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LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday evening 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 noon.
Spanish Mass 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays
2:00 p.m. on Sundays
at Holy Trinity Chapel
Brazilian & Portuguese Mass on Sundays
7:30 p.m. at Anna Church
Spanish Mass 11:00 a.m. on Sundays
at St. Francis, Fitchburg

WEEKDAY MASS

7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Convent

FRIDAYS

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

5:30 p.m. - Vigil
7:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m. (school days only)
12:15 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran

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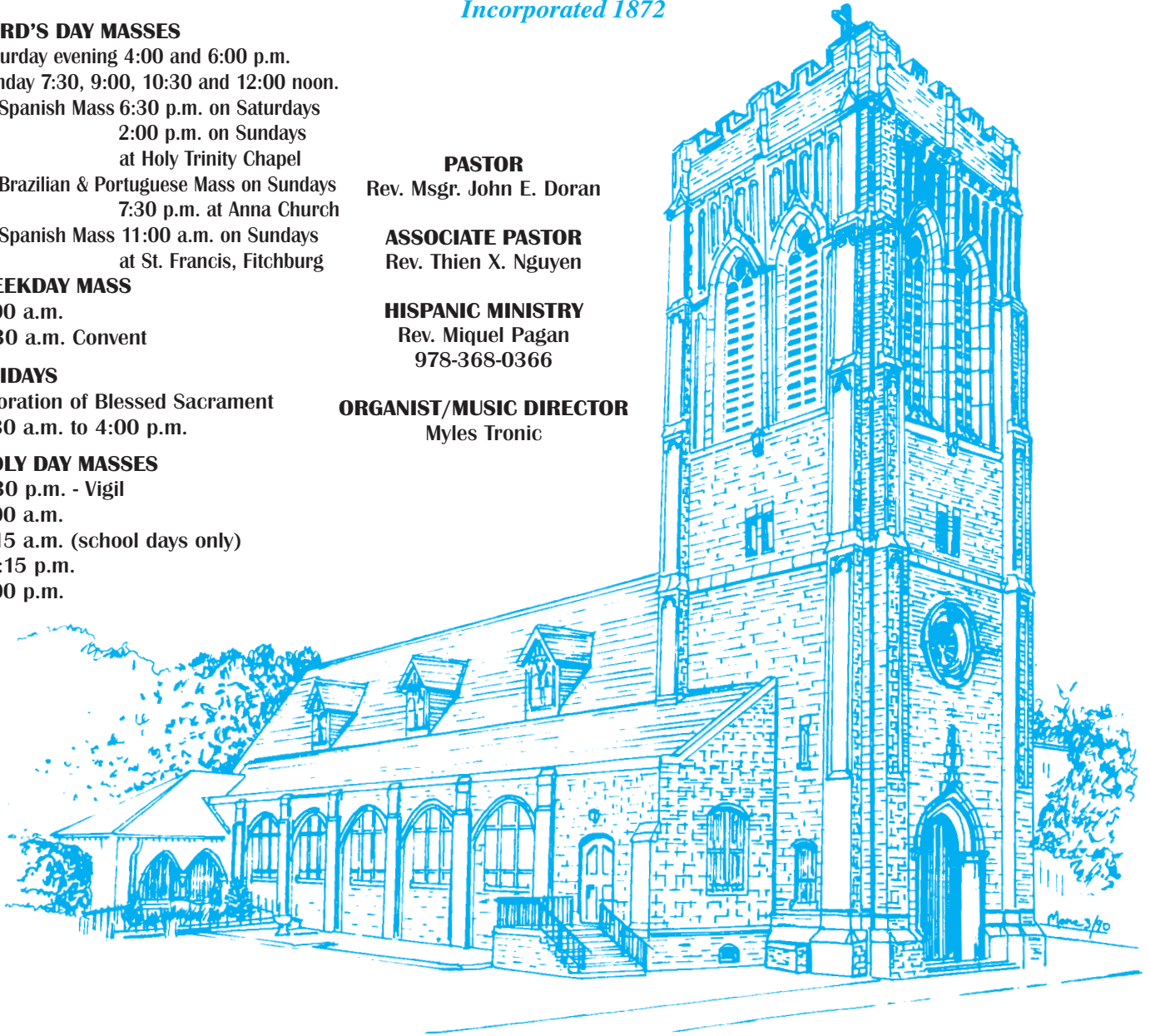
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Sacrament of Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms will be the Second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Eve of Holydays: 4:45 p.m. (weekdays only)

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding.

