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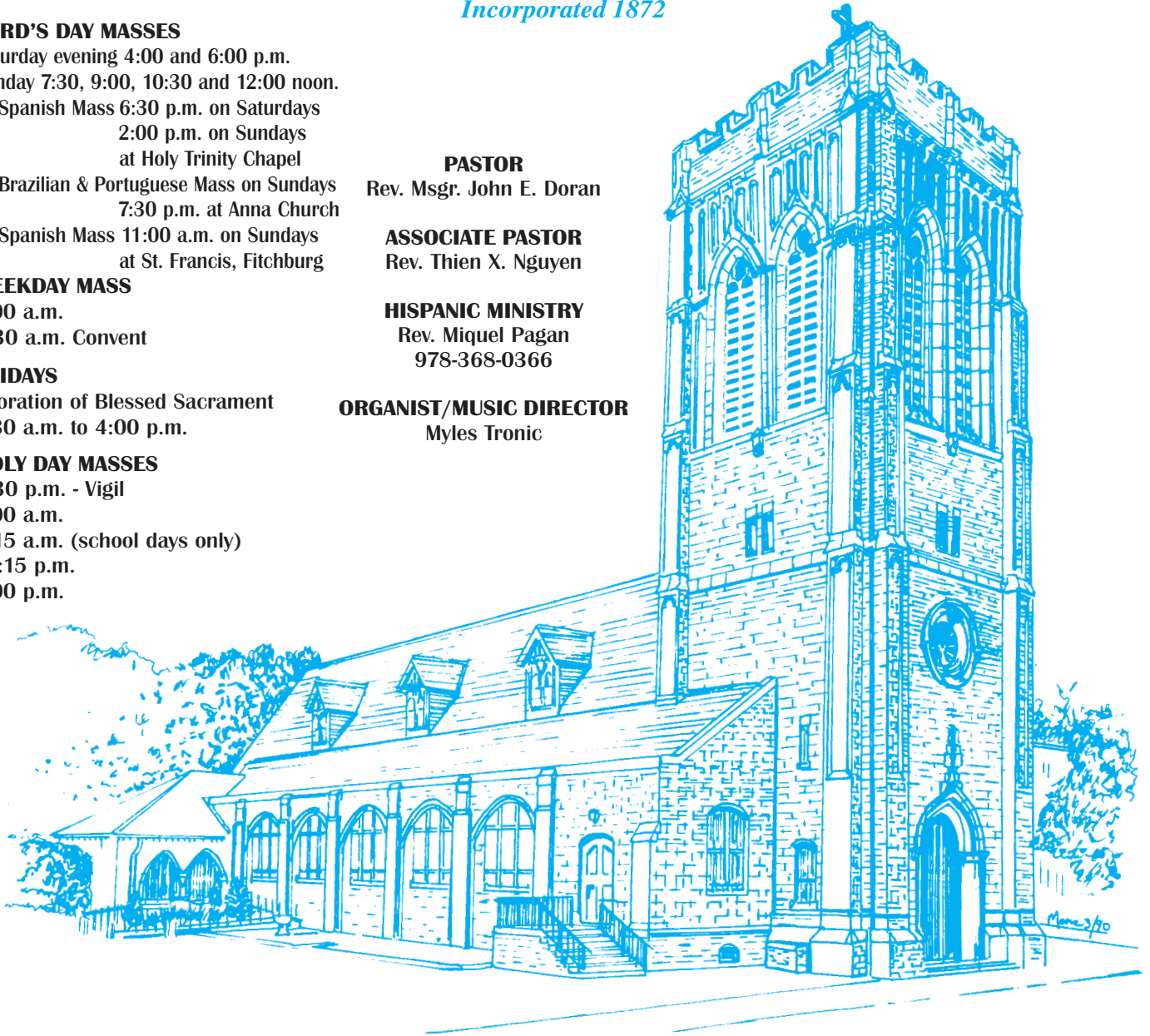
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Sacrament of Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms will be the Second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

