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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

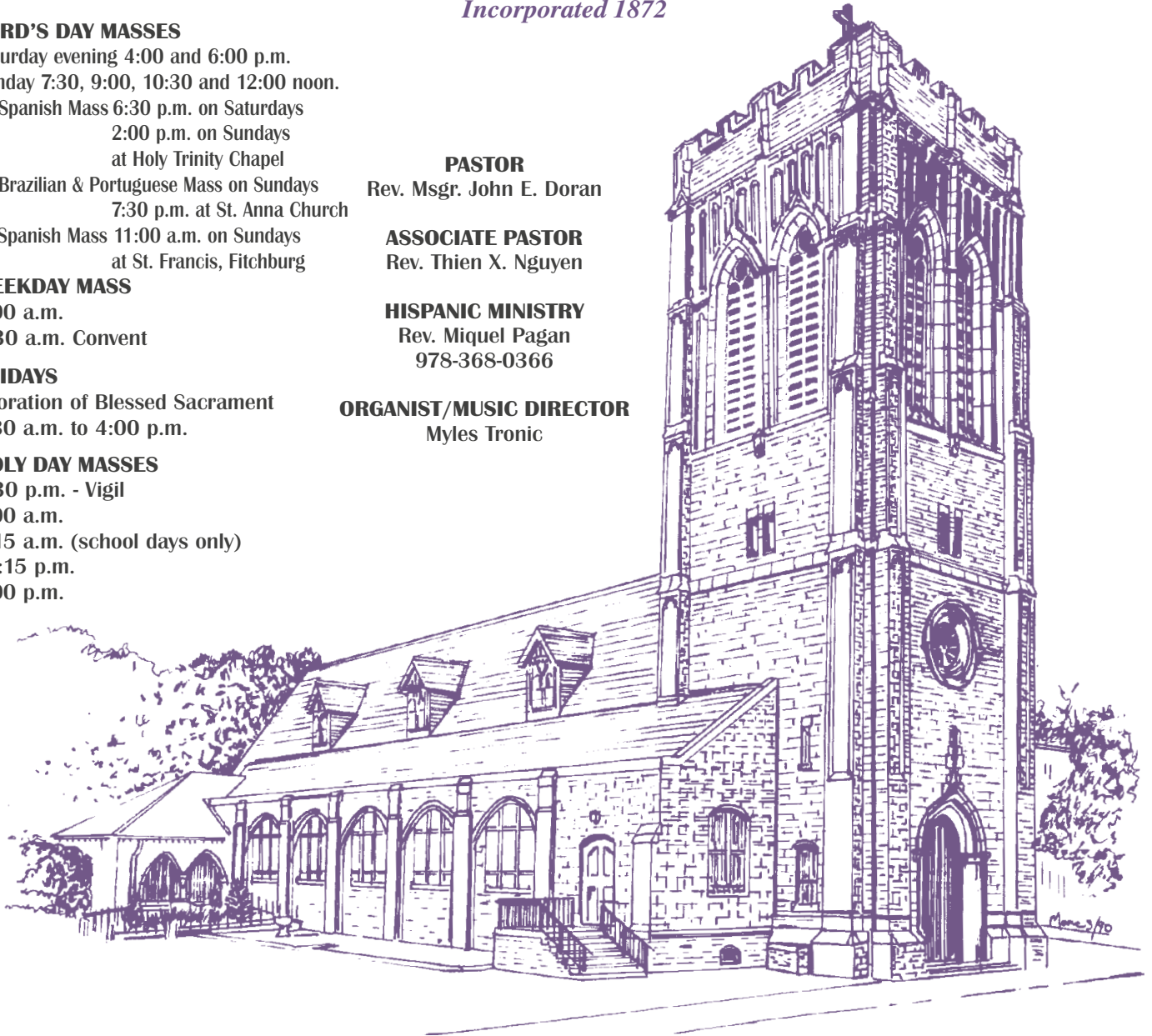
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Sacrament of Baptism: Please make arrangements in advance. Baptisms will be the Second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

