

The Burrillville Catholic Collaborative

Three Churches, One Faith Community

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2, 2025



Our Lady of Good Help

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville

Weekend Masses:

Our Lady of Good Help- Sat. 4:30pm & Sun. 10:30am

St. Theresa Church- Sun. 8:00am & 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:

OLGH- 3:30-4:15pm Saturdays

St. Theresa- Friday & Saturday following 8:30am 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 – Noon, Fridays



St Patrick Church

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pastorolghsp@gmail.com

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Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and Shrine

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Our Lady of Good Help

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St. Patrick's Church

Roger Johnson & George Lough

Sat., Feb 1st *Vigil of the Presentation of the Lord*

4:00pm (St. Patrick) Pro Populo

4:30pm (OLGH) †Lorraine Dalpe by her husband,
Normand

Sun., Feb 2nd *The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00am (St. Theresa) †Diane Therrien Hamel by her
family

9:15am (St. Patrick) †Jane Jurkiewicz by her daughter,
Bess

10:30am (OLGH) †Claire Micucci (2nd Ann.) by her
family

5:00pm (St. Theresa) †Ron Faford by his wife, Nancy and
family

Weekday Masses- 8:30am at St. Theresa Church

Mon., Feb 3rd *St. Blaise, Bishop and martyr*

†Elizabeth F-P DiPippo (15th Ann.) by her family

Tues., Feb 4th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

†Herve Landreville by Mary

Wed., Feb 5th *St. Agatha, virgin and martyr*

†Emery Sr. and Carmela Munyon by Dave & Beverly
Munyon

Thur., Feb 6th *St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

†Fr. Neil Lynch by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Fri., Feb 7th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

†For the repose of those Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sat., Feb 8th *St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin*

8:30am (St. Theresa) For all victims of human trafficking.

Vigil of the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm (St. Patrick)

4:30pm (OLGH) †Robert & Carolyn Menard by their
family

Sun., Feb 9th *The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00am (St. Theresa) †

9:15am (St. Patrick) †

10:30am (OLGH) †Fernand & Bernice Lamontagne by
David & Denise Lamontagne

5:00pm (St. Theresa) Pro Populo

Sunday, February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

According to Hebrew tradition at the time of Christ, every mother and her first-born male child had to be presented at the temple in Jerusalem for ritual purification of the mother and redemption of the child. Faithfully obeying the law and tradition, as the head of the Holy Family, Joseph brought Mary and the Baby Jesus to be presented in the Temple. We celebrate this event on February 2nd, as the Feast of Presentation of Jesus. The creche at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome is left in place until today, marking the end of Christmas season.

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and a procession in honor of His Presentation at the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice for her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship.

For Christians, this Feast emphasizes Christ's first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification. The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was celebrated on February 2, 40 days after Christmas. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles, which continues to this day, became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

And so today is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child in the Temple. In 1997, Pope John Paul II designated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord as the Annual World Day of Consecrated Life. Pope Benedict XVI affirms that "Jesus enters the ancient temple; he who is the new Temple of God." Pope Benedict XVI expressly referred to the intention of his predecessor, inviting all consecrated women and men to follow the Lord with an undivided heart.

As we celebrate this feast, let us remember that we were officially presented to God on the day of our baptism, and we present ourselves and our dear ones on the altar before God our Father at every Holy Mass. Let us abide in the awareness that we are a people dedicated/consecrated to God, and that we are obliged to lead holy lives.

God Bless you!

Rev. Jose Parathanal



If you would like to have candles for use in

devotion at home blessed for the Feast of the Presentation, or Candlemas please bring them with you to Mass on Saturday, February 1st or Sunday, February 2nd for this blessing.



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SVDP would like to extend sincere gratitude to the many parishioners who gave food, gift cards, and monetary donations to our food pantry. With everyone's assistance, we were able to provide for hundreds of individuals. In addition, many children received gifts under their tree because of your generosity. We are also thankful for the countless volunteer hours that went into making this Thanksgiving and Christmas season extra special for so many families. Best wishes for a happy, healthy new year!

As we enter the new year, the parish is happy to welcome new lectors, ushers, and church cleaners as well as Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. Contact the parish office at 401-568-8280 to learn more about volunteer opportunities and training for specific ministries. May God Bless you for your support of the parish!



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



The Lenten Fish Fry is just a month away and we are looking forward to greeting old and new friends as this fundraiser gets underway. If you would like to volunteer, we are always looking for people to assist with take-outs, serving the dining area, and the unglamorous, but highly necessary job of clean-up afterwards. The Fish Fry will run on Fridays in Lent beginning on March 7th. Call the office for volunteer info.

