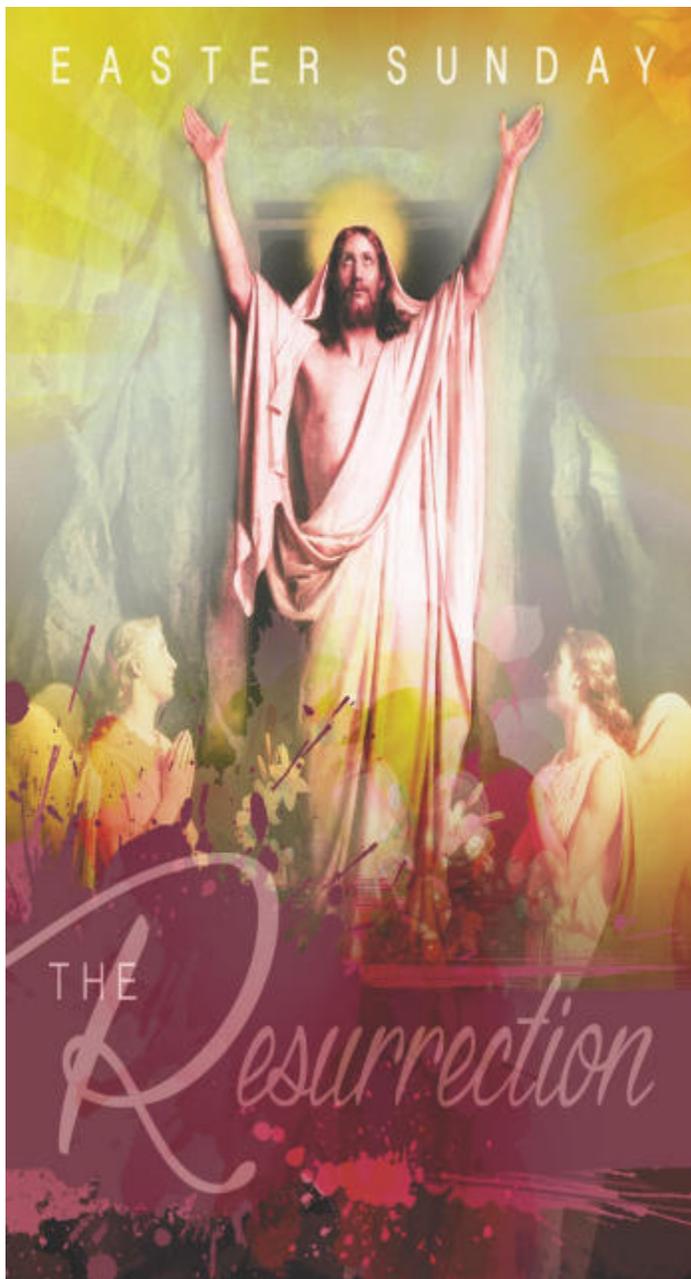


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111 Worcester Street West Boylston, Ma 01583



Welcome! We are a vibrant and diverse Roman Catholic community serving the West Boylston area. In the name of Christ, we welcome all who gather with us in worship and prayer. Though imperfect, we strive to be a community of open hearts, enlivened by the gospel, growing in faith, hope and love. Whether you are a visitor, traveler, new to the parish or in search of a spiritual home, feel free to introduce yourself after Mass. Your presence is a blessing to us all!



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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Rev. Steven M. Labaire, Pastor

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Scott Camilleri, Acolyte

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Director

Terri King, Admin. Asst. & Rel. Education

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Our Lady of Good Counsel

Parish Office (located in the Rectory)

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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.



HAPPY EASTER!

On behalf of the entire pastoral staff of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, I welcome you to our celebration of the Holy Eucharist on this Easter Day. Whether you are a longtime parishioner, a visitor, or someone seeking a church community with which to worship, your presence adds joy to this holiest of days.

I offer my thanks to the many hearts and hands who have contributed to our celebration of Holy Week and Easter during this very unconventional time. My deep gratitude is extended to Terri King, Janet Vignaly, Kathy Casey, Siobhan Bohnon, Betty Perry, our cantors, musicians, servers and servers. Although the liturgies of Holy Week had to be modified due to the ongoing pandemic, thankfully, this year we were able to gather as a parish community to celebrate these holiest of days.

May our celebration of Christ's victory over death, deepen our faith, strengthen our hope and unite us more perfectly in love.

*Father Steven Labaire,
Pastor*



April 4, 2021



PARISH PROPERTY UPDATE

Some time ago both the Parish Council and Finance Board voted unanimously that the property at 40 Church Street 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.

March 22 update: The property is now for sale.

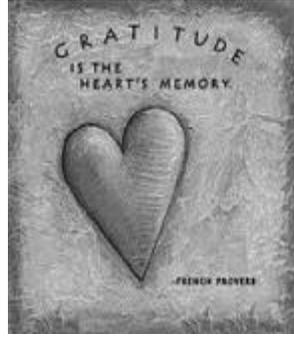
We can also report that the flooding issues in the church hall (basement) appear to have been resolved. Since the installation of the roof gutters last fall, there appears to be no more flooding after heavy rains or rapid snow melts. Soon we will need to address those areas in the basement interior that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

March 29th update: We just received an initial estimate for the repair: \$10,000-\$12,000. A more detailed itemization of needed work is forthcoming.

