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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

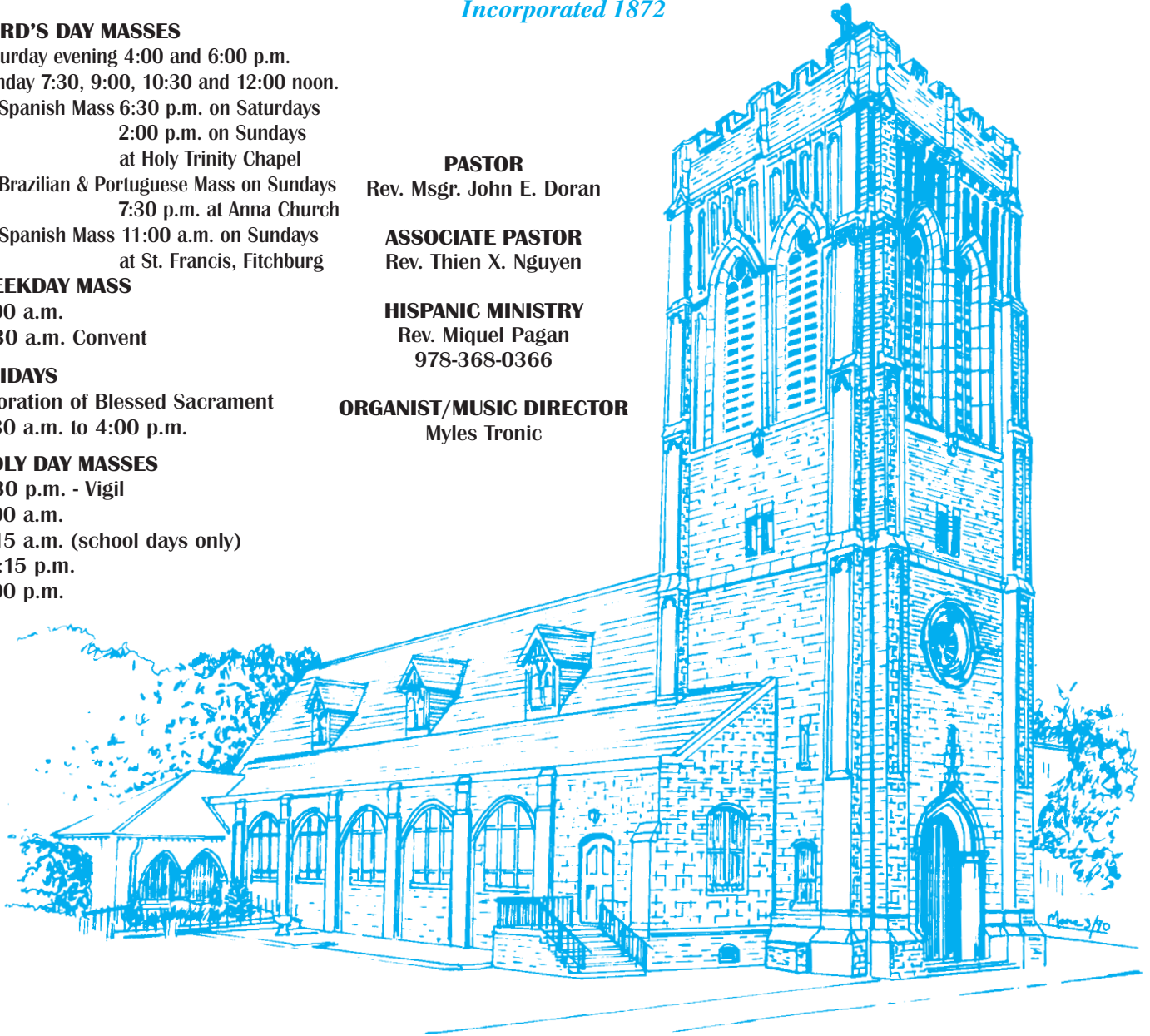
Rev. Thien X. Nguyen

## HISPANIC MINISTRY

Rev. Miquel Pagan  
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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  
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[www.St-Leoschool.org](http://www.St-Leoschool.org)

