organized by St. Joseph's Home for Artisans
and Dodici Social Club**



FRIDAY - December 15



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
7PM ADORATION, 8 PM CONCERT**

SUNDAY - December 17th

Blessing of the Bambinelli

This tradition was started by St. John Paul II. On the third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring their baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square for a special blessing.

Following this tradition, Fr Michael will bless the infant Jesus, from your manger, at the Noon Mass, on Sunday, December 17th.



SUNDAY - December 17th

Encounter Boston
Advent Retreat

Sunday Dec 17
8:45AM-5PM
Northeastern CC

HEART SPEAKS TO HEART

Compassionate
Communication
in Prayer and Ministry
with Sam Schultz



[tinyurl.com/
EncounterAdvent](https://tinyurl.com/EncounterAdvent)

STARTING ON WEDNESDAY - January 17th

BIBLE STUDY

"FOLLOW ME" MARK 1:17 THE GOSPEL OF MARK

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00PM - 8:30PM
FIRST MEETING: JANUARY 17, 2024
SACRED HEART CHURCH

12 NORTH SQUARE
BOSTON, MA 02113

CONTACT: CELEBRATING150YEARS@SLEONARD.ORG

Saint Mark by Guido Reni (1621)

SUNDAY - December 17th

Third Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, December 17th at Saint Leonard's Church following the Noon Mass.

1:00pm: Social

2:00pm: Adoration

3:00pm: Stations of the Cross



Note that the Stations of the Cross will be on the 3rd Sunday during the month of December as the fourth Sunday is Christmas Eve.

March 3rd to 9th

Mission Trip

MARCH 3-9
DENVER, CO

Join Encounter Boston on our mission trip to serve the homeless alongside Christ in the City!

Learn more and register at
tinyurl.com/EncounterDenver



From March 3rd-9th we will lead a mission trip to Christ in the City's missionary house in Denver, CO. Again, young adults are welcome! "Mission troopers" (i.e., volunteers) will experience street ministry, the joy of community life, and workshops from the missionaries and formators at CIC. This is our most popular and beloved event each year!

SUNDAY - December 17th

*You're cordially
invited to Dodici
Social Club's:*



17 Dec 2023, Gaudete Sunday

CHRISTMAS "JOY" Party

Adoration & Praise | Party
@St. Leonard's, 4 pm-5 pm | @Dodici Social Club, 5pm-late

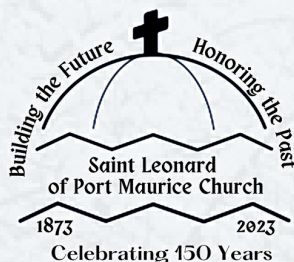
Please RSVP: 973-814-0558 fjlimbo3@gmail.com

Dodici Social Club, 12 N Square, Boston, MA 02113

Price of Admission: Food/Coffee giftcard to be distributed for our homeless community.



150TH ANNIVERSARY



150th Building the Future Fund

Thank you to all the Angels that have contributed to our 150th Building the Future Fund thus far.

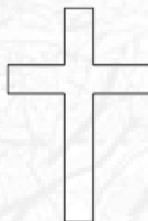
We still need to raise \$100,000 to repair the facade of Sacred Heart, and \$100,000 to fix the Roof at the Rectory. Please consider donating to our Angelic Choir:

- \$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!

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 December we are focused on the twelfth Station:
Jesus Dies on the Cross

