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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 St. 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

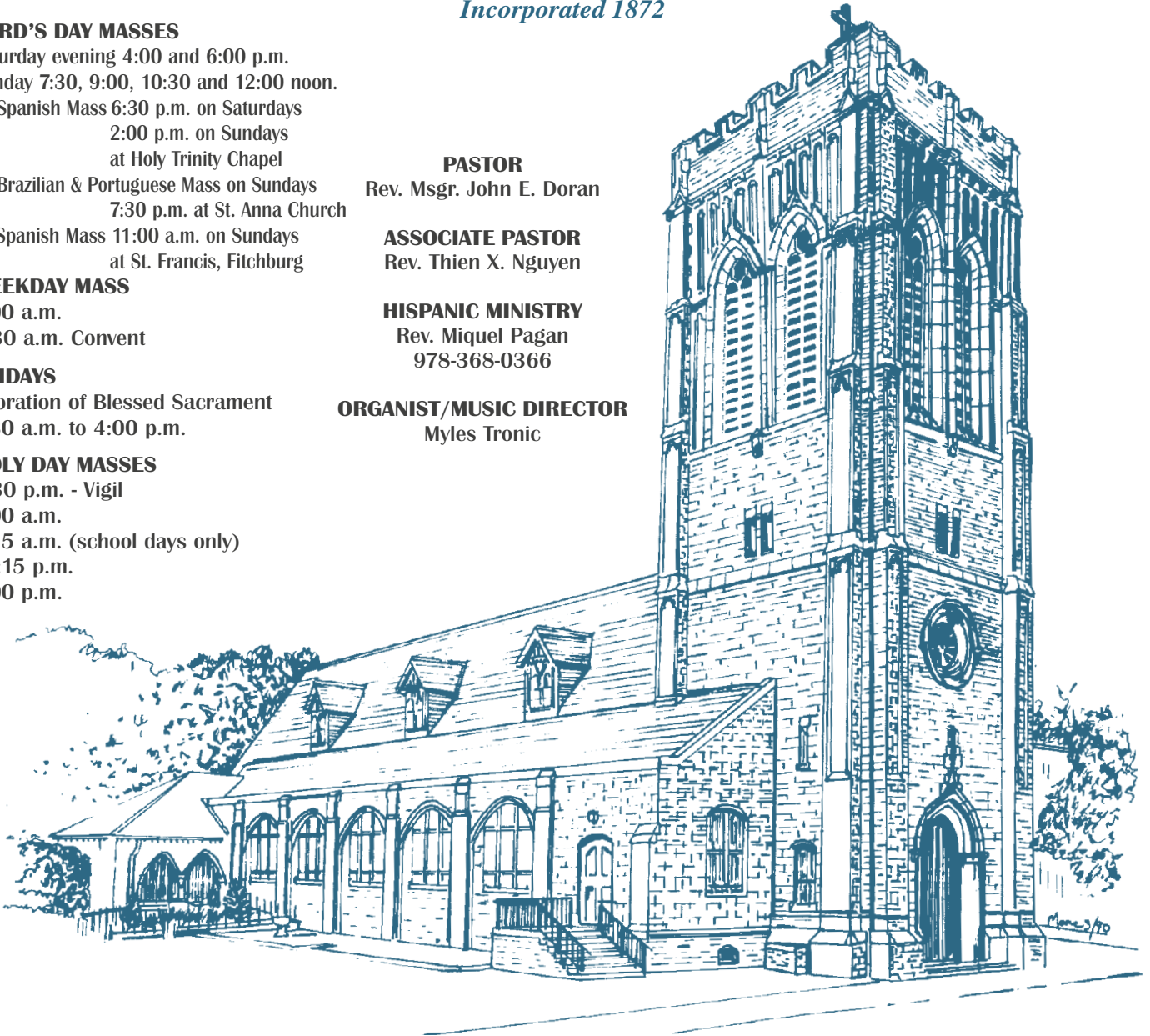
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Sacrament of Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms will be the Second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

