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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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Rev. Thien X. Nguyen

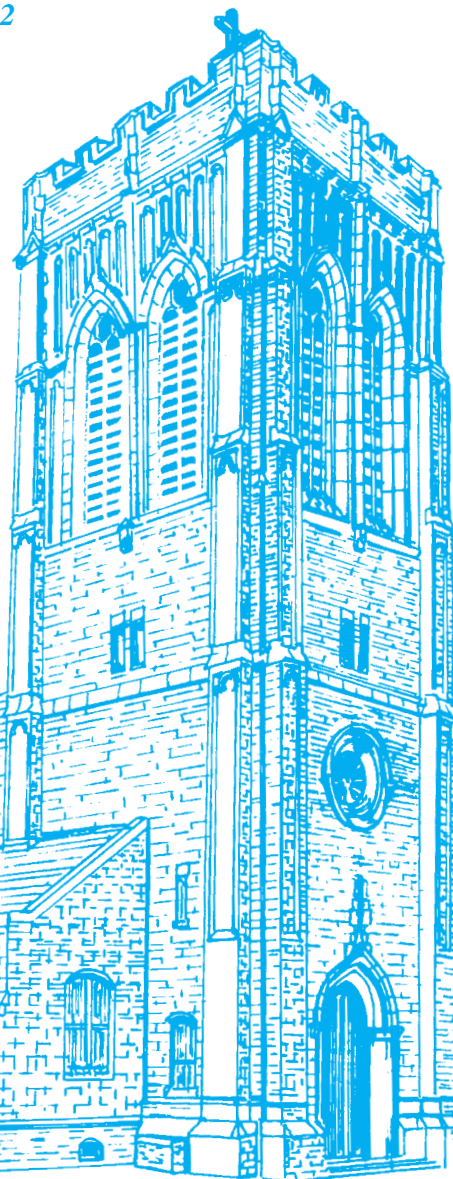
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Sacrament of Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms will be the Second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

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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www.St-Leoschool.org

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537-7257
St. Leo's Cemetery Location:
360 Lancaster St.

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Office (CCD)
118 Main St.
537-1194



SATURDAY,	February 19
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 Raher & Shea Families deceased
10:30 AM	John & Therese Isler by family
12:00 NN	Richard & Irene Hastings by Danny & Jan
MONDAY	February 21
7:00 AM	Special Intentions by Ellie Kitteredge
8:30 AM	Edwin & Bernice McCaffrey by McCaffrey family
TUESDAY,	February 22
7:00 AM	Claudia Darr by Elsie Baron
8:30 AM	Maria & Pasquale Petuto by family
WEDNESDAY,	February 23
7:00 AM	Stanley McNiff, 7 th Anniv., by family
8:30 AM	D. Frank Crowley, 60 th Anniv.
THURSDAY,	February 24
7:00 AM	Vin & Lee Bonner by McCaffrey family
8:30 AM	Helen, John, Robert & Judith Anderson by family
FRIDAY,	February 25
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Jack O'Donnell by his sister, Janet
SATURDAY,	February 26
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Herbie & Alice Cormier by family
4:00 PM	Special Intention
6:00 PM	Sharon Wheeler by Art Fournier
SUNDAY,	February 27
7:30 AM	Intentions of Michael Sabra family
8:30 AM	Paula Stearns by a friend
9:00 AM	Joseph Dufresne by family
10:30 AM	James F. Buckley, Sr. by family
12:00 NN	Julia A. Flanagan



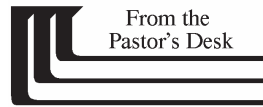
Church Support

Last weekend our parish community contributed \$9,326 in ordinary support, \$2,030 for the

Capital Improvement Fund, \$61 for the Home Missions, and \$167 for phase 2 of winter fuel. The Home Missions collection is now \$942 and phase 2 of winter fuel is \$20,184. THANKS!

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.



From the
Pastor's Desk

A Time Of Joy, A Time of Sacrifice

In last week's Catholic Free Press, Stacey Trasancos reflects on her new child. The piece is titled as above and follows.

We just brought a new baby home and while it's a time of joy it is also a time of sacrifice. It's one of those raw periods in life when you can peer through the rest of daily minutia and see beautiful truths. You think about what love really means. It's easy to say that you love someone, and in our secular culture that often only refers to a good feeling that someone or some situation causes you to experience. That's not really love, but just a feeling that passes and is therefore meaningless. Christian love is something different; it's a choice of the will to commit to another person, to give of yourself, to do what is contrary to animal survival instinct and even be willing to lay down your life for the person you love just as Christ did for us. Christian love is most fundamentally born of sacrifice.

