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The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 16, 2026



Our Lady of Good Help

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville, 02839

Weekend Masses:

Our Lady of Good Help– Sun. 8:00am, 10:30am

St. Theresa Church– Sat. 4:00pm, Sun. 5:00pm

St. Patrick Church– Sat. 4:00pm, Sun. 9:15am

Holy Days of Obligation: As announced

Daily Mass: *St. Theresa Church*- 8:30am Mon. to Sat.

Confessions: *St. Theresa Church*

3:00-3:45pm Saturdays

Friday & Saturday following 8:30am Mass (contact priest after Mass).

By appointment– please call the parish office.

Novena of the Miraculous Medal and Benediction:

St. Patrick– 9:00am, Tuesdays

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

St. Theresa Church– 9:00am to 5:00pm, Fridays

Clergy:

Pastor:

Rev. Jose Parathanal, C.M.I.

pastorolghsp@gmail.com

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Cyriac Kalampatt, C.M.I.

Deacon Assistant:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and Shrine

35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, 02830

Parish office: 401-568-8280

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St Patrick Church

45 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, 02830

Office and Cemeteries: 401-568-5600

Sat Aug 15th *Vigil of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00pm (St. Theresa) † Leo & Eva Lee by their family

4:00pm (St. Patrick) † Joseph & Camille Menard by their children

Sun Aug 16th *The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am (OLGH) † Frederick & Marion Lee by Robert Lee

9:15am (St. Patrick) † In thanksgiving for a favor granted through the intercession of St. Therese of Lisieux

10:30am (OLGH) † Jack & Diane Polacek by Mike Cosetta

5:00pm (St. Theresa) † Living and deceased pilgrims to St. Theresa Shrine.

Daily Mass— 8:30a St. Theresa Shrine Church

Mon Aug 17th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

† Fr. Joseph Heaney by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Tues Aug 18th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

† Carol Little by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Wed Aug 19th *St. John Eudes, Priest*

† Jeanette Rounds by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Thurs Aug 20th *St. Bernard, Abbot & Dr. of the Church*

Sarah Gizzarelli

Fri Aug 21st *St. Pius X, Pope*

Katherine Gizzarelli

Sat Aug 22nd *Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30am (St. Theresa) Theresa Gizzarelli

Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm (St. Theresa) † Florence Cahill (Birthday Remembrance) by her family

4:00pm (St. Patrick) † Joseph Femino by the St. Patrick's Choir

Sun Aug 23rd *The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am (OLGH) † Ed Magill by his wife, Marie & family

9:15am (St. Patrick) † Pro Populo

10:30am (OLGH) † Sandra Frenette-Cook (Birthday Remembrance) by Dick & Anne Chretien

5:00pm (St. Theresa) † Ted & Sandra Gartland by Mike Cosetta

Sunday, August 16th, 2026– The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

God included all nations in His plan for salvation and blessed all the families of the earth in Abraham (Gn. 12:1-3), although He set the Hebrew people apart as His chosen race. Through the prophet Isaiah God declared, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples," (Is.56:7), and thus God revealed the truth that in His eyes all human beings, regardless of race, caste, color, intelligence, wealth, or charm are His dear children by creation and adoption.

In the Gospels we see on different occasions Jesus praising the Gentiles, that is non-Israelites, for expressing and professing their faith in Jesus. One of such episodes is when Jesus was in the region of Tyre and Sidon, a Canaanite woman approaches the Lord requesting the favor of healing for her daughter. Jesus not only heals the daughter but he comments on her faith saying, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Through all such episodes in the NT, Jesus was proclaims that the long-expected Messianic Kingdom is intended, not only for the Israelites, but for all peoples as well. In other words, God's care extends beyond the bounds of race and nation to the hearts of all who live, and God's House should become a House of Prayer for all peoples. It is therefore fitting that we should pray and work sincerely so that the walls which our pride, intolerance, fear, and prejudice have raised in us may crumble. But at the same time, Jesus was very clear in teaching that God's mercy and love are available to all with one solid condition of believing and professing in Him as the expected Messiah and the only begotten Son of God, the Savior.

