

# St. Leo's Church

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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

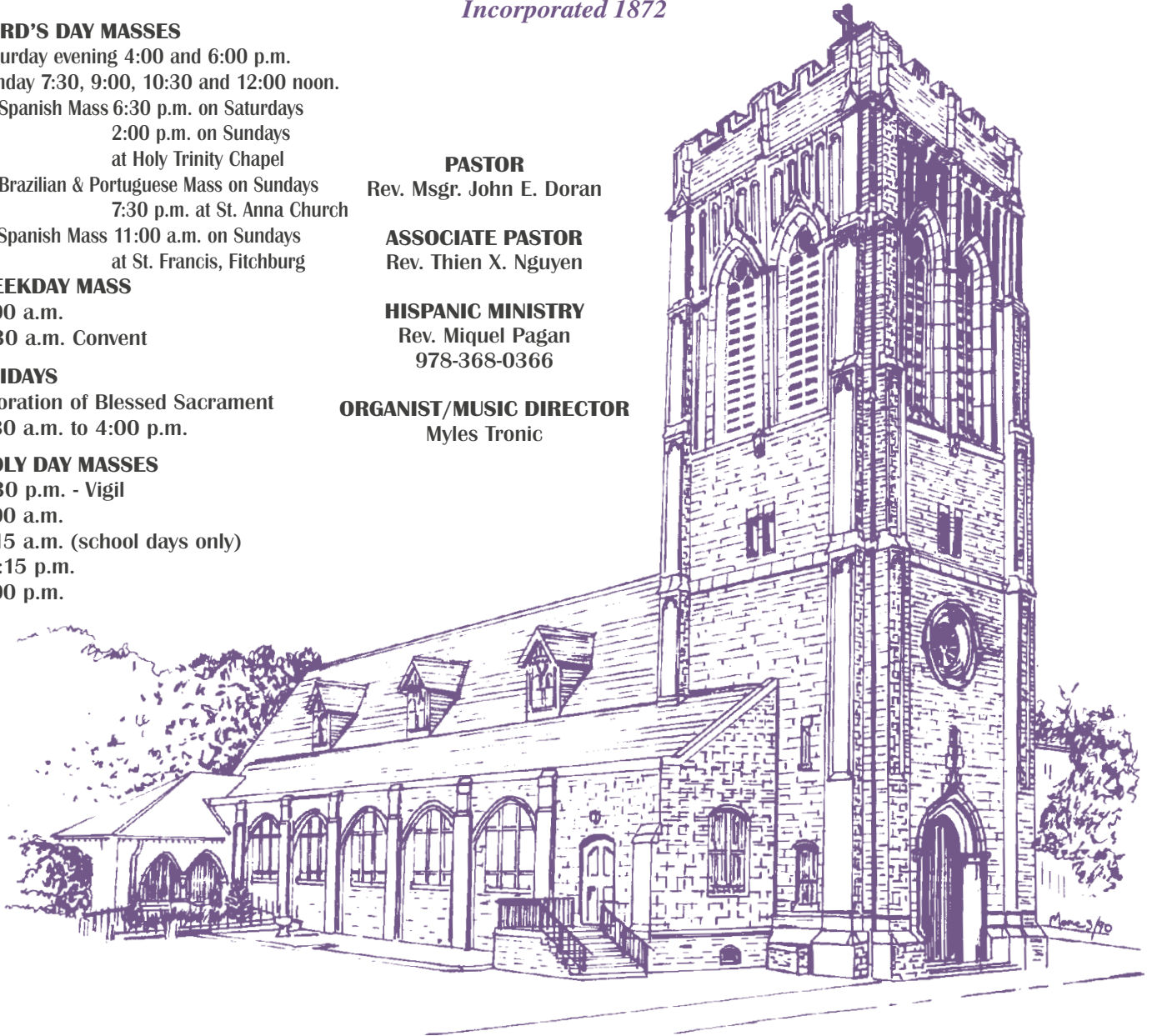
Rev. Thien X. Nguyen

## HISPANIC MINISTRY

Rev. Miquel Pagan  
978-368-0366

## ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR

Myles Tronic



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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.

