

# ST. LEONARD PARISH

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## Celebrating 150 Years

### WEEKLY BULLETIN MARCH 03, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF  
LENT

*“Lord, you are truly the Savior  
of the world;  
give me living water, that I may  
never thirst again.”*

JN 4:42, 15



Jesus Talking with the Samaritan Woman at the Well  
Bronze relief from the gate of Basilica Collegiata di San Sebastiano

## SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

### CONFESSIONS

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

### SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONS

<b>Monday - Friday</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

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

Thursday-Friday	7:30 AM
Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	11:00 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 March 02 - March 08

### March 02 - SATURDAY

**5:00 pm** - In Honor of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

### March 03 - SUNDAY

**9:00 am** - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; Patrick & Vita Saraceno; Giovanna & Alberico DiCenso; Arthur Gambale

**10:30 am** - In memoria del terzo anniversario di Franco Volpe

**12:00 pm** - Deceased Members of the Picardo Family; Castaldo Family; Frank & Amalia Iconelli; Dino DeFamio

### March 04 - MONDAY

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

**12:05 pm** - David Posada

### March 05 - TUESDAY

**8:15 am** - Jerry & Ann McCormick

**12:05 pm** - Antonio Guarino

### March 06 - WEDNESDAY

**8:15 am** - Ellen Adams

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

### March 07 - THURSDAY

**8:15 am** - Clyde Gingerich

**12:05 pm** - Souls of Purgatory

### March 08 - FRIDAY

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

**12:05 pm** - David Posada



**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.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of March 03 - March 09 at Saint Leonard Church for Aurora, Philip, and Phyllis Rugnetta

### CASA MARIA

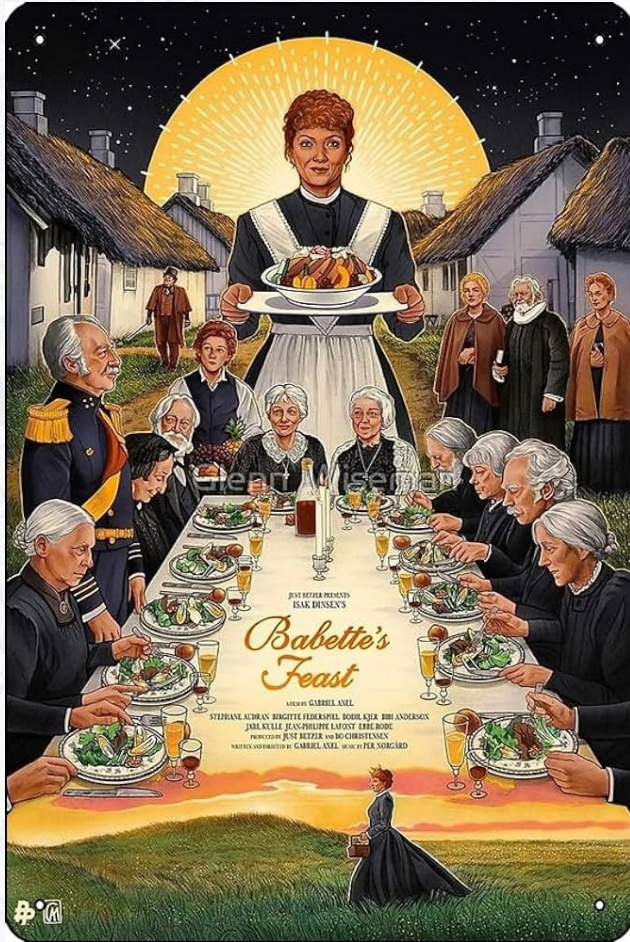
Mass is celebrated every Saturday at 4:00 pm

March 02 - Celebrated by Fr. Alexander



## "I Can't Get No Satisfaction"

### A Woman at the Well and Babette's Feast



What is it I most thirst for? What is my greatest hunger, for what do I most long for?

I think this is the question the word challenges us to ask ourselves this week.

On Monday, February 26th, our parish family gathered, each with a dish of food and watched the movie Babette's feast, the most Eucharistic movie I have ever seen. This movie serves as a perfect appetizer to feasting on the story of Jesus and the woman at the well, because it depicts how we all have deeper thirsts and hungers than those desires of our bodies.