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,	DECEMBER 17
4:00 PM	Tom Thomas by family
6:00 PM	Special Intention
SUNDAY,	DECEMBER 18
7:30 AM	Doris Ebb by M/M Frank DiMaria
8:30 AM	Emery & Lillian Duval
9:00 AM	Raymond Corda 4 th Anniv. by wife Marlene
10:30 AM	John M. Buja by wife
12:00 NN	Jack O'Donnell by wife & family
MONDAY,	DECEMBER 19
7:00 AM	Brian Dickson by Mary
8:30 AM	Aristide & Lillian Sauvageau by daughter
TUESDAY,	DECEMBER 20
7:00 AM	Donald Scales by Ann Bissonnette
8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY,	DECEMBER 21
7:00 AM	Intention of Christina Noel Patterson (living)
8:30 AM	Julia A. Flanagan
THURSDAY,	DECEMBER 22
7:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
8:30 AM	Stanley McNiff by wife
FRIDAY,	DECEMBER 23
7:00 AM	Richard & Esther Lavin by the McCaffreys'
8:30 AM	Charles McManus
SATURDAY,	DECEMBER 24
7:00 AM	Fr. George L. O'Brien by family & friends
8:30 AM	Mabelle Raimon by family
4:00 PM	Pierre J. Aubuchon, Sr. by Bridget
6:00 PM	Connie Buckley
12:00AM	Abilio Caetano by family
SUNDAY,	DECEMBER 25
7:30 AM	Dennis England Family Deceased
8:30 AM	David B. Arsenault & Family Deceased by family
9:00 AM	Bernard Lamkin by wife & sons
10:30 AM	Raher & Shea Family Deceased
12:00 NN	Paul Bennett by family

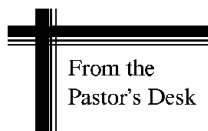


ADVENT

Advent Evening Prayer and Benediction concludes this Sunday at 5PM. Please join us for this spiritual preparation for Christmas.

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.



AFTER ECSTASY

"As a Young Catholic, I was inspired by the saints. I had always wanted to do things like work with Mother Teresa in India, but most of my life has not been so glamorous. After college I became a teacher in an elementary school. And then my mother had a stroke and I had to drop out of teaching and help her for two years: bathe her, care for her bedsores, cook, pay the bills, run the house. At times I wanted to complete these responsibilities and get back to my spiritual life. Then one morning it dawned on me—I was doing the work of Mother Teresa, and I was doing it in my own home."

When one answers yes, "may it be done to me according to your word," to God's request, one enters a mysterious realm that often appears quite plain and ordinary as well as challenging and demanding. It is not the life we'd imagined for ourselves nor thought ourselves capable of. And yet, here we are.

In the midst of ordinary lives, we hear God's word still spoken "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." Becoming a "handmaid of the Lord" often requires listening very intently to a simple message, as Mary did, and as the above woman discovered in caring for her own mother.

In *After the Ecstasy, the Laundry*, Jack Kornfield, who holds a PhD in clinical psychology, tells the stories of many people committed to a spiritual path, people who attained enlightenment or what they often describe as the ecstasy of union with God. Kornfield himself trained as a Buddhist monk in Thailand, Burma, and India, knows that the magnificence of those moments of union that are often tempered by the demands of families and work. We feel there is no time for spirituality, yet in the midst of turmoil, timetables, and trauma, the truth is proclaimed that "nothing will be impossible for God."

Dr. Constance M. Popp (LPI12/18/11)



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.