Saint Leo's School
Mrs. Carolyn Polselli (Principal)
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537-1007
www.St-Leoschool.org

St. Leo's Cemetery Office:
108 Main Street
537-7257
St. Leo's Cemetery Location:
360 Lancaster St.

St. Leo's Religious Education
Office (CCD)
118 Main St.
537-1194



SATURDAY,	February 12
4:00 PM	Pearl Guidara by family
6:00 PM	Joseph Roberts by family
SUNDAY,	February 13
7:30 AM	Rachel & Rigo Montuori by family
8:30 AM	Connie Buckley, 9 th Anniversary
9:00 AM	Joseph Dufresne, 1 st Anniversary by family
10:30 AM	Dr. Charles Gerry
12:00 NN	Louise & Arthur Elbthal by family
MONDAY,	February 14
7:00 AM	Joseph & Eunice Roberts by family
8:30 AM	
TUESDAY,	February 15
7:00 AM	Alfred LeBlanc by family
8:30 AM	
WEDNESDAY,	February 16
7:00 AM	Martin J. Coleman, Jr. by Allan D. Foster
8:30 AM	
THURSDAY,	February 17
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Presentation Sisters Prayer Association
FRIDAY,	February 18
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Joseph Raimon by family
SATURDAY,	February 19
7:00 AM	Daniel Francis Madden, Jr., 10 th Anniversary by wife
8:30 AM	Rena Rogers, 7 th Anniversary by family
4:00 PM	George Thomas, 23 rd Anniversary by family
6:00 PM	Abilio Caetano by family
SUNDAY,	February 20
7:30 AM	Bernard Lamkin by wife & sons
8:30 AM	Edgar Trudell, 16 th Anniversary by family
9:00 AM	The Raheer & Shea Families deceased
10:30 AM	John & Therese Isler by family
12:00 NN	Richard & Irene Hastings by Danny & Jan

7:00AM MASS CHANGE

Beginning on Monday, February 14th, our daily Mass in Church at 7am will shift to the convent until March 31st. at the invitation of the Sisters of the Presentation. The Sisters reasoned that we would not have to heat the main church during the week except for funerals and special Masses. It is an effort to conserve energy and "go green". We are grateful to the Presentation community.

Adoration will still be in church on Fridays following the Mass in the convent.

BUILDING FUND

St. Leo's Building Fund which has made possible our new parish center has now reached the total of \$1,697,580. This remarkable achievement is a credit to the loyal and generous parishioners and friends of St. Leo's. The debt on the \$4.5 million project is \$605,572. Thanks for your continued support



THE TRUTH ABOUT SOME FACEBOOK

"Friends"

In last week's Catholic Free Press, Erick Rommel of Catholic News Service had an interesting op-ed piece that I reprint below.

How many friends do you have.?

How you answer that question has a lot to do with your age and where you spend your time on the Internet.

Until recently, most people would answer with a figure low enough to count on the fingers of their hands. With the rise of Facebook, however, the definition of "friend" has changed. It's no longer someone you depend on who can also depend on you. Instead, it's a list of people you often know only casually, even if you rarely see them facetoface.

The shift in the meaning of the word "friend" is one of the most dangerous things that has happened to society over the past few years. By usurping the meaning of "friend," people in real need are being put at risk, because when they need friends, they're learning often too late that the word no longer means what it once did.