The movie opens with Loren, a young man, who like us all, is searching to satisfy his deepest longing for happiness and fulfillment. After a failed love encounter, he convinces himself he will find fulfillment by dedicating himself to the military and making a great name for himself, stating: "I will think of nothing but my career and someday I will cut a brilliant figure in the great, wide world." It is only in the twilight of his life, however, after having achieved great success and honor, that he discovers the shallowness and vanity of all that he chased after and so experiences a deep regret and dissatisfaction of his life choice. Looking at himself in a mirror, he says "Vanity. Vanity. All is vanity." He asks his wife "Can the sum of a row of victories over many years be defeat?" He tragically realizes his pursuit of worldly honor and fame has not quenched his deepest desire nor satisfied the deepest longing of his heart.

Similarly in the Gospel this week, we encounter a thirsty woman at the well who is clearly thirsty for something more than water. She has had six lovers, who have all failed to satisfy her. Jesus, the living water, however, meets her dry soul at a well that cannot satisfy the deepest thirst she has. This is because both Loren, the woman at the well and each of us have a thirst and hunger of the soul which God's love alone can satisfy and which give us true lasting happiness and fulfillment.

Enter Babette. She is a French woman who decides to spend all of the money she won at a lottery on cooking a huge French Feast. She hopes this banquet will bring happiness to the sisters who employ her and help to reconcile their fractured prayer community. The banquet is absolutely exquisite and during the dinner, General Loren is so impressed that he states he has only tasted something similar in France. He shares a story about how in France he heard of a woman, (who we later realize is Babette) who was a head chef, and "had the ability to transform a dinner into a kind of love affair, a love affair that made no distinction between bodily appetite and spiritual appetite."

This deftly describes the central metaphor of the whole movie and speaks of satisfying the deep spiritual thirst and hunger we all have for love.

This reflects the truth the catechism begins with which states that our hearts were made with a deep hunger for God, a hunger that God alone can satisfy. Everybody therefore has a hungry heart which longs for the infinite. Jesus, born in a feeding trough, desires to satisfy this hunger in the Eucharist. Babette serves as a Christ figure who not only unselfishly gives up everything she has, but in giving of her very self, she nourishes her friends. The feast she provides therefore is a symbol of the self-sacrificial love Christ offers us in the Eucharist. The Eucharist then is the sacrament of satisfaction which gives us a foretaste of heaven, the true hope of nourishing our deepest hungering ache.

Through the Eucharist, Jesus not only fulfills and reconciles us, but also unites us together. We are made to be in communion with God as Augustine famously wrote: "our hearts are restless until they rest in God." St John Paul II puts it this way:

"God has placed in human hearts a 'hunger' for his word, a hunger which will be satisfied only by full union with him. Eucharistic communion was given so that we might be 'sated' with God here on earth, in expectation of our complete fulfillment in heaven."

More specifically, both the movie, and the story in the gospel show that our heart aches for the infinite. Nothing finite can satisfy us. Fillipa, one of the sisters that had hired Babette reflects on God and his infinite love saying:

"Oh God, ...Be our infinite light in the valley of night, the sand in our hourglass will soon run out, the day is conquered by the night, the glories of the world are ending, so brief their day, So swift their flight, God, may your brightness never dim, nor mercy's door be closed to man." So many of us take our hunger to the wrong table. We attempt to satisfy our ache for the infinite with that which is finite and so can never fully satisfy. The reality is that there is no ultimate satisfaction of our desires on earth. All created things merely







Each Eucharist is not only a sacrament or a sign of the ultimate communion we get to experience in the heavenly banquet, but a glimpse or a foretaste of that heavenly banquet we get to share in now.

Let us end with a prayer by St. Bonaventure:

“May my heart ever hunger after and feed upon you, Whom the angels desire to look upon, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of your savor; may it ever thirst for you, the fountain of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, may it ever seek you, find you, run to you, meditate on you, speak of you, and do all for the praise and glory of your name, and be you alone ever my hope, my entire confidence, my riches, my delight, my pleasure, my joy, my rest and tranquility, my peace, my sweetness, my food, my refreshment, my refuge, my help, my wisdom, my portion, my possession, my treasure; in Whom may my mind and my heart be ever fixed and firm and rooted immovably. Amen.”

