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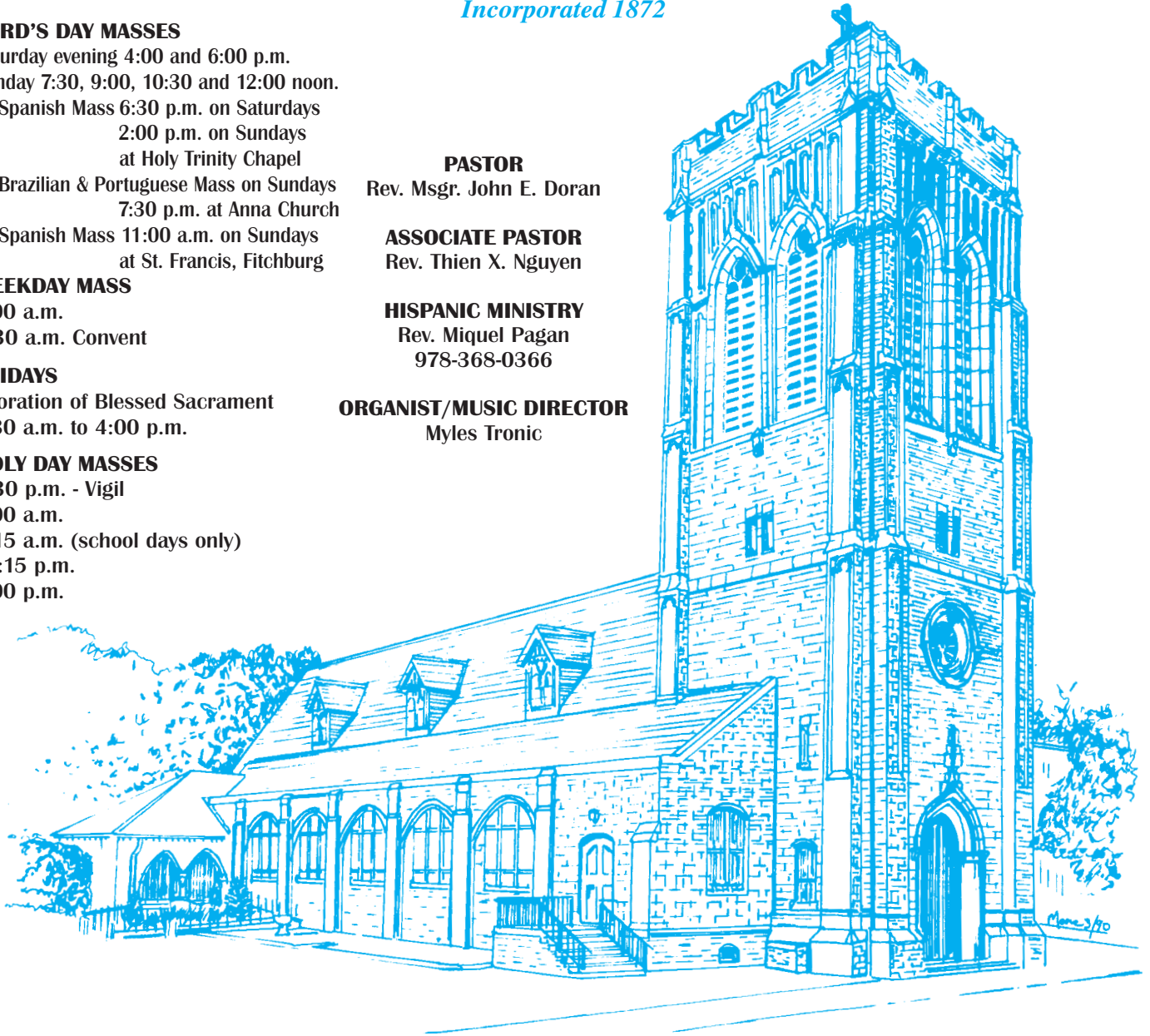
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Sacrament of Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms will be the Second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