Also, we have to be grateful to God for all the blessings we receive and enjoy. As baptized members of the Christian community, we have been given special privileges and easy access to God's love. Because of that, we also have serious responsibilities arising from these gifts and our call. One of these responsibilities is to live a life manifesting Christian virtues and Gospel values, and make clear to others, with true humility and compassion, that God's love, mercy, and healing are for them also because they too are the children of God. Let us always try to break the walls which separate us from God and from one another.

God Bless! -Rev. Jose Parathanal



As the process for the canonization of Adele Brise continues to move forward, parishioners are encouraged to consider some of the books written about her and the apparition of Our Lady at Champion, WI.

America's Mary; The Story of Our Lady of Good Help by Marge Fenelon, and *Our Lady Of Good Help: Mary's Message And Mission For Adele Brise And The World* Edward Looney are two worth checking out. For young parishioners, *Go, and Fear Nothing: The Story of Our Lady of Champion*, by Patrick O'Hearn is a great resource.



Thanks to all of our parishioners who have stepped up during this summer Campaign of Increased Giving. By increasing your regular contributions, signing up for online donations, and encouraging others to join us for Holy Mass, you are making a real difference to the future of our Churches. The Campaign continues through the end of summer.



Candle intentions at the Shrine can be made for the St. Therese, St. Joseph, Our Lady or the Sanctuary Candle.

The suggested donation is \$10/week. Intentions are published in this bulletin. The recommended offering for votive candles at the St. Therese Statue or the Divine Mercy image is \$3 and can be made in the Church.



On Saturday, August 22nd in honor of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Women's Prayer Group at the Shrine will again sponsor a candlelight outdoor Rosary. The Rosary takes place in the outdoor Shrine at 8:00pm. Gather in the parking area at 7:45 for the distribution of candles and prayers.



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



Our Annual Shrine Anniversary Day Celebration is this Sunday, August 16th. This year, we celebrate 103 years of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and Shrine of the Little Flower. We'll also celebrate the re-opening of the Beatification process for Servant of God, Bp. Fulton J. Sheen, a great devotee of St. Therese and her 'Little Way'

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available at the outdoor grill from noon.

Devotions begin at 1:00p with the Holy Stairs and Sheen's Meditations at the Way of the Cross, at 2:45p we'll pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by adoration until Benediction. At 4p, we'll gather at the rosary walk to pray the World Missions Rosary, composed by Bp. Sheen in 1951. The Day ends with Mass at 5:00p.



Prayers and warm congratulations to all Shrine Confraternity members on the 103rd Anniversary! May God Bless you for all you do for our parish!



The Shrine will host the Special Religious Education (SPRED) Annual Mass and Picnic on Saturday, September 12 beginning at 11a. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Shawn Carey, Director of the Deaf Apostolate in Boston. Registration is strongly encouraged just so we can plan picnic foods, attendees are asked to bring side dishes, appetizers or desserts. Contact the SPRED office at 401-278-4578 to register.

St. Patrick's Church

Parish & Cemetery Manager: Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre

Phone: 401-568-5600 Email: deaconrick@cox.net Web: stpatrickri.org/

Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Bernard O'Reilly, Ph.D.



As we move into Fall and the new school term, St. Patrick's reminds all of our parishioners and friends that we are always in need of volunteers to help us with things like cleaning of the Church, reading at Masses,

yard work, monthly food pantry openings, church socials, and all the things which keep our Church running smoothly.

We are always happy to welcome new volunteers, and can provide documentation of service hours for students and others.

If you are able and willing to offer our Church a few hours of your time, we would be most appreciative.

Call Deacon Rick at 401-568-5600 or email: deaconrick@cox.net to learn more.