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537-1194

## Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>April 2</b>
4:00 PM	Vincent & Ida DiGeronimo by family
6:00 PM	A Special Intention
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>April 3</b>
7:30 AM	Sue Mullaney
8:30 AM	The Young Family deceased
9:00 AM	Gloria Dussault, 18 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary by family
10:30 AM	John Isler, Jr., 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary by family
12:00 NN	Phyllis Choleva by Danny & Jan
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>April 4</b>
7:00 AM	Dona & Mildred Bergeron & son Alfred
8:30 AM	Mabelle Raimon by family
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>April 5</b>
7:00 AM	Eva Philbin by her son, James
8:30 AM	Robert J. Smith & Family deceased
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>April 6</b>
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Presentation Sisters Prayer Association
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>April 7</b>
7:00 AM	Rita Small
8:30 AM	James, Anna & Thomas Sullivan
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>April 8</b>
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Conversion of Sinners
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>April 9</b>
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	
4:00 PM	Harold Sidilau by his wife Ruth
6:00 PM	Martha & Roy Kittredge by family
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>April 10</b>
7:30 AM	GinoGuadagnoli by family
8:30 AM	Lillian & Emery Duval
9:00 AM	Robert Brown by family
10:30 AM	Abilio Caetano by family
12:00 NN	Peter F. & Beatrice J. Bracani

### WINTER FUEL

On the weekend of Palm Sunday (April 16-17), we will receive donations for phase 3 of our winter fuel collection. Parishioners have been most generous to date in donating \$32,014 toward our expenses of \$40,136 through March. Please be generous. In the period from September 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011, we have also spent \$31,724 on electricity. Thanks for your support in phases 1 and 2.

### LENTEN REMINDERS

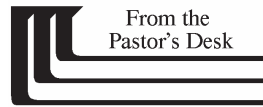
During the holy season of Lent, we are asked to increase our prayer, fasting and acts of charity.

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.



From the  
Pastor's Desk

### SEEING WHAT GOD SEES

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” One who also looks into the heart is the person named CNN’s “Hero of the Year,” Anuradha Koirala, who operated Maiti Nepal, a group home that rescues girls who have been sold into sex trafficking. “Maiti” roughly translates to “Mother’s Home” and this is what Koirala has provided for 12,000 Nepali women since 1993.

One girl, Geeta, was only nine when she began to wear makeup and was forced to have sex with as many as sixty men per day. Tricked by a relative into believing that her daughter would work at a clothing company in Nepal, Geeta’s mother let her go. Sold instead into a brothel in India, Geeta’s sex slavery lasted five years, until her rescue at age fourteen, when she was taken to Maiti Nepal.

Anuradha Koirala, now 61, survived her own abusive relationship, and transformed the abuse into a mission to help others. She believes the personal beatings endured led to three miscarriages, but those losses inspired her to find others who were lost and offer them shelter.

Maiti Nepal gives legal defense and rehabilitation to victims of sex trafficking. “When the girl first comes....we never, never ask them a question....We let them play, dance, walk, talk to a friend. They are afraid at first, but eventually they will talk to us on their own.”

As reported by Ebonne Ruffins, the group also takes in abandoned children and domestic violence survivors. Koirala is called “the elder sister” because of how she treats each girl, in her own words, at the CNN award ceremony televised on Thanksgiving night, Koirala said, “You have to take each child as your daughter.”

Geeta believes Koirala is her hero, saying, “she gave me my faith back.” Because Koirala sees the dignity of an individual human life and treats it with respect, she sees as God sees.

### HOMILY

#### By POPE BENEDICT XVI

Experience itself and right reason testify that the human being is capable of understanding and of wanting, conscious of himself and free, unrepeatable and irreplaceable, the summit of all earthly realities, and who demands to be recognized as a value in himself and deserves always to be accepted with respect and love. He is entitled not to be treated as an object to be possessed or a thing to be manipulated at will, and not to be exploited as a means for the benefit of others and their interests.