Reflection by Fr Michael Della Penna

give us a glimpse of true heavenly satisfaction, where all our desires will be fulfilled.

Although we often stray and take the wrong path and try to satisfy this heavenly longing with earthly things like sex, power, money, prestige, and honor, all is not lost as God is merciful. General Loren’s climatic speech captures the point when he says:

“There comes a time when our eyes are opened and we come to realize that mercy is infinite. We need only await it with confidence and receive it with gratitude. Mercy imposes no conditions. And lo! Everything we have chosen has been granted to us. And everything we rejected has also been granted. Yes, we even get back what we rejected. For mercy and truth have met together, and righteousness and bliss shall kiss one another.”

As St. John Paul II states, “We can all get lost at times, lost within ourselves or lost in the world about us. Allow Christ to find you, to speak to you, to ask of you whatever He wants.”

Finally, Jesus, in trying to show to the woman at the well how in the future we would have communion with Him everywhere, states: Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ....But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.”

The General therefore states:

“You must also know that I shall be with you every day that is granted to me from now on. Every evening I shall sit down to dine with you. Not with my body, which is of no importance, but with my soul. Because this evening I have learned, my dear, that in this beautiful world of ours, all things are possible.”

Both Babette’s feast, and the story of Jesus encounter with the woman at the well are beautiful reminders of the Easter feast that we are preparing for during Lent.



## EVENTS

### March Events

- **March 4th to 6th: Lenten Mission**
- **March 8th: Soup and Stations**
- **March 13th: "Follow Me" Bible Study**  
7:00pm at Sacred Heart
- **March 24th: Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross**  
1:00pm Social  
2:00pm Adoration  
3:00pm Stations of the Cross

- 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).

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](https://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 4th to 6th

## LENTEN MISSION



## MISSION POSSIBLE: BEST LENT EVER

**MARCH 4-6 @7PM**

Join Fr. Bill Schmidt and Father Michael Della Penna as they help guide us on how to embark on the second half of Lent with attentiveness to God's grace in our lives and trusting in His mercy and love as He leads us along the road.

Friday - March 8th

Please join us for

## Soup and Stations

Friday, March 8th

**5:30pm**

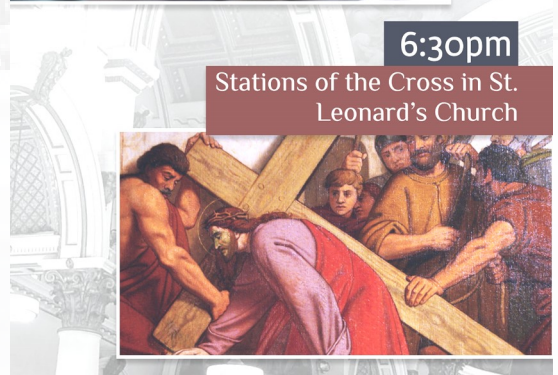
Soup in the Parish Hall

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



SUNDAY - March 24th

### Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, March 24th at Saint Leonard's Church following the Noon Mass.

1:00pm: Social

2:00pm: Adoration

3:00pm: Stations of the Cross

Hosted by: St. Theresa Society



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.

WEDNESDAY - March 13th

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.

No Bible Study on the first Wednesday of each month.  
(We have no Bible Study on March 6)





## BABETTE'S FEAST

On Monday night, St. Leonard's parishioners gathered in St. Joseph's Hall to share in a potluck and watch the Danish film, "Babette's Feast".

Released in 1987, the film is set against the beautiful coastline of Denmark and tells the story of the two daughters of an austere Pastor and the suitors they turn down at their father's heading. Years go by, the Pastor passes and the daughters continue his ministry in their old age. One day, a mysterious stranger arrives at their door, only to reveal herself as Babette Hersant, a friend of one of the scorned suitors of the daughter's youth. Babette is a member of the French Bourgeoise and a refugee from the civil war breaking out throughout Paris. She asks only to stay with the sisters and serve them as a maid for the rest of her days and they accept.

Fourteen years go by and Babette acclimates wonderfully to her poor but simple life...until one day, she receives news that she has won the lottery back in France! She receives 10,000 francs as her prize and the Danish sisters assume sadly that she'll use the money to return to France.