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)
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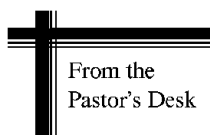
Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	SEPTEMBER 24
4:00 PM	Ann & Bill Lanciani by Dennis & Joan
6:00 PM	Jack O'Donnell by wife & family
SUNDAY,	SEPTEMBER 25
7:30 AM	Vin & Lee Bonner by family
8:30 AM	Elizabeth Partridge
9:00 AM	Kenneth Devine by family
10:30 AM	Joseph & Nicholas Ricciutti by wife & mother
12:00 NN	Eleanor Gallagher by family
MONDAY,	SEPTEMBER 26
7:00 AM	Eugene Peltier by son
8:30 AM	Raher & Shea Family deceased
TUESDAY,	SEPTEMBER 27
7:00 AM	Roy Kittridge 4 th Anniv.
8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY,	SEPTEMBER 28
7:00 AM	James Kinsella 4 th Anniv. by wife
8:30 AM	Elizabeth Sculley by family
THURSDAY,	SEPTEMBER 29
7:00 AM	For deceased members of St. Vincent de Paul
8:30 AM	Stanley McNiff by wife
FRIDAY,	SEPTEMBER 30
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Raymond & Pauline Belliveau
SATURDAY,	OCTOBER 1
7:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
8:30 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
4:00 PM	William Lawler 5 th Anniv. by family
6:00 PM	Deanne Logue & Amy Green by Surrette family
SUNDAY,	OCTOBER 2
7:30 AM	Doris Ebb by M/M Frank DiMaria
8:30 AM	Kathleen Brand by family
9:00 AM	Special Intention
10:30 AM	Henry Buja 5 th Anniv. by wife
12:00 NN	Robert Keating by family

PARISH SUPPORT Last weekend our parish community contributed \$8,156 in ordinary support, \$309 for Capital Improvement Fund and \$87 for phase 1 of winter fuel. In September, we have received \$2,515 for capital needs and phase 1 of winter fuel is now at \$5,366. Thanks!!!!

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

The increased offertory program began last fall continues to be successful thanks to your consistent generosity. In the first three weeks of September last year, we received \$22,335 in ordinary support. This year the collection was \$26,813 for the same period. Thanks!!!



From the
Pastor's Desk

REVISED ROMAN MISSAL

As many parishioners know, on the First Sunday of Advent this year (November 27th) the Church will be introducing a new version of the Roman Missal. This means that some congregational response will change but more changes are in store for the priest celebrants. For example, one-half of the wording in the Gloria will be changed but that is the major difference for people in the pews. Most changes for the congregation are minor and all will be included in the new Missalettes for the next liturgical year. Over the next few weeks we will be presenting general norms for worship as well as specific changes in the liturgy.

The celebration of Mass is an act of the whole assembly gathered for worship. In the Mass, the Church is joined to the action of Christ. We are joined to this divine action through Baptism, which incorporates us into the risen Christ. This action, which lies at "the center of the whole of Christian life" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GRIM), no. 16), is initiated not by us but by God acting in and through the Church as the Body of the risen Christ. The Liturgy is designed to bring about in all those who make up the worshipping assembly a "participation fervent with faith, hope, and charity" (GRIM, no 18). To the extent that we are able to participate in this way, the work of redemption becomes personally effective for each of us. By such participation we make the actions and prayers of the liturgy our own; we enter more fully into our personal communion with Christ's redeeming act and perfect worship.

"In The celebration of Mass the faithful form a holy people, a people of God's own possession and a royal priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the priest but also together with him, and so that they may learn to offer their very selves. They should, moreover, take care to show this by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration...Moreover, they are to form one body, whether in hearing the word of God, or taking part in the prayers and the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by a participating together at the Lord's table" (GRIM nos.95,96).

The participation of each person in the Liturgy is important. Each person needs to do his or her part.



The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary are sponsoring a Day of Prayer for Women at Presentation Convent, 99 Church St. Leominster on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Sister Paula Cormier, PBVM will be the presenter. The day will begin at 9:30AM with refreshments and will end by 3:00PM. There will be an opportunity for quiet reflection and sharing. Lunch will be included. Free will offerings are accepted. In an effort to assist those less fortunate, we invite each participant to bring one non perishable food item or toilet paper to be donated to St. Leo's food pantry. To register please contact one of the following: Sr. Mary Anne Seliga 978-537-7108, Sr. Maureen Hickey 978-790-0056.

LITURGICAL + ROLES

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1 & 2

	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 PM	Fr. Nguyen	T. Marchand	J.Shannon P.Lozeau D.Lanciani F.Joseph	B.Peterson E.Adams M.Norton
6:00 PM	Fr..Nguyen	S.Lombardozi	A.Bissonnette K Lambert M. White	Z.Belanger D.Barrette S.koehler
7:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	S.Mullaney	P.Morin D.McCaffrey N.Pierce	R.Fratantonio A,Morin T.Gendron K.Lyons
9:00 AM	Msgr. Doran	B. Malone	B.Maki M.Ledoux M.Oliver	C&BHanlon M.O'Malley K&RDomenichella
10:30 AM	Msgr. Doran	B.LebLANC	D.Slarskey P.Proietti R.Rogers J.O'Neill	E.Cucchiara J&Jslarskey E&LJenny J.Mercer
12:00 NN	Msgr. Doran	K. Boudreau	D.Bean L.Gaston J.Shannon	E.Provencher K&B White E.Baron

