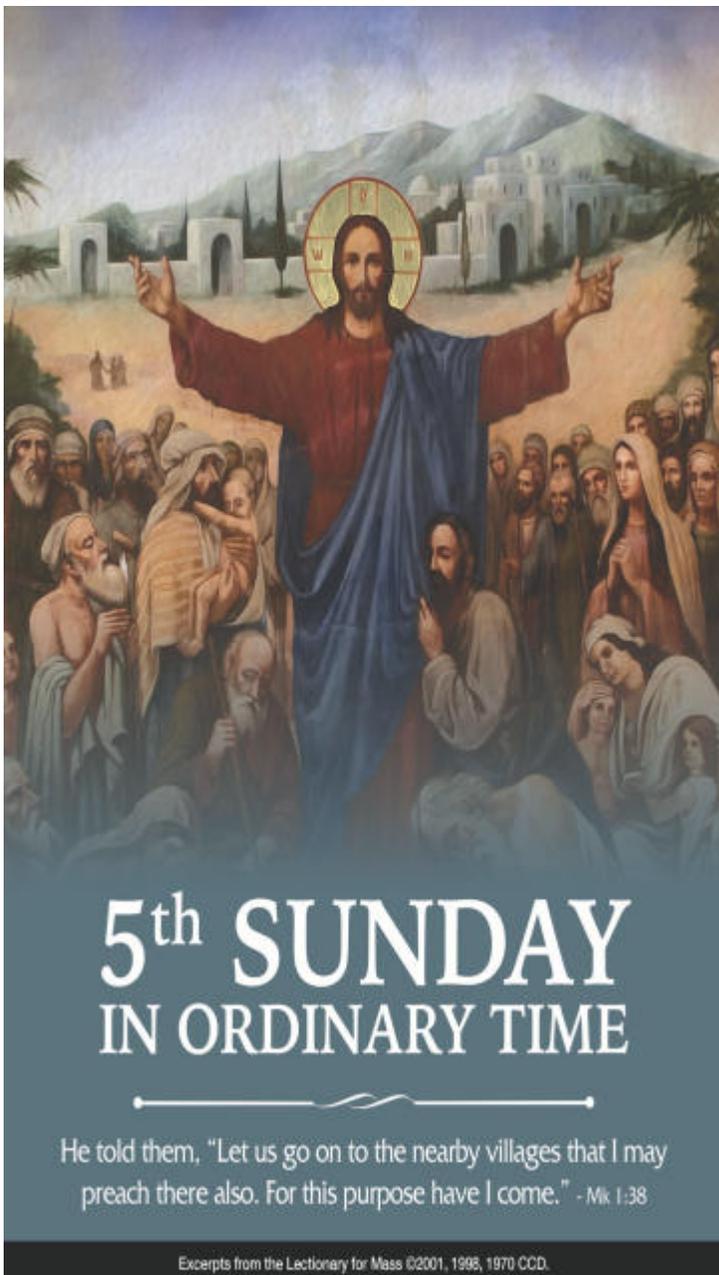


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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Lord's Day Masses

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30pm**

**Sunday Masses: 8:30am & 10:30am**

### Weekday Masses

**9:00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday**

### Holy Day Masses

**9:00am & 7:00pm**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Saturdays: 3:00-3:45pm  
(in the sacristy)**

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Wednesdays: 3:00-6:00pm**

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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Steven M. Labaire, Pastor

Martin W. Beck, Deacon

Scott Camilleri, Acolyte

Kevin O'Connell, Religious Education

Director

Terri King, Admin. Asst. & Rel. Education  
Secretary

John Leslie, Organist & Choir Director

Rev. Adriano Lessa, in residence

# Our Lady of Good Counsel

Parish Office (located in the Rectory)

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am-4:30 pm (except on civic holidays)

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR

**CHILDREN-** Parents wishing to have their child baptized should contact the parish office. Prior to the actual celebration of the sacrament there is a catechesis for parents on the meaning of baptism and Christian parenting.

## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR ADULTS-

Adults seeking to be baptized as well as those already baptized (in both Catholic and non-Catholic communities) who seek to be confirmed and to receive Holy Communion, are invited to join with others in exploring our Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE-** Couples intending to marry should contact the parish priest at least six months prior to the intended wedding date.

## HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK &

**HOMEBOUND-**We are eager to bring Holy Communion to those unable to come to church. The priest, deacon and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will assure that the Eucharist is brought to homes of those wishing to receive it.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK-** Those experiencing serious illness should contact the parish office or speak with the parish priest as soon as possible.

**PARISH PRAYER LINE-** Those who wish to have their personal intentions remembered in prayer are asked to contact Renate Isbell at 508.835.3286.



## LOOKING AHEAD: ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent will commence on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The schedule of Liturgies will be as follows:

**9:00 am Mass & Imposition of Ashes**

**12 noon Liturgy of the Word & Imposition of Ashes**

**7:00 pm Liturgy of the Word & Imposition of Ashes**

Due to the ongoing health emergency, the imposition of ashes will proceed without physical contact.

According to the liturgical directives promulgated by the Vatican, those receiving ashes will approach the priest or deacon, bow their heads and the ashes will be sprinkled on the head of each person in silence. This is the traditional custom in many European countries. This manner of distribution will be followed this year in our parish.

## 2020 PARISH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS....** a print out of your contributions to OLGc may be secured by calling Terri at the parish office at 508-835-3606 or email her at [terri@goodcounselma.org](mailto:terri@goodcounselma.org). You may pick it up, or at your request, she will mail it to you.

Please note: Parishioners who give electronically will receive their contribution statements from LPI "We Share" as they have the record of your 2020 contributions.

# February 7, 2021

## PARISH PROPERTY UPDATE



The parish property on Church Street has been vacated. Paul, while remaining our parish custodian, has moved from the property and is happily settled elsewhere.

Some time ago both the Parish Council and Finance Board voted unanimously that the property should be sold. Monies derived from the rental of the house do not generate any income for the parish once all expenses are factored in. The house does need a good amount of repair and upgrading. There is also agreement that being a “landlord” in this day and age can bring about too many complications and liabilities.

Hence, we are moving forward with the sale of the property. We will keep everyone updated as we move forward.

**Jan 25<sup>h</sup> update: The house has been cleaned. Some minor repairs are now being made.**

We can also report that the flooding issues in the church hall (basement) appear to have been resolved. Since the installation of the roof gutters last fall, there appears to be no more flooding after heavy rains or rapid snow melts. Soon we will need to address those areas in the basement interior that were damaged by water and now require repair.

The parking lot church entrance door frame has warped due to moisture. The door along with the entire frame may need to be replaced. We are having the situation evaluated.

Finally, the parish rectory is sorely in need of a new roof. Upon recent inspection by the Diocesan Facilities Director, the present roof was deemed “very much overdue” for replacement. It was pointed out that whole sections of roof are missing shingles. The strong winds and heavy rains at Christmas further damaged the roof resulting in some water damage to the rectory interior. We are in the process of receiving estimates for the roof replacement project.

**Jan 25<sup>th</sup> update: We have received estimates for the roof work. A decision has been made on awarding the project. We’d like the work to proceed as soon as possible.**

## LENTEN FASTING

**The Season of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17.** Together with prayer and works of charity, fasting and abstinence from certain foods are part of our Catholic Lenten practice. ***Abstinence from meat is observed by Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday.***

Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, as necessary, but eating between meals is not permitted. Those with serious health conditions are not bound by the precept of fasting.

**The Lenten precepts of fasting and abstinence are meant to invite us to eat more simply.** Abstinence from meat implies subtracting the meat portion from our meal plate and eating less. To simply substitute shrimp for beef or salmon steaks for chicken violates the spirit of this Lenten practice. Rather, from the monies saved from simpler meals, we are asked to give to the poor and the hungry. Those following vegetarian and vegan diets can also subtract something from their plates and share of their saved resources with the less fortunate,

## COLLECTION FOR PRIEST RETIREMENT

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, the parishes of our diocese will take up a collection to support the retired priests of our diocese. We currently have 50 retired priests. An additional 42 priests will reach the retirement age of 75 within the next nine years. Over the last two fiscal years, the costs of priest retirement, including housing, health insurance and monthly stipends have ranged from \$2.2- 2.6 million leading to significant annual shortfalls. Your support of the Ash Wednesday collection will help us meet our obligation to those priests who have faithfully served us and our families through the decades. Thank you for your support.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions

February 6, 2021 to February 14, 2021

#### Sat February 6

4:30pm **Anniv 7:** Marie Bisceglia  
req. by the Peterson family

#### Sun February 7

8:30am **MFP:** Mass for the people  
10:30am **Mem:** Robert & Vernest Flink  
req. by Karen Winston & family

#### Mon February 8

9:00am **MFP:** Mass for the people

#### Tues February 9

9:00am **Mem:** Duncan Urquhart  
req. by the Urquhart family

#### Wed February 10

9:00am For an increase in vocations to the  
priesthood and religious life.

