

ST. LEONARD PARISH

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

Celebrating 150 Years

WEEKLY BULLETIN FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT

*"One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from
the mouth of God."*

MT 4:4B



Man of Sorrows by William Dyce

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
	10:30 am (Italian)
	12:00 pm
Monday - Friday	8:15 am
	12:05 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 4:15 - 4:45 pm and upon request.

SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONS

Monday - Friday	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

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.

Celebrant Schedule **subject to change*

- **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
Rev. William Schmidt
Rev. Angelo Nisengwe

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:

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

Website: <https://sjsne.com/>

Saint Francis Gift and Book Store

Monday - Thursday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Friday - Saturday 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 1:30 pm &
2:30 pm - 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

*We will NOT celebrate Thursday or Friday
7:30am Masses here during the months of January
and February. These Masses are now on hold until
Thursday, February 29th.*

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 February 17 - February 23

February 17 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Dom Agrippino; Kathleen Contrado

February 18 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family

10:30 am - Maria & Michele Torra

12:00 pm - The intentions of the donors to the 150th Building the Future Fund and all those involved with the Anniversary; Josephine and Louise Trodella; Angelo Polcari; Ricky Anzilotti; Enrico A. Ricci; Rudy Federico

February 19 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Ellen Adams

12:05 pm - Healing of Miriam Vincent

February 20 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Souls of Purgatory

12:05 pm - Nancy Whitten Martignetti

February 21 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Charlie Falla

12:05 pm - Annette Mastrullo

February 22 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - Marleny Aponte

12:05 pm - David Posada

February 23 - FRIDAY

8:15 am - George Farro Jr.

12:05 pm - Julia Capodilupo



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



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of February 18 - February 24 at Saint Leonard Church for Vincent Sclafani



The St. Leonard Candle will burn the week of February 18 - February 24 at Saint Leonard Church in honor of 150th Committee

CASA MARIA

Mass is celebrated every Saturday at 4:00 pm
February 17 - Celebrated by Fr. Alexander

In observance of President Day, the parish office will be closed, Monday, February 19, 2024.



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.

First Sunday of Lent, Year B



Last Wednesday we began the season of Lent, a favorable or opportune time, inspired by Scriptural references that speak of returning to God as something completely desirable and positive. Lent is the time to review our lives, reflect upon our thoughts, words and deeds, and concentrate our efforts more fully on the things of God. Lent is a reminder of what life is all about: not health, wealth and beauty, but liberation from slavery to sin, which means passing through trials to arrive on “terra firma,” the heavenly Jerusalem, where we hope to enjoy God’s company forever.

I like to call this first Sunday of Lent “Christ in the Desert Sunday,” as the name of our Monastery is “Christ in the Desert.” Every year on this first Sunday of Lent we hear a Gospel account of Jesus’ forty-day desert experience, when Christ was tempted by the devil, but ultimately is victorious over the forces of evil that assailed him. This year we hear the account by the evangelist Saint Mark describing Christ’s forty days in the desert of Judea. If you’ve been there, you know it’s very barren, more so than our alpine desert in New Mexico. It’s very hot there too, even outside of summer, and can be very cold at night year round.

Christ must have felt those hardships in his intentional desert retreat, but was not to be swayed by them or by the devil’s desire to see Christ follow a path other than God’s. As the redeemer of the human race, Christ in the desert was not defeated, but strengthened to go forth with his mission to open the path of redemption for all peoples of every time and place.

Forty is a significant number throughout the Sacred Scriptures of our tradition. For example, the flood in Noah’s time lasted forty days. For forty years the Hebrews wandered in the desert before entering the Promised Land. Jonah the prophet preached for forty days to the Ninevites. At different times both Moses and Elijah spent forty days fasting and praying on the mountain.

In a great tradition, Jesus also fasted and prayed in the desert for forty days. Our Church to this day maintains the timeline of forty days of reflection, fasting, prayer and almsgiving, in preparation to celebrating the culmination of Lent, Holy Week at the end of the forty days, and then powerfully recounting and reliving the events of our redemption in Jesus Christ, called the Sacred Triduum, leading up to Easter Sunday.

