

The Burrillville Catholic Collaborative

Three Churches, One Faith Community

The Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2024



Our Lady of Good Help

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville

Masses and Regular Devotions

Our Lady of Good Help-

Saturday 4:30pm and Sunday 10:30am

St. Theresa Church- Sunday 8:00am and 5:00pm

St. Patrick Church- Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 9:15am

Holy Days of Obligation: As announced

Daily Mass: *St. Theresa Church* 8:30am Monday to Saturday and Legal Holidays

Confessions:

OLGH 3:30-4:15pm Saturdays,

St Theresa Friday & Saturday following 8:30am Mass

Or by appointment, please call the 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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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

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Our Lady of Good Help

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Sat., Dec. 14th *Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent*
4:00pm (St. Patrick) +Linda Biron by Rick Lapierre
4:30pm (OLGH) +Raymond Cournoyer by Tina Fiske

Sun., Dec. 15th *The Third Sunday of Advent.*
8:00am (St. Theresa) +Michele Dolinski by the St. Vincent DePaul Society
9:15am (St. Patrick) All Retired Religious
10:30am (OLGH) +Pasquale & Josephine Oliva by their daughter
5:00pm (St. Theresa) +Donald Messere & Frances Cardin (Ann. Remembrance) by John & Doreen Nanni

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

Mon., Dec. 16th *Advent Weekday*
 8:30a +Emery Sr. & Carmela Munyon by Dave & Beverly Munyon.

Tues., Dec. 17th *Advent Weekday*
 +Edward Magill by his wife, Marie

Wed., Dec. 18th *Advent Weekday*
 +Fr. Bob Perron by Dave & Beverly Munyon.

Thur., Dec. 19th *Advent Weekday*
 +Deceased members of the Pichie and Tessier families by Ron & Barbara Tessier

Fri., Dec. 20th *Advent Weekday*
 +Joseph Bedard by his wife, Irene

Sat., Dec. 21st *St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church*
8:30am (St. Theresa) Pro Populo

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00pm (St. Patrick) +Maurice Robert by Bob & Anna Bouley
4:30pm (OLGH) +Pauline Brault by Lorraine O'Rourke

Sun., Dec. 22nd *The Fourth Sunday of Advent.*
8:00am (St. Theresa) +Gerald & Pauline Laroche by their family
9:15am (St. Patrick) A. Richard Peyer, for healing
10:30am (OLGH) +Tony Socci by his wife, Joanne and family
5:00pm (St. Theresa) +Ron Faford by his wife, Nancy and family

Sunday, December 15, 2024

The Third Sunday of Advent

The third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" Sunday because the Mass on this Sunday begins with the opening antiphon, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). This week, the prophets Zephaniah and Isaiah, and St. Paul encourage us to shout out for the joy of the expected deliverance by the Lord. Zephaniah announces "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart!" for the salvation is near. Isaiah, through the responsorial Psalm, proclaims, "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." St. Paul echoes this message of joy in his letter to Philipians: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice...The Lord is near."

John the Baptist explains the secret of Christian joy as our wholehearted commitment to the doing His will. John challenges people to generosity and a sense of fairness so that others may have reason to rejoice. According to John, happiness comes from doing our duties faithfully, doing good for others, and sharing our blessings with others in need. John's call to repentance is a call to joy and restoration. Repentance means a change in the purpose and direction of our lives. John tells the people to act with justice, charity, and honesty, letting their lives reflect their transformation. For us, that transformation occurs when Christ enters our lives, and we begin to live those lives in the ways Jesus teaches and John suggests.

John the Baptist wants us to put our domestic and social lives in order. For that we must abandon our selfish thirst for consumption and, instead, be filled with the expectation of Jesus' coming. We should examine our relationships with others. We need to mend ruptures, ease or relieve frictions, perform family responsibilities, work honestly, and treat employees and employers justly.

Parents, teachers, public servants, and anyone in a leading role should act as Christ's precursors by repenting of their sins, reforming their lives, and bringing Christ into the lives of those entrusted to their care. Parents are expected to instill in their children a true Christian spirit and an appreciation for Christian values by their own lives and behavior. In short, everyone needs to remember that he/she is God's instrument and that we are to lead the people in our lives to the feet of Jesus, so that they, too, may know him personally and accept him as their Lord and Savior, and all of us together as God's people will "Rejoice in Him Always!"

