

ST. LEONARD PARISH

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Celebrating 150 Years

WEEKLY BULLETIN FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT

*"From the shining cloud the Father's
voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him."*

MT 17:5



Transfiguration by Rubens

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 24 - March 01

February 24 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Ann Marie Fahey

February 25 - SUNDAY

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

10:30 am - Dora Pasquale; Domenico and Sestilia Federico; Rose DaCorta

12:00 pm - Joyce DeStefano

February 26 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Miriam Vincent

12:05 pm - Vicky DeStefano

February 27 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Charlie Falla

12:05 pm - For the homeless people around the world

February 28 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - Nick Vastista

12:05 pm - Gregory Mendis

February 29 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - David Posada

12:05 pm - For young people struggling with addictions

March 01 - FRIDAY

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

12:05 pm - In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



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

Are you in need of Prayers?

Each day the friars of St. Christopher Friary pray for the intentions entrusted to them.

If you would like your intention included in our prayers, please call the friary prayer request line: 617-742-4190 ext. 100.



We are happy to keep you in our prayers.

CASA MARIA

Mass is celebrated every Saturday at 4:00 pm

February 24 - Celebrated by Fr. Alexander



Second Sunday of Lent, Year B



the heart of our Christian believing is this deep awareness that Jesus is born for us, that Jesus dies for us and that Jesus has indeed been raised to life for us. This is not a philosophical argument but an experienced reality of the early Christians that we later Christians have come to see as true because of their testimony.

So our readings today are clear: seek to do the will of God in all things, believe that Christ died and was raised from the dead for us and see in the Transfiguration of Christ that we also can be transfigured by our complete belief in Him. Let us give all to the Lord and receive from the Lord whatever He sends us.

By Abbot Philip, OSB
Christ in the Desert Abbey

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

Let us give all to the Lord and receive from the Lord whatever He sends us. That is the invitation of the readings today. Give all and receive whatever is given back.

Although we want to give all the Lord, we often find that what the Lord wants of us seems more than we can give. Most of us don't have the faith that we see in Abraham in the first reading today from the Book of Genesis. We should recognize that even the early Christian commentators on this passage found it difficult. Would God actually ask a father to kill his own son? This is God asking something immoral from a human. The only answer to this difficulty is that God does not actually, in the end, ask Abraham to kill his own son.

The point of the account in Genesis is not about God asking Abraham to do something immoral, but about Abraham being willing always to do the will of God. Abraham is called "our father in faith" because of his complete dedication to doing whatever God asks of him.

We may doubt at times what God might ask of us. We find it difficult to accept the evil that is in our world, the bad things that happen to good people, the atrocities against people that go unpunished, the school shootings. Always people ask how a good God can allow such evils to happen. Yet such questions are truly not about God but about us humans with our sinfulness. We are broken beings who don't always choose what is right and good. God gave us this freedom. And we misuse our freedom.

The real question is this: why don't we humans always choose what is good and what is right? The only answer is that something is broken in us. What do we do about the brokenness? All the laws in the world are unable to redeem us and to force us to choose good. Only salvation from God brings about a true conversion.

And how difficult that is! The Letter to the Romans, from which is taken the second reading today, speaks to this problem: "Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us." The only way of redemption is to embrace the path of God, who gave His own Son for us.

The Gospel today, from Saint Mark, is the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Jesus is changed in front of his own followers, at least some of them, so that they can believe that He is truly God even when they see Him undergo crucifixion. At



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 6:30pm & every Sunday from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.
- 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).

Every Sunday

ADORATION WITH PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC

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



f St. Leonard's

*Excluding Mar. 31st



@ nerpraise

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



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.



WEDNESDAY - February 28th

JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE GOSPEL OF MARK



BIBLE STUDY

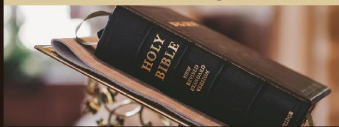
"FOLLOW ME"

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.

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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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!



Friday - 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 12th

PLEASE JOIN US TO
DISCUSS THE
LOOKING TO THE
FUTURE SURVEY
RESULTS AND TO
HELP PLAN THE
PARISH'S NEXT STEPS

We hope to see you there!

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH
6:30PM

Parish Hall



TUESDAY - March 19th to June 11th



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.

