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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

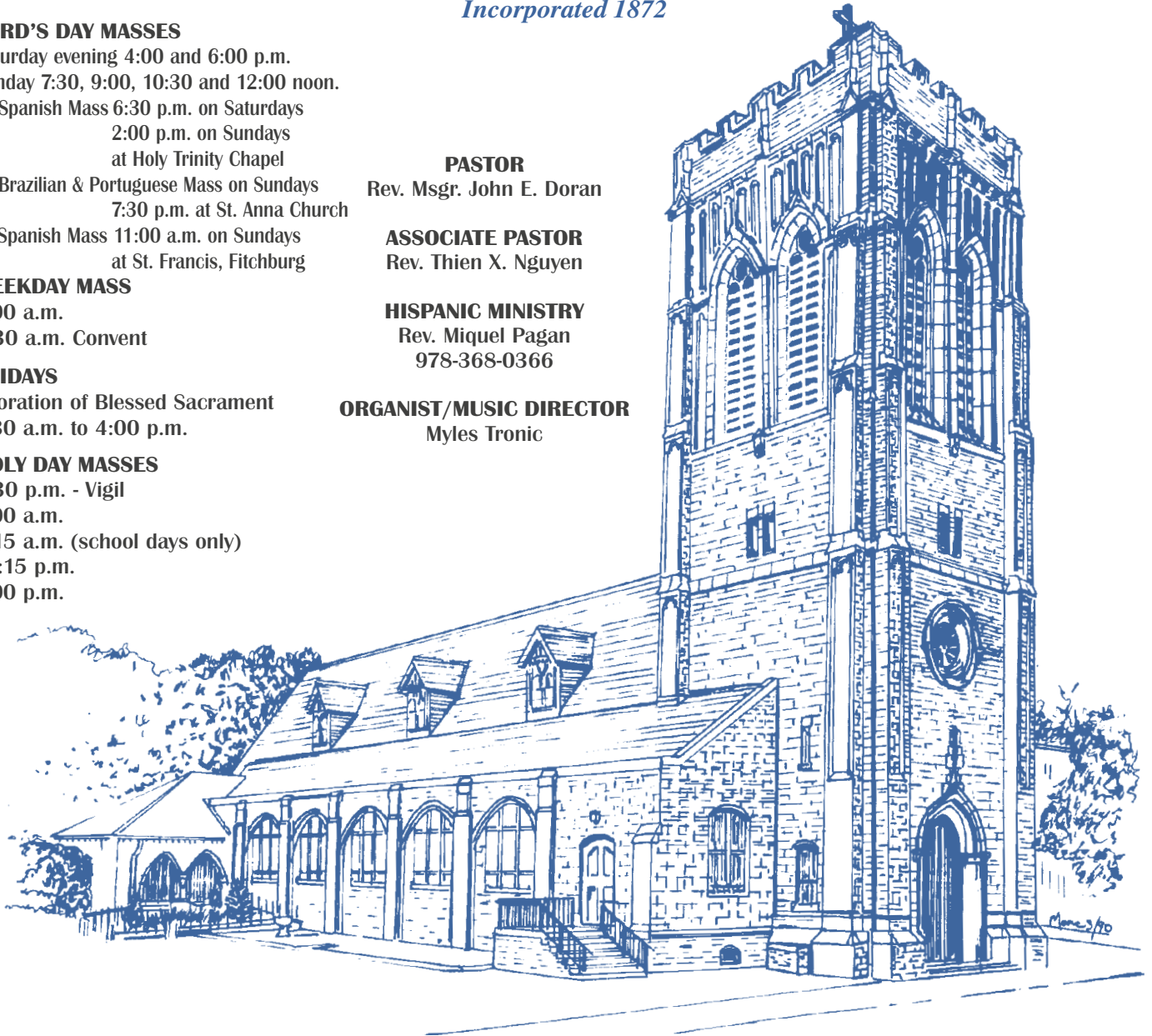
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Sacrament of Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms will be the Second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