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.

March 29th update: The rectory roof work is now complete. Repair and painting of interior areas damaged has been completed.



My dear fellow parishioners,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this note to you today. It will be 25 years this June that I have served my fellow parishioners of Good Counsel in our Parish and Religious Education offices. It has been 25 years of profound blessings for me. I remember when Fr. Burke asked if I would consider moving from the Religious Education Office to the

Parish Office as if it was yesterday. With much fear and trepidation I agreed to make the move as I was unsure that I had all the necessary technical skills, but I would give it a try. Well, 25 years later here I am and with the grace of God I learned the necessary new skills and honed the skills I already possessed. I have had the honor and privilege of working with 4 wonderful, holy priests: Fr. John Burke, Fr. Kenneth Cardinale, Fr. Thirbuse Millott, and presently Fr. Steven Labaire: all with very different personalities and very different expectations. Although this could be challenging to adjust to, I learned a lot from each of them and grew in my technical skills and spiritual life as well. Our Lady of Good Counsel is home to me literally as I was baptized, received my First Communion and Confirmation and was married here. God certainly is a God of surprises because I would have never fathomed in my wildest dreams that I would be ministering in the parish I grew up in. And I say ministering because I didn't consider my work here just another job. I felt honored and privileged to walk with parishioners in their happy and sad times as well. Just being there for someone to talk to or assist in preparing a special Mass or event brought me such joy. On the other hand, I have been ministered to by special faith-based friendships of many parishioners who have helped me grow in my faith and love of God.

But, I must move on as I have felt for some time that God was calling me to a new phase in my life. After much prayer and journaling, as well as consulting with my spiritual director, I have made the decision to retire on June 30th.

This has been one of the hardest decisions I have had to make in my entire life because I truly, truly, love my ministry here and the beautiful people of Our Lady of Good Counsel. But, I know that life is a journey and I must be willing to let go and let God lead me where he wills so I can continue to grow and become the person he has created me to be. Where he is leading I have no idea, but I know I can trust him as he has shown me throughout my life that he only wants what is best for me. And I conclude with the lyrics of a very special hymn for me: **"To God Be the Glory"**

How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me,

Things so undeserved yet you give to prove your love for me,

The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude,

All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to thee.

All my love and prayers to my parish family,

Terri

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions

April 3 to April 11, 2021

Sun April 4

10:30am: MFP: Mass for the people

Mon April 5

9:00am Mem: Mary Rue Howard Suker
req. by the Hennessy family

Tues April 6

9:00am Mem: Leokadya M. Kelly
req. by the estate of Frances Underwood

Sat April 10

4:30pm Anniv 13: Hunter Lohman
req. by Margaret Lohman & family

Sun April 11

8:30am Mem: Kenneth Lovejoy & Julius &
Anna Ventura
req. by the Lovejoy family
10:30am MFP: Mass for the people

Liturgical Roles

LORD'S DAY MASSES

April 10 & 11, 2021

Sat April 10 4:30pm

Priest: Fr. Steven Labaire
Deacon: Mick Beck
Lector: John Eisner
Acolyte: Barbara Mard

Sun April 11 8:30am

Priest: Fr. Steven Labaire
Deacon: Mick Beck
Lector: Barbara DuVarney
Acolyte: Shirley Pukaite

Sun April 11 10:30am

Priest: Fr. Steven Labaire
Lector: Deb Puleo
Acolytes: Scott Camilleri
Dave King



EASTER PRAYER

*God of life,
in your plan of love you raised Jesus from death
to be the sign
our future, our destiny.
Like Mary Magdalen, searching in the garden of
the empty tomb
help us to recognize the voice of the Risen One
who calls our names and sends us forth as
gospel witnesses.
By offering ourselves in service
with our brothers and sisters with whom we share
this Earth
may the Holy Spirit fashion us
into compassionate instruments
of life-giving love. Amen*

PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL UPDATE

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 \$58,600. **To date we have raised \$43,545.00 (74%) of our goal. We are in need of \$15,055.00 to reach our goal.** Please complete your pledge envelope. The pledge envelopes are available in the pews and also have been 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. If you know how to send a text message, you can make a donation to Partners in Charity in seconds on your phone. Text the word **donate84576**. Thank you!

APRIL 4, 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 assure essential services, especially police officers, firefighters and emergency help providers.
- + We pray for those facing financial hardships.
- + **Pope Francis' personal prayer intention for the month of April: We pray for those striving to uphold basic human rights under dictatorships, authoritative regimes and democracies in crisis.**
- + We pray that the Easter Season be a time of spiritual renewal for our entire parish. We pray for all those preparing for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.
- + We pray for our parishioners who are sick or recovering from injury, illness or surgery, especially, retired Deacon John Barton and Father Thirbuse Millott.
- + We pray for our departed brothers and sisters, especially John "Jack" McCormick who was buried from parish this past week and for those lost to the ongoing pandemic. May all the dead find mercy and peace with God.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week of Sunday March 28, 2021

Parish Offertory Income: \$unavailable

Electronic Giving Income: \$1072.00

Parish Expenses Paid: \$unavailable

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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