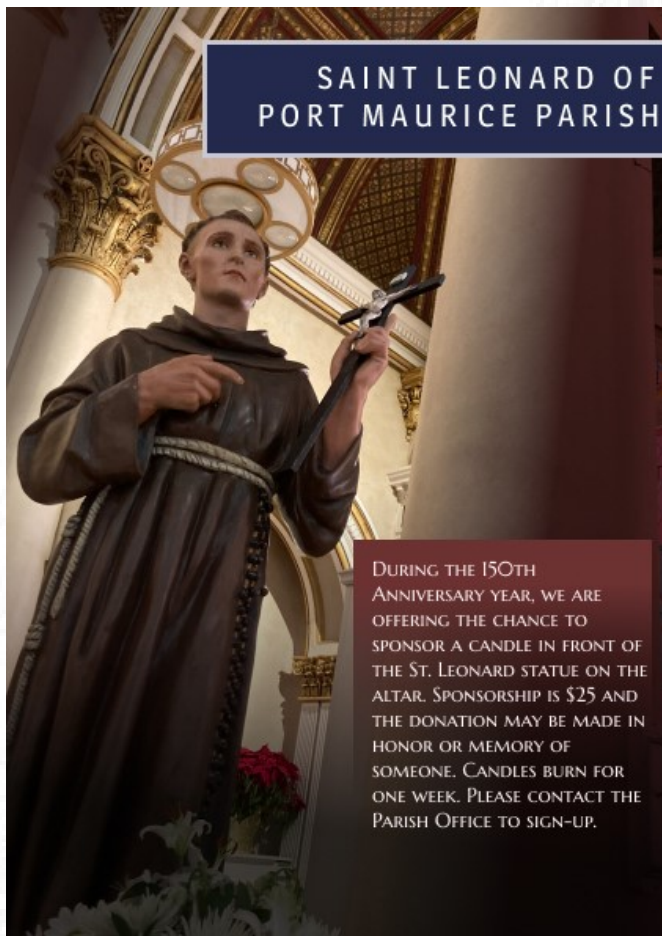


Sesquicentennial Prayer

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.



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE...

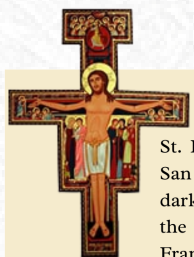
Please join us as we plan for next year and beyond for our Parish. We would like to gather your thoughts on where we go from here.

Consider the following:

1. Are there specific things we should continue that we have done this year or in the past?
2. What are some of the pastoral needs of our Parish that we should address?
3. What do we want our Parish to be in the future?
4. What are some specific things that you would like to see us undertake in the next 1-3 years?

Please send your suggestions and comments to celebrating150years@sleonard.org or fill out the questions, detach them and put them in the offertory basket or return to the Parish Office.

Thank you.



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.



***Plenary indulgence on the occasion of the eighth centenary
of "Christmas at Greccio" as experienced by Saint Francis of Assisi***

Dear brothers and sisters,

may the Lord give you peace!

We write to you from Assisi, where we are gathered on the occasion of the celebrations for our Seraphic Father, to share with you the great gift and privilege that the Holy Father wanted to grant us on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of Christmas in Greccio. Here Saint Francis wanted to commemorate the birth of the Lord starting with a nativity scene, leading to the Eucharistic celebration, where Jesus Christ makes himself present in the bread and wine.

During this Centenary, on 17 April 2023, we addressed the following petition to the Holy Father: *"in order to promote the spiritual renewal of the faithful and increase the life of grace, we ask that the faithful receive a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions from 8 December 2023, the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to 2 February 2024, Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by visiting the churches run by Franciscan families throughout the world and stopping in prayer in front of the nativity scenes set up there. Likewise, those who are sick or unable to participate physically can equally benefit from the gift of plenary indulgence, offering their sufferings to the Lord or carrying out practices of piety."*

The Apostolic Penitentiary favorably welcomed the request, granting the right to announce it publicly.

**Therefore, in all the churches entrusted to us for pastoral care,
it will be possible for all the faithful
to receive a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions,
from 8 December 2023 to 2 February 2024.**

We ask you to share this "privilege" in all our locations which fits in well with the special relationship that was established between Saint Francis and the Church when he asked the Pope for the Indulgence for those who visited the Porziuncola; and we hope that it will be an opportunity for communion and spiritual renewal for every brother and sister in the entire Franciscan family.

May the Lord guide your steps,
and give you his mercy!





Footsteps of St. Leonard Pilgrimage

150th Anniversary of St. Leonard's Church

Fr. Michael Della Penna, OFM
Your Chaplain

Itinerary (subject to change) **October 8 – 17, 2024**

Day 1 | October 8th, 2024 | Departure

Our pilgrimage begins with an overnight flight from Boston to Milan. Meals and refreshments are served on the plane.

Day 2 | October 9th, 2024 | Arrival in Milan

Upon arrival in Milan, we'll transfer to Porto Maurizio, the birthplace of St. Leonard. Hotel Check-in, and afternoon at leisure before we gather for mass and our welcome dinner. *Overnight in Porto Maurizio*

Day 3 | October 10th, 2024 | Footsteps of St. Leonard

After breakfast we start the day by visiting St. Leonard's native home, now an oratory for private worship. We'll then walk the streets of Porto Maurizio where St. Leonard would preach. St. Leonard would preach in the streets to many thousands, the churches were too small to contain the multitudes who would flock to hear his sermons. After lunch, we'll visit the Cathedral of Imperia Porto Maurizio where we will celebrate Mass and pray over the body of St. Leonard. *Overnight in Porto Maurizio*

Day 4 | October 11th, 2024 | Tuscany & Florence

After breakfast we'll depart for Assisi, in route we stop in Tuscany for lunch, a beautiful place to admire the countryside, relax and enjoy some local wine tasting. Next, we'll visit the Convento Dell'Incontro, a Franciscan Monastery atop the hills just outside of Florence. Convento Dell'Incontro was founded by St. Leonard in 1710 and where he would retire to from time to time after his missions. Here we will celebrate Mass and pray for the intercession of St. Leonard. Finally, we'll arrive in Assisi for Dinner. *Overnight in Assisi*