FRIDAY - March 1st

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT
AT 6:30PM



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
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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

FRI
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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

THU
28

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

St. Leonard Port Maurice

Sesquicentennial Concluding Mass and Reception

Sunday, February 18, 2024



On Sunday, February 18th, the celebration of the 150th anniversary of St. Leonard's Church ended with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Bishop Reed. With the Church filled to capacity, we prayed our Sesquicentennial prayer for the last time, acknowledging how much we all have been transformed by the Cross during this anniversary celebration.

We spent the last 14 months building faith and community and raising money to replace the air conditioning and heat for the Church, shore up the façade at Sacred Heart Church and repair the roof on the rectory. As St. Leonard was dedicated to the Way of the Cross, the anniversary focused on the Stations of the Cross and passing the San Damiano Cross from parishioners' home to home.

As we end the 150th celebration, we are truly thankful to God and to all the people who made it happen—the 150th Committee, Fr. Michael and parish priests and staff, all the sponsors, donors, presenters, and volunteers who gave of their time, talent, and treasure.

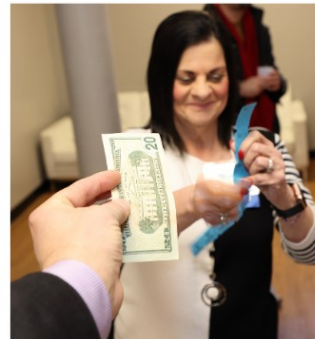
As this chapter in St. Leonard's history closes, we move forward into the next 150 years confident that our Church is strong in faith, hope, love and community.



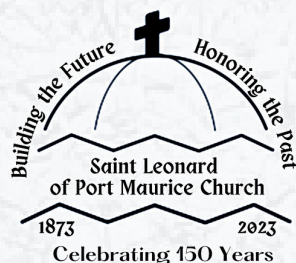
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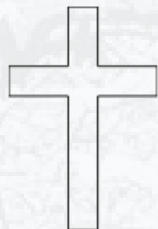
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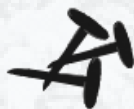
150TH ANNIVERSARY



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



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

EUCHARISTIC 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!



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North End Boston

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All products

8 products



Italian Glass Bead Rosary
\$10.50



Book - The Big Hustle
\$27.95



A PARISHIONER BEING VESTED INTO THE ARCICONFRATERNITA DI SANT'ANTONIO DI PADOVA

On Sunday, I had the honor of being vested into the Arciconfraternita di Sant'Antonio di Padova - based at his basilica in Padova, Italy. The Arciconfraternita is a society started shortly after the saint's death that honors the life, teachings, and miracles of the wonder-worker of Padua. To be vested is to become a new member of this confraternity of Saint Anthony.



The vesting ceremony happens every year on the Feast of the Translation of Saint Anthony's Relics, also known as the Feast of the Blessed Tongue.

In 1263, among the amazement of Padua's citizens, Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, Minister General of the Franciscans, during the examination of the Saint's mortal remains, found Anthony's tongue incorrupt despite the fact that the Saint had passed away over 30 years previously. This phenomenon remains inexplicable to science, and it is therefore accepted as a miracle by faith, seeing that the tongue, the instrument the Saint used during his preaching, remains incorrupt to this very day after all these centuries. The Tongue is held in a special reliquary in the Chapel of Relics at the Basilica of Saint Anthony in Padua, Italy.

Following the vesting ceremony, the members of the Arciconfraternita attend Holy Mass for this special feast in the basilica and follow with a procession of the saint's relics through the church.

By Michael Bonetti

DUCKLINGS SCULPTOR'S PROPOSED NORTH END PROJECT WOULD TELL THE STORY OF IMMIGRATION

Nancy Schön, who brought Robert McCloskey's classic children's book, 'Make Way for Ducklings,' to life in the Public Garden with her iconic sculpture, is now hoping to tell the story of immigration with another work of public art proposed for the grounds of St. Leonard Church in the North End

The project, called 'Noble Journey Sculpture: Italy to America,' will comprise a bronze pathway imprinted with sets of footprints leading into the entrance of St. Leonard Church – the first Italian Catholic Church in New England, and which, today, is the congregation of Sacred Heart and St. Stephen Church, St. Mary Chapel, and St. John's parochial school.

