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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

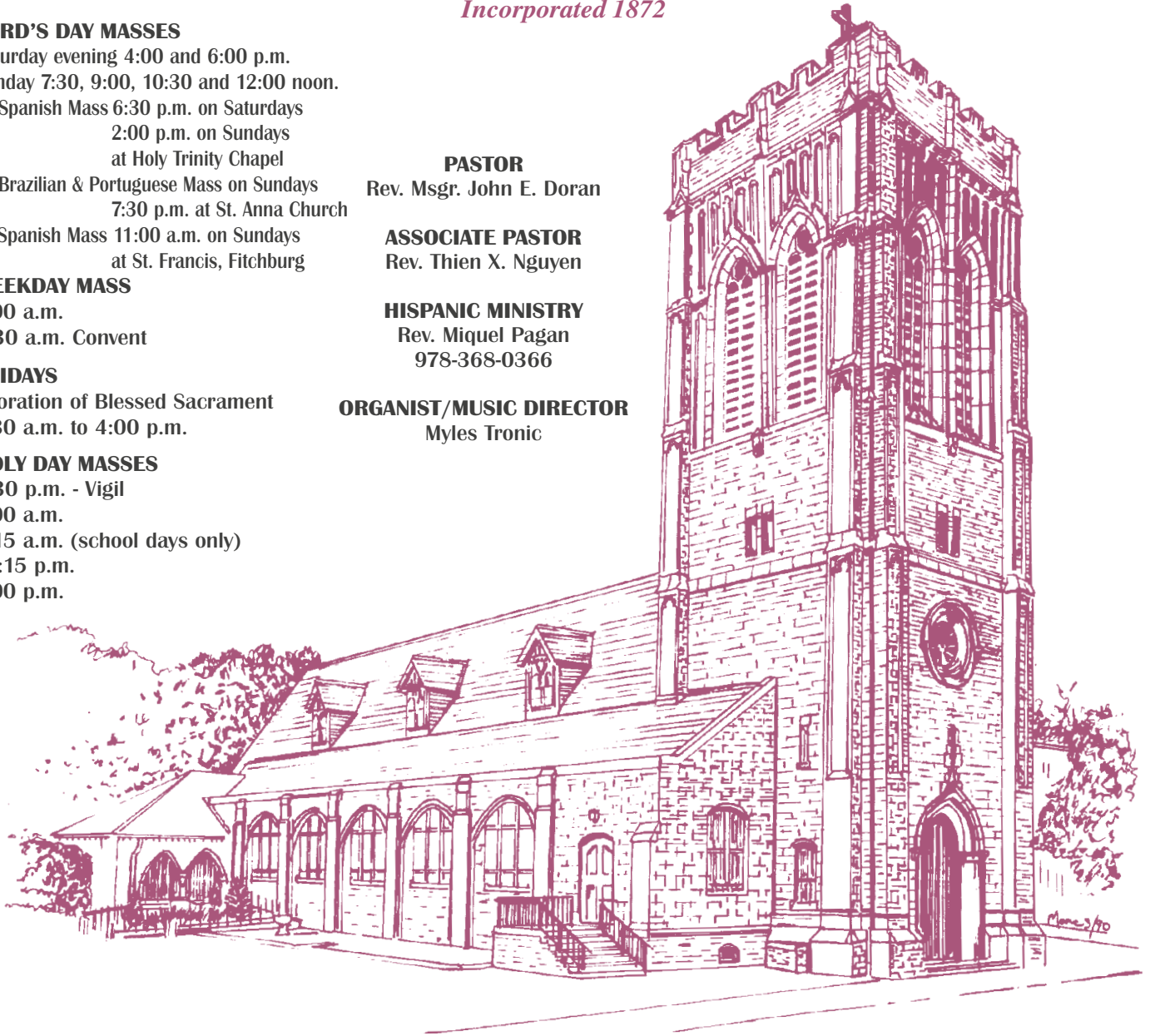
Rev. Thien X. Nguyen

## HISPANIC MINISTRY

Rev. Miquel Pagan  
978-368-0366

## ORGANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR

Myles Tronic



## RECTORY OFFICES

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

St. Leo's Cemetery Office:  
108 Main Street  
537-7257  
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>DECEMBER 10</b>
4:00 PM	Michael Moriarty by family
6:00 PM	Anna N. Harmon by daughter Doris Fournier
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>DECEMBER 11</b>
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
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>DECEMBER 12</b>
7:00 AM	John Callahan
8:30 AM	William.E. Emery by daughter Doris Fournier
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>DECEMBER 13</b>
7:00 AM	Warner Davis by Mary
8:30 AM	Stanley McNiff by wife
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>DECEMBER 14</b>
7:00 AM	Richard Regan by Mary
8:30 AM	Enrico Valeri by Louie & Pat Nardello
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>DECEMBER 15</b>
7:00 AM	Eunice Roberts by family
8:30 AM	Presentation Sisters Prayer Association
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>DECEMBER 16</b>
7:00 AM	Lorraine Gowdy by family
8:30 AM	P.Warren Keating by wife Marie
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>DECEMBER 17</b>
7:00 AM	Edward Hytinen 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. by family
8:30 AM	Ahearn Family Deceased
4:00 PM	Tom Thomas by family
6:00 PM	Special Intention
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>DECEMBER 18</b>
7:30 AM	Doris Ebb by M/M Frank DiMaria
8:30 AM	Emery & Lillian Duval
9:00 AM	Raymond Corda 4thAnniv. By wife Marlene
10:30 AM	John M. Buja by wife
12:00 NN	Jack O'Donnell by wife & family

## CHURCH SUPPORT

Over the First weekend in December, we received \$10,270 in Ordinary Support and \$1,644 for retired religious. Thanks for your continued generosity.

### 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 \$411,394. Thanks for your continued support.

### SHARING OUR BLESSING

The increased giving initiative began in October 2010 continues to bear fruit here as St. Leo's parishioners continue to be generous in support of our good works. In November 2010 we received \$35,575 in ordinary support and this year we received \$33,837. Thanks for your continued support