LITURGICAL + ROLES

WEEK OF December 24 & 25

	CELEBRANTS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:00 PM	Msgr. Doran	D&N.Faucher	J.Shannon P.Lozeau D.Lanciani F.Joseph	B.PetersonK.Burdett E.Adams M.Norton S.Vincent
6:00 PM	Fr.Nguyen	S.Lombardozi	A.Bissonnette K.Lambert H.Bennett	D.Barrette S.Koehler N& S Boucher
7:30 AM	Fr. Nguyen	S.Mullaney	D.McCaffrey N.Pierce	S.Withers A. Morin M.Umbrello
9:00 AM	Fr. Nguyen	E. Medeiros	B.Maki M.Olivier D.Crowley	C.Hanlon B.Hanlon K& R Domenichella J. McGown
10:30 AM	Msgr. Doran	F.Marien	J.Belly P.Proietti M.Marien F.Marien	E.CucchiaraJ&JSIarskeyM.O'Malley J.Mercer
12:00 NN	Msgr. Doran	T.Duffy	D.Bean D.Henderson J.Shannon	E.Provencher K&B White E.Baron B.Coppinger

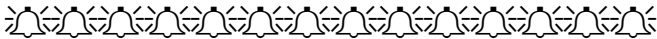
Parish Support

Last weekend our parish community contributed \$8,118 in Ordinary Support, \$2,498 for Capital Needs, \$536 for the Retirement Fund for Religious Retirement Fund now stands at \$2,180 and winter fuel at \$12,541. Thanks for your continued support.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Next weekend (December 24-25) we celebrate the feast of Christmas. Because the feast falls on a Sunday this year, we will observe our regular weekend schedule with the addition of Midnight Mass. Thus Masses on Christmas Eve will be at 4 and 6PM and Midnight and Christmas Day at 7:30, 9:30 and 10:30 AM and 12 Noon. Confession will be heard on Wednesday night (December 21st) from 6:30 - 7:30PM and on Christmas Eve morning (December 24th) from 11AM -12 noon.



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 31st are deductible for this tax year. Know that the parish is grateful for all gifts large or small.



Holiday Bake Sale

This weekend we welcome to our parish members of the Catholic Worker Movement who are at Saint Francis and Therese House in Worcester. They will have breads and baked goods for sale to help support their many good works on behalf of peace and justice.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Advent resounds with the theme of reconciliation and the call to repentance. That call is not about dwelling on our sins and being even more burdened by them but the opposite: bringing them to God in sorrow and hope for forgiveness. We will offer the Sacrament on Wednesday (December 21st) from 6:30-7:30PM and Saturday (Christmas Eve) from 11AM to 12Noon.

PRO-LIFE

Religious freedom expresses what is unique about the human person, for it allows us to direct our personal and social life to God, in whose light the identity, meaning and purpose of the person are fully understood. To deny or arbitrarily restrict this freedom is to foster a reductive vision of the human person; to eclipse the public role of religion is to create a society which is unjust, inasmuch as it fails to take account of the true nature of the human person; *it is to stifle the growth of the authentic and lasting peace of the whole human family.*

Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the Word Day of Peace, January 1, 2011



*May His wisdom guide you
May His strength uphold you,
May His care protect you,
May His love Enfold you.*

BLESS YOU AT THIS HOLY SEASON!

DECEMBER 18, 2011


Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
5:00PM ADVENT EVENING PRAYER
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19
7:00PM CCD CLASS GRADES 7-10
7:30PM MEN'S AA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
1:30PM SHOOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
7:30PM WOMEN'S AA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
6:30-7:30PM CONFESSION
THURSDAY DECEMBER 22
3:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS
7:00PM BOY SCOUTS
7:00PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00PM CHOIR REHERSAL
FRIDAY DECEMBER 23
7:30 -4:00PM ADORATION AND BENEDICTION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
11:00-12:00PM CONFESSION
11:00AM IRISH STEP DANCERS
11:00AM TOPS
CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: 4 & 6PM AND 12 MIDNIGHT



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

Don't forget! Our annual Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, December 18th 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 where you can see what they look like. This is a great Christmas gift idea.



On Thursday, December 22nd, 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!



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