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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

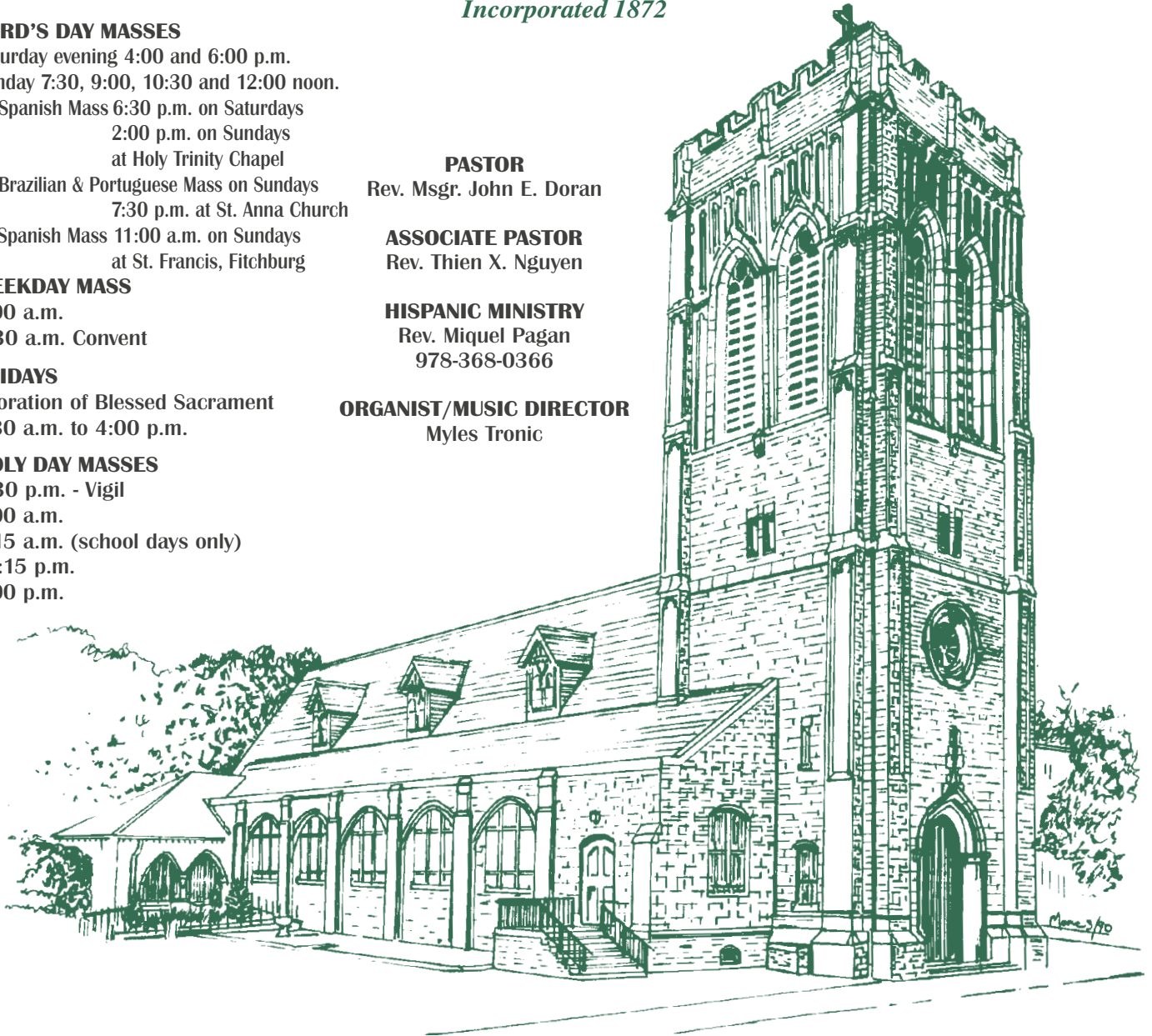
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**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms will be the Second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

**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.

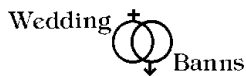
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St. Leo's Cemetery Location:  
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St. Leo's Religious Education  
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118 Main St.  
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# Mass Intentions