Simone Back, for example, had 1,082 "friends" on Facebook. On Christmas Day, she posted a note on her wall: "Took all my pills be dead soon so bye bye every one."

If someone I knew said something like that, I'd call her, call her neighbors and call the police to make sure she was all right. But from the looks of things, I'm probably a better friend than many of those 1,000+ people, because here's what they did.

Some mocked her. Eight minutes after that post, one of her friends commented, "She ODs all the time and lies."

One minute later, another person commented, "I hope that she is lying about this or you're going to feel guilty tomorrow."

Two hours later, a response from the first person "She does it all the time, takes all her pills. She's not a kid anymore.

It doesn't appear that anyone did anything until the next day when someone finally contacted Simone with a text message that said "Get help." By that point, it was too late.

Soon after, a post appeared on Simone's Facebook page: "My daughter Simone passed away today so please leave her alone now."

How does this happen? How does someone type something like that and no one does anything?

Maybe one of the people who commented knows the answer. Before learning Simone's tragic fate, that person wrote: "What's wrong with you people?? Is the gossip really more important than her?"

You can call someone a friend all you want, but actions speak louder than words. And in this case, the response to that second question concerning gossip is probably "yes."

What is worse, we don't know what the woman did after posting on Facebook.

Maybe she sat at her computer waiting for someone to tell her to get help.

Maybe she wanted to read that people really did care.

Liturgical Roles

WEEK OF February 19-20, 2011

	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 PM	Fr. Nguyen	P.Lozeau	J.Shannon,F.Guidara,D.Lanciani,F.Joseph	F.Scougal,B.Peterson,D,G&V.Malo,N.Siciliano
6:00 PM	Msgr. Doran	S.Lombardozi	K.Lambert,M.White,A.Bissonnette	D.Barrette,S.Koehler,Lombardozi's
7:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	M.Gendron	P.Morin,D.McCaffrey,J.Mann	R.Fratantonio,C&M.UmbrelloT.Gendron,S.Halliwell
9:00 AM	Fr. Nguyen	D.Crowley	B.Maki,R.Malone,F.Domenichella	Domenichella's,A.Kittredge,D.Salinas,M.Edleston,
10:30 AM	Msgr. Doran	R.Keating	D.Slarskey,P.Proietti,R.Rogers,B.LeBlanc	McDowell's,Slarskeys,Hanlons,C.Puma,MAubuchon
12:00 NN	Fr. Nguyen	T.Duffy	D.Bean,D.Henderson,J.Shannon	B&KWhite, Z.Dyment, E.Baron,J. Coppinger, J.Mauro

"HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?"

The Sisters of the Presentation invite you to a workshop: "How Much is Enough??" Examining Our Consumer Choices" to be held on Saturday, March 12th from 1:30PM to 3:30PM at Presentation Convent, 99 Church Street. This informative, interactive experience will include a discussion of the DVD, "The Story of Stuff" by Annie Leonard. Please RSVP Sr. Mary Anne Seliga at 978-537-7108 or email at campjoy@hotmail.com.

EFT GIVING

St. Leo's is now in the process of offering Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) Giving in addition to our regular use of church support envelopes. As part of "SHARING OUR BLESSINGS," many parishioners have already committed themselves to this form of electronic giving. We will partner with Parish Pay which is a reputable firm involved in Church giving. If you have not received a letter and sign-up form and wish to donate by EFT, please contact the rectory at 978-537-7257.

VACATION - MAKE A CHOICE



This Tuesday, February 15th at 7PM in the new school conference room, there will be a meeting to discuss a parish trip this year. There are two possibilities in cooperation with Collette Vacations. One is the *Pacific Northwest* and northern California from September 25-October 2 for \$2,299 for double occupancy. Another is *Italian Vistas* from November 5-17 for \$3,699 for double occupancy. All are welcome to this meeting to decide on a trip this year.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

The good and generous parishioners of St. Leo's continue to support our increased giving initiative begun last fall. In the 1st weekend of February last year we received \$8,375. This year it was \$8,757. Thanks for your continued generosity.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Compassionate Companions Bereavement Support Group:

Continues at Our Lady of the Lake Parish this Wednesday, February 9th, from 7-8:30pm. This week's topic is "Sensing the Presence of your Deceased Loved One." Contact Elaine Hackett to register 978-345-6826.



