

Look What Blew into Town

Did it really happen the way the story is told? Who would not give anything to have been there? But maybe we *have* been there. Maybe we have met people who were so open to the mysterious power of the Spirit of God that they were able to accomplish things they never thought they could. Maybe at times even we, too, have been so moved by that mysterious Spirit. Is it possible that we are mistaken about what is truly mysterious or Spirit-driven? Is it possible that we fail to see the mystery of God in everyday life?

This is not to say that nothing extraordinary happened on that Pentecost day. It certainly did! People who kept a low profile out of fear of facing the same deadly fate as their leader seemed to rush out onto the street and proclaim that leader's mighty acts. What has happened to them? How is such a reversal of behavior to be described? It happens that when something wondrous occurs we often use exaggerated images and superlative language in an attempt to capture the astounding character of the event. To embellish language does not mean that the event was not amazing. It means that it was so amazing that we are at a loss to describe or explain it. We are, after all, talking about the dynamic Spirit of God that can completely change people. This is the same Spirit we received at baptism. Are we open to have it change us?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Pray that you might be open to the Spirit working in the world through you.*
- ★ *What mighty works has God worked in you?*

Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and...Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire.

ACTS 2:2-3



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS:

By Ontario government decision

Due to COVID-19 virus

The office is closed

You may call the office and we will get back to you as soon as we can

SUNDAY MASSES

No masses

At this time

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

none

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Paul Conway

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Walter Morrow (retired)

Diocesan Order of Women: Raymonde Brant

Secretary: Sue Solomon

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dan Drazanovich

Vincent LaRue

Outreach Member

Christian Formation Member

Randy Johnson

Finance Member

Liturgy Member

ADORATION CHAPEL

Closed until further notice

Adorers needed....

Please call either Raffaella Medaglia 942-7891

Susanne Quinn-Perron 450-7732

PRAYER LINE REQUESTS

to place a prayer request, please phone:

Laverne..... 942-7630 (ans. machine)

Betty.....649-3611 (ans. machine)

CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you would like to begin using parish donation envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Pentecost Sunday—May 31st, 2020



E-MAIL: olgoodcoun@shaw.ca

WEBSITE: olgoodcounselssm.com

RECONCILIATION

(At this time by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF INITIATION

(Baptism) REGISTRATION FORMS are available for pick up in the foyer of the church.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office. A MINIMUM OF **SIX MONTHS NOTICE** IS REQUIRED.

ANointing OF THE SICK

If you are sick and go to the hospital, please call the parish office 705-942-8546. This will allow us to arrange that you have the Sacrament of the Sick and a Pastoral Visit. Also, Eucharist is brought once a week to those in the hospital by a Pastoral Team member.

“ON CALL” PRIEST

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7. You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home

Date	Readings
June 01 Monday	Genesis 3.9-20 Judith 13.18-20 John 19.25-27
June 02 Tuesday	2 Peters 3.12-18 Ps 90.1-16 Mark 12.13-17
June 03 Wednesday	2 Timothy 1.1-12 Ps 123.1-2 Mark 12.18-27
June 04 Thursday	2 Timothy 2.8-15 Ps 25.4-14 Mark 12.28-34
June 05 Friday	2 Timothy 3.10-17 Ps 119.157-168 Mark 12.35-37
June 06 Saturday ----- June 07 Sunday	<u><i>The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</i></u> Exodus 34.4-9 Daniel 3.52-56 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 John 3.16-18

*Readings for the week
of Monday June 01 to
Sunday June 07, 2020*

Algoma Public Health is asking our community members and leaders for help to amplify two important messages:

(a) all returning travelers to Algoma must stay home and avoid going out for 14 days; city services are available to help with groceries, etc..

(b) everyone must practice social distancing by staying 2 metres apart and avoiding close contact with others outside of their immediate family.

People who are elderly, or who have underlying medical conditions should also stay home as much as possible.

Algoma Public Health - We are all in this together

<http://www.algomapublichealth.com/news/we-are-all-in-this-together/>



FOOD FOR ST. VINCENT de PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul Society is accepting food donations.

Parishioners who still want to donate, can drop food items off on Albert St **between 10am and 3pm Monday to Friday.**

The doors are locked but there is a buzzer beside the door that you can ring. If no one appears within a five minutes, you can either leave the food there, or bring it to the far door, which is the door to the men's shelter.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED especially for

***Betty Andrews, Parishioner,
Sister Shannon Hickey C.S.J
and***

ALL OUR DECEASED FAMILY & FRIENDS.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: ALL THE SICK & SHUT-INS IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY.



*Where your
treasure is,
there will
your heart
be also.
Matt. 6:21*

My Offering

Name _____

Address _____

Amount _____

As we still need to pay expenses, we thank those you have been dropping off donations to the church office and thank you to our pre-authorized donation program (PADP) donors. If you would like to change over to our PADP plan please call the office and we will mail a form out to you or you can go to our website www.olgoodcounselssm.com, and under documents you will see a form called [Fillable Pre-Authorized Donation Program](#) (PADP). Complete, print, sign it and send to us with a void cheque by mail or drop it off at the office.

Prayer for Pentecost

*May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
bring fire to the earth
so that the presence of God
may be seen in a new light,
in new places, in new ways.*

*May our own hearts
burst into flame
so that no obstacle,
no matter how great,
ever obstructs the message
of the God within each of us.*

*May we come to trust
the Word of God in our heart,
to speak it with courage,
to follow it faithfully
and to fan it to flame in others.*

*May the Jesus
who filled women
with his Holy Spirit
fill the world and the church
with new respect
for women's power and presence.
Give me, Great God,
a sense of the Breath of Spirit
within me as I...*

(State the intention in your own life at this time for which you are praying.)