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

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,	March 12
4:00 PM	Florence & Walter Crowley by family
6:00 PM	Eunice Roberts by family
SUNDAY,	March 13
7:30 AM	Edwin & Bernice McCaffrey by family
8:30 AM	Richard Duval by family
9:00 AM	Abilio Caetano by family
10:30 AM	Germaine Hapgood by her sister
12:00 NN	Catherine Prikkel by Danny & Jan
MONDAY,	March 14
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	David B. Arsenault & Andy Anderson family deceased
TUESDAY,	March 15
7:00 AM	Robert Wilson by Mary
8:30 AM	Loretta Grudziecki by Corine Shepherd
WEDNESDAY,	March 16
7:00 AM	Special Intention
8:30 AM	Paddy Grieci by family
THURSDAY,	March 17
7:00 AM	James Kinsella by his wife
8:30 AM	Presentation Sisters Prayer Association
FRIDAY,	March 18
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Thomas, Maureen, Tommy & Ryan Jordan by family
SATURDAY,	March 19
7:00 AM	For the People of St. Leo's
8:30 AM	Vin & Lee Bonner by family
4:00 PM	Pearl Guidara by family
6:00 PM	Robert Bell, by Isabella Cataldo
SUNDAY,	March 20
7:30 AM	Michael Moriarty by family
8:30 AM	Buja Family Deceased by family
9:00 AM	Richard Rahe, 3 rd Anniversary by his wife
10:30 AM	John Michael Regan by family
12:00 NN	Joseph Allain by family

WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

This weekend we are making available to all parishioners a brochure produced by the bishops of the four Massachusetts dioceses concerning the rightful role of parents as primary educators of their children. The brochure, titled "What Parents Should Know About the Massachusetts, Health Curriculum Frameworks," will be available at church doors. Please take the time to read this important document particularly if you have school-aged children.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Will meet on Monday, March 14th at the Knights of Columbus, 165 Electric Ave., Fitchburg, at 2:PM, Dues should be paid at this meeting. A social hour will follow the business meeting. For further information call Anita at 978-345-5279.



TEMPTATION

John J. Landsberg who wrote in the 16th century presents a wonderful reflection on the temptation Jesus endured by Satan at the beginning of His public ministry. We present that reflection below.

“Everything the Lord Jesus decided to do, everything He chose to endure, was ordained by Him for our instruction, our correction, and our advantage; and since He knew that the teaching and consolation we should derive from it all was far from negligible, He was loath to let slip any opportunity that might profit us. And so when He was led out into the wilderness there is no doubt that His guide was the Holy Spirit whose intention was to take Him to a place where He would be exposed to temptation, a place where the devil would have the audacity to accost Him and put Him to the test...From this first episode therefore our first lesson is that human life on earth is a life of warfare, and the first thing Christians must expect is to be tempted by the devil...(T)he Lord desires the newly baptized and recent converts to find comfort in His own example. Reading in the gospel, that Christ too was tempted by the devil immediately after He was baptized, they will not grow fainthearted and fearful if they experience keener temptations from the devil after their conversion or baptism than before—even if persecution should be their lot. The second lesson Christ desires to impress upon us by His own example is that we should not lightly expose ourselves to temptation, for we read that it was the Holy Spirit who led Jesus into the wilderness. Mindful of our frailty rather, we must be on the watch, praying not to be put to the test, and keeping ourselves clear of every occasion of temptation.”

Excerpt from Liturgical Publications, Inc.

LENTEN REMINDERS

During the holy season of Lent, we are asked to increase our prayer, fasting and acts of charity.

Each Sunday of Lent we will have EVENING PRAYER at 5pm followed by Benediction.

Each Monday night we will have CONFESSIONS from 7-8pm.

Each Friday we will have the public observance of the STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 3:30pm followed by Benediction. PLEASE JOIN US.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Our increased giving initiative begun last fall continues to be successful thanks to the generosity of the good people of St. Leo's. On the first weekend of March last year, we received \$8,385 in ordinary support. This year we received \$12,425. THANKS!

LITURGICAL + ROLES

WEEK OF March 19-20, 2011

Table with 4 columns: CELEBRANTS, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS. Lists names and times for various liturgical roles.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Last weekend our parish community contributed \$12,425 in ordinary support and \$45 for winter fuel. Our winter fuel phase 2 is now at \$20,299. Thanks for your continued generosity.

RICE BOWLS

Containers for Lenten sacrificial offerings are available at church doors this weekend. Donations are given to Catholic Relief Services which provides for basic needs of people in more than 100 countries without regard to race, religion or nationality. As we begin the Lenten journey, let us reach out in solidarity with brothers and sisters in need throughout the world.

