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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.

## PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Rev. Thien X. Nguyen

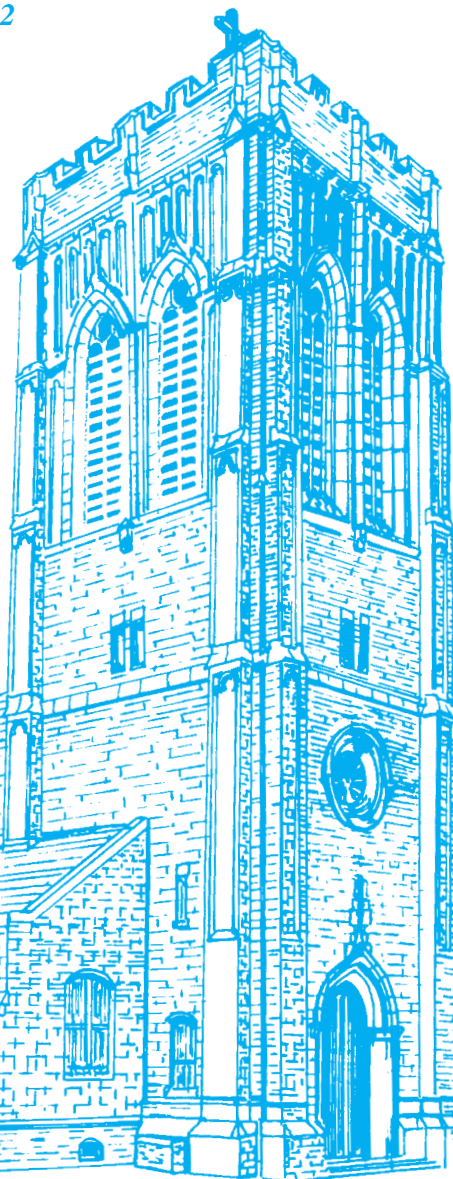
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**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms will be the Second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

**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](http://www.St-Leoschool.org)

St. Leo's Cemetery Office:  
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537-7257  
St. Leo's Cemetery Location:  
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St. Leo's Religious Education  
Office (CCD)  
118 Main St.  
537-1194



<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>March 19</b>
4:00 PM	Pearl Guidara by family
6:00 PM	Robert Bell, Sr., by Isabella Cataldo
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>March 20</b>
7:30 AM	Michael Moriarty by family
8:30 AM	The Buja Family deceased by family
9:00 AM	Richard Rahe, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary by his wife
10:30 AM	John Michael Regan by family
12:00 NN	Joseph Allain by family
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>March 21</b>
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Barbara Williams by her sister Janet
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>March 22</b>
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Larry Duval by Donna & PJ
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>March 23</b>
7:00 AM	Michael Moriarty, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary by his family
8:30 AM	Raymond, Pauline & Ronald Belliveau
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>March 24</b>
7:00 AM	Gloria Plette by The John Burke family
8:30 AM	James Lemieux by family
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>March 25</b>
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Dotty O'Connor by friends
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>March 26</b>
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	
4:00 PM	Harold Sidilau by Mr & Mrs Frank DiMaria
6:00 PM	Michael Moriarty, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary by family
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>March 27</b>
7:30 AM	Anthony Lapoints by family
8:30 AM	Daniel Sculley, Jr. by family
9:00 AM	William Fontaine, 27 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary by family
10:30 AM	John M. Buja, 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary by family
12:00 NN	Norman & Berthamay Long

### **ST LEO PTO PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The annual St Leo PTO Pancake Breakfast will be held this Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 12noon in our old auditorium. The breakfast consists of pancakes, bacon, sausages, coffee, juice and fresh fruit. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and children under 6. The Irish Step Dancers will perform at 10:30am. Please join us.

### **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.



### **A NEW DOOR**

After serving six prison terms, Susan Burton knew well the temptation of addiction. For sixteen years, her roller coaster ride of rehab, release, relapse and conviction kept her helpless and hopeless. "Every time I was released, I swore I wasn't going back. But I know now that without the resources and support, it's next to impossible....If you don't have a new door to walk through, the only thing is the old door.

Burton eventually broke free of her addiction in 1997, saving enough money as an in-home caregiver to purchase a house in the Watts section of Los Angeles. By the end of 1998 she opened the doors to "A New Way of Life Reentry Project" offering female offenders a place to live after release. Nominated as a CNN hero, her story is told by Kathleen Toner of CNN.com.