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Enclosed is a self-addressed stamped envelope for your use to send us your donation through the mail. Of course, many people are being financially affected by the COVID crisis with lost jobs and declining business. We know that may affect your contribution. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please know of my prayers that your situation will soon improve. If you are in a financial crisis, you do not have to give.

Great News...we are now set-up to receive **e-transfers** for donations .

Please check with your bank on setting this up and **please note** that some banks do **charge a fee** for this service .

This is the information needed to set up the church as a Recipient:

Name: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Contact Method: (Email only) - olgoodcoun@shaw.ca



Tips of the Month for June for our Common Home

1. Eat less meat and more vegetables. Feed cattle give off methane gas, a potent greenhouse gas. As well, in many parts of the world, in particular in Africa and in Amazonia, precious forests are being cleared to make space for cattle.
2. Waste not! Food waste creates methane. Try to buy only what you need and eat it all.
3. Reduce and work at eliminating plastic wrap usage. Instead, invest in reusable containers.

*Brought to you by Our Lady of Good Counsel
Green Church Committee*



COULD THIS BE THE NEW NORMAL?

The Pregnancy Centre's annual **Baby Bottle Campaign** is going **virtual** this year!

Simply go to our website - www.algomapregnancy.com – and click on the Baby Bottle Campaign banner on the home page to donate on-line with your credit card.

Or if you prefer, you can send a cheque in the mail to the Pregnancy Centre (177 McDougald Street, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 3A9) between **Mother's Day and Father's Day**, and just write "**baby bottle campaign**" at the bottom of your cheque. It's as easy as that! Every little bit helps, and it adds up to make a huge difference!

Pregnancy can't be "paused", so we are still working hard during the COVID19 pandemic to make sure much needed baby supplies are available for non-contact pick up in our front porch, and we are still providing clients emotional support over the phone and through e-mail. We want all of our clients to know that we are here for them and that they are not alone, even though it may feel that way right now.



Your support of our virtual Baby Bottle Campaign this year ensures that the Pregnancy Centre can continue serving clients throughout this pandemic – and beyond.
Thank you!

SAVINGS

We take this time to thank our Building and Property committee for helping to cut costs over the past year.

We want you to know what has been happening at the church.

Last year we received a quote to wire all the cedar trees with winter damage (tall trees) and tightly trim the short cedar and shrubs. The cost was \$1600.00 + tax.

At this time a **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to Randy Johnson for all his help trimming 65 shrubs as we took on the job ourselves in 2019. Looks a lot better now .



This year Don Barill deserves a **BIG THANK YOU** for helping to wrap the tops of the 16 tall damaged cedar trees and trimming the large spruce tree. Also for his help to sweep the sand from the driveway and parking area behind the rectory after the winter for another saving .

Total saving.....Driveway \$300.00 Trees and shrubs.\$1600.00

THANKS GUYS FOR THE GREAT JOB WELL DONE.

Gerry Conway
Building and Property

We are taking orders for the 2020-2021
Sunday Missal & Sunday Missal for Young Catholics (Ages 7 & up)

(Living with Christ) The missal has all prayers and readings for Sunday Mass and Holy days (does not include weekdays).

Please **call the office** to put your name on the list by **June 30, 2020.**

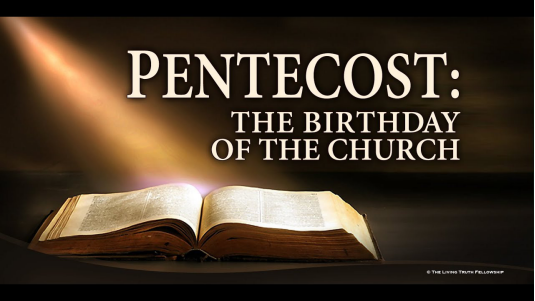
ORDER NOW & PAY WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN OCTOBER.

Sunday Missal ____copies;
Sunday Missal for Young Catholics ____copies
Name _____
Phone number _____
Sunday Missal \$5.00 Sunday Missal for Young Catholics \$9.00.



Did you know that the feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It is called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus’ message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost (Greek for *50th day*) is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were cowering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus’ resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus’ message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages.



Actually, Pentecost was originally a Jewish feast that concluded the 50 days of Passover and celebrated the end of the barley harvest, plus the beginning of the wheat harvest. The Jewish people at Pentecost also celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai. Pentecost is probably one of the most important days on the Church calendar, but it often gets overlooked. Here are some ways that your family can help celebrate this very important day:

- +Because Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, celebrate it just as you would any other birthday in your home—break out the cake and ice cream. Rather than singing “Happy Birthday,” recite a prayer for Pentecost. Most prayer books contain special prayers for this special day.
- +Wear something **red**. The color of the vestments worn by priests on Pentecost is red, to symbolize the love of the Holy Spirit, or the tongues of fire that appeared over the heads of the apostles on Pentecost. And don't just stop at wearing red. Use a red tablecloth for dinner, eat off red paper plates, eat red foods, etc. See how many ways you can incorporate the color red in your celebration.
- +Read aloud the story of Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts.

HAVE A HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE!!

Fr. Paul