A top view of Nancy Schön's scale-model maquette for her proposed project, 'Noble Journey Sculpture: Italy to America.'

Once installed, the sculpture will allow ancestors of the church's earliest members to literally 'walk' in the footsteps of their immigrant forebearers. It will symbolize the trek that Italians and other immigrants took after crossing the Atlantic between the 1850s and the 1920s, including the Italian immigrants who built St. Leonard Church in 1873.



"We're all immigrants so it's not just Italians," Schön, now 95, told this reporter. "[The project] represents how we're all immigrants and how we all follow in each other's footsteps and stand on each other's shoulders, so it's a way to have a continuum from one generation to another. It's them being able to walk in their ancestors' footprints so that's what it's all about."

In researching the project, Schön spoke with cobblers to find out how their business had changed over the past 150 years. What she learned, she said, is that "footprints are basically the same and have been for shoemakers" throughout the entire time, with the exception of the growing prevalence of women in high heels over the years.

The sculpture's pathway will be flanked on both sides by black, metal railings, topped with brass lanterns, while two white life-preservers emblazoned with 'USS North End' in black lettering would be affixed to both railings.

The 'Noble Journey' project was initiated by Schön, together with Fr. Michael Della Penna of St. Leonard Church, and Dr. Michael Annuziata of the Friends of the North End, an unincorporated group of around 300 current and one-time neighborhood residents.

Following Dr. Annuziata's unexpected death on Feb. 28 of last year, a project team was initiated by Schön; Fr. Della Penna; and Dr. Anthony Cortese, project coordinator for the nonprofit North End Historical Society, to shepherd the process forward.

"When Mike Annuziata told me about this project, I knew I had to find a way to represent a universal idea of people seeking a new and better life for their families and future generations," said Schön in a statement on the project. "We represent the confluence of our cultural beliefs and our religious ethics through the footsteps of our ancestors leading directly to the church they built. We hope it gives continuity for generations to come as it symbolizes the path Italian immigrants walked as they crossed the Atlantic to the U.S."

In the project's nascent stages, Fr. Della Penna said Dr. Annuziata contacted him and broached the idea of creating something that would be "a positive affirmation of faith of the people who came over from Italy, especially in the early part of the [20th] century" and as a memorial to them.

"He approached me with his idea for [creating] a memorial for Italian immigrants so that we could celebrate and honor their journey, their coming over, especially given that St. Leonard was the first church built by Italian immigrants in New England," added Fr. Della Penna.

Before Dr. Annuziata ultimately reached out to Schön to try to enlist her for the project, Fr. Della Penna and Dr. Annuziata met several times and exchanged ideas on the shape that it might take.

"I thought the project was ripe, considering at the time, we were having difficulties in Christopher Columbus Park," said Fr. Della Penna in reference to the aftermath of an incident in June of 2020 when the statue of Columbus, installed inside the waterfront park in 1979, was beheaded in an apparent act of vandalism. "I was hoping to find a place [for the proposed project] that would be secure to perpetuate the legacy of the Italian heritage that we celebrate and felt that this could galvanize the neighborhood and be a means to bring people together."

Of the project, Fr. Della Penna said, "For me, this is not only a cultural and historical work of art that tells the story of the millions of people who immigrated to the United States, but it is also a beautiful means of affirming their faith, which was the most valuable asset that they declared at the border. It was their faith that they carried to the country, and which carried them."

"In this way, it is a testament to the power of faith inherent in all religions, which empowers us to navigate difficulties by strengthening our relationship with God. This is truly a Noble Journey. Ultimately, it is more than a historic monument, but one which I hope inspires all people to develop and deepen their relationship with God, so that their future will be fruitful and grounded in the truth," added Fr. Della Penna.

When Fr. Della Penna and Dr. Cortese first visited Schön's West Newton home studio in the spring of 2023, Fr. Della Penna said she showed them a scale-model maquette she had created for the project, which illustrated "her innovative way in which the people and tourists who were visiting could walk in the actual footsteps of our ancestors and the immigrants who came over."

Fr. Della Penna added, "I could see that this was something that was a common thread in her other work, mainly this invitational, engaging means of making a work of art dynamic and educational but most importantly, experiential."

