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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

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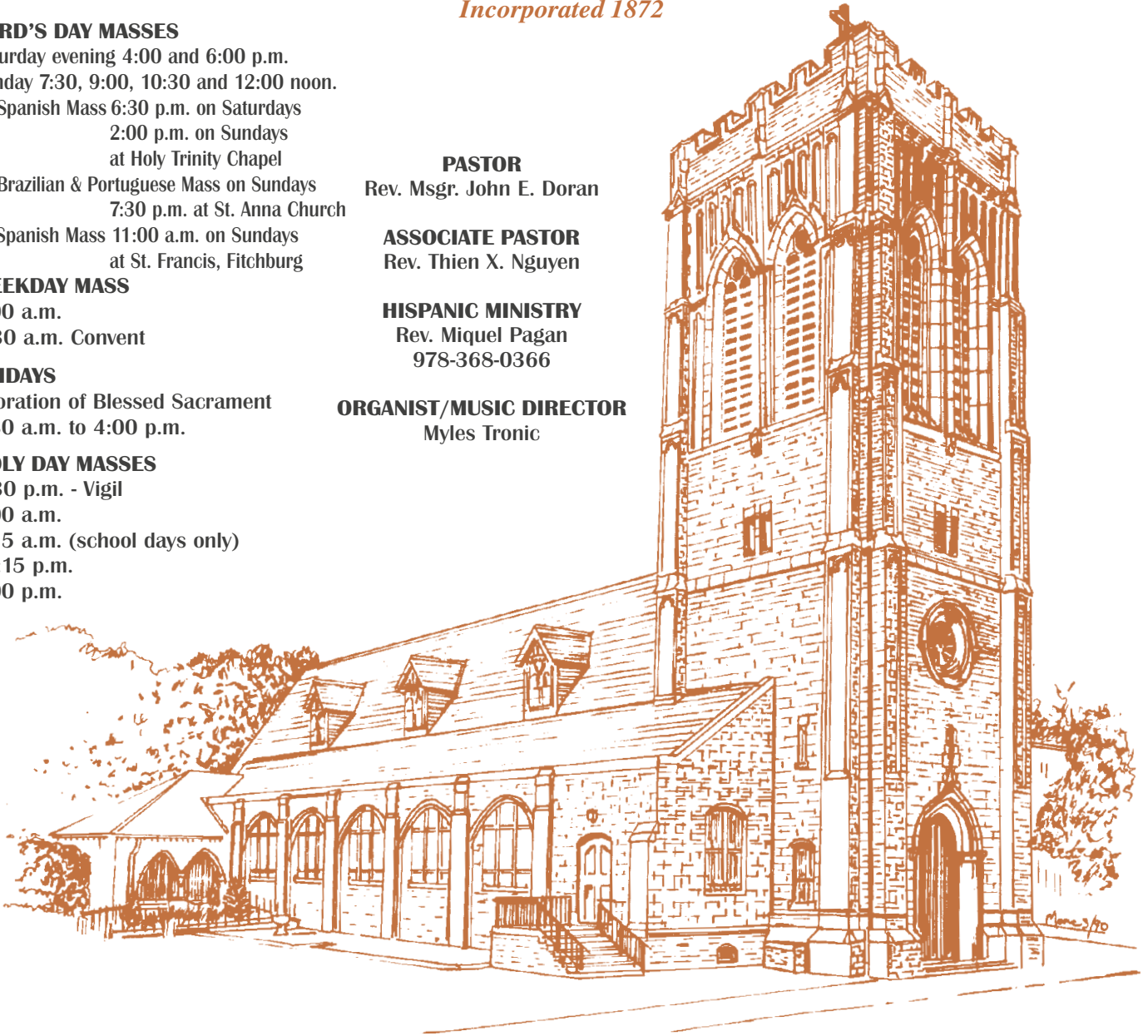
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Sacrament of Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms will be the Second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