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 15</b>
4:00 PM	Rocco C. Petitto, Jr. 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. by family
6:00 PM	Carl Locke & Raymond Surrette by family
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 16</b>
7:30 AM	Harold Sullivan by M/M Frank DiMaria
8:30 AM	Stanley McNiff by wife
9:00 AM	Eleanor Dussault Babineau 1st Anniv. by brother
10:30 AM	O'Donnell Family Deceased
12:00 NN	Alfred LeBlanc by family
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 17</b>
7:00 AM	Patricia DiRusso by husband
8:30 AM	Herman Hasenstein by the McCaffreys
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 18</b>
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 19</b>
7:00 AM	Denise Beyeler by Jean Lawler
8:30 AM	Jim Walsh by the McCaffreys
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 20</b>
7:00 AM	Leo Burns
8:30 AM	Presentation Sisters Prayer Association
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 21</b>
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Geraldine Woodcome by her 4 friends
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 22</b>
7:00 AM	Felix Brow, 30 day anniv. by family
8:30 AM	
4:00 PM	Bernard Lamkin by wife & sons
6:00 PM	Ernest & Alice Surrette by family
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 23</b>
7:30 AM	Edwin & Bernice McCaffrey by family
8:30 AM	James Lemieux by Lemieux family
9:00 AM	Winnie & Austy Walsh by family
10:30 AM	Alfred Maffei by family
12:00 NN	Ruth Andrews 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. by family

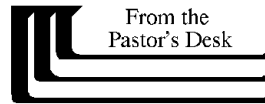


1<sup>st</sup> Arthur James O'Leary and  
Jacqueline Ann Czaja



## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

"Gather Us In 2011" is the biannual Conference for Women in the Worcester Diocese sponsored by the Commission for Women. It will be held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 AM and concluding with Mass at 4PM. Featured speakers are TV veteran journalist Liz Walker who will speak on "Grace Moves- What Happens When God Calls"; composer and singer Kathy Sherman who will speak on "Gratitude, A Way of Life"; Pat John; and Christin Jezak on Mother Teresa. Tickets are \$50 (\$25 for students) for work shops and lunch, and the parish will pay one-half. Call the rectory before October 23<sup>rd</sup> to register.



## COIN OF LOVE

"A women with cancer of the face was begging, and when I gave her money- she tried to kiss my hand. The only thing I could do was to kiss her dirty old face with the gaping hole in it..It sounds like a heroic deed, but it was not. What" we avert our eyes from today can be borne tomorrow when we have learned a little more about love." This lesson from Dorothy Day, cofounder of the Catholic Worker Movement, was titled "A Stranger and Elusive Thing," appearing in the *Loaves and Fishes* newsletter in 1960.

Today's first reading alludes to a king who engages in the strange behavior of grasping onto the hand of a god-like statue to convey the message that he and his god are one. Thus he proclaims to his people to his people that his actions and god's actions are identical.

We also are asked to grasp onto God's hand to determine whether our work is in alignment with God's work. Is this not what Jesus asks of those attempting to trick him? Whose hand do you grasp most tightly--Caesar's or God's?

Jesus belongs to God and will hold onto God's mercy, justice, compassion, and forgiveness in all that he does and speaks. What if currency were based on good deeds? Would we have earned enough to purchase a new car? Would we have saved up sufficient kindness to afford a better wardrobe? Could forgiveness of an old enemy enable one to place a down payment on a house?

"Whose imprint is on you?" Jesus asks. Have you grasped the hand of love so tightly that the imprint now brands you as capable of engaging in activities you once considered appalling? In grasping the hand of your god, have you learned a "little more about love"? If not, perhaps you hold onto an imposter.



**PARISH SUPPORT.** Over the Holiday weekend last week, our parish community contributed \$7,443 in Ordinary Support, \$1,842 for the Capital Improvement Fund and \$2,150 for Phase 1 of winter fuel. Our fuel collection now stand at \$10,611. Thanks!!!!

## SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

The increased offertory program began last fall continues to be successful thanks to your consistent generosity. On the two weekends in October last year, we received \$18,185 in ordinary support. This year the collection was \$15,952 for the same period. Thanks!!! Last year the first two weekends were the kick-off for this program

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We are in need of a parishioner or 2 who would volunteer to teach 8<sup>th</sup> grade on Mondays 7- 8:15PM. Please call Rectory at 978-537-7257

# LITURGICAL ROLES

WEEK OF 22 & 23

	<b>CELEBRANTS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
4:00 PM	Msgr. Doran	P.Lozeau	J.Shannon D.Lanciani F.Joseph F.Guidara	K.Connors E.Jenny N.Siciliano L.Jenny
6:00 PM	Fr..Nguyen	W.Benton	K.Lambert A.Bissonnette L.Maye	N&S.Boucher S.Koehler Z.Belanger
7:30 AM	Msgr. Doran	E.Reynolds	N.Pierce P.Morin	E.Provencher A.Morin K.Lyons
9:00 AM	Fr. Nguyen	L.Gaston	R.Gaston B.Maki F.Domenichella	B.Robillard A.Kittredge K.Casella M.Aubuchon
10:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	R.Keating	P.Proietti D Slarskey M.Marien R.Rogers.	J&J.Slarskey H. Wells M.Roberto M.Edleston
12:00 NN	Msgr. Doran	D.Baron	M.Tarara T.Tarara J.Shannon	Z.Dyment R.Lajoie G.B.D.&Z.Zarrella