Dr. Cortese, a former North Ender with long-standing family connections to St. Leonard Church, was initially recruited for the project by Dr. Annuziata and Victor Passacantilli, the other leader of the Friends of the North End. When a nonprofit sponsor needed to be identified for the project for fundraising purposes, Dr. Cortese reached out to Tom Damigella, president of North End Historical Society, about his group about taking the project under its auspices.

Damigella readily agreed, and NEHS is now the 501(c)(3) coordinator, a partner, and the fundraising leader for 'The Noble Journey,' which in turn takes its name from a year-long project that Damigella's daughter, Jackie, completed years ago in high school about the immigration and life of her Gaetan and Sicilian grandparents.

For his part, Damigella reached out to Elio LoRusso of Somerville Ornamental Iron Work. LoRusso, who was baptized at St. Leonard Church (and whose parents were married there as well), in turn offered his services for the project pro bono.

"It's a wonderful, feel-good story about how people feel about this community and how it means so much to them, like it does to Tom and me," said Dr. Cortese of the project, which will be a gift to St. Leonard Church from the NEHS, the Friends of the North End fraternal social organization, current and former North End residents, businesses, and non-profit organizations, among other donors.

Now targeted for installation next summer, the 'Noble Journey' sculpture now has a projected cost of \$120,000; and since the fundraising campaign kicked off in the middle of last summer, it has to date raised over \$50,000 from around 145 organizations and individuals, with commitments for an additional \$10,000 in donations, towards that goal.

Visit <https://www.northendboston.org/noble-journey-sculpture> to support 'Noble Journey Sculpture: Italy to America,' and to learn more about the project.

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This past Wednesday, St. Joseph's Home for Artisans had the privilege of hosting musician Luke Bellet. The brother of Spring 2022 artist-in-residence, Matthew Bellet, Luke came all the way from Austin, Texas, to delight a group of around one hundred young adults with his original songs. The event served dual purposes, not just entertaining the North End but also raising money for the release of Luke's upcoming album, "Flying Boy".

Luke treated his audience to a sampling of songs off that album, a conceptual set of work that centers around weightlessness, restlessness and of course flight.

It'll surprise no one to read that this event, like so many others, benefited from the incredible generosity of parishioner Frank DePasquale, who donated gift cards as raffle prizes and many, many delicious Quattro pizzas. Perhaps the only thing that moved the audience as much as Luke's original song, "Icarus", was Frankie's Fig and goat cheese pizza.



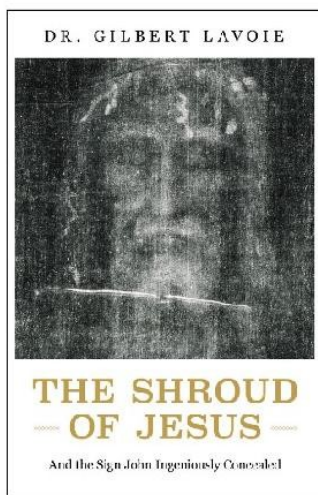
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7:30 PM Eucharist Healing Service



DR. GILBERT R. LAVOIE is a medical doctor, a specialist in internal medicine, occupational medicine, and public health. He has also pursued a forensic and scriptural study of the Shroud of Turin for more than 40 years. He has published books, a video, and articles related to scriptural and medical forensic studies of the blood marks and image of the man of the shroud. His most recent book, *The Shroud of Jesus and the Sign John Ingeniously Concealed* was published in June 2023 by Sophia Institute Press. Dr. Lavoie, along with his colleague, Tom D'Muhala, digitized and organized some of the finest photographs of the Shroud of Turin done by Vernon Miller, who was the official scientific photographer of the 1978 Shroud of Turin Research Project. The Vernon Miller photo collection is now available worldwide on the internet at www.shroudphotos.com.

In the past several years Dr. Lavoie worked with the internationally known sculptor, Pablo Eduardo. Eduardo recently completed a bronze sculpture which is a three-dimensional replica of the image of the man of the Shroud of Turin. This was done in exquisite detail, paying much attention to the anatomy of the figure. This sculpture named *The Sign*, reveals a whole new way of understanding the shroud image.

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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
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and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe them”

Isaiah 58:6-7

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*Second Week of Lent
February 25 - March 02*