Last weekend (Feb. 5&6) our parish community contributed \$8,757 in ordinary support, \$881 for Catholic Home Missions and \$2,210 for phase 2 of winter fuel. So far our phase 2 of winter fuel is \$20,017. Thanks for your continued support!

AMERICAN FAMILY LINK

Will meet on Thursday, February 17th at 7:00PM at the Leominster Veterans Center, 100 West St., Leominster.

We will be signing Valentine Cards and sending them and candy to the troops in harm's way. American Family Link NEEDS updated addresses. If you have someone serving & want them to receive CD's and DVD's contact Richard Voutour at the Leominster Veterans Services 978-534-7538 ext. 1 or email: rvoutour@leominster-ma.gov.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

On the weekend of February 26-27, we welcome Father Richard M. Nahman, OSA, to speak at all Masses about a ministry providing direct help to the poor in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Father Nahman will share what he has witnessed about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

11th Annual Catholic Men's Conference

ALL PARISH MEN, as well as their sons, brothers, fathers, and friends are invited to the Catholic Men's Conference at the DCU Center on Saturday, March 26, 2011. Get "discounted tickets" now! Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders For registration and all information visit www.firstmensconference.org Tickets are \$40 and the parish will pay \$20 toward them. Call the rectory to reserve a place.

FEBRUARY 13, 2011

**Weekly Schedule**

SUNDAY, February 13
1:30-3:30PM First Eucharist Class
7:00PM Boy Scouts

MONDAY, February 14
7:00PM CCD – grades 7-10
7:30PM AA

TUESDAY, February 15
7:00PM Parish Trip meeting
7:30PM Women's AA

WEDNESDAY, February 16

THURSDAY, February 17
7:00PM Choir
7:00PM Boy Scouts
7:00PM Bible Study

FRIDAY, February 18
7:30PM-4PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

SATURDAY, February 19
9:00AM CCD – grades 1-6
11:00AM Irish Step Dancers
11:00AM TOPS

2011 ST. LEO SCHOOL SNOWBALL RAFFLE

Jan. 10 Julia Londo \$25
Jan. 11 James Knox \$25
Jan. 12 Brian Allain \$50
Jan. 13 Fran Malo \$25
Jan. 14 James Knox \$25
Jan. 15 Joan Bagley \$50
Jan. 16 C. Morin \$100
Jan. 17 Susan Chevarie \$25
Jan. 18 Larry Vaillette \$25
Jan. 19 Maria Channell \$50
Jan. 20 Jeff LeBlanc \$25
Jan. 21 Steve Sontag \$25
Jan. 22 Jake McDowell \$50
Jan. 23 St. Leo Library \$100 donated by parishioner
Jan 24 Allain Family \$50
Jan. 25 Patrick Raftery \$25
Jan. 26 Christine Leamy \$50
Jan. 27 Sr. Mary Luke \$50
Jan. 28 Ryan Spencer \$25
Jan 29 Francis Duval \$50
Jan. 30 Patti Eaton \$500-grand prize
Jan. 31 Channell Family

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Snowball raffle. I would like to extend a special thank you to all the St. Leo school parents who purchased additional tickets in order to participate in our School Re-registration Raffle. The winner of the free school re-registration raffle for 2011/2012 is the Dupuis Family.



PROXIMO TRAVEL of Worcester is sponsoring a trip for the Beatification of Pope John Paul II on May 1, 2011. It will include six days in Rome, air fare, hotel, tours, and all breakfasts and dinners. Price is \$2,490. Call 877-9940-8259 or go online: www.Proximotravel.com.

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