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)
118 Main St.
537-1194

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	NOVEMBER 5
4:00 PM	Pearl Guidara 2 nd Anniv. by husband
6:00 PM	Alexander & John Scioli by Bridget
SUNDAY,	NOVEMBER 6
7:30 AM	Joseph Vorse by family
8:30 AM	William Flanagan
9:00 AM	Alice Raftery 6 th Anniv. by family
10:30 AM	Donat Pereaault 20 th Anniv. by family
12:00 NN	Dennis P. England Sr. by Fournier family
MONDAY,	NOVEMBER 7
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Anna B. Doran 6 th Anniv. by family
TUESDAY,	NOVEMBER 8
7:00 AM	Pearl Guidara 2 nd Anniv. by husband
8:30 AM	Richard Raher by wife
WEDNESDAY,	NOVEMBER 9
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Elizabeth Scully by family
THURSDAY,	NOVEMBER 10
7:00 AM	Vin & Lee Bonner by family
8:30 AM	Janet Paces by family
FRIDAY,	NOVEMBER 11
7:00 AM	Paul A. Foster by family
8:30 AM	John DeLibero by wife
SATURDAY,	NOVEMBER 12
7:00 AM	Phillip W. Pirro by Bob & Jean
8:30 AM	Margaret G. O'Brien 9 th Anniv. by family
4:00 PM	Francis Beaudette
6:00 PM	John Krysiak by family
SUNDAY,	NOVEMBER 13
7:30 AM	Paul Benton 45 th Anniv. by family
8:30 AM	Stanley McNiff by wife
9:00 AM	Mildred Devine by family
10:30 AM	Lillian W. Nutting
12:00 NN	Jerry & Jay Crowley by family

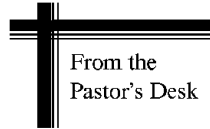
Parish Support

Last weekend (the snowy October weekend) we received only \$4,006 in ordinary support, \$30 for Capital Improvement Fund and \$100 for Phase 1 of Winter Fuel. In October, we received \$2,749 for Capital needs and our winter fuel now stands at \$10,741. Please make up envelopes missed last weekend.

BUILDING FUND

St. Leo's Building Fund, which has made possible our new parish center, has now reached the total of \$1,707,400. 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.

BIBLE STUDY: On Thursday evening at 7PM. Fr. Nguyen holds bible study in the rectory. All are welcome to come and attend.



The Roman Missal, Third Edition

On the first Sunday of Advent this year the church will introduce the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal which includes some word changes in the ordinary parts of the Mass. The changes are minor and should easily be absorbed by parishioners. Today and for the next two weeks we will introduce the rationale behind the new wording for some prayers in the Mass.

The word *liturgy*, in its technical meaning in the Church, refers to all the official public rites in our worship. It includes the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (Mass), the Liturgy of the Hours (such as morning and evening prayers), and other rites: funeral rites, religious professions, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, particular blessings and so on.

The word comes from the Greek, *leitourgia*, which referred in classical Greek to a "public work" or a work performed on behalf of the people. During New Testament times, *liturgy* was used in various forms to describe the priestly works of Christ (in the Letter to the Hebrews) or of Paul as a minister (Romans). The word *liturgy*, in these examples, can refer to work done on behalf of people or work done by particular people. For the Church today, *liturgy* is also work. There are elements of our liturgy that are done for the faithful or on behalf of the faithful, and there are other elements that are done by the faithful gathered as the liturgical assembly. Our external participation in the liturgy—whether sung or spoken prayer, active and attentive listening, our gestures and postures, or even our silent prayer—is always a work.

All of this work is meant to foster an active interior participation in Christ and his work of loving us, of saving us. To participate and engage in the liturgy takes work on our part. Even though some particular liturgical minister, whether priest, deacon, reader, server or cantor, may be doing work for the assembly, each of us has an essential role as well.

So, the liturgy is a work that we all do together. The prayers of the Mass help us to do that work. For many hundreds of years these prayers were in Latin for people worldwide. Since the second Vatican Council, in the 1960s' those Latin prayers have been translated into local languages.



ON THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER

15-16, 2011, a count was taken of all who attended Mass as part of the Pastoral Planning Commission of the Diocese. That weekend 1,104 participated in our weekly liturgy. Along with Sacramental numbers and other considerations, the Commission makes recommendations to the Bishop regarding parish viability. Our strong showing is a great help to maintaining our parish presence and longevity.