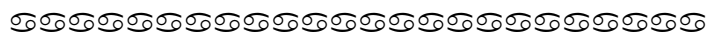
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[www.St-Leoschool.org](http://www.St-Leoschool.org)

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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, DECEMBER 3
4:00 PM Michael & Anna Mae Guidara by family
6:00 PM Joshua Keefe by grandparents
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
7:30 AM Sue Mullaney 4th 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
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5
7:00 AM Dona, Mildred Bergeron and son Alfred
8:30 AM Conversion of Sinners
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6
7:00 AM John O'Connor 36th Anniv. by family
8:30 AM Mary DeDuca & Mary DeLibero
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7
7:00 AM
8:30 AM Presentation Sisters Prayer Association
5:30 PM Dot Guadagnoli by friends
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8
7:00 AM Eunice Roberts by family
8:30 AM Robert Gladding by wife
9:15AM
12:15PM Mark Adams by Shannon family
7:00PM Stanley McNiff by wife
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9
7:00 AM Blanche Adams by daughter
8:30 AM Francis Sauvagua 2nd Anniv. by wife
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
7:00 AM Michael Moriarty
8:30 AM Norman Arsenault by wife and children
4:00 PM Michael Moriarty by family
6:00 PM Anna N. Harmon by daughter Doris Fournier
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
7:30 AM Anthony Lapointe by family
8:30 AM Patrick & Etta Flanagan
9:00 AM Martha & Roy Kittredge by family
10:30 AM Charles & Lucy Costa by family
12:00 NN Thomas St. Jean by family

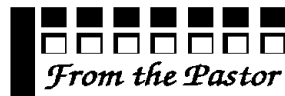


Parish Support

Over the Thanksgiving Day weekend our parishioners contributed \$7,349 in Ordinary Support, \$126 for the Campaign for Human Development and \$220 for the Capital Improvement Fund. In November we received \$2,941 for Capital needs and the CHD stands at \$730. 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.



CONFIRMATION 2011

This Saturday evening (December 3rd) at our regularly scheduled 6PM Mass, we welcome Bishop Daniel P. Reilly, retired Bishop of Worcester, to our parish and he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 38 young adults. We rejoice with our candidates, their families, teachers and our parish community as they make an adult commitment in faith. This year's candidates are:

- Andrew Baron
Samantha Battaini
Kristin Buckley
Spencer Casella
Corey Cormier
Julia Cote
Alex Crowley
Kelsey Cullen
Garrett Dellechiaie
Bianca DiGiannantonio
Charlotte Elbthal
Bryan Franciosi
Jacquelyn Gavin
Andrea Giordano
Chole Holman
Michael Howard
Britnni Jenson
Kathleen Keating
David Knight
Katlyn Lombardozi
Ryan Lombardozi
Morgan Martino
James McKenna
Elizabeth McNiff
Sara Mullin
Abigail Novak
Katie O'Connor
Erin Piermarini
Katarina Romano
Matt Santucci
Mairead Schofield
Michelle Stephens
Andrew Sullivan
Sara Thibault
Luz Torres
Christopher Valente
Tyler Wade
Dominique Zarrella



RCIA

Congratulations to the four members of our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults who were received into the Rite of Acceptance last Sunday. This year's group include: Harry Galloway, Ashley Ottens, Leann and Robert Settergran. They are looking forward to Easter Sacraments.



HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

On Thursday, December 8th the Church universal celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary and it is a Holyday of Obligation. Because Mary is the patroness of the United States under that title, it is always a holyday for American Catholics. There will be a vigil Mass on Wednesday (December 7th) at 5:30 PM and we will be joined by the members of Serra North. Masses on Thursday (December 8th) will be at 7&9:15AM and 12:15 & 7PM. confessions will be heard on Wednesday at 4:45PM.