# LITURGICAL + ROLES

WEEK OF April 9 & 10, 2011

	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 PM	Fr. Nguyen	T.Marchand	J.Shannon,D.Bergeron,F.Guidara,F.Joseph	V,D&G.Malo,K.Connors,N.Siciliano,S.Vincent
6:00 PM	Msgr. Doran	W.Benton	K.Lambert,A.Bissonnette,L.Maye	D.Barrette,J.Lambert,R,K&M.Lombardozzi
7:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	J.Mann	T.Tarara,M.Tarara,D.Barbaro	L.Fleming,K.Lyons,M.McNamara,S.McNamara
9:00 AM	Fr. Nguyen	L.Gaston	D.Crowley,B.Maki,F.Domenichella	D.Salinas,J.Mauro,M.Aubuchon,C.Kennedy
10:30 AM	Msgr. Doran	J.McDowell	J.Belley,B.LeBlanc,M.Marien,J.O'Neill	B&K.White,K.Casella,A.Hemingway,Zarrella's
12:00 NN	Msgr. Doran	D.Baron	P.Lambert,D.Henderson,J.Shannon	C.Puma,S.Poultney,R.Lajoie,E,E&J.McDowell



## Our city-wide Lenten Mission

Is fast approaching. The theme this year is "Living the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy" and the dates are April 10 thru the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM each night.

Sunday (April 10) St. Leo's will host the Mission with a Holy Hour and talk by Msgr. Francis Scollen, pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Worcester.

Monday (April 11), there will be Mass at St. Anna's with Fr. Stephen Gemme, pastor of St. Bernadette Parish in Northborough, as homilist.

Tuesday (April 12), St. Cecilia's will host a penance service with Fr. Michael LaVallee as speaker.

Wednesday (April 13), Bishop George E. Rueger, retired auxiliary Bishop of Worcester, will preach at a Mass at Holy Family Church. Please join us for all or some of the Lenten experience.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This weekend we receive donations for Catholic Relief Services, the overseas arm of the American Church to assist needy throughout the world who suffer from war, poverty, famine and natural disasters. This year the bulk of funds will aid the people of Japan coping with the aftermath of the terrible earthquake and Tsunami. PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

### 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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Leominster Council Knights of Columbus will be establishing with our parish a Parish Round Table in which Knights of the Leominster Council or other Councils come together with the parish to offer their assistance to our community. It is an informal gathering that meets as needed to offer help as presented. If you are a Knight (even of another Council) or are interested in joining the Knights, please contact parishioner Brett Thompson at 978-537-0524.

### CHURCH SUPPORT

Last weekend our parish community contributed \$8,421 in ordinary support, \$173 for capital needs and \$101 for Latin America. In March we received \$3,435 for the Capital Improvement Fund and \$723 for Latin American Missions. Thanks!



To Zachary W. Vaillette of our parish who rose to the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor on March 26, 2011. We congratulate Zachary, his family, fellow Scouts and the Scout leaders who participated in this honor. Zachary is the 81<sup>st</sup> Eagle Scout from our own Troop II and he had as his project the restoration of bleachers at a Little League Field. This is truly a blessing for our parish.



### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let your love for your spouse shine like a lighthouse guiding others to joy and happiness. Find out how you can do this by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in New England is April 8-10. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

Blessed Palms from precious years may be left in a basket in the main vestibule of the church. These palms will be burned and the ashes used for Ash Wednesday, 2012.

MARCH 27, 2011

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**Weekly Schedule**

SUNDAY, April 3  
5:00PM Lenten Evening Prayer  
MONDAY, April 4  
7:00PM CCD – grades 7-10  
7-8PM Confessions  
7:00PM St. Vincent dePaul  
7:30PM AA  
TUESDAY, April 5  
7:00PM RCIA  
7:30PM Women's AA  
WEDNESDAY, April 6  
10:00AM Bible Study  
5:30PM Serra Board Meeting  
THURSDAY, April 7  
7:00PM Choir  
7:00PM Boy Scouts  
7:00PM Bible Study  
FRIDAY, April 8  
7:30AM Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Benediction  
3:30PM Stations of the Cross  
SATURDAY, April 9  
9:00AM CCD – grades 1-6 (last class)  
11:00AM Irish Step Dancers  
11:00AM TOPS  
6:00PM Cub Scout Cross Over

**SERRA CLUB NORTH**

Which recently celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is presently seeking new members. The Serra Club is an organization of Catholic lay men and women who come together in fellowship and prayer to foster and promote vocations through awareness, affirmation and support. For more information, please see their posters at the doors of the church, or contact Serra Club North President, Jean Lawler at 978-840-1753 or [info@elliottsjewelers.net](mailto:info@elliottsjewelers.net). Thank you.

**MADONNA OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

118 Theresa Street, Fitchburg, continues with its fish fry on the Fridays of Lent. Servings begin at 4:30PM and take-out is available.

**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. In the month of March last year, we received \$31,329 in ordinary support. This year we received \$36,039. THANKS!

**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.

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