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)
120 Main Street
537-1007
www.St-Leoschool.org

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	February 26
4:00 PM	Special Intention
6:00 PM	Sharon Weaver by Art Fournier
SUNDAY,	February 27
7:30 AM	Intentions of Michael Sabra Family by 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
MONDAY,	February 28
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Mary Rose Devaney by Presentation Sisters
TUESDAY,	March 1
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Charlie Baril by friends
WEDNESDAY,	March 2
7:00 AM	Dona & Mildred Bergeron & son Alfred
8:30 AM	Presentation Sisters Prayer Association
THURSDAY,	March 3
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	John DeLibero by his wife
FRIDAY,	March 4
7:00 AM	For all our February Deceased & All Souls
8:30 AM	Conversion of Sinners
SATURDAY,	March 5
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
4:00 PM	Bernard Lamkin by his wife & sons
6:00 PM	Joseph & Eunice Roberts by family
SUNDAY,	March 6
7:30 AM	Agnes Vorse by family
8:30 AM	Daniel Sculley, Sr. by family
9:00 AM	William & David Fontaine by family
10:30 AM	Dorothy Johnson by Roxanne Letarte
12:00 NN	Linda Giannini by Danny & Jan



Lent is right around the corner.

Our 40 days period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving begins on March 9th, Ash Wednesday. Watch for the

special extra opportunities for prayer during the holy season. Each Monday night beginning March 14th we will have Confessions from 7-8pm. Each Friday we will have Stations of the Cross at 3:30pm followed by Eucharistic Benediction. And each Sunday, Evening Prayer followed by Benediction. Look for more information in next week's bulletin.

BIBLE STUDY

Monsignor Doran will once again lead a Lenten Bible Study on the six Wednesdays of Lent beginning March 16th from 10-11:00am in the new school conference room. This Lent we will be examining the Book of Exodus. All are welcome.



In a recent translation of a Pseudo-Macarius homily from the 4th Century, the ancient writer wrote the following which we reprint with permission.

“The Spirit of the Lord also becomes the rest of worthy souls and their joy and delight and eternal life. For the Lord transforms himself into bread and drink as it is written in the Gospel: ‘whoever eats of this bread will live forever’...Similarly he transforms himself into the drink of a heavenly fountain as he says: ‘Whoever will drink of the water which I shall give him, it shall be in him a fountain of water springing up into eternal life’...

Therefore, O beloved brethren, since such good things have been offered to us and such wonderful promises have been made to us by the Lord, let us get rid of all obstacles. Let us renounce all love for the world and devote ourselves to that one good by a thorough seeking and yearning so that we may become sharers in that ineffable love of the Spirit about which St. Paul urged us to hasten after: ‘Seek after charity’, he says...The Lord, indeed, is the Lover of mankind, so full of tender compassion whenever we turn completely toward Him and are freed from all things contrary. Even though we in our supreme ignorance, childishness, and tendency toward evil, turn away from true life and place many impediments along our path because we really do not like to repent, nevertheless, He has great mercy on us. He patiently waits for us until we will be converted and return to him and be enlightened in our inner selves that our faces may not be ashamed in the day of judgment.”

FOOD FOR THE POOR

This 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.

February is CATHOLIC FREE PRESS month... and a chance for us to begin a subscription or renew an existing one. Our Catholic diocesan newspaper has been a weekly for 60 years in reporting the Good News of the Lord. It has won numerous awards for reporting local, national and international news of interest to us as a Church. The \$19 subscription price remains the same since 1989. Please subscribe or renew today. St. Leo's is required to purchase 345 subscriptions for a total of \$6,555. Every new or renewed subscription helps us meet that goal.