Day 5 | October 12th, 2024 | Assisi

Following breakfast, we will proceed to the basilica of St. Francis where we will celebrate Mass, pray over his tomb. Next, we will visit Chiesa Nuova, built in 1615 on the site of the birthplace of St. Francis. Then onto the Church of St. Clare to see the Saint's body and pray for her intercession. St. Clare was the foundress of the Order of Poor Clare's. We'll visit St. Mary Major, the Shrine of the Renunciation, where Blessed Carlo's body is interred. Finally, we visit San Damiano the site of St. Francis's conversion, where he obeyed the orders given to him by the Crucifix, which told him "Go forth Francis, and rebuild my crumbling house". *Overnight in Assisi*

Day 6 | October 13th, 2024 | Greccio

After breakfast we visit St. Mary of the Angels where St. Francis spent most of his life. Here we'll visit the Chapel Portiuncola and celebrate Mass near the rose bush and cave where St. Francis retired for prayer. Next, we'll depart Assisi and begin our journey to Rome, in route we will make a stop in Rivotorto where St. Francis of Assisi

started his life of austerity. We then continue onto the medieval town of Greccio. Greccio itself, set on a beautiful mountaintop, is famous for its cool summer climate and its mineral springs. However, it is even more renowned for its connections with St. Francis of Assisi and as the birthplace of the Christmas crèche. On Christmas Night 1223, St. Francis led shepherds to the top of a nearby hill where they gathered together in a stable sheltering an ox and a donkey. According to legend, the Baby Jesus miraculously appeared in the manger. On this spot the Franciscan convent of Greccio was built, and the Chapel of The Crib was erected in 1228, the year St. Francis was canonized. Finally, we board our bus and continue to Rome for dinner. *Overnight in Rome*

Day 7 | October 14th, 2024 | Rome Basilicas

After breakfast, we will visit the church of San Bonaventura al Palatino, here we will have the opportunity to pray before the relics of St. Leonard and celebrate Mass. San Bonaventura al Palatino is where St. Leonard studied and later taught as a professor. Next, before our entrance at Colosseum, we will visit the Church of St. Peter in Chains and then we will embark on a historic tour of Ancient Rome starting with a visit to the Colosseum, a grand amphitheater of the ancient world. St. Leonard set up the Stations of the Cross in over 500 different places, including the Colosseum. Passing by the Roman Forum, we will witness the ruins of ancient government buildings. After the Roman Forum we'll visit Collegio Romano, a school established by St. Ignatius of Loyola in 1551, just 11 years after he founded the Society of Jesus, where St. Leonard studied with the Jesuits before receiving his habit. *Overnight in Rome*

Day 8 | October 15th, 2024 | St. Leonard & Ancient Rome

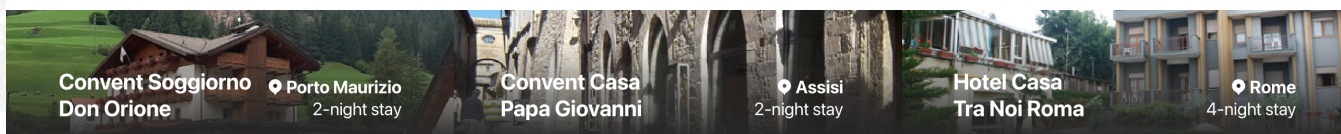
Today, we will visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, as well as the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. It is here (the Basilica of St. John Lateran) that St. Francis persuaded Pope Innocent III to give permission to begin the Franciscan Order. We will celebrate mass at one of the basilicas. At the end of the visit, transfer back to your hotel in Rome and rest of the day at leisure. *Overnight in Rome*

Day 9 | October 16th, 2024 | Vatican City & Papal Audience

Following breakfast, we have an early departure for St. Peter's Square to participate in the Papal Audience (subject to the Pope's schedule). After lunch, we have a guided tour of the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica where we will celebrate mass in one of the Chapels. *Overnight in Rome*

Day 10 | October 17th, 2024 | Return home

With a renewed sense of pilgrimage, and an invigorated love of our Catholic faith, we transfer to the Rome Fiumicino Airport and board our return flight home.



\$ Cost Per Person \$3,799 Double room **+\$799** Single room **-\$1,000** Ground only (no flights)



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protect the Sovereign Pontiff,
help all those who invoke thee in their necessities,
and since thou art the ever Virgin Mary
and Mother of the true God,
obtain for us from thy most holy Son
the grace of keeping our faith,
sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life,
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Amen

December 12, 2023