In the desert experience he endured, Jesus teaches us that trials are not to defeat us, but to strengthen us. We all face trials, but what we do with them makes all the difference; we can become bitter or transfigured by our trials. As the desert and the number forty are important themes in our Catholic experience, those who intentionally live in deserted places, dedicating themselves to the Lord are privileged to be able to walk the Lenten path with the support of brothers and sisters. No matter where we live, the Church strengthens us in our efforts to grow in inner freedom, love, peace and holiness, dying to sin in order to belong more completely to God and partake of risen life in Jesus Christ.

To enter the desert is to recognize our fragility and fears. Only with the Holy Spirit can we be comforted and sustained in our efforts. As the Holy Spirit protected Christ in the desert, so we too count on the same kind of help. At the moment of his baptism, just prior to his sojourn in the desert, the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove to accompany Christ in his work as Messiah.

In moments of our desert journey we too are assured of the presence of the same Holy Spirit and of final victory over death. This is promised us by the baptism we have received. Only our own choice of rejection of God’s help, by our free will, can forfeit the promise made to us by God.

Whatever crisis we endure can be a source of victory. From the ashes, new life buds forth. We hold this to be true by our baptismal covenant with the living God. Saint Peter speaks of this in the second reading today when he states emphatically, “You are now saved by a baptismal bath.”

The word of God we hear at every Eucharist needs to be for us a continual reminder of God’s loving initiative toward us as his people and as individuals. May this help us to know more and more the immense love of God for us and our call to return that love by a life of simple regard for God and neighbor.

May this Lenten journey 2021, which we have just begun, be a time of grace and growth. May Christ, teacher in the desert, be our guide throughout these days.

By Abbot Christian Leisy, OSB



EVENTS

February Events

- **February 25th: Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross**
1:00pm Social
2:00pm Adoration
3:00pm Stations of the Cross
- **February 26th: "Babette's Feast" Movie**
6:30 pm at Saint Leonard's Parish Hall
- **February 28th: "Follow Me" Bible Study**
7:00 pm at Sacred Heart

- The Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday at 6:30pm.
- Every First Friday Adoration is exposed from 12:30pm to 3:00pm.
- The Sacrament of Confession will be available during Lent every Wednesday at 6:30 pm & every Sunday from 4:00pm to 5:30 pm.
- Every Sunday at 4:00pm, Adoration with music by NER Praise happens at St Leonard's.
- Every Sunday at 5:30pm (after Adoration), young adult dinner takes place at Dodici (12 North Square).

FRIDAY - February 23th

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT
AT 6:30PM

MONDAY - February 26th



a film by
GABRIEL AXEL

Babette's Feast

FEBRUARY 26 @6:30PM
ST. LEONARD PARISH HALL

Join us for the movie and discussion.
Please bring a dish to share.

Every Sunday

ADORATION WITH PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC

Sundays 4-5:30 pm, St. Leonard's Church*
Confessions Available During Lent



f St. Leonard's



@ nerpraise

*Excluding Mar. 31st

SUNDAY - February 25th

Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, February 25th at Saint Leonard's Church following the Noon Mass.

1:00pm: Social

2:00pm: Adoration

3:00pm: Stations of the Cross



Every Sunday

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY DINNER

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



f St. Leonard's


*Excluding Mar. 31st



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WEDNESDAY - February 28th

JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE GOSPEL OF MARK



adapted from Saint Mark's Ecce Homo (1621)

BIBLE STUDY

"FOLLOW ME"


MARK 1:17

Wednesdays | 7-8:30PM
Starting January 17, 2024

Sacred Heart Church
12 North Square | Boston, MA 02113

CONTACT: CELEBRATING150YEARS@SLEONARD.ORG

PLEASE NOTE:
We will be using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: The Gospel of Mark, which is available in the St. Leonard Gift Shop.



FRIDAY - March 1st

ADORATION



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



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!

March 8th

Please join us for

Soup and Stations

Friday, March 8th

5:30pm

Soup in the Parish Hall

Please bring a meatless soup to share!



6:30pm

Stations of the Cross in St. Leonard's Church



TUESDAY - March 19th



THIRTEEN TUESDAY NOVENA TO *Saint Anthony of Padua*

CELEBRAZIONE DEL MARTEDI
Tredicina di Sant'Antonio

Tuesday, March 19th - Tuesday, June 11th

Following the 12:05 PM Mass & 7:00 PM

Join the parish family of Saint Leonard of Port Maurice as we begin the solemn commemoration of Blessed Anthony, confessor and doctor of the universal church, for 13 weeks until his feast on June 13th.



Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Church
320 Hanover Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02113



LENTEN AND EASTER CALENDAR

SUN, FEBRUARY 11 - SUN, APRIL 7, 2024



Confessions

*every Wednesday during Lent @6:30PM

*every Sunday during Lent @4-5:30PM

SIXTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

SUN
11

FEBRUARY

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Burning of the palms to create ashes @1:00PM (Peace Garden)

WED
14

FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday

Mass with Ash Distribution @8:15AM (Sacred Heart)

Mass with Ash Distribution @12:05PM and @7:00PM (St. Leonard)

Prayer Service with Ash Distribution @3:00PM

Confessions @6:00PM

FRI
16

FEBRUARY

Stations of the Cross @6:30PM

SUN
18

FEBRUARY

Mass @9:00AM, @10:30AM (Italian)

Conclusion of the Sesquicentennial Mass @12:00PM

Confessions, Adoration, and Praise and Worship @4:00-5:30PM

Young Adult Dinner @5:30PM (Dodici)

WED
21

FEBRUARY

Confessions @6:30PM

FRI
23

FEBRUARY

Stations of the Cross @6:30PM

SUN
25

FEBRUARY

150th Anniversary: Sesquicentennial Stations of the Cross

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

Social @1:00PM, Adoration @2:00PM, Stations of the Cross @3:00PM

Confessions, Adoration, and Praise and Worship @4:00-5:30PM

Young Adult Dinner @5:30PM (Dodici)

MON
26

FEBRUARY

Babette's Feast Movie and Potluck @6:30PM (Parish Hall)

WED
28

FEBRUARY

Confessions @6:30PM

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MARCH

Stations of the Cross @6:30PM

The Role of Christians in the Holy Land: a Franciscan Perspective @7:00PM (Sacred Heart)

SUN
03

MARCH

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

Confessions, Adoration, and Praise and Worship @4:00-5:30PM

Young Adult Dinner @5:30PM (Dodici)

MON
04

MARCH

Confessions @6:30PM

"Rebuild my Church" Mission Talk with Fr. Bill Schmidt @7:00PM

TUE
05

MARCH

Confessions @6:30PM

"Rebuild my Church" Mission Talk with Fr. Bill Schmidt @7:00PM

WED
06

MARCH

Confessions @6:30PM

"Rebuild my Church" Mission Talk with Fr. Bill Schmidt @7:00PM

FRI
08

MARCH

Lenten Soup @5:30PM (Parish Hall)

Stations of the Cross @6:30PM

4TH WEEK

SUN
10

MARCH

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

Confessions, Adoration, and Praise and Worship @4:00-5:30PM

Young Adult Dinner @5:30PM (Dodici)

WED
13

MARCH

Confessions @6:30PM

FRI
15

MARCH

Stations of the Cross @6:30PM

SUN
17

MARCH

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

Confessions, Adoration, and Praise and Worship @4:00-5:30PM

Young Adult Dinner @5:30PM (Dodici)

WED
20

MARCH

Confessions @6:30PM

FRI
22

MARCH

Stations of the Cross @6:30PM

SAT
23

MARCH

Palm Sunday (Vigil)

Vigil Mass @5:00PM

SUN
24

MARCH

Palm Sunday

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

Confessions, Adoration, and Praise and Worship @4:00-5:30PM

Young Adult Dinner @5:30PM (Dodici)

Reed's School Concert @5:00PM (Sacred Heart)

WED
27

MARCH

Confessions @6:30PM

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MARCH

Holy Thursday

Mass @8:00PM, Procession to North End Churches @9:30PM

FRI
29

MARCH

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross @12:00PM and 7:00PM

Passion of our Lord @3:00PM and Confession @4:30PM

SAT
30

MARCH

Easter Vigil

Mass @8:00PM

SUN
31

MARCH

Easter Sunday

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

SAT
06

APRIL

Divine Mercy Vigil

Mass @5:00PM

SUN
07

APRIL

Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Adoration and Confession @1:00PM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy @3:00PM

Adoration and Praise and Worship @4:00-5:30PM

Young Adult Dinner @5:30PM (Dodici)