BUILDING FUND

St. Leo's Building Fund, which has made possible our new parish center, has now reached the total of \$1,706,290. 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 \$422,790. Thanks for your continued support.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently issued guidelines requiring private health plans to cover FDA-approved contraceptive methods and sterilization as "preventives services" for women. This mandate includes drugs that may cause an abortion both before and after implantation. A very narrow and inadequate religious exemption would not protect a great many religious organizations, including Catholic colleges and universities, as well as hospitals and charitable institutions that serve the general public. This action poses an unprecedented threat to the religious freedom of the individuals and institutions. Concerned Americans have until September 30th to comment to HHS. To better enable you to do so, two actions alerts have been issued: one, to send your comments to HHS, and the other to urge Congress to support the *Respect for Rights of Conscience Act*. Please visit www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience-protection/index.cfm to send your message through the secure and user-friendly action alert system. You can also find additional information from the U.S. Bishops on this issue at the above link. Thank You!



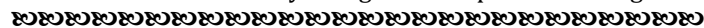
Learn about Safe Products that also benefit St. Leo's School

September 29th at 6PM, in the St. Leo's School Conference Room.

Please come and learn about safe, non-toxic,, natural products to replace the chemical products that we all use every day in our homes. All are free of phosphates, formaldehyde, and harsh chemicals. Great skin care items to relieve Eczema, great cleaning products without bleach or fumes, superior nutritional products and more. Great price and 5% of all purchases go directly to St. Leo's School. RSVP to Amanda Conlan at 978-840-6457 or amandaconlan@comcast.net

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Next Saturday morning, October 1st, the Saturday nearest the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, we will again hold our blessing of the animals at 9AM in the church parking area. Please feel free to bring your pets who share their lives with us in our homes and daily living for this special blessing.



FAMILY MASS

NEXT SUNDAY (October 2nd) at our 9AM Mass, we will direct the liturgy to include our children and families. After Mass there will be a time of refreshment and fellowship in the Parish Center including an activity table for the children. ALL ARE WELCOME.



OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Beginning next Sunday (October 2nd) and continuing each Sunday at 5PM we will again have Rosary Devotions consisting of the public recitation of the Rosary and Eucharistic Benediction. It is a way to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of Queen of the Rosary.

On Saturday, October 15th, from 12 noon to 2 PM, there will be a public recitation of the Rosary for special intentions. The prayers are in response to the virgin at Fatima who asked that such public prayer be offered. The location is Carter Park.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS SPONSERING A FREE INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET. SET UP A FREE E-MAIL ACCOUNT, OBTAIN INFORMATION AND DO RESEARCH. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. LOCATION 196 MECHANIC ST. LEOMINSTER. CALL 508-860-2243

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Will hold an OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 6, at 7PM for
7th and 8th girls and their families.

OUR ENTRANCE EXAM for 8th graders

And transfer students will be held Sat.,Nov. 5 at 8:30AM
Pre- registration for the exam is required.

Please call Mrs. Riordan at 508-757-6200,ext. 229,
Or register on-line at www.nda-worc.org.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2011


Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
7:00PM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING
7:00PM CCD: Grades 7-11
7:00PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
7:30PM MEN'S AA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
7:00PM R.C.I.A.
7:30PM WOMEN'S AA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
10-11:30AM BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
6:00PM GREEN PRODUCTS PRESENTATION
7:00PM BOY SCOUTS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
7:30-4PM ADORATION AND BENEDICTION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
9:00AM BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
9:00AM CCD: GRADES 1-6
11:00AM IRISH STEP DANCERS
11:00AM TOPS



MCFL

Massachusetts Citizens for Life

2011 Respect Life Walk
To Aid Mothers & Children
Sunday, October 2, 2011
At the Parkman Bandstand
Boston Common
Near the corner of
Tremont & Boylston Streets
Registration &
Pre-Walk Celebration
1:30PM Walk 2:30PM



CHOIR SEASON 2011-2012

New members are invited to join the choir for the new season! Rehearsals begin Thursday, Sept. 29 at 7PM in the church and continue on Thursdays throughout the year. The choir sings at 10:30AM Mass on Sundays and at special liturgies during the year. No previous experience necessary--just bring a love of singing and an ability to carry a tune.

BIBLE STUDY:

Once again this fall Msgr. Doran will conduct a six week Bible Study on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30AM in the new conference room. The dates will be September 28, October 5,12,19,26 and November 2. We will do an overview of the Pentateuch books of Leviticus, Deuteronomy and Numbers.

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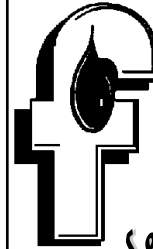


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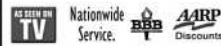


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