Burton's program has helped more than four hundred women to step away from addiction. "I just wanted my life to count towards something good," Burton said, "and this was the way I could do it." Currently certified as a dependency counselor, she provides five houses of support to twenty-two women at a time and asks residents to stay clean, attend twelve-step programs, enroll in school or find work. When living independently becomes possible, she helps residents find housing and furnishings.

Every letter Burton receives from an inmate is answered with a promise that there will be a place for them upon release. Burton picks up most new arrivals herself, either at the bus station or prison gates.

Lent offers an opportunity to see a new door to walk through. Each person struggles with their own temptation to give into that which is not good for them. Burton wants the women she helps to realize they have something good to contribute to life. Perhaps Jesus is asking us to make the same discovery this Lenten season.



**Come home to your  
parish family.**

**Let us come together,  
renew our faith and be strengthened  
by the hope that only comes from  
Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **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 two weekends of March last year, we received \$15,485 in ordinary support. This year we received \$19,834. THANKS!

# Liturgical Roles

WEEK OF March 26 & 27, 2011

	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 PM	Fr. Nguyen	P.Lozeau	J.Shannon,P.Lozeau,D.Lanciani,F.Joseph	B.Peterson,K.Burdett,E.Adams,M.Norton,S.Vincent
6:00 PM	Msgr. Doran	R.White	A.Bissonnette,K.Lambert,M.White	D.Barrette,M.Whitney
7:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	E.Reynolds	P.Morin,D.McCaffrey,N.Pierce	R.Fratantonio,A.Morin,S.Withers,Z.Belanger
9:00 AM	Fr. Nguyen	F.Domenichella	B.Maki,M.Olivier,D.Crowley	C.Hanlon,B.Hanlon,N.Couture,K&R.Domenichella
10:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	R.Keating	A.Doiron,P.Proietti,M.Mrien,F.Marien	E.Cucchiara,Slarskey's,M.O'Malley,E&L.Jenny,Mercer
12:00 NN	Msgr. Doran	P.Lambert	D.Bean,D.Henderson,D.Barbaro	E.Provencher,K&B.White,E.Baron,B.Coppinger



To all the teams at St. Leo's School for their participation and great efforts in the New England Qualifying Basketball Tournament which we hosted over the last two weekends. Our boys and girls teams in grades 5&6 and 7&8 did very well as 39 games were played from Catholic elementary schools from all over the diocese. Our 7&8<sup>th</sup> grade girls won their division and will now play in the New England Tourney at Nashua, N.H., on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The parents who gave of their time did a great job in assisting a very well run tournament. Again congratulations to all!!!

## 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.

## 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

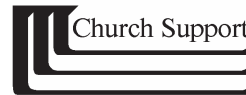


## LEOMINSTER VETERANS AMERICAN FAMILY LINK,

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 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Leominster Veterans Center, 100 West St. Volunteers are needed! Please drop off any items on or before March 24.

## PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES

At Assumption College continues on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at 7pm, when Ambassador Michael Novak will speak on "Three Battle Cries in Search of Meaning: Social Justice, The Common Good and Liberty." The lecture is at La Maison Francaise and is free and open to the public.



Church Support Last weekend our parish community contributed \$7,409 in ordinary support and \$2,962 for the Capital Improvement Fund.

Thanks for your continued and generous support!

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## **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**

Friday, April 1 at 7:00PM

Saturday, April 2 at 2:00PM & 7:00PM

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## BUILDING FUND

St. Leo's Building Fund which has made possible our new parish center has now reached the total of \$1,698,945 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. Thanks for your continued support.

*MARCH 20, 2011*

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**Weekly Schedule**

SUNDAY,	March 20
8-12Noon	Pancake Breakfast
5:00PM	Lenten Evening Prayer
7:00PM	Boy Scouts
MONDAY,	March 21
7:00PM	CCD – grades 6-10
7:30PM	AA
7-8:00PM	Confessions
TUESDAY,	March 22
7:00PM	RCIA
7:30PM	Women's AA
WEDNESDAY,	March 23
10-11:30AM	Bible Study
THURSDAY,	March 24
7:00PM	Choir
7:00PM	Boy Scouts
7:00PM	Bible Study
FRIDAY,	March 25
7:30-3:30PM	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
3:30PM	Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY,	March 26
9:00AM	CCD – grades 1-6
11:00AM	Irish Step Dancing
11:00AM	TOPS

**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 at 3:30PM we will have the public observance of the STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
PLEASE JOIN US.

**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.

God's faithfulness we've known  
throughout the years,

His oneness with us in our joys and tears;  
so many times the Lord has helped us through,  
has answered prayer and given strength anew.

--F.Hess

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