1ST WEEK

2ND WEEK

3RD WEEK OF LENT

5TH WEEK

HOLY WEEK

EASTER

DIVINE MERCY

“During Lent, let us find concrete ways to overcome our indifference.”
—Pope Francis

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a preparation for the new life offered to us in Easter. In these 40 days, we prepare our hearts, purifying them through penance, acts of sacrifice, almsgiving, and prayer so that we may fully share in the joys of Easter.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. During Lent we are obligated to fast and abstain from meat:

- **ABSTINENCE:**

Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to complete abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

- **FASTING:**

Catholics over 18, and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year, are bound to fast Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

2. This is a graced time to fulfill our yearly obligation to cleanse our heart through the sacrament of reconciliation and receive the Eucharist during the Easter season.

SOME WAYS TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

- Read the Bible
- Say the Rosary as a Family
- Go to Confession
- Spend time in silent prayer
- Go to Weekday Mass
- Fast from bad language
- Try not to gossip
- Say the Litany of Trust
- Attend Stations of the Cross
- Visit a new church
- Clean your room
- Start the Bible in a Year
- Give up coffee
- Learn about a saint
- Give up electronics
- Pray for vocations
- Give up a favorite snack
- Visit someone in a nursing home
- Do a Random Act of Kindness
- Donate to your favorite charity
- Pray for mother's going through unplanned pregnancies
- Offer up your struggles of the week
- Do one of the Corporal Works of Mercy
- Write a thank you note to someone
- Pray for discerning religious
- Pray for those who have passed
- Invite a friend to attend Mass with you
- Join Bible Study, Wednesdays @7pm at Sacred Heart Church
- Fast from social media for a day or longer
- Spend 30 minutes reading something spiritual
- Read Mass readings before going to Mass
- Forgive someone that is hard to forgive
- Meditate on one of the Stations

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;

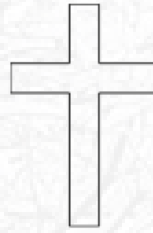
or by donating online at www.saintleonardchurchboston.org.

Thank you so much!

Please join us to discuss the Looking to the Future Survey results and to help plan the Parish's next steps

Tuesday, March 12th
6:30pm
Parish Hall

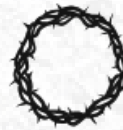
STATIONS OF THE CROSS



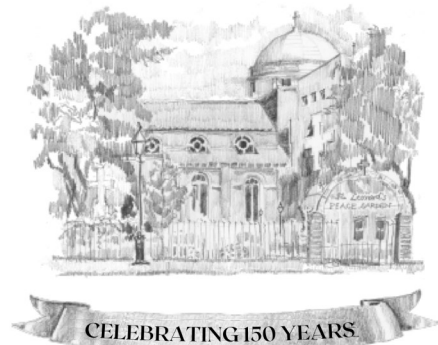
The Stations of the Cross are the centerpiece of our 150th celebration and we will be offering, as an insert each week in the bulletin, the Station of the month along with meditations for your prayer and reflection.



We encourage you to spend some time each day allowing Jesus to speak to you through His Passion. This week for the month of February we are focused on the Fourteen Station:
Jesus is laid in the tomb



CONCLUDING OUR SESQUICENTENNIAL



Please join us as we *conclude* the celebration of

*The 150th Anniversary of
St. Leonard's Church*

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Twelve o'clock Mass
St. Leonard's Church

refreshments to follow in St. Joseph's Hall



PRAISE GOD FOR SECOND CHANCES, AND THIRD . . . AND . . .

The season of repentance is upon us, and once again we celebrate the Lord's merciful invitation to turn it around and bring his love, peace, and justice into this suffering world. "As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that they turn from their ways and live," (Ezekiel 33:11). "And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).



The Secular Franciscans – an order of laypeople founded by St Francis of Assisi, an order for men and women, young and old, married and unmarried, an order for everyone – were originally called the "Brothers and Sisters of Penance." Our name may have changed, but penance and conversion remain at the heart of who we are and what we do.

Our Rule calls us to daily conversion, to "conform [our] thoughts and deeds to those of Christ," (Article 7). The Rule also counsels us: "As the Father sees in every person the features of his Son, . . . so the Secular Franciscans with a gentle and courteous spirit accept all people as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ," (Article 13). Can you imagine a penance that would please the Lord more than asking forgiveness of someone you may have hurt, forgiving someone you have been holding a grudge against, or just loving someone – anyone – a little more?