However, having noticed in-fighting breaking out amongst the people of the village's church, Babette instead insists on spending the money on an indulgent French feast for the parishioners. At first the sisters object, saying it's too much, but finally they acquiesce.

Babette makes her feast and the celebration is so joyous and the food so delectable, that it begins to heal the broken relationships within the parish.

After the dinner, the sisters find out that Babette didn't just fund the feast, she spent the entirety of her 10,000 Francs on it. They are aghast, crying that because of her extravagant generosity Babette will be poor for the rest of her life.

But Babette simply replies: "An artist is never poor".

And in this way, the film serves as a metaphor the gift we receive in the Eucharist. In Holy Communion God (the greatest artist of all) showers us with the greatest and most extravagant gift and sacrifice, His son. When we partake in this celebration and eat the feast He gives us (Communion!), old hurts begin to melt away and new life begins within our hearts and our community.





CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER FEDERICO ON RECEIVING HIS  
DOCTORATE IN SACRED THEOLOGY FROM BOSTON COLLEGE.



Father Federico defended his doctoral dissertation “We Believe in God, the Father Almighty: Liturgy, Ethics, Dominance and Vulnerability,” on Friday, February 23, 2024 in front of a packed audience of well-wishers from St. Christopher Friary, St. Leonard’s Church, Boston College, Emmanuel College and his family visiting from Italy. After a well presented and eloquent defense, the Dissertation Committee declared his Dissertation approved.



CONGRATULAZIONI REVEREND DR. FEDERICO!

# 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

### 3RD WEEK OF LENT

- 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  
"Mission Impossible: Best Lent Ever" Talk with Fr. Bill Schmidt @7:00PM
- TUE 05 MARCH**  
Confessions @6:30PM  
"Mission Impossible: Best Lent Ever" Talk with Fr. Bill Schmidt @7:00PM
- WED 06 MARCH**  
Confessions @6:30PM  
"Mission Impossible: Best Lent Ever" 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  
Bible Study @7-8:30PM (Sacred Heart)
- 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  
Bible Study @7-8:30PM (Sacred Heart)
- FRI 22 MARCH**  
Stations of the Cross @6:30PM

### 5TH WEEK

- SAT 23 MARCH**  
Palm Sunday (Vigil)  
Vigil Mass @5:00PM

### HOLY WEEK

- 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)
- 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

### EASTER

- SAT 30 MARCH**  
Easter Vigil  
Mass @8:00PM
- SUN 31 MARCH**  
Easter Sunday  
Mass @9:00AM, @10:30AM (Italian), and @12:00PM

### DIVINE MERCY

- 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)



*“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

TUESDAY - March 19th

### Franciscan Secular Order



The next meeting of the Secular Franciscans at St Leonard's will be on Tuesday, March 19, 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 parish bookstore and via Amazon. (Please join us, whether or not you have read the book!)

The Secular Franciscan Order is one of three founded by St Francis of Assisi. It is an Order of men and women, young and old, married and unmarried, saints and sinners - all striving to live the Gospel way of life after the example of the Little Poor Man from Assisi.

If you have any questions, please email: [stleonardsecularfranciscans@gmail.com](mailto:stleonardsecularfranciscans@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:jshackleton@mgh.harvard.edu) or call the MGH Spiritual Care Department at (617) 726-2220. Many blessings for considering this important ministry!



## 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**

## Our online Gift and Book Store 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.

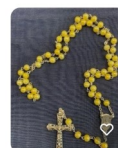
[shop.saintleonardchurchboston.org](http://shop.saintleonardchurchboston.org)

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







## **Prayerful Planned Giving to St. Leonard's Church**

One of the greatest ways that we can demonstrate our love concretely is to remember our Parish in our wills.

These planned, or deferred, gifts can provide significant benefits to you and your loved ones now and in the future, while benefiting St. Leonard's Church for generations to come. Some popular planned giving includes bequests made in wills which can be in the form of:

- gifts of retirement assets
- gifts of life insurance
- gifts of real estate
- charitable gift annuities
- deferred gift annuities

These planned gifts have been instrumental in offsetting deficits, maintaining our buildings with much needed repairs, funding our ministries, caring for our community, and providing foundational support for the future.

