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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

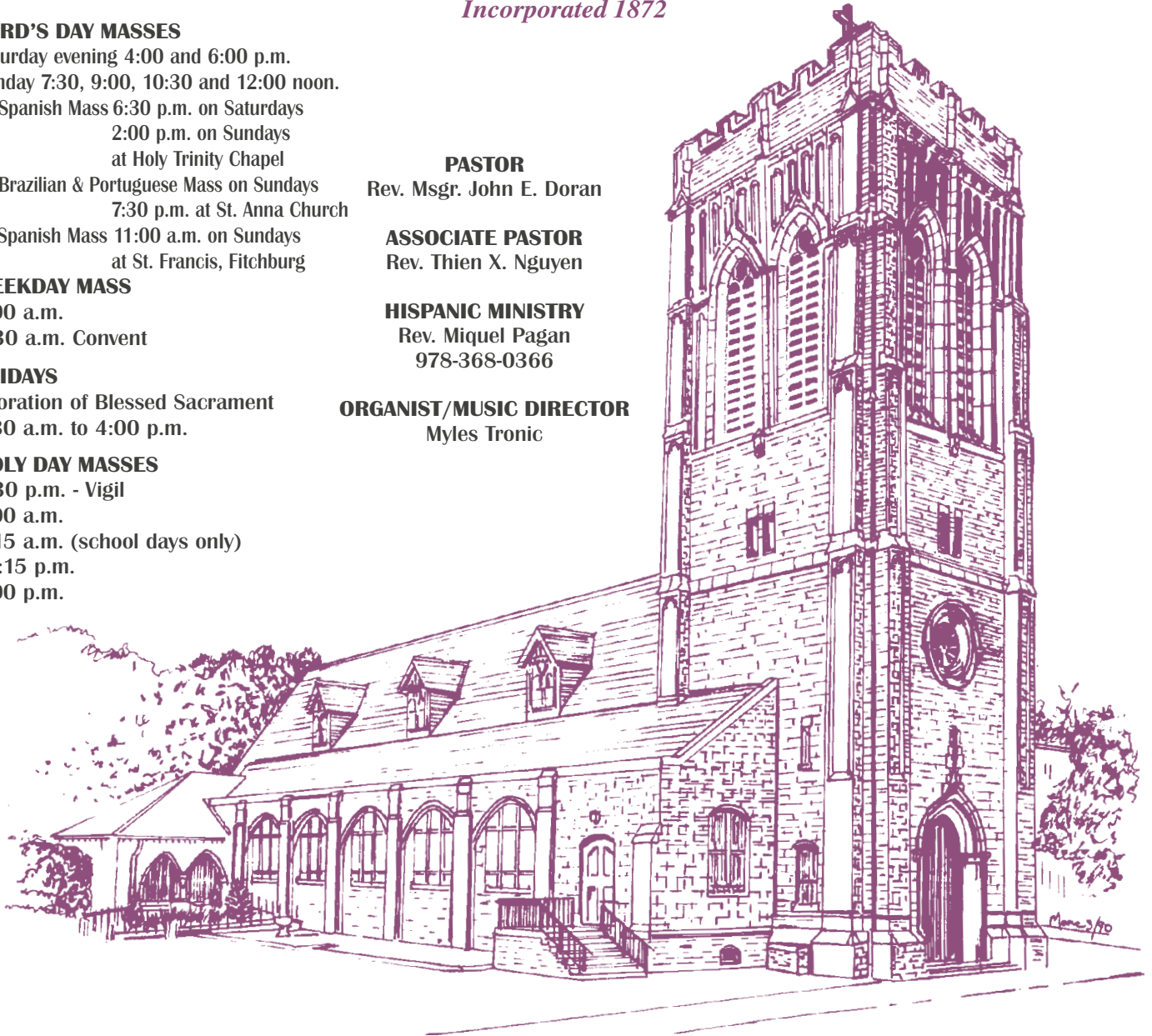
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Rev. Miquel Pagan  
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**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms will be the Second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

**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  
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[www.St-Leoschool.org](http://www.St-Leoschool.org)

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St. Leo's Cemetery Location:  
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St. Leo's Religious Education  
Office (CCD)  
118 Main St.  
537-1194

# Mass Intentions



<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 26</b>
4:00 PM	William Buckley by wife Cynthia
6:00 PM	Stephen & Lauretta Kimball by family
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 27</b>
7:30 AM	Sue Mullaney by the McCaffreys
8:30 AM	Robert Gladding by wife
9:00 AM	David Fontaine 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. by family
10:30 AM	Lester & Lydia Benton by family
12:00 NN	George L. Bliss 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. by family
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 28</b>
7:00 AM	For the People of St. Leo's
8:30 AM	
<b>TUESDAY,.</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 29</b>
7:00 AM	
8:30 AM	Francis N. Sauvageau by sister
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 30</b>
7:00 AM	John Anderson & David Arsenault by family
8:30 AM	John E. Doran 13 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. by family
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>DECEMBER 1</b>
7:00 AM	Special Intention
8:30 AM	
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2</b>
7:00 AM	For Our November Deceased
8:30 AM	Thomas, Maureen, Tommy, Ryan Jordon by family
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>DECEMBER 3</b>
7:00 AM	Ernest R. Nelson Jr. by family
8:30 AM	Stanley McNiff by wife
4:00 PM	Michael & Anna May Guidara by family
6:00 PM	Joshua Keefe by grandparents
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>DECEMBER 4</b>
7:30 AM	Sue Mullaney 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. by family
8:30 AM	Richard, Denis & Blanche Adams by family
9:00 AM	William & Mary Murray by family
10:30 AM	John Kenneth Regan by family
12:00 NN	Thomas & Vieno Guartafierro by family