Pregnancy is certainly a sacrifice, but as many parents know bringing that new child into your home requires sacrifice from all family members. The new child's needs often trump everyone else's wants. Dad has to pull double duty while Mom recovers. The other children who don't even get a choice in the matter, also have to learn to sacrifice. Probably the hardest sacrifice is the next youngest child who is knocked out of his position in the family and is still too young to understand why. It's hard, but what grows out of that time is something more beautiful than words can express.

What grows is love. Even the youngest children learn that in giving they grow stronger. They struggle with the choice to love, and indeed there are times when they don't have those wonderful feelings of secular love. They have to work through very unpleasant feelings of resentment and jealousy. At some point they see the rest of the family choose to love and they start to understand how they are loved as well. It binds the family together. You survive it and you grow stronger together in the confidence that you will make that choice to love, to give and to appreciate the love you are also given far into the future. Maybe this is a good thing to ponder as we approach Lent next month and begin to welcome new members, new children of God into the faith of the Catholic family. Let's do so in love.

Liturgical Roles

WEEK OF February 26-27, 2011

	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 PM	Fr. Nahman	D. Bergeron	J.Shannon,F.Guidara,D.Lanciani,H.Bennett	E.Adaqms, K.Burdett, D.G&V.Malo, M.Norton
6:00 PM	Fr. Nguyen	R.White	K.Lambert, M.White, A.Bissonnette	N&S.Boucher, S&J.Moriarty, N.Rossi
7:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	J.Mann	P.Crowley, N.Pierce, K.Robillard	R.Fratantonio,A.Morin, M&S.McNamara ,S.Halliwell
9:00 AM	Fr. Nahman	F. Domenichella	M.Ledoux, D.Crowley, R.Malone,	Gavins, E.Provencher, .B.Daigle, W..Daw, M. Whitney
10:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	F.Joseph	R.Rogers, J.O'Neill, J.Belley, A.Doiron	J.Mercier,E&L.Jenny, McDowells,Z.Belanger
12:00 NN	Fr. Nahman	P.Lambert	M.Tarara, T.Tarara, M.Marien	E.Baron, P.Bell, R.Lajoie, S.Poultney

GRIEF SUPPORT

Compassionate Companions Bereavement Support

Group:

Continues at Our Lady of the Lake Parish this Wednesday, February 23rd, from 7-8:30pm. This week's topic is "Empowering your Healing Process." Contact Elaine Hackett to register 978-345-6826.

"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 campjoynh@hotmail.com.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Next weekend, 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.

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.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

The good and generous parishioners of St. Leo's continue to support our increased giving initiative begun last fall. In the first two weekends of February last year we received \$13,802. This year it was \$18,083. Thanks for your continued generosity.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH 760 Union Street, Leominster, is sponsoring a pasta night next Saturday, February 26, from 5-7PM. The meal includes spaghetti and meatballs, bread, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.



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CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

For **Nicholas Scott Rheault** who attained the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 11 at a Court of Honor on Saturday, February 12th, in our new parish center. Nick became the 80th Eagle Scout of our Troop. This is a remarkable record of accomplishment and a tribute to his fellow Scouts, his parents and the adult Scout leadership. His Eagle project was the building of permanent, sturdy shelving for our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. We are most grateful.



Health Alliance Pastoral Care Department is in great need of donations of prayer shawls for our very ill patients. If you knit or crochet and would like to offer this tangible source of comfort to a patient or family, your support would be greatly appreciated. For further information or to donate a prayer shawl, please contact Chaplain Cathy Pimley at 978-466-2195 or cpimley@healthalliance.com.


Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, February 20
 1:30 Special Olympics Basketball
 MONDAY, February 21
 7:30PM AA
 TUESDAY, February 22
 7:30PM Women's AA
 WEDNESDAY, February 23
 THURSDAY, February 24
 7:00PM Choir
 7:00PM Bible Study
 FRIDAY, February 25
 7:30PM-4PM Adoration of Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
 SATURDAY, February 26
 11:00AM Irish Step Dancers
 11:00AM TOPS



**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT A VOCATION
 TO THE PRIESTHOOD?**

Come and learn more on April 15 & 16. at a Priesthood Vocation Retreat for high school aged men, college aged men & older men. Bishop Robert J. McManus will conduct the retreat from 6PM Friday to 6PM Saturday at Oakhurst Retreat Center, Whitinsville, MA. Visit worcestervocations.com for more information or to sign up.



Let's look with our hearts, even in the middle of winter, and find the places that God's love springs up out of the cold winter's snow. As Robert Frost reminds us,

The way a crow
 Shook down on me
 The dust of snow
 From a hemlock tree
 Has given my heart
 A change of mood
 And saved some part
 Of a day I had rued.

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