### JESUS IN JAMAICA

“Comfort, give comfort to my people says your God.” Suzanne Rose, founder of the volunteer organization Pilgrims of Hope, discovered how simple comfort could be given when she accompanied eleven volunteers to Mary Help of Christians residence in the diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica.

In Rose's *St. Anthony Messenger* article, “An Encounter with Jesus in Jamaica,” she speaks of working at a former warehouse, transformed by blessed Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity into a nursing home for the elderly, many who have been abandoned by their adult children, as better lives are sought in more prosperous countries.

Following a sister onto the balcony where the women enjoy infrequent breezes and the morning sunshine, Rose uncapped a small bottle of lotion she'd brought with her, pouring a small amount into her hand. Approaching one of the women, she gently greeted her, took her “withered dark hand” into her own and rubbed lotion into the dried crevices of her skin. Responding to the touch of a human hand, the woman silently turned her aged face toward the mysterious creature caressing her arm. “Of all the sadness flowing from enforced loneliness,” Rose wrote, “the denial of human touch seems the most inhumane.”

As Rose continued to massage the lotion with slow rhythmic strokes, the other women began to watch, each woman calling out to her, “Me too, sister!” As the oil softened their skin, the touching softened their hearts and they started to speak of their families, the ones from which they had come and the ones they'd created, all gone now, leaving them alone with only memories.

“Each woman I touch, “Rose wrote, “demonstrates some virtue, some aspect of suffering, which manifest God's presence among these poor women.” For Rose, the pathway to God was made straighter that day through the gift of giving and receiving the loving touch of a human hand. May each of us experience this same simple service throughout our Advent journey?



### 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 acknowledgment flyer.

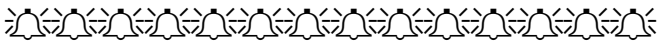
# LITURGICAL ROLES

WEEK OF December 17 & 18

	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 PM	Fr. Nguyen	J.Gendron	J.Shannon F.Guidara F.Joseph D.Lanciani	K.Connors K.Burdett A.Morin M.Norton
6:00 PM	Msgr. Doran	W.Benton	M.White L.Maye A.Bissonnette	N.Rossi R, K&MLombardo J.J.Mauro
7:30 AM	Msgr. Doran	J.Mann	T.Tarara M.Tarara P.Morin	S.Halliwell M.Umbrello M&S McNamara
9:00 AM	Msgr. Doran	B.Malone	M.Ledoux R.Gaston L.Gaston	C.Puma D.Salinas C.Kennedy M.Aubuchon
10:30 AM	Msgr. Doran	B.LeBlanc	B.LeBlanc P.Proietti J.O'Neill R.Rogers	M.Whitney W.Daw G,Z,B&DZarrella
12:00 NN	Fr. Nguyen	D.Baron	D.Bean J.Shannon D.Henderson	E.Provencher Z.Dyment B.Coppinger R.Lajoie