# LITURGICAL + ROLES

WEEK OF December 10 & 11

	<b>CELEBRANTS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>
4:00 PM	Msgr. Doran	T.Marchand	J.Shannon D.Lanciani P.Lozeau	D.G&V.Malo E.Adams N.Sicilano S.Vincent
6:00 PM	Fr. Nguyen	C.LeDuc	K.Lambert L.Maye A.Bissonnette	N&S.Boucher N.Rossi J.Mauro
7:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	M.Gendron	J.Mann P.Crowley	S.Withers T.Gendron S.Halliwell
9:00 AM	Fr. Nguyen	F.Domenichella	R.Gaston B.Maki M.Olivier	A.Kittredge B.Daigle M.O'Malley H.Wells M.Roberto
10:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	J.McDowell	R.Rogers B.LeBlanc D.Slarskey J.Belley	M.Whitney C.Puma L.Fleming A.Hemingway
12:00 NN	Msgr. Doran	K.Boudreau	T.Tarara M.Tarara P.Lambert	P.Bell Z.Dyment K.Lyons R.Lajoie

## CONSIDER A BEQUEST

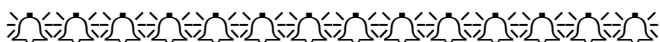
The good work that continues in supporting St. Leo's parish will continue well into the future as parishioners remember the parish in bequest. Over the years we have received a number of gifts and this has helped with programs and property upkeep and maintenance. Remember all that St. Leo's has meant to you and your family in bequests that will help future generations.

## PASTORAL VISITS

If there are parishioners who are homebound or in a nursing facility and who wish pastoral visits and Holy Communion, please contact the rectory (978-537-7257). Parish priest routinely visit Leominster Hospital, but rely on parishioners to notify us if there are patients to be visited in other locations. Please keep the rectory informed.

## ADVENT

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



## **CHRISTMAS AND YEAR-END GIVING**

On the feast of Christmas, we celebrate God's ultimate gift to us, His creatures, by the sending of His Son for our salvation. It is the season of gift-giving and receiving and we reflect on the gifts that God has blessed us with during this special time. We are only stewards of these gifts and year's end is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God for the many gifts that are ours. Please consider an extra gift at this season of cash, property, stocks, bonds or other valuables. Remember that all gifts made on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> are deductible for this tax year. Know that the parish is grateful for all gifts large or small.



**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE ST.LEO'S HOLIDAY FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS!**

## **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.



Let us all be thankful for the gifts of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are January 13-15 and February 10-12. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org)



## Retirement Fund for Religious

**Retired religious need your support.** By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care that so richly deserve now and in the future. Please give generously to today's second collection.



To trust in God's timing for our passing into eternity requires courage, humility, and sometimes great spiritual strength. This final stage of life, when we focus our attention on the things that really count, can be a time of deep reflection, of forgiveness and reconciliation within the family, and of finding peace in one's relationship with God.

*"Life Matters: To the End of Our Days,"  
Respect Life Program 2011-2012*



## **CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES**

Christmas flowers envelopes with the names of deceased or live donors should be returned to the rectory before December 20<sup>th</sup> in order to be included in the flower acknowledgement flyer.

*DECEMBER 4, 2011*

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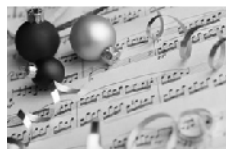
  
*Weekly Schedule*

SUNDAY,	DECEMBER 4
2:00PM	FIRST RECONCILIATION
5:00PM	ADVENT EVENING PRAYERS
MONDAY,	DECEMBER 5
7:00PM	CCD CLASS GRADES 7-10
7:30PM	MEN'S AA
TUESDAY,	DECEMBER 6
7:00PM	RCIA
7:30PM	BAPTISMAL PREP
7:30PM	WOMAN'S AA
WEDNESDAY,	DECEMBER 7
4:45PM	CONFESSION
5:30 PM	HOLYDAY VIGIL MASS
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 8
7And 9:15 AM	HOLYDAY MASSES
12:15 And 7PM	HOLYDAY MASSES
3:00 PM	GIRL SCOUTS
7:00PM	BOY SCOUTS
7:00PM	CHOIR REHERSAL
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 9
7:30 -4:00PM	ADORATION AND BENEDICTION
SATURDAY,	DECEMBER 10
9:00AM	CCD GRADES 1-6
11:00AM	IRISH STEP DANCERS
11:00AM	TOPS



**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.**



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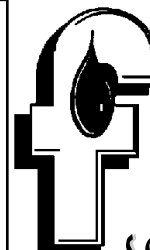


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