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 19
4:00 PM	Harold Sidilau by M/M Frank DiMaria
6:00 PM	Abilio Caetano by family
SUNDAY,	NOVEMBER 20
7:30 AM	Bernard Lamkin by wife & sons
8:30 AM	Special Intention for Henreitte & her Children & all Orphans
9:00 AM	Ruth Dufresne by family
10:30 AM	Madeline & Bernard Lagoy
12:00 NN	Paddy Grieci by family
MONDAY,	NOVEMBER 21
7:00 AM	James Mancuso by Tunnessen Family
8:30 AM	Arthur A. Fournier, Sr. by family
TUESDAY,	NOVEMBER 22
7:00 AM	Jack Mann
8:30 AM	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY,	NOVEMBER 23
7:00 AM	Joan Ferguson by family
8:30 AM	Edwin and Bernice McCaffrey by family
THURSDAY,	NOVEMBER 24
8:00 AM	In Thanksgiving For Our Blessings
8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY,	NOVEMBER 25
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	
SATURDAY,	NOVEMBER 26
7:00 AM	Edgar Vargas by wife & children
8:30 AM	Stanley McNiff by wife
4:00 PM	William Buckley by wife Cynthia
6:00 PM	Stephen & Lauretta Kimball by family
SUNDAY,	NOVEMBER 27
7:30 AM	Sue Mullaney by the McCaffreys
8:30 AM	Robert Gladding by wife
9:00 AM	David Fontaine 6 th Anniv. by family
10:30 AM	Lester & Lydia Benton Family Deceased by family
12:00 NN	George L. Bliss 20 th Anniv. by family



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



Next week, we will take up the **Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**. CCHD was founded by the U.S. bishops, who recognized that the lives of those in need will not improve until the systems and policies that keep people in poverty change. For over 40 years, CCHD has funded community groups that create lasting change. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.**

Pastor's Paragraphs

ROMAN MISSAL, 3RD EDITION, PART III

In light of the principles and priorities mentioned over the last two weeks, The *Roman Missal, Third Edition* strives to present text that, as Pope Paul said in 1965, "affect the spirit and enkindle the heart with love of God." Spoken words of the liturgy do more than just communicate truth or articulate sentiments; they must move the heart and lead worshipers to a sense of devotion.

The prayers of the 1974 Sacramentary, which we have been using for these past decades, appear to have striven for brevity and conciseness of expression. The 2010 *Roman Missal* texts generally offer more poetic forms of expression. For example, the Collect (Opening Prayer, proclaimed by the priest) for the Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

1974 Sacramentary: Father, your love never fails. Hear our call. Keep us from danger, and provide for all our needs.

2010 Roman Missal: O God, Whose providence never fails in its design, keep from us, we humbly beseech you, all that might harm us and grant all that works for our good.

Both texts express essentially the same truth, but the 2010 translation is a more elaborate form of expression. In addition, the phrase, "we humbly beseech you," which is a common sentiment in the Missal, helps the worshiper to find a right stance before God.

We do not dare tell God what we expect, but as disciples we stand humbly before God and implore his mercy, because we recognize that we do not earn or deserve the good things that come from God's grace.

To pray the liturgy well will take work, both for priest and for the faithful. The fruit of that labor, flowing from a language of prayer that moves and stirs our hearts, will be a work that gives God an offering of praise. The People of God, gathered in liturgical assemblies, will be attuned to God's presence and able to express themselves in a way that fosters a right relationship with the Lord. Isn't that why we go to Mass?

On Thanksgiving morning, November 24th, our parish Mass will be at 8AM instead of the usual time of 7AM. Please join us as we begin our national observance of Thanksgiving in prayer.



On Tuesday, our school community will gather for a special **Thanksgiving Mass at 10AM**. Immediately following the Mass, the newly landscaped area between the new building and the old school will be dedicated to **Roy Kittredge**, longtime head custodian of our properties, who died four years ago. All parishioners are welcome.

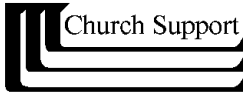
ALTAR SERVERS

WE ARE NOW LOOKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS IN GRADES 4-12. ANY YOUNG MAN OR WOMAN INTERESTED IN SERVING SHOULD CALL MSGR. DORAN AT THE RECTORY.

LITURGICAL ROLES

WEEK OF 26 & 27

Table with 4 columns: CELEBRANTS, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ALTAR SERVERS. Lists names and times for various liturgical roles.