Candle intentions at the Shrine can be made for the St. Therese candle, the St. Joseph and our Lady candles, the Sanctuary candle and the Divine Mercy Candle. Intentions are for 1 week and are published in the bulletin. The recommended donation is \$10. Unpublished candle intentions are \$4 and can simply be made in the church. A Mass intention box for unpublished intentions through the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate is located at the entrance of the church. Suggested donation \$10.



Missing Rosary! Please help St. Anthony find & return to owner a 'new-in-the-giftbox' Black Rosary last seen on Sunday Jan. 12th on the window sill shelf behind the choir at St. Theresa's Church. Contact Tom @ 474-8251 Thank you !!!

About this bulletin:

The bulletin deadline is the Monday before publication, special (holiday) bulletins may have earlier deadlines. Contact silviaaldredge@gmail.com for questions, concerns, or complaints.

St. Patrick's Church

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February Food Pantry Openings take place on Monday the 10th and the 24th from 4:30-6:30pm

Please see our website to download the Food Pantry Calendar for 2025.

The weeks and months following the Christmas season can be the most difficult for our food pantry to meet the needs of our neighbors. If you are a new donor this holiday season, we hope you will consider giving to the pantry throughout the year. And we thank you warmly if you are one of our regular supporters!

May God bless you for your generosity!

2024 Statements of Charitable Giving are available by contacting Deacon Rick at 401-569-5600 or by email at deaconrick@cox.net

8th Annual Valentines Dinner Dance

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Diocesan News and Events



The 2025 Catholic Charity Appeal has officially begun. This year's theme,

"Trust in Providence," is a powerful reminder of God's grace and the trust he has placed in us to serve others. Our parish goal remains the same as last year, with an overall diocesan goal of \$7.5 million. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the appeal, let us reflect on a century of hope, compassion and support provided to those in need throughout our state.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to the appeal as we strive for 100% parish participation.

CCA envelopes will be available at all 3 churches beginning in February. See the CCA website for more information: dioceseofprovidence.org/cca



In the Diocese of Providence, the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul will serve as the local Jubilee 2025 pilgrimage site.

Upon making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee site, the faithful can receive a plenary

indulgence (subject to the usual conditions) by: Participating in any Holy Mass, such as a Jubilee Mass, Votive Mass for Reconciliation, or a Mass for the conferral of the sacraments of Christian Initiation. Or participating in a celebration of the Word of God; the Liturgy of the Hours (office of readings, lauds, vespers); the Via Crucis; the Holy Rosary; the recitation of the Akathist hymn; or a penitential celebration, ending with the individual confessions of the penitents.

Weekly Collection

Weekly Giving 1.26.25

Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Theresa Shrine

Collection \$5,659
E-giving \$1,049
Church in Latin America \$ 669

St. Patrick Church

Collection \$1,717
E-giving \$ 210
Church in Latin America \$ 260

Thank you for your generosity!

If you need a 'Statement of Charitable Giving' for your income tax filings, please call the office to have one prepared for you.



The new year is a great time to set up a new electronic budget for your weekly giving to the parish. The parish uses OSV hub to manage it's online donations. You can set up a new donation or make changes to your existing e-giving account by going to:
www.osvhub.com/our-lady-of-good-help-church/giving/funds



Baby bottle banks for this years **Baby Bottle Boomerang** are due back to the parish by this weekend, February 2nd. This fundraiser supports assistance and services to expecting and new mothers including ultrasounds pregnancy testing, and supplies like diapers and formula. Your spare change can do a great deal of good for moms in need. Please prayerfully consider participating in this fundraiser.

Religious Education

Religious Education classes

Continue:

Sunday, February 2, for Grades 1-6 at Our Lady of Good Help School building from 9:15-10:15a and Monday, February 3, for Grades 7-9 at St. Theresa Church from 6:00-7:00pm

New parishioners should contact our Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Pat Ducharme, for information on mid-year registrations.

pducharme1@cox.net

For the full 2024-25 Academic year schedule download the file at:

burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education



The parish offers its warmest congratulations to Stella Rose Franzosa and her mother, Tiffany Ouellette on her baptism into the life of Christ. Tiffany was fostered as an infant by Deacon Rick and Mrs. Mary-Lou LaPierre and was the first baby baptized by Deacon Rick so she was happy to 'come home' to OLGH for Stella Rose to be Baptized. Please pray for Stella Rose and her mom!

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