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— ALLELUIA —

## EASTER SUNDAY



**SATURDAY, April 23**

7:00 PM The Easter Vigil

**SUNDAY, April 24**

7:30 AM Edwin and Bernice McCaffrey by Family

8:30 AM John J. and Mary E. Andrews by Family

9:00 AM Bernard Lamkin by wife and sons

10:30 AM John Kenneth Regan by Family

12:00 NN Robert Melanson 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv. by Family

**MONDAY, April 25**

7:00 AM David B. Arsenault by Anderson Family

8:30 AM James Walsh by the McCaffreys

**TUESDAY, April 26**

7:00 AM Roland Lefebvre by McCaffreys

8:30 AM David Bissonnette 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. by Family

**WEDNESDAY, April 27**

7:00 AM

8:30 AM Izabella LaPierre by Doris Fournier

**THURSDAY, April 28**

7:00 AM W.M. Penning by his Family

8:30 AM Presentation Sisters Prayer Association

**FRIDAY, April 29**

7:00 AM

8:30 AM Wm. and Marie Lavoie & Family by the Dan Bell Family

**SATURDAY, April 30**

7:00 AM

8:30 AM Clara Ahearn by Family

4:00 PM Raymond Corda by Priscilla Kennedy & Family

6:00 PM Arthur and Louise Austin by Daughter Louise Marrone

**SUNDAY, May 1**

7:30 AM Dolly Hahn by Family

8:30 AM Robert Gladding by Wife

9:00 AM Mildred Benoit by Husband

10:30 AM John Murphy by Family

12:00 NN Barbara Gitto 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv by Family

### PARTNERS IN CHARITY

The annual appeal for Partners in Charity is underway this month. This charity helps to fund 29 agencies and ministries throughout Worcester County and St. Leo's is a beneficiary of many of those services. Our school parents can receive grants-in-aid and campus ministry at Fitchburg State University receives support. Our retired priests and the Office of Religious Education (CCD) are supported as well. The overall goal this year is \$5 million and our parish goal is \$79,000 (up \$9,500 over last year.) To date we have received \$21,185 or 24% of our goal.

Please be generous.

**PARISH SUPPORT...**Because of the early Easter bulletin deadline there is no report this week. A two week report will be given in the next bulletin.



### EASTER, 2011

We reprint below Bishop McManus Easter message.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

On the first Easter morning the sagging spirits and dying hopes of the small band of Christ's followers were suddenly buoyed up by the incredible "good news" that was joyfully brought to them by an angel at the tomb. "He has been raised from the dead and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him." [Matthew 28:7] Down the centuries of Christian history, the same "good news" has called people to new life in Jesus Christ as they professed their faith in Him.

It is the same for us this Easter Sunday, as our hearts are stirred again by the astonishing message of the angel, "Do not be frightened, I know you are looking for Jesus the crucified but he is not here. He has been raised, exactly as he promised." [Matthew 28:5-6]

We believe these marvelous words with all our hearts. Our faith gives us the assurance that we share in Christ's risen life. For the resurrection is not just an event of the past, or simply an alluring promise of new life to come. It is a reality happening now, in each of us as we rise from the death of sin to holiness of life. Christ's resurrection impels us to live in today's world as sons and daughters of God, as living witnesses of the risen Lord, and the faithful artisans of a new and more just world.

Yes, Jesus is alive and we live in Him now. Because of this we find hope for our world and ourselves. We will not be overcome by war or oppression in the midst of all our difficulties and anxieties. We will not succumb to the seeming desperation of unemployment. We will confront the grim specter of violence and the torment of addiction that tear apart our communities. We believe that in Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, God's everlasting love moves in and among us. In the radiant face of the risen Jesus, God's almighty power is at work in us doing immeasurably more than we can even imagine.

Sin has been overcome, once and for all, because of the Lord's resurrection on that first Easter morning. Death has no more dominion over us. Let us rejoice then in our Christian life and the hope and peace it brings. Let us make all things new in the risen Lord.

With every prayerful best wish for a Happy and Blessed Easter, I remain

Most Reverend Robert McManus Bishop of Worcester

### SERRA CLUB NORTH

Is a lay organization of men and women devoted to praying and working for vocations to priesthood and religious life. The Serrans also pray that priests, deacons and religious persevere in their vocations. This week we are asked to pray for Fathers Horgan, Hughes, Hultquist, Johnson, Jakubauskas and Jurgelonis and Deacon Horkins.

