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so goes the nation,
and so goes the
whole world
in which
we live.”
ST. JOHN PAUL II



MASS SCHEDULE

MON-THUR 9:00AM	SUNDAY 8:30AM & 10:30AM	RECONCILIATION SATURDAY 3:30-4:15PM
SATURDAY (VIGIL) 4:30PM	HOLY DAY 9:00AM & 7:00PM	ADORATION WEDNESDAY 3:00-6:00PM

Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 16, 2022



mass intentions

Saturday 1/15

4:30pm: Anniv 20: Ellie Whitcomb | Requested by Family

Theresa Conley (Month's Mind) | Requested by OLG Parish

Sunday 1/16 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am: Mem: MaryAnn Dumont | Requested by Nancy Iagallo

10:30am: Anniv 1: Francis Joslyn | Requested by Family

Saturday 1/22 | Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

4:30pm: Mem: Jake O'Connor | Requested by The Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday 1/23 | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am: Mass for the people

10:30am: Anniv 10: Peter Wyatt | Requested by Barbara Wyatt and Family

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sacraments

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 & 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.

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

we join in prayer

- + We join our hearts in prayer for a greater respect for human life and for the dignity of every human being.
- + We pray for those whose lives have been overwhelmed by storms and disasters.
- + We pray for respectful dialogue and reconciliation within our nation.
- + We pay for parents, godparents and families preparing for the baptism of a child.
- + We pray for greater unity and collaboration between Roman Catholic, Anglican and Protestant Christian communities.
- + **Pope Francis' personal prayer intention for the month of January: For the human family- We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution. May their dignity be affirmed and their rights upheld.**
- + We pray for cooperation between nations in caring for our fragile earth.
- + We pray for all who are sick, hospitalized or recovering from injury, illness or surgery, especially, Deacon John Barton and Father Thirbuse Millott.
- + We pray for communities and schools beset by violence.
- + We pray for all those who are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

Psalm

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.
(Ps 96)

Second Reading

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

Gospel

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Order of Mass begins on page 3 of the Breaking Bread hymnal. The texts of the scripture readings are found on Page 62 of the hymnal.

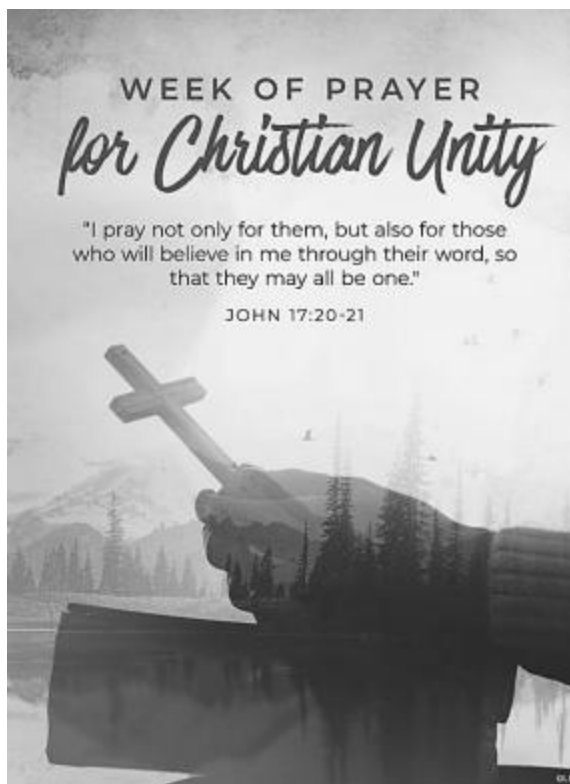
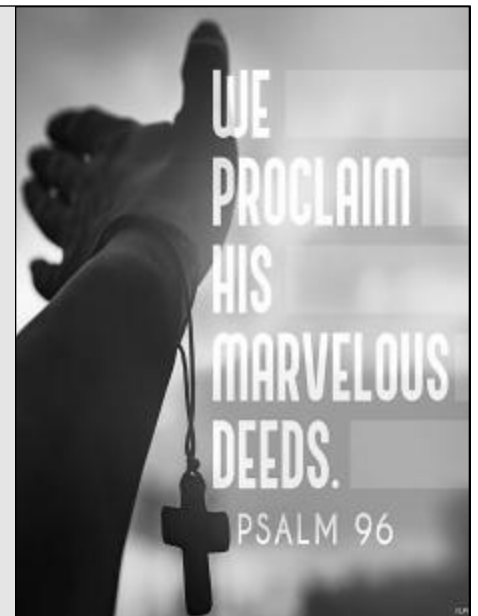
Entrance: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise #106

Offertory: What Feast of Love #360

Communion: My Shepherd is the Lord #759

Meditation: Luke 2: Song of Simeon #828

Recessional: O God, Almighty Father #708



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25, 2022

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Tuesday, January 18th. It is tragic that the Body of Christ remains divided. Sadly, just as there are divisions within families and within our nation, there are painful centuries-old divisions within the church. These divisions are contrary to the will of Christ who prayed that, *"all would be one."* When we encounter Christians of other traditions (Eastern Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant) we can be grateful for the extraordinary fullness of our Catholic tradition and at the same time marvel at the holiness and goodness of our non-Catholic brothers and sisters. This week we ask the Holy Spirit to help us to recognize Christ in one another. We pray for the courage to dialogue honestly and respectfully about what unites us and about what divides us.