## 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.



**SAVE THE DATE....SAT. DECEMBER 17!  
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**Religious Give Thanks. A Benedictine nun writes: "We ask God to bless the faithful who make contributions in order to help us in our retirement." Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests offer their heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious.**

*Thank You!*



Our parish community is indebted to **Mrs. Beth Buckley** of our parish who has donated two new Roman Missals for use in the church and convent. The church book is **in memory of Father George L. O' Brien** who died in February this year and who served at St. Leo's for years. The convent book is **in memory of Cornelius E. Buckley, Jr.**

Our parish is indeed grateful to Norman and Melissa Roy of the **Wright-Roy Funeral Home** for donating the religious art calendars for 2012 which we will be distributing this weekend. It is a beautiful calendar and has the liturgical feasts and seasons for the New Year. Please take one home!

*Pro-Life*

**In taking on human flesh in the virginal womb of Mary of Nazareth, the Word of God made flesh has restored humanity to friendship with God and through his paschal mystery, has given the gift of human life an inestimable value that no one, no government, no legislature, no judicial court can rightfully and justly take away.**

*Most Rev. Robert McManus, Bishop of Worcester*

On Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30PM the Leominster Police Officers' Association and the local clergy are sponsoring a turkey dinner and all are invited. It will be held at the First Unitarian Church, West St., Leominster.

Next weekend (December 17-18) we will be collecting food, canned goods, perishables, turkeys and money donations for our **St. Vincent de Paul Society**



St. Anna's Parish in Leominster will host "An Afternoon of Spiritual Reflection" on Sunday, December 18, between 2-4 in the church. The title of the reflection is "**The Canticle of Mary-Welcoming Mary's Magnificat As Our Own**". Reservations are preferred. Please call rectory by 12/14/11 @ 978-537-5293.

*DECEMBER 11, 2011*

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*Weekly Schedule*

SUNDAY,	DECEMBER 11
1:30PM	BAPTISMS
5:00PM	ADVENT EVENING PRAYER
MONDAY,	DECEMBER 12
7:00PM	CCD CLASS GRADES 7-10
7:30PM	MEN'S AA
TUESDAY,	DECEMBER 13
7:00PM	RCIA
7:30PM	WOMEN'S AA
WEDNESDAY,	DECEMBER 14
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 15
3:00 PM	GIRL SCOUTS
7:00PM	BOY SCOUTS
7:00PM	BIBLE STUDY
7:00PM	CHOIR REHERSAL
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 16
7:30 -4:00PM	ADORATION AND BENEDICTION
SATURDAY,	DECEMBER 17
9:00AM	CCD GRADES 1-6
11:00AM	IRISH STEP DANCERS
11:00AM	TOPS



St. Bernard Parish  
@St. Camillus Church  
**Annual Christmas Concert**

Don't forget! Our annual Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, in the church at 333 Mechanic Street, Fitchburg.

The adult choir, Children's Choir and the Center Arts Dancers will perform.

Following the concert, we invite everyone to join us in the church hall for a light reception. Anyone able to bake for the reception is asked to call Judy at the church office at 978-343-7459 to let us know. Please invite all your friends and family members to join us. It really is such a great way to get into the Christmas spirit.



**ST. BERNARD'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** is selling **Cat's Meow Keepsakes** of the old St. Bernard Church, St. Camillus Church and the elementary school. The price is \$17.00 for one, \$30 for any two, \$40 for any three. For an order form, please call the school at 978-342-1948 or online at [stbernardselementary.org](http://stbernardselementary.org) where you can see what they look like. This is a great Christmas gift idea!

**PARISH REGISTRATION**  
**ARE YOU REALLY A MEMBER**  
**OF SAINT LEO'S PARISH?**

If you come for a sponsorship certificate for Baptism or Confirmation or for a pastor's recommendation for another sacrament, does the pastor know you?

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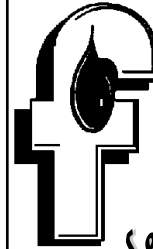


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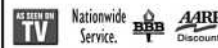


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