BUILDING FUND

St. Leo's Building Fund which has made possible our new parish center has now reached the total of \$1,698,005 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 \$502,492. Note that thanks to contributions to the Building Fund we were able to reduce the principal amount by \$100,000 in January. Thanks for your continued support.



LEOMINSTER VETERANS AMERICAN FAMILY LINK

Will be sending DVD and music CD's to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is a great way to show your support to our men and women living in harm's way. We are collecting new or used CD's & DVD films - motivational, inspirational and especially films that inspire family & moral values. Other donations accepted, disposable cameras, snacks/toiletries/wipes/small games. Join us Thursday, March 24th at 7:00PM at the Leominster Veterans Center, 100 West St. Volunteers are needed! Please drop off any items on or before March 24.



BIBLE STUDY

Monsignor Doran will once again lead a Lenten Bible Study on the six Wednesdays of Lent beginning March 16th from 10-11:30am in the new school conference room. This Lent we will be examining the Book of Exodus. All are welcome.

TWO PARISH TRIPS

St. Leo's Parish is happy to announce that we will sponsor two trips this year in conjunction with Collette Vacations. The first will be to the Pacific Northwest (Oregon and Washington State) and Northern California (Eureka and San Francisco) from September 12-19, 2011 and the cost is \$2,299 (per person double occupancy). The second is Italian Vistas (including Rome, Naples, Florence and Venice) from November 5-17, 2011 and the cost is \$3,699 (per person double occupancy). Price includes airfare, hotels, guides and most meals. Contact Msgr. Doran (978-537-7257) for brochures and information.

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.

AN EVENING WITH G.K. CHESTERTON TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH AT 7PM, ASSUMPTION COLLEGE WILL PRESENT "AN EVENING WITH G.K. CHESTERTON" IN THE AUDITORIUM OF LA MAISON FRANCAIS. CHESTERTON (1874-1936) WAS A PROLIFIC WRITER OF BOOKS, PLAYS, NOVELS AND SHORT STORIES IN ENGLAND AND WAS A CONVERT TO CATHOLICISM. COME HEAR HIS SERIOUS AND OFTEN HUMOROUS TALK ON MARCH 15TH.

MARCH 13, 2011

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, March 13
10:30AM RCIA Rite of Election
12:00PM First Eucharist Preparation
5:00PM Lenten Evening Prayer
MONDAY, March 14
7:00PM CCD – grades 7-10
7-8:00PM Confessions
7:30PM AA
TUESDAY, March 15
7:00PM RCIA
7:30PM Women's AA
WEDNESDAY, March 16
10:00AM Lenten Bible Study
THURSDAY, March 17
7:00PM Bible Study
7:00PM Choir
7:00PM Boy Scouts
FRIDAY, March 18
7:30AM Eucharistic Adoration
3:30PM Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY, March 19
9:00AM CCD – grades 1-6
11:00AM Irish Step Dancers
11:00AM TOPS

HOW CAN WE CHANGE THE WORLD

Because we are a prayer community, would it be possible for us to pick one day a week for us to do some form of sacrifice such as fasting, prayer, and offer it up for our world, the war and the violence around the world, also for God to place in our government the people of His choice?

These are ways to sacrifice and fast:

- 1)giving up desserts for a day
- 2)giving up junk food
- 3)giving up a favorite show on T.V.
- 4)read the Psalms
- 5)visit our shut-ins or run errands for shut-ins

You can change your sacrifice from week to week.

Thank You!

The parish received a nice letter from Robin G. Mahfood, CEO of Food for the Poor, expressing sincere thanks for our hospitality to Father Richard Nahman on the weekend of February 26-27 and for our generous response. On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean, he extends sincere thanks.

PRO-LIFE: In an article headlined “100 million ‘missing’ girls”, Boston Globe columnist Jeff Jacoby describes the practice of aborting unborn girls in societies as varied as South Korea, India, Japan, China, Singapore, and some of the former Soviet republics. He notes, “It is not material poverty that leads these cultures to blithely accept the killing of their very youngest girls. It is a poverty of values, an ancient prejudice that views daughters as a financial burden, rather than a blessing to be cherished.”

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