The next meeting of the Secular Franciscans will be on Tuesday, February 20, at 7pm in the Church Hall. We will be discussing Chapter 2 of Richard Rohr's "Eager To Love: The Alternative Way of Francis of Assisi." Copies are available in the church bookstore, on Amazon, and from many other vendors. Please join us for fellowship and discussion, whether or not you have read the chapter, and whether or not you're interested in joining the Order. Franciscan spirituality has something positive for everyone! If you have any questions, please contact: stleonardsecularfranciscans@gmail.com.

The Secular Franciscans at St. Leonard's wish you a blessed Lent!

VOLUNTEER OFFICE POSITION AVAILABLE

**THIS POSITION IS MEANT FOR YOU WHO IS LOOKING FOR A
VERY EASY, FUN AND PRODUCTIVE WAY TO VOLUNTEER
YOUR TIME & TALENT TO THE PARISH**

- **CREATE YOUR OWN SCHEDULE (MINIMUM 3-5 HRS.)**
 - **WEEKDAY HOURS (M-TH BETWEEN 10AM-4PM)**
 - **DATA ENTRY AND DATA UPDATE**
- PLEASE CONTACT JANINE MARTIGNETTI AT 617-523-2110
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION TO THIS REQUEST**

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is now open

S St Leonard's Church, North End Boston

Saint Leonard's of Port Maurice partners with crafts people from all over the world to bring our visitors the most authentic and cherished products.

shop.saintleonardchurchboston.org

St Leonard's Church,
North End Boston

Access the store with
the following QR code

All products

8 products



Italian Glass Bead Rosary
\$10.50



Book - The Big Hustle
\$27.95



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

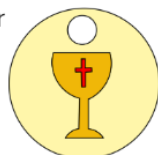


The Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Spiritual Care Department is looking for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to administer Holy Communion to patients and families in the hospital.

This is a wonderful volunteer ministry, and there is a great need.

Requirements: One-year commitment to serve at least one day a week for 2-3 hours, and a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing.

If you are interested, please email
Br. Jeff Shackleton, OFM, at
jshackleton@mgh.harvard.edu or call
the MGH Spiritual Care Department
at (617) 726-2220. Many blessings for
considering this important ministry!



**God needs priests. Is He calling you?
If you are 30-60, you may be surprised.**

First Friday Visit

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary
558 South Ave., Weston, MA

March 1, 2024

Holy Hour and Evening Prayer

5:00 PM EST

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner with
seminarians and tour of the Seminary

Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit
(Zoom link provided at registration)

To Register, contact
Msgr. William Fay, 781-899-5500 ext. 134
msgr.fay@psjs.edu

www.psjs.edu



POPE ST. JOHN XXIII
NATIONAL SEMINARY
Answering the Call | Founded in 1964



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

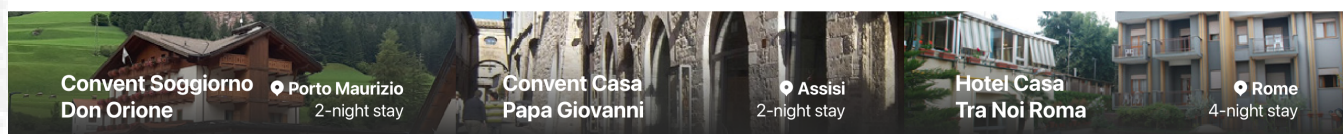
Today, we will visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, as well as the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. It is here (the Basilica of St. John Lateran) that St. Francis persuaded Pope Innocent III to give permission to begin the Franciscan Order. We will celebrate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



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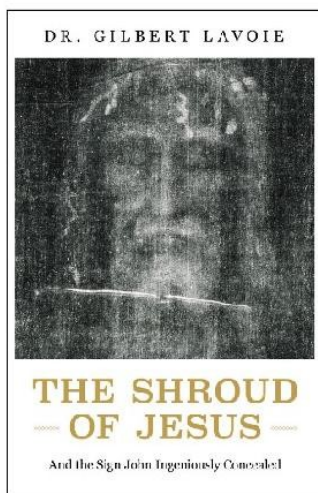
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St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

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
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