

# ST. LEONARD PARISH

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## Celebrating 150 Years

WEEKLY BULLETIN DECEMBER 31, 2023

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

*Let the peace of Christ  
control your hearts;  
Let the word of Christ  
dwell in you richly.*

COL 3:15A, 16A



Holy Family Stained Glass by Randy Wollenmann



Jerónimo Ezquerro by Santa Trinità

## 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

<b>Mon - Fri</b>	8:15 am Mass
	11:30 am Rosary
	12:05 pm Mass
<b>Monday</b>	12:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:30 pm St. Anthony Novena
<b>Wednesday</b>	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
<b>First Fridays</b>	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

Telephone: 617-227-3143

Office Hours:

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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

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#### Mass Schedule

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Sunday	11:00 am
Thurs-Fri	7:30 am

### Parcel 7 (Haymarket) Garage Parking

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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 30 - January 05

### December 30 - SATURDAY

**5:00 pm** - Emilio Scapicchio; Shane Hoban

### December 31 - SUNDAY

**9:00 am** - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; Hub Horbag; Angela Egea Federico and Idea Susi; Healing prayers for Rosalie Mucci; John Federico; Angela Colannino

**10:30 am** - Domenico and Sestilia Federico

**12:00 pm** - Annette Mastrullo; Kathleen Contrado

### January 01 - MONDAY

**8:15 am** - Manoel B. Sousa

**12:05 pm** - Theresa Leone

### January 02 - TUESDAY

**8:15 am** - Healing of Miriam Vincent

**12:05 pm** - Gregory Mendis

### January 03 - WEDNESDAY

**8:15 am** - Antonio Guarino

**12:05 pm** - Healing of Leonard Doering

### January 04 - THURSDAY

**8:15 am** - Souls of Purgatory

**12:05 pm** - Angelo Martignetti

### January 05 - FRIDAY

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

**12:05 pm** - Former Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.



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

The Bread and Wine will be offered the week of December 31 - January 06 at Saint Leonard Church for Frances Puopolo



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of December 31 - January 06 at Saint Leonard Church for Frances Puopolo

### CASA MARIA

Mass is celebrated every Saturday at 4:00 pm  
December 30 - 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.



## Feast of the Holy Family



Holy Family by Claudio Coello

were in the home of the holy family. The message of Christmas is heard in all its forcefulness: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.' 'And may the peace of Christ triumph in your hearts,' writes the Apostle. It is a peace that comes from knowing that our Father God loves us, and that we are made one with Christ. It results from being under the protection of the Virgin, our Lady, and assisted by St Joseph. This is the great light that illuminates our lives. In the midst of difficulties and of our own personal failings, it encourages us to keep up our effort."

THE CHILD'S father and mother were amazed at what was said about him (Lk 2:33). We are also amazed that God became a child and needed a family. In the family, we learn to let ourselves be loved, helped, and forgiven. We are loved and cared for long before we are aware of it. We will never be able to pay for that love, and the cycle continues generation after generation. It is not a burden that overwhelms us but a reality that fills us with gratitude and urges us to reciprocate. Thank you, Lord, for the family you have given each of us!

With your whole heart honor your father; your mother's birth pangs do not forget. Remember, of these parents you were born; what can you give them for all they gave you? (Sir 7:27-28), Sacred Scripture says. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who have cared for us before we could even thank them. It is only right that our parents should share in our happiness. Very often, they are the ones who plant the seeds of faith and piety in our lives.

St. Josemaría highlights each family's irreplaceable mission: "When I think of Christian homes, I like to imagine them as being full of the light and joy that

## EVENTS

### January Events

- **January 5th: Adoration**  
7:00 pm at Saint Leonard's
- **January 21th: 150th Bingo**  
1:30 pm at Saint Joseph's Hall
- **January 28th: Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross**  
1:00pm Social  
2:00pm Adoration  
3:00pm Stations of the Cross

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

Every Sunday at 4:00pm praise and worship  
takes place in Saint Leonard's Church

FRIDAY - January 5th

### ADORATION



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

SUNDAY - January 21th



150TH

# BINGO



**JANUARY 21, 2024**

**St. Joseph Hall**

Join us for an afternoon of Bingo games.

**Doors open at 12:45pm**

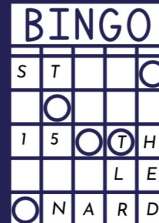
**Bingo begins at 1:30pm**

**\$20.00 for 3 BINGO cards**

One extra card to anyone who registers by January 15th.

Please register by contacting

[celebrating150years@sleonard.org](mailto:celebrating150years@sleonard.org)



**LET THE BINGO  
GAMES BEGIN!**

SUNDAY - January 28th

### Forth Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, January 28th at **Saint Leonard's Church** following the Noon Mass.

**1:00pm:** Social

**2:00pm:** Adoration

**3:00pm:** Stations of the Cross



March 3rd to 9th




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!

Every Sunday

## YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY DINNER


Sundays, Dodici Social Club (12 N Square)\*  
Following Praise & Adoration (4-5:30 pm,  
St. Leonard's Church)



 St. Leonard's

\*Starting Jan. 14th, 2024



 YA Listserv


Every Sunday

## LIVE WORSHIP MUSIC

Sundays @ 4 PM\*


St. Leonard's in Boston's North End



 St. Leonard's

\*Excluding Dec. 24th & 31st



 nerpraise



***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!



## 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.

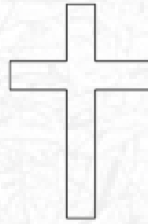
We still need to raise \$100,000 to repair the facade of Sacred Heart, and \$100,000 to fix the Roof at the Rectory. Please consider donating to our Angelic Choir:

- \$150 Sesquicentennial Club
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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](http://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.





# Footsteps of St. Leonard Pilgrimage

150<sup>th</sup> 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

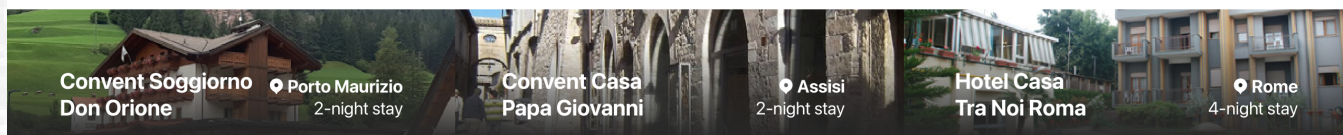
Today, we will visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, as well as the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. It is here (the Basilica of St. John Lateran) that St. Francis persuaded Pope Innocent III to give permission to begin the Franciscan Order. We will celebrate 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.



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**Canterbury Pilgrimages**

This Year we have on the cover of our missal the prayer of St. Michael the Arch Angel and a special note to our guest of St. Leonard of Port Maurice.

## Welcome to St Leonard's

For those of you who are not Catholic, or if you are Catholic and not prepared to receive Holy Communion today, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing instead. Simply cross your arms over your chest instead.

### St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,  
o Prince of the heavenly hosts, **by the power of God**, cast into  
hell satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen

## FINANCIAL & GIVING

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Week 3:	\$ 3,329

**December Monthly Budget: \$ 9,636**

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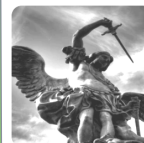
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## Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Beneath your compassion we  
seek refuge, Theotokos.  
Do not overlook our prayers,  
but deliver us from danger,  
only pure and blessed one.  
My hope is the Father;  
my refuge, the Son;  
my protection, the Holy Spirit.  
Holy Trinity, glory to you.  
Amen.

*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God*  
*January 1, 2024*