**RICE BOWL** containers can be returned to church anytime during the Easter season.

# Liturgical Roles

WEEK OF April 30 & May 1, 2011

	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00PM	Fr. Nguyen	P.Lozeau	F.Joseph,F.Guidara,J.Shannon,P.Lozeau	N.Siciliano,F.Scougal,K.Burdett,Z.Belanger
6:00 PM	Msgr. Doran	C. LeDuc	M.White,H.Bennett,A.Bissonette	R,K&M.Lombardozi,J.Lambert
7:30 AM	Msgr. Doran	N. Pierce	P.Morin,P.Crowley,K.Robillard	R.Fratantonio,S.Withers,M&SMcNamara
9:00 AM	Msgr. Doran	E. Mederios	B.Maki,R.Malone,M.Olivier	R&KDomenichella,M.O'Malley,D.Salinas,Kennedy
10:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	R. Keating	R.Rogers,J.Belley,A.Doiron,P.Proietti	H.Wells,K.Casella,M.Roberto,Cucchiara,Aubuchon
12:00 NN	Msgr. Doran	K. Boudreau	M.Tarara,T.Tarara,P.Lambert	E.Provencher,P.Bell,B&KWhite

## WELCOME

Next weekend we welcome the Dominican Sisters of West Hartford who will be selling bread, brownies, apple and blueberry pies after all Masses to support their medical mission to African lepers.

## BE AN ANGEL FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Did you know you can donate your car, truck, motorcycle or boat to Catholic Charities and help your Worcester County neighbors? It's quick and easy to do. Just visit our website to donate your vehicle online at [www.ccworc.org](http://www.ccworc.org) or call 1-888-CAR-7308 to arrange a convenient pickup time and confirmation of your donation from Catholic Charities Donation Angel Program. The car in your driveway can help us to continue to offer many services to children, families and elders in our community so that they may regain hope for a brighter future. Thank You



The Montachusett Chorale will perform its Spring Concert on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Tata Auditorium at Leominster City Hall, 25 West St. The concert will benefit the National Alliance for Mental Illness-North Central Mass Chapter. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Under 18 are free. Please call 534-9187 or 345-1491.

## 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.

## WINTER FUEL

This Palm Sunday weekend (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 \$47,725 through March. Please be generous. In the period from September 1, 2010 to April, 2011, we have also spent \$34,978 on electricity. Thanks for your support in phases 1 and 2.



## ST. BERNARD'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & THE SISTERS OF THE PRESENTATION

Will unite in celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Education Excellence. To help us raise necessary funds for our celebration we are selling our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Discount Cards. The cost of each card is \$10.00 each. All proceeds will go towards our celebration. We truly appreciate all your support in making this celebration a great success! If you would like to purchase one of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cards please contact St. Bernard's Elementary School at 978-342-1948. The united celebration of St. Bernard's Elementary School and the Sisters of the Presentation will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at St. Bernard Parish at St. Camillus Church. Mass will be celebrated at 1 P.M. with a reception following at the school. All are welcome!



A world wide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Easter Sunday because it's a weekend full of fresh love, rebirth and new beginnings All married couples deserve a richer, fuller life together! The next world wide Marriage Encounter Weekend is May 13-15. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-wwme or visit our webpage at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

APRIL 24, 2011

  
**Weekly Schedule**

SUNDAY, April 24 – Easter Sunday  
MONDAY, April 25  
7:30PM Men's AA  
TUESDAY, April 26  
7:30PM Women's AA  
WEDNESDAY, April 27  
THURSDAY, April 28  
7:00PM Choir  
7:00PM Boy Scouts  
FRIDAY, April 29  
7:30-4PM Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction  
1-5:00PM Leominster Art Show  
SATURDAY, April 30  
10-3:30 & 6:30-9PM Leominster Art Show  
11:00AM Irish Step Dancers  
11:00AM Tops

**PRO-LIFE THOUGHT**

We know from science that the moment of conception is a moment unlike any other. An amazing event takes place at the moment of conception. The union at the moment of conception constitutes an absolutely new and utterly exceptional moment of creation, the moment when a new unrepeatable and irreplaceable human being comes to exist. This new human being has emerged, a vulnerable and unique, self-directing self that never before was. It needs nothing but a safe place, the mother's womb, to grow and develop. After the moment of conception, this new human life will go through many stages and phases, none of which are monumental as the one it has just emerged from, the moment of conception, the moment in which it began to exist. The science speaks for itself. The light of reason is clear.

Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia



A word from Pope John Paul II to those suffering because of abortion:

*“Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”*

[The Gospel of Life, no.99 ]

Call [Project Rachel](#) at 508-791-HOPE

**BUILDING FUND**

St. Leo's Building Fund, which has made possible our new parish center, has now reached the total of \$1,700,280 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 \$499,243. Thanks for your continued support.



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