Last weekend our parishioners contributed \$7,412 in ordinary support and \$ 2,182 to the Capital Improvement Fund. Thanks!

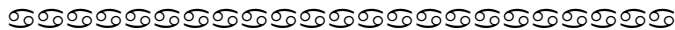
BUILDING FUND

St. Leo's Building Fund, which has made possible our new parish center, has now reached the total of \$1,708,000. 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 \$415,241 Thanks for your continued support



The founders of our country declared that each human being has certain inalienable rights that government must protect. It is no accident that they named life before liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Life itself is a basic human good, the condition for enjoying all other goods on the earth. Therefore the right to life is the most basic human right. Other valued rights- the right to vote, to freedom of speech, or to equal protection under law-lose their foundation if life itself can be destroyed with impunity

United States conference of Catholic Bishops, "To Live Each Day with Dignity: A Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide," June 16, 2011



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 December 3, 2011, entitled "The Grace of Yes." Sister Maureen Hickey, 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 978-790-0656.



ADVENT COFFEE + PLUS! COME ONE! COME ALL!

SUNDAY, November 27

Join us after the 9AM Mass and before the 10:30AM New parish center: Activities, "Take Homes" to celebrate Advent & prepare for Christmas! Giveaways! Door Prizes! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



SECRET SANTA GIVING TREE 2011

During the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This year we continue the tradition of our "Giving Tree" program in conjunction with our St. Vincent de Paul Society in order to help "make the season bright" for others in our community. Our Giving tree is up with tags for elderly and children, denoting sex, age and size. There are some suggestions on the tags to help you shop for the elderly. All gifts must be returned with the tag attached A.S.A.P. to the rectory no later than December 14th unwrapped. As we rejoice in the birth of Christ on December 25th you will be in our prayers for your generosity.

Holiday Concert

The Montachusett Chorale will present its Holiday Concert on Sunday December 4th at 2PM in Tata Auditorium, Leominster City Hall. 25 West St. The concert will benefit The Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network (MIHN). Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Under 18 are admitted free. For tickets please call Colonial Florist, 978-534-9187 or MIHN, 978-840-9500.

NOVEMBER 20, 2011

**Weekly Schedule**

SUNDAY, 1-6:00PM	NOVEMBER 20 CONFIRMATION RETREAT
MONDAY, 10-3:00PM 7:00PM 7:30PM	NOVEMBER 21 SVDP THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION CONFIRMATION CLASS MEN'S AA
TUESDAY, 10:00AM 7:00PM 7:30PM	NOVEMBER 22 THANKSGIVING SCHOOL MASS RCIA WOMAN'S AA
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 8:00AM	NOVEMBER 23 NOVEMBER 24 THANKSGIVING MASS
FRIDAY 7:30 -4:00PM	NOVEMBER 25 ADORATION AND BENEDICTION
SATURDAY, 9:00AM 11:00AM 11:00AM	NOVEMBER 26 NO CCD GRADES 1-6 IRISH STEP DANCERS TOPS



HOLIDAY FAIRS

St. Joseph's Church 49 Woodland Street, Fitchburg, MA, will be having a Holiday Festival and Craft Fair on December 3, 2011, from 9AM to 5PM. Crafters interested in reserving table space for the craft fair portion can contact Cheralyn at 978-855-8210 or email cheralyncall@comcast.net

CHRISTMAS FAIR

AND HAM, BEAN, MACARONI SUPPER

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Saturday, November 26, from 9-3

Dinner 5-7, Ham, Beans, Macaroni

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Refreshments

Wrapping paper, greeting cards, bags & bows

Christmas Wreaths & Decorations



The Leominster High School Fine Arts/Drama Department proudly presents its annual All School Musical the smash Broadway hit

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There will be 2 performances: on Friday Dec. 9th at 7pm and on Saturday Dec. 10th at 7PM. The snow date will be Dec. 11th. For tickets or information please call 978-534-7715 ext.339



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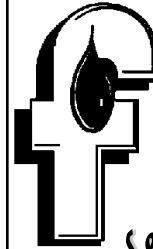


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