#### Thurs February 11

9:00am For the persecuted Christians  
throughout the world.

#### Sat February 13

4:30pm **Anniv 16:** Jack Ryder  
req. by the Ryder family

#### Sun February 14

8:30am **MFP:** Mass for the people  
10:30am **Mem:** Deceased members of the  
Falcone family

### UNDERSTANDING OUR LITURGY PART 2: THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

A passport or photo ID attests to who we are. The information found on forms of identification can reveal something of who we are.

It is customary, that whenever Catholics enter a church, they make the Sign of the Cross invoking the name of the Trinity. The gesture is usually made using baptismal water found in small basins at the entry. (Presently the gesture is made without water due to the health emergency.)

The simple gesture is meant to remind us of our *deepest* and *truest* identity: Children of the Father, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Before we begin the Mass it is good to remember who and what we really are.

On leaving the church we enact the same gesture. We remind ourselves that our baptism calls us to continue the work of Jesus in the world. When we do that, we are being true to ourselves and to Christ.

### Liturgical Roles

**LORD'S DAY MASSES**  
February 13 & 14, 2021

#### Sat February 13 4:30pm

**Priest:** Fr. Steven Labaire  
**Deacon:** Mick Beck  
**Lector:** Steve Muscente  
**Acolyte:** Scott Camilleri

#### Sun February 14 8:30am

**Priest:** Fr. Steven Labaire  
**Lector:** Ed Goodwin  
**Acolytes:** Scott Camilleri  
Shirley Pukaite

#### Sun February 14 10:30am

**Priest:** Fr. Steven Labaire  
**Deacon:** Mick Beck  
**Lector:** Deb Puleo  
**Acolyte:** Barbara Reynolds

### PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

This February every member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish is invited to support the work of the Catholic Community of Central MA made possible through this annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$58,000. Please complete your pledge envelope. The pledge envelopes will be available on the tables at the church entrances and also mailed to all parish members. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2021 Appeal we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net). If you know how to send a text message, you can make a donation to Partners in Charity in seconds on your phone. Best yet, Our Lady of Good Counsel will receive credit. Text the word **donate84576**. Thank you!

# FEBRUARY 7, 2021

## WE JOIN IN PRAYER

- + We join our hearts in prayer to all those overwhelmed by anxiety and fear.
- + We pray for healing, respectful dialogue and unity in our nation.
- + We pray for physicians, nurses, health care providers, researchers, hospital chaplains, medical researchers and all who are on the front lines in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- + We pray for those who provide essential services, especially police officers, firefighters and emergency help providers.
- + We pray for those facing economic and financial hardships.
- + We pray for our newly-elected leaders during this time of transition and uncertainty.
- + We keep **Pope Francis' personal prayer intention for the month of February** in our hearts: **We pray for women who are the victims of violence. May they be protected and blessed with companions who will advocate their cause.**
- + That the upcoming season of Lent be a time of reconciliation and spiritual renewal.
- + We pray for our parishioners who are sick or recovering from injury, illness or surgery, especially, retired Deacon John Barton and Father Thirburse Millott.
- + We pray for those who have died. May all the faithful. May all the faithful departed find mercy and peace with God.

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week of Sunday January 31, 2021

**Parish Offertory Income: \$3218.00**

**Electronic Giving Income: \$1072.00**

**Parish Expenses Paid: \$10779.92**

So that we may maintain our parish finances during these challenging times, please consider, as you are able, mailing your offertory envelopes to: *Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 111 Worcester St., W. Boylston, MA 01583.* All contributions will be duly recorded as usual. Electronic giving assures your gift to the parish is always received. If the present realities inspire you to consider signing up for electronic giving, Terri King (508-835-3606) is most willing to assist. Thank you for your generosity to the parish.

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