The next August Food Pantry Opening is Monday the 24th from 4:30-6:30pm. The 2026 St. Patrick Food Pantry Schedule is available on our website:

stpatrickri.org/food-pantry/

Garden Fresh vegetables are always very welcome! If you have a bit of extra food to share, yes, even zucchini, with your neighbors, the Food Pantry is most appreciative of fresh food donations.

Hunger is not seasonal, your donations make a huge difference to the wellbeing of your neighbors. Please consider a donation today!

Thanks for your generosity.

Diocesan News and Events



The 2026 Catholic Charity Appeal raised the highest amount ever in its 101-year history, receiving more than \$8.2 million in one-time gifts and pledges.

These resources provide crucial support for more than 35 diocesan outreach programs and ministries that offer social, educational, spiritual support and evangelization to thousands of Rhode Islanders each year.

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RI Catholic Schools are currently accepting applications and registrations for the

upcoming school year. With 9 high schools and over 25 Elementary schools, our Diocesan schools provide wonderful opportunities for students throughout the state to receive great, Catholic, educations.

To find a school near you or to learn more about our schools see:

dioceseofprovidence.org/catholic-school-office



The Special Religious Education program of the Diocese of Providence helps Catholics with special needs to experience the friendship of Jesus Christ, a sense of belonging in His Church, and full participation in liturgical life.

This is accomplished through a model of contemplative fellowship and education that disposes both friends and volunteers to a deeper union with Jesus Christ, as well as customized sacramental preparation, and regular opportunities to participate in the liturgy. See our website for more

information: icallyoufriends.com

Weekly Collection

Weekly Giving 8.9.26

Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Theresa Shrine

Collection: \$4,233

E-giving: \$1,063

Maintenance \$1,061

St. Patrick Church

Collection: \$1,847

E-giving: \$ 450

Maintenance \$ 571

August 2nd Collections

Fuel- Aug 23



50-week Club Banquet

Save the Date! The club banquet will be held on September 19th this year.

The earlier date enables Chef Bill to cook for us again! Members, look for all the details of this fun evening in the mail.

Please note our offices will be closed:

*Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.

We apologize for any inconvenience.



The next OLGH/ St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry opening will take place on Wednesday, August 19th from 5-6pm.

Food pantry donations can be made through the collection or in the vestibule after parish Masses.

The Food Pantry is happy to accept direct donations and market gift cards. We also accept donations of pet food.

Thank you for your generosity!

Bulletin corrections or changes, plus new items can be emailed to silviaaldredge@gmail.com. Publication is at the discretion of the pastor. Deadline is the Monday before publication by end-of-day. Special (Holiday) bulletins may have earlier deadlines.



Beginning October 4th, Grades 1-6 classes meet on Sundays at 9:15a in the Our Lady of Good Help School building.

Beginning on October 5th for Grades 7-9, classes meet on Mondays at 6:00p at St. Theresa church.

Find registration forms in our church vestibules or download the form from our website.

burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education

The parish wishes no family to forego religious education due to a financial concern. If you are in need of a fee-waiver simply email Fr. Jose at pastorolghsp@gmail.com



Volunteer opportunities.

If you are a student or other community member looking to volunteer some time to the parish, we would love to hear from you!

We have opportunities for those who can assist with cleaning our churches and church halls, people interested in gardening and yardwork at OLGH or the Shrine, and those who may want to assist with planning for our Christmas Bazaar or other fund-raising activities.

We are happy to certify hours for our volunteers. Call the parish office at 401-568-8280 to lend a hand!



Are you a Baptized Catholic who has not received their first sacraments? Are you a non-Catholic looking to learn more about Catholicism? Our parish offers OCRA (the Order of Christian

Initiation for Adults) classes on a rolling basis. If you would like to learn more about OCRA and uniting your life with Christ's Church, please contact Fr. Jose at:

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