**Gracious Father, we pray for your church,
scattered throughout the world.**

Fill it with the truth of the gospel.

Keep it within the embrace of your peace.

Where it is corrupt, reform it.

Where it is in error, correct it.

Where it is right, defend it.

Where it is in want, provide for it.

Where it is divided, reunite it.

We pray in the name of the One

who gathers us together,

Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

inquiries about being a godparent for baptism

Occasionally, the parish office receives inquiries regarding the role of godparents and the request for "sponsor letters" for potential godparents. Hopefully the following information will be helpful: The role of a godparent is a wonderful privilege. It is a privilege for anyone sincerely seeking to nurture the faith of another. **Godparents are *not* potential legal guardians for a child in the event of sickness or death. Rather, a godparent is a person chosen to assist in the Catholic upbringing of the person being baptized. A godparent makes a public profession of faith during the baptism liturgy and promises by word and example to assist in the faith formation of the individual being baptized.** Many parishes request a **Sponsor Letter** attesting that the godparent is baptized, received First Communion, is confirmed, participates in the sacramental life of the parish to the best of the pastor's knowledge, and strives to faithfully live their Catholic faith. When a person lives in West Boylston or the immediate area and regularly participates in the sacramental life of the parish, we are usually able to provide the **Sponsor Letter** to the parish where the baptism is to take place. However, when a person has moved away from the area, taken up permanent residence elsewhere and no longer participates in the sacramental life of Our Lady of Good Counsel, we are unable to provide that letter. He or she would need to go to the parish in that area and approach the parish priest of that parish. We are always happy to provide any record of previous Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation that took place here at Our Lady of Good Counsel, if that is needed. Sample copies of Sponsor Letters are available in the parish office for anyone wishing to review a copy. It is our sincere hope that families will choose godparents who by their example will nurture the faith of the children entrusted to them!

PARISH PROPERTY UPDATE

40 Church Street property | January 10 update: The Diocese is in dialogue with the town regarding the required variances that will be needed for the sale of the property.

Parking lot church entrance door replacement | January 10th update: The work is complete.

Exterior Front church steps and walkway | January 10th update: The project has been approved by the Diocesan Building Commission. The contract with D.S. Landscaping has been signed. **Work is scheduled to begin this spring.** We need to be mindful that once the work is undertaken, we will not be able to use the front entrance for about two weeks, depending on the weather.

LITURGICAL ROLES

SATURDAY 1/22 4:30PM

SUNDAY 1/23 | 8:30AM

SUNDAY 1/23 | 10:30AM

PRIEST | FR. STEVEN LABAIRE
DEACON | MICK BECK
ACOLYTES | PHIL MALLET & BARBARA MARD
LECTOR | JOHN EISNER

PRIEST | FR. STEVEN LABAIRE
DEACON | SCOTT CAMILLERI
ACOLYTES | JIM BRUCE & SHIRLEY PUKAITE
LECTOR | DAVID HENNESSY

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LECTOR | VINCENT VIGNALY

GET INVOLVED



YOUTH ALTAR SERVING

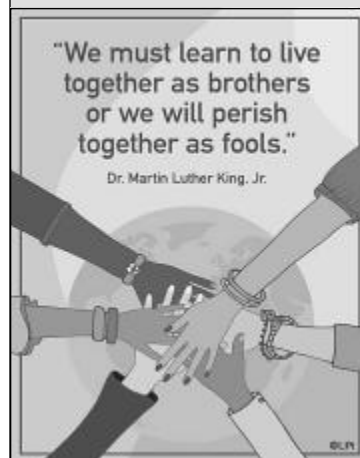
Join our growing number of youths in the OLGC altar serving ministry! Parents that are interested in having their children participate or have questions can contact the office directly 508-835-3606, or reach out to Deacon Scott or Kevin O'Connell.

OLGC PRAYER LINE

Those who wish to have their intentions remembered in prayer or want to join our prayer line can contact Renate Isbell at 508.835.3286 or submit a request directly through the parish website.

LECTOR & SERVER

Prayerfully consider joining our Lector or Altar Server ministries. Contact Deacon Mick or Deacon Scott, for more details!



NO WEEKDAY MASS

JANUARY 17 - 20

There will be no 9:00 am weekday Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 17-20. Father Steven will be away. Eucharistic Adoration will be held as usual.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 62:1-5 | Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3] | 1 Cor 12:4-11 | Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23 | Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 | Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13 | Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 | Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 | Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 | Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 | Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 | Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21 | Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 | Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 | Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 | Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 | Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 | 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 | Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-2

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week of Sunday January 16, 2022

⇒ Parish Offertory Income: \$5129.00

⇒ Electronic Giving Income: \$1087.50

⇒ Parish Expenses Paid: \$10,090.37

So that we may maintain our parish finances during these challenging times, consider mailing offertory envelopes to: Our Lady of Good Counsel, 111 Worcester St. W. Boylston, MA 01583. Also consider our convenient online giving option,

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