LITURGICAL ROLES

WEEK OF 12 & 13

	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 PM	Fr. Nguyen	J.Gendron	J.Shannon D.Lanciani F.Guidara F.Joseph	E.Adams B.Peterson S.Vincent L&E Jenny
6:00 PM	Fr. Gariepy	C.LeDuc	M.White L.Maye A.Bissonnette	S&N Boucher D.Barrette N.Rossi
7:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	S.Mullaney	D.McCaffrey K.Robillard P.Crowley	S.Withers S.Poultney A. Morin
9:00 AM	Fr. Connell	B.Malone	R.Gaston B.Maki M.Ledoux	R.Robillard K.Lyons B.Daigle A.Hemmingway C.Kennedy
10:30 AM	Fr. Connell	B LeBlanc	B.LeBlanc J.O'Neill R.Rogers M.Marien	K&J Gavin L .Fleming E.Cucchiara M. Whitney
12:00 NN	Fr. Nguyen	K. Boudreau	D.Henderson L.Gaston J.Shannon	R.Lajoie P.Bell J.McGown B&K White

Lecture: The next lecture in the President's Lecture Series of Assumption College will feature Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia on Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 7PM in the Salon of La Maison Francaise. He will speak on "Catholics and the Next America." The lecture is free and open to the public.

Cross International

Father John O'Malley will be visiting our parish this weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross International Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

FUNDRAISER

Our Father's House proudly presents its fall fundraiser on Thursday, November 10th 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



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Contact Amy or Marty Walsh for a brochure and to answer questions. 978-502-5540 or amymarty13@msn.com

Grand Tour of Italy Sept 30-Oct11, 2012

Also available which includes 3 additional days to above itinerary to include Pompeii, Naples Sorrento, Amalfi Coast & the Isle of Capri. Cost is about \$3300/person twin occupancy.



The Confraternity of the Passion International will be presenting an authentic life-size replica of the Holy Shroud of Turin, on November 18th at 7PM at St. Bernard Parish, 333 Mechanic St., Fitchburg. For information call Marline at 978-345-5710.

⊕ Religious Education Month ⊕

November is Religious Education Month! And November 13th is Religious Education Sunday. Come have coffee, juice and breakfast breads after the 9 AM Mass and before the 10:30 AM Mass in our Parish Center.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PRO-LIFE

Analyzing the risk of mental health problems for women after an abortion, a new meta-analysis of 22 studies—with a total of over 800,000 participants—found that women who aborted a child have 81% increased risk of subsequent mental health problems compared to women who have not had an abortion. When compared to women with an unplanned pregnancy who gave birth, women who had an abortion have 138% higher risks of mental health problems. (See P.K. Coleman, "Abortion Psychiatry (2011) 199: 189-86) **If you are grieving from a past abortion, contact your diocesan Project Rachel Ministry for confidential help at 508-791-HOPE.**



NOVEMBER 5 & 6, 2011

Have you taken care of your marriage? Will you be ready when the bridegroom comes and invites you into the wedding feast? "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor hour." The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are: December 2-4 and January 13-15. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710WWME or visit our webpage at

www.wwme.org



🔔 HOLIDAY FAIR 🔔

St. Cecilia's Parish in Leominster, MA will be holding their Annual Holiday Fair on Friday, November 11 from 5 to 9PM and Saturday, November 12 from 11AM to 7:30PM. Specialty foods include poutine, rapee, pork pies, fricot, spaghetti & meatballs and much more. Chinese Auction, \$3,000 Major Raffle, Theme Baskets, Crafts, Large indoor Flea Market, Game Booths for all ages, Baked Goods Booth. Free picture with Santa on Friday from 6PM to 7:30PM and on Saturday from 11:30AM to 1PM: entertainment on Saturday—"St. Cecilia's Got Talent Show " at 2PM and the "Twin City Fiddlers" will perform from 5:30 to 7:30PM

NOVEMBER 6, 2011


Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7
7:00PM CCD GRADES 7-11
7:00PM CONFIRMATION CLASS
7:30PM MEN'S AA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
7:30PM BAPTISMAL PREP
7:30PM WOMEN'S AA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10
4:00PM GIRL SCOUTS
7:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE
7:00PM BOY SCOUTS
7:00PM BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11
7:30 -4:00PM ADORATION AND BENEDICTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12
9:00AM NO CCD GRADES 1-6
11:00AM IRISH STEP DANCERS
11:00AM TOPS


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 projects, cultural and social activities and athletics. If interested, please contact Msgr. Doran


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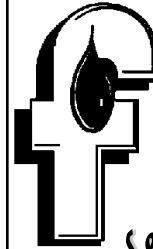


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