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WEEK OF March 5-6, 2011

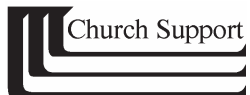
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4:00 PM	Msgr. Doran	T. Marchand	J. Shannon, R. Guidara, D. Lanciani, P. Lozeau	K. Connors, B. Peterson, K. Burdett, M. Norton
6:00 PM	Fr. Nguyen	C. LeDuc	L. Maye, M. White, A. Bissonnette	F. Scougal, D. Barrette, Lombardoizzi's
7:30 AM	Msgr. Doran	S. Mullaney	P. Crowley, D. McCaffrey, T. Duffy	C. Malone, K. Lyons, M. LeBlanc, S. Halliwell, McNamara's
9:00 AM	Fr. Nguyen	E. Medeiros	R. Gaston, M. Olivier, M. Ledoux	K&J. Gavin, M&C. Umbrello, N. Couture, Z. Belanger
10:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	J. McDowell	J. O'Neill, J. Belley, R. Rogers, B. LeBlanc	E. Cucchiara, J. Mercer, Percival, Roberto, Wells, Aubuchon
12:00 NN	Msgr. Doran	K. Boudreau	D. Bean, D. Henderson, P. Lambert	E. Baron, R. Lajoie, J. Mauro, McDowell's

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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 three weekends of February last year we received \$19,399. This year it was \$25,411. Thanks for your continued generosity.

 Church Support Last weekend our parish community contributed \$7,328 for ordinary support and \$320 for capital needs. Thus far in February we have received \$2,350 for the Capital Improvement Fund. 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 Registration deadline is March 12th.

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

Our greatest comfort is to know that God is in charge.

FUEL EXPENSE

Thus far this heating season we have spent \$30,592 to heat our five buildings (church, rectory and three school facilities) and we have received \$31,932 in phases 1 and 2 of our fuel collection. Additionally, we have spent \$18,536 for electricity over the same period. Thanks for keeping pace with our expenses.

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.

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 "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act" would, if passed, institute a permanent, government-wide statutory ban on federal funding of abortion. "Every reputable poll shows that large majorities of Americans want no complicity whatsoever in paying for the evil of abortion," stated Rep. Chris Smith, chief sponsor of the bill. (Population Research Institute press release, 7/29/10)

NAVIGATING THE INTERNET

Catholic Charities, 196 Mechanic, St., Leominster, is offering a free introductory course to navigating the internet. Call 508-860-22473 to sign up for the individualized, self-paced peer coaching experience.

FEBRUARY 27, 2011

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, February 27
All Masses speaker for Food for the Poor
MONDAY, February 28
7:00PM CCD – grades 7-10
7:30PM AA
TUESDAY, March 1
7:00PM RCIA
7:30PM Women's AA
WEDNESDAY, March 2
5:30PM Serra Club Mtg.
THURSDAY, March 3
7:00PM Choir
7:00PM Boy Scouts
7:00PM Bible Study
FRIDAY, March 4
7:30-4PM Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
SATURDAY, March 5
9:00AM CCD – grades 1-6
11:00AM Irish Step Dancers
11:00AM TOPS

“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 campioynh@hotmail.com.

IS GOD NECESSARY FOR MORALITY??

A PUBLIC DEBATE

All are welcome to a public debate on the question ‘Is God necessary for Morality?’ which will take place on Saturday, March 5th at 7:30pm in the Cafeteria at St. John’s High School in Shrewsbury. The debate is free and open to the public. The debaters are representatives of the G.K.Chesterton Society of Worcester and the Greater Worcester Humanists. Speaking on behalf of the Chestertonians are Father Ken Cardinale of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in West Boylston and Mr Jim Brehany of St. Paul’s Cathedral Parish. We hope you will consider attending.

JONAH & THE TEACHER

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales and how she had heard in Sunday School about how a whale had swallowed Jonah.

The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl remained steadfast in her position and reiterated that indeed, a whale had swallowed Jonah.

Irritated, the teacher again stated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, “I’m not sure how it happened, but when I get to heaven I will ask Jonah.” The teacher replied smugly, “What if Jonah isn’t in heaven?” The little girl replied, “Then you ask him.”

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