

Our Lady of Good Counsel

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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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.



TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Today, united with Christians throughout the world, we joyfully conclude our celebration of Easter.

For the Jewish people *Pentecost* was a feast of thanksgiving that marked the conclusion of the spring harvest and the commemoration of the giving of the Torah on Mt Sinai. It was celebrated 50 days after Passover. *Pentecost* is a Greek word that means "50th day."

For the first Christians gathered in Jerusalem, the experience of the energy of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives gave new meaning to *Pentecost*. God would be present not in words carved in stone but in a whole new way of thinking and living inspired by Jesus. And just as the old feast was a way of thanking God for a rich harvest from the fields, now the new *Pentecost* celebrates the abundance of God's gifts through so many gifts of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, we conclude Easter by acknowledging the ways that Risen Christ bestows gifts, talents and charisms upon our community.

On a liturgical note, the Mass vestments of the day are red, signifying the fiery energy of the Holy Spirit. And, after Sunday's final Mass, the Paschal Candle will be removed from the entrance to the sanctuary and placed next to the baptismal font, marking the end of the Easter Season.

Pentecost is an invitation to reflect: *In what ways have we been gifted and blessed? How am I as a Catholic being called to use my specific talents and gifts to build up the Body of Christ? How might the Holy Spirit be calling the community of Our Lady of Good Counsel to work and pray in new ways?* Let us pray for an openness to the paths on which the Holy Spirit is leading us.

May 23, 2021

LEGACY OF HOPE CAMPAIGN



Our Lady of Good Counsel Church proudly stands in the heart of West Boylston. More importantly, Our Lady of Good Counsel is the heart of the town's Catholic community. Beginning in the mid 1800's the Catholics who settled here formed a community, and eventually a parish. Generations before us worshiped, worked and sacrificed so that a legacy might be forged.

The Legacy of Hope Campaign, which we are undertaking with the Diocese and along with forty (40) other parishes this spring of 2021 is an opportunity for us to build upon the legacy of which we have received. (The other parishes in the Diocese participated earlier, including St Richard's in Sterling, St Mary in Shrewsbury and St, Mary in Jefferson.)

40% of all monies raised at Our Lady of Good Counsel will remain in the parish. Three projects will be addressed: estimates were given in 2020)

The repair of the exterior stone church walkways and steps:

Walkway: \$33,925.00
Steps: \$27,720.00

The repair of the parking lot doorway entrance to church:

\$10,000.00

Repainting of the church interior:

\$60,000.00+

Repair and upgrade of the Religious Education area:

\$10,000.00

Total: \$ 141,645.00

60% of the monies raised will go towards Diocesan endeavors of Catholic Education, Priest Retirement, Charitable Outreach and Evangelization.

We are hoping to raise these funds over the next four years by inviting parishioners to consider pledging to the campaign. Our overall parish goal is \$ 352,958 over a four year period. The pledges can be fulfilled on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. Pledges are not legally binding, but are simply an indication of your giving intention. Contributions to Legacy of Hope are tax-deductible as provided by law.

We are the grateful recipients of what previous generations have handed on to us. We pray that we will be good stewards of the legacy handed on to us. May our efforts be a blessing for the generation to come as we hand on the legacy of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the heart of our West Boylston Catholic Community.

Thank you for considering building a path to the future for our parish and our diocese.



RESUMING THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION AT MASS

With the improving health situation within the Commonwealth and with the loosening of certain indoor restrictions, it is our hope to

resume the usual offertory collection at Mass on the weekend on June 5-6. At that time, we will remove the offering baskets that have been placed at the doors to the church. We will keep everyone updated as the date approaches.



A PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING

Lord Jesus Christ,, Our Heavenly Father
You bless us day and night
You protect us every day in life
May the power of the Holy Spirit
Enlighten us every day
We'll give thanks to you each day
Forgive us all our sins
We promise you
We'll love and pray for everyone
suffering from Coronvirus every day
Lord Jesus Christ
Hear our prayers
Amen.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Mass Intentions

May 22 to May 30, 2021

Sat May 22

4:30pm Anniv 2: Alice Dagostino
req. by family

Sun May 23

8:30am Anniv 2: Joseph Vignaly, Jr.
req. by Bob & Joan Barrell

10:30am Mem: Robert Bloemer
req. by St. Vincent De Paul members

Mon May 24

9:00am MFP: Mass for the people

Wed May 26

9:00am Mem: Bob Bloemer
req. by Terri & Dave King

Sat May 29

4:30pm Mem: Jack McCormick
req. by the OLGCC Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sun May 30

8:30am MFP: Mass for the people
10:30am: Mem: Alexander Kulesa, Jr.

IHN WEEK– JUNE 13-19

During the week of June 13-19 our parish will host homeless families at the Interfaith Hospitality Network at 91 June Street in Worcester. We have a great need for new volunteers! Dozens of people in our parish and in our partner congregation of Oakdale United Methodist Church have given generously of their time in the last 15+ years. But many of those dedicated volunteers are getting older and are unable to continue to serve as they would like... The need continues for Evening and Overnight hosts, since the shelter relies on volunteers--not paid staff--to cover evening and overnight shifts.

COVID protocols: Vaccinated volunteers may choose to go upstairs and spend time with the families. All will continue to wear masks in the presence of others except when eating. Unvaccinated volunteers and those who prefer, may stay in the office, in order to minimize contact. Volunteers, either in or out of the office, still play a critical role in helping the shelter to serve families in need.

If you have not volunteered previously, we can match you with an experienced volunteer the first time. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Janet Vignaly at janet.vignaly@gmail.com to be added to the list. Sign-ups will be done electronically.

Monetary contributions are greatly appreciated, please contact Terri King at the rectory. Your help and prayers make this ministry possible!

Liturgical Roles

LORD'S DAY MASSES

May 29 & 30, 2021

Sat May 29 4:30pm

Priest:	Fr. Steven Labaire
Deacon:	Mick Beck
Lector:	John Eisner
Acolyte:	Janine Gould

Sun May 30 8:30am

Priest:	Fr. Steven Labaire
Deacon:	Mick Beck
Lector:	Barbara DuVarney
Acolyte:	Jim Bruce

Sun May 30 10:30am

Priest:	Fr. Steven Labaire
Lector:	Bev Salate
Acolytes:	Scott Camilleri Dave King

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 \$50,550.00 (86%) of our goal. We are in need of \$8050.00 to reach our goal.** 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!

MAY 23, 2021

WE JOIN IN PRAYER

- + We join our hearts in prayer to all those overwhelmed by anxiety and fear.
- + We pray for respectful dialogue and healing between diverse communities.
- + We pray for an end to the violence and shootings plaguing 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.
- + During the month of May, traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we pray that like Mary, each of us will be creative in finding ways of bringing Christ to others.
- + **Pope Francis' personal prayer intention for the month of May: That those who work in the world of business and finance always be guided by honesty, integrity and compassion.**
- + We pray for **Scott Camilleri** as he prepares to be ordained to the Order of Deacon on June 5th at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul in Worcester.**
- + 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 our departed brothers and sisters, especially Fred Pierce who was buried from our parish church this past week. May they find peace with God in the company of the saints.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week of Sunday May 16, 2021

Parish Offertory Income: \$2503.50
Electronic Giving Income: \$1072.00
Parish Expenses Paid: \$3788.02

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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