## ADVENT 2011

As we implement the new wording in some of our Mass prayers this weekend, we are reminded that this is most appropriate because the first Sunday of Advent is New Years' Day for us in the liturgical calendar. From the time of Mosaic Law, the people of God have observed fixed days and seasons to commemorate the astonishing actions of our Savior God, to give Him thanks, to perpetuate remembrances and to teach future generations to conform their conduct to God's ways. Each season is a special gift of God's grace.

In Advent, we remember the three comings of Christ. He came in the past at the stable in Bethlehem; He comes to us in the present through His sacraments and gifts; and He will come in glory at the end of time as Lord and Judge. Thus, like Lent, Advent is a preparation season especially for the Christmas event while not forgetting the comings of the Lord. The people of Israel longed for a Messiah, a deliverer, one who would lift the oppression of Rome from their shoulders. The prophets, particularly Isaiah, spoke of such a hope and indicated that "a child will lead them"(11,8 ). In Paul's letter to Titus, he writes: "The grace of God the Savior has appeared to all, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ" (2,11). Notice he speaks of the historical coming of the Lord with a view to his final appearance.

St. Charles Borromeo in the 17<sup>th</sup> century would write: "Now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation, the great season of Advent...This season has always been celebrated with special solemnity...In His infinite love for us ,though we were still sinners, He sent His only Son to free us from the tyranny of sin and to summon us to heaven...Each year the Church recalls this mystery and urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us."

Use this season well as a spiritual journey so that the true meaning of its culmination, the feast of Christmas, may be in our hearts.

### 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.



Last weekend our parish community contributed \$9744 in Ordinary Support, \$339 for Capital Improvement Fund and \$1725 for Phase 1 of winter fuel, and \$604 for CHD. In November we have received \$2721 for Capital needs and our fuel collection stands at \$12,466. 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**

# LITURGICAL + ROLES

WEEK OF 3 & 4

	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 PM	Fr.Nguyen	D.Bergeron	J.Shannon D.Lanciani P.Lozeau	K.Connors B.Peterson K.Burdett L&EJenny
6:00 PM	Bishop Reilly	R.White	K.Lambert M. White A. Bissonnette	F.Scougal D.Barrette M,R&K.Lombardozzi
7:30 AM	Msgr. Doran	E.Reynolds	P.Crowley D.McCaffrey P.Morin	A.Morin K.Lyons M&S McNamara
9:00 AM	Msgr. Doran	D.Crowley	R.Gaston M.Ledoux F.Domenichella	K&JGavin M.Umbrello Z.Belanger J.McGown
10:30 AM	Fr Nguyen	F.Joseph	J.O'Neill J.Belley R.Rogers B.LeBlanc	J.Mercier M.Roberto H.Wells E&E.McDowell
12:00 NN	Msgr. Doran	P.Lambert	D.Bean D.Henderson P.Lambert	E.Baron R.Lajoie E.Provencher



## 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 14<sup>th</sup> unwrapped. As we rejoice in the birth of Christ on December 25<sup>th</sup> you will be in our prayers for your generosity.

## Holiday Concert

**The Montachusett Chorale will present its Holiday Concert on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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!**



**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](http://www.wwme.org)**



**One need only consider the harm to our society and culture when science, technology and medicine proceed without respect for the innate and inalienable dignity of human life. A culture of death, sown by totalitarian regimes in the last century, is also sown in democratic societies when freedom's dependence on truth is denied.**

*Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Forth Wayne-South Bend, Message to Graduates, May 11, 2011*

## ADVENT

Advent Evening Prayer and Benediction begin this Sunday and will be held each Sunday at 5PM. Please join us for this spiritual preparation for Christmas.

**NOVEMBER 28, 2010**

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**Weekly Schedule**

<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 27</b>
<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE</b>
<b>9:30-10:30AM</b>	<b>PARISH ADVENT COFFEE SOCIAL</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	<b>ADVENT EVENING PRAYERS</b>
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 28</b>
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>CCD CLASS GRADES 7-10</b>
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL</b>
<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>MEN'S AA</b>
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 29</b>
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>RCIA</b>
<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>WOMAN'S AA</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 30</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 1</b>
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>GIRL SCOUTS</b>
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>BOY SCOUTS</b>
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>CHOIR REHERSAL</b>
<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 2</b>
<b>7:30 -4:00PM</b>	<b>ADORATION AND BENEDICTION</b>
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>DECEMBER 3</b>
<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>CCD GRADES 1-6</b>
<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE</b>
<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>IRISH STEP DANCERS</b>
<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>TOPS</b>
<b>6:00PM</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION MASS</b>



## **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](mailto:cheralyncall@comcast.net)



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. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and on Saturday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The snow date will be Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. For tickets or information please call 978-534-7715 ext.339.

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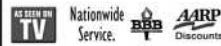


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