### 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.million project is \$418,986 Thanks for your continued support

### FUNDRAISER

Our Father's House proudly presents its fall fundraiser on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at Fitchburg High School. It will feature a laugh with Jimmy Tingle who is a nationally known comedian and social humorist. Tickets are \$25. And can be obtained by calling 978-345-2256 , ext.300

### Decadent Desserts

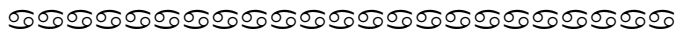
Join the Friends of the Leominster Public Library Saturday, October 22, 2011 AT 6:30 PM for an evening of DECADENT DESSERTS

\$8 for Friends Members/\$10 for non-members

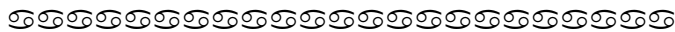
Tickets available at the Main Desk at the Library.



The President's Lecture Series at Assumption College continues this month with a talk by Helen M. Alvare, J.D. associate professor of law at George Mason University in Virginia. She will speak on "Envisioning a More Perfect Union of Men and Women; a New Feminism and the Theology of the Body." The lecture will be on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in La Maison Francaise. It is free and open to the public.



**OPEN HOUSE:** St. John's High School in Shrewsbury will hold two Open Houses for prospective students on October 16 and 23 at 1 PM at the school, 378 Main Street. The entrance exam for 8<sup>th</sup> graders only will be Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.



### CEMETERY RESPECT

Recently we received information that two floral arrangements were removed from a grave at our cemetery. Who would do such a thing in disrespecting a burial plot? Please report any suspicious activity to our cemetery employees or the rectory.



Our annual Mass of Remembrance in which we honor the memory of all who died this past year will be held on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at our noon Mass followed by a reception in the new auditorium. Invitations have been sent out but all parishioners are welcome. Please Join Us.

**Mass book:** Our Mass book for 2012 will open on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8AM. This is the Feast of All Souls and an appropriate time to remember our beloved dead. Priority will be given to people who are physically present that day and then telephone and mailing requests will be received.

### ST. LEO'S YOUTH GROUP

Are there parents and teens in our parish who might be interested in joining a youth group? There is some interest already in pursuing service project, cultural and social activities and athletics. If interested, please contact Msgr. Doran



October is Pro-life Month in the U.S. Church. This year's theme is "I came so that all might have life and have it to the full." We are asked to pray, reflect and inform ourselves on the life issues such as abortion, capital punishment, embryo research, euthanasia, assisted suicide and related issues.

"The life issues (abortion, euthanasia, embryonic cell research) put us in touch with one aspect of humanity: They show what we are capable of when we lose our moorings, when we are not guided by clear thinking on right and wrong." (Richard Doerfinger, associate director of the U.S. Bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities)

**VOLUNTEERS:** Sunrise Assisted Living, 6 Beth Ave, Leominster, is looking for volunteers to be a conversation partner, host a social, lead a card group or share musical or artistic talents. There will be an open house on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-3:30 PM.

**OCTOBER 16, 2011**

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**Weekly Schedule**

<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 16</b>
<b>2:00PM</b>	<b>EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	<b>OCTOBER DEVOTIONS</b>
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 17</b>
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>CCD GRADES 7-11</b>
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION CLASS</b>
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>ST.VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING</b>
<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>MEN'S AA</b>
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 18</b>
<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>WOMEN'S AA</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 19</b>
<b>10-11:30 AM</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 20</b>
<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUTS</b>
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>BOY SCOUTS</b>
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 21</b>
<b>7:30 -4:00PM</b>	<b>ADORATION AND BENEDICTION</b>
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>OCTOBER 22</b>
<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>CCD GRADES 1-6</b>
<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>IRISH STEP DANCERS</b>
<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>TOPS</b>

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The Jeanne d' Arc Circle #44 Daughters of Isabella and the Knights of Columbus Bishop Beavan Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> Degree will meet at St. Cecilia's Church on Sunday ,October 16, At 9:30 AM to attend a Mass for the Unborn, concelebrated by Bishop Reilly and Monsignor Goguen at 9:45 AM. Following the Mass, light refreshment will be served in the Parish Hall. Daughters of Isabella members are asked to bring a breakfast dessert. Please call Regent Anita Winters at 978-345-5279 for information

**FALL IN LOVE ALL OVER AGAIN IN  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held in Saint Methodios Retreat Center in Contoocook, NH, a very beautiful location and just in time for the last colors of Fall in the north country. Please consider this weekend of renewal for your relationship. This weekend is on October 21-23. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME. You can also see our video and the Retreat center photos at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)

**ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Sunday, October 30, 3PM, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Light reception to follow. Anniversary Certificates & Photo-op with Bishop McManus.. Couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2011 wishing to attend should pre-register by October 12. Call the office of Marriage & Family at 508-791-7171



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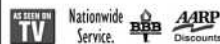


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