Charitable bequests enable donors to make significant contributions that may not have been possible during their lifetime. You may leave a bequest of a specific sum of money, percentage of your estate, or the residual of your estate. If your will is already written, your advisor can add a simple amendment to provide a charitable bequest to St. Leonard's Church.

Please feel free to contact the St. Leonard's Parish office at 617-523-2110 for assistance with planned giving.

*May God bless you!*

# Artist's Corner

This week, the St. Joseph's Artisans celebrate as their own Molly Broekman is accepted into the National Eucharistic Art Exhibit! Molly submitted images of the cope she made for Fr. Michael, using fabric scraps sourced from our community...especially our Nonna's and their spare table cloths!



Molly's cope features a dazzling monstrance and is used for the exposition and benediction of the Holy Sacrament during adoration. Molly initially made this project as her capstone project as an artisan at St. Joseph's Home for Artisans, St. Leonard's art ministry that houses and nurtures young Catholic artists while they give back to the community through their gifts.

If you are an artist (or art lover) and want to learn more about St. Joseph's Home for Artisans and their events, you can reach out to Creative Director Clare McCallan at [claremmccallan@gmail.com](mailto:claremmccallan@gmail.com)





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### Synod listening session open invitation



The Regional Bishops have requested an opportunity for the laity of the Archdiocese to give some feedback at a listening session about the Synod. We are therefore inviting anyone who would like to attend the Central Region Synod listening session being held on Saturday,

March 9 from 10:30 AM to Noon at  
St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish  
in Cambridge.



**Synod  
2021  
2024**



# 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 Rivortorto 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 to 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

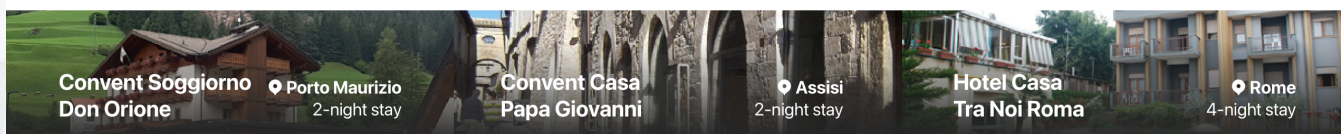
Today, we will visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, as well as the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran. It is here (the Basilica of St. John Lateran) that St. Francis persuaded Pope Innocent III to give permission to begin the Franciscan Order. We will celebrate 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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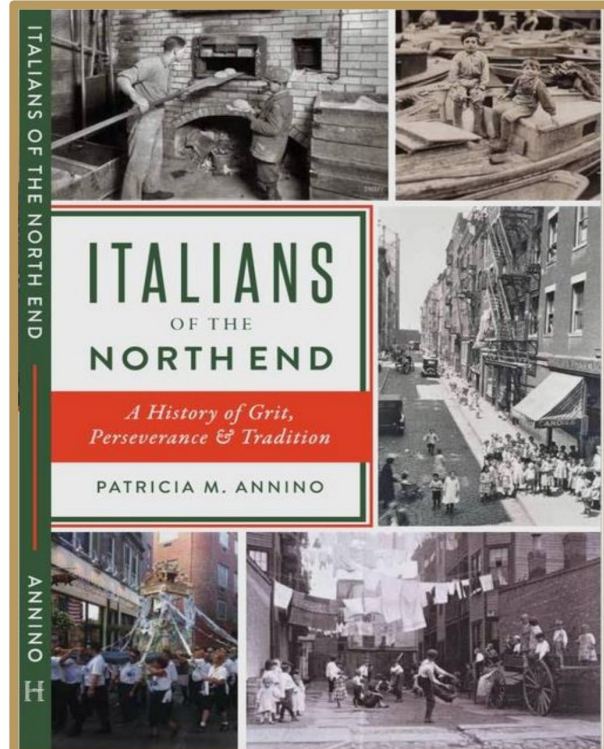
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Week 4:	\$ 4,749

**February Budget : \$ 9,830**

In the month of January we were short \$8,557.

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This year we have on the cover of our missal the prayer of St. Michael the Archangel 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  
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