God bless,
 Rev. Jose Parathanal



Christmas rehearsals for the parish choir continue on Tuesdays at 6:30p in the St. Theresa Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us in singing the Christmas Masses, feel free to attend rehearsals. Contact Peter Lamoria in the parish office for more information.



Parish Masses for Christmas

Tuesday, December 24.

Vigil of the Nativity
of Our Lord

4:00pm Our Lady of Good

Help

4:00pm St. Patrick Church

Wednesday, December 25,

The Nativity of Our Lord

8:00am St. Theresa Church

9:15am St. Patrick Church

10:30 Our Lady of Good
Help



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



The suggested donation for published candle intentions at the Shrine is \$10. Intentions are for one week and can be booked through the parish office for the sanctuary candle, or the St. Therese candle. Candles to Our Lady, St. Joseph or the Divine Mercy are available as well.

Please note the Shrine Bookstore remains open every day from 8a-5p, simply ring the bell and someone will assist you. We have a wide selection of advent wreaths, great gifts and books. 'The Story of a Family' about the early life of St. Therese, her sisters and her parents makes a wonderful gift.



⇒ Christmas basket distribution will take place on Saturday, December 21st from 9-10am. Please call 401-762-1834 to register for a basket.

⇒ We are currently accepting

donations for Christmas baskets. Food donations can be placed in the bins at either St. Theresa's or OLGH entryways.

⇒ Donations of gift certificates from Brigido's or Dino's are gratefully accepted and should be marked for SVDP and can be placed in the SVDP collection basket after all masses.

Thank you for your generosity to your neighbors in need!

Join the parish.

Scroll down to the link on our homepage to download the registration form at:

burrillvillecatholic.org

Forms can be returned to the office in person or by post.

We encourage you to re-register if family demographics or contact information has changed. Call 401-568-8280 with any questions.



A reminder that as we move into the winter months, the parish follows the town of Burrillville for closures. If the schools are closed, then the parish office will be as well and classes and meetings at our churches will be cancelled.

The Mass schedule does not change unless it

becomes hazardous for our priests to get over to the Churches.

The Shrine is open outdoors from sunrise to sunset each day, regardless of the weather.

For specific information, check the website at:

burrillvillecatholic.org

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



The Knights of Columbus Council # 383 and the Rhode Island State Knights of Columbus offer their warm thanks to everyone who generously donated to this year's

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Merry Christmas and may God Bless You for your generosity to our veterans!



The next December Food Pantry Opening is Monday, December 23rd from 4:30-6:30pm

Christmas Baskets will be distributed on Saturday, December 21st from 9:30-11:00am

The food pantry is happy to accept gifts of food, market gift cards or monetary support. Donations for Christmas baskets can be left at the entrance of the Church or at the porch of the rectory.

May God bless you for your generosity to your neighbors in need!

Diocesan News and Events



The RI Catholic, our award-winning diocesan newspaper offers their annual gift guide. The guide is full of suggestions and ideas for living a Catholic Advent and Christmas Season. Call 401-272-1010 to purchase a copy of the annual Christmas Gift Guide.



Urgent Need for Winter Baby Essentials!
The Mother of Life Center is currently in

urgent need of warm winter clothing for babies sizes newborn to 6-9 month old.

Donations can be dropped off at 400 Atwells Avenue, Providence or contact the center at 401-421-0821 for information on monetary donations or pickup options.

The Mother of Life center supports women who may otherwise have chosen abortion throughout pregnancy. They also offer supportive care for moms, dads, and babies including material needs, adoption and public-assistance counseling, and parental training. Please consider a gift to the center this holiday season! More online at:

Motheroflife.org

Weekly Collection

Weekly Giving 12.09.24

Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Theresa Shrine
Not available at time of publication.

St. Patrick

Collection	\$2,139
E-Giving	\$ 228
Retired Religious	\$ 449
Annual Fund	\$ 20

The 2nd Collection on 12/22 is for Fuel Support.

Thank you for your generosity!



Join Fr. Jose on the journey of a lifetime to South America! We'll travel to Brazil, Argentina and Peru from October 16th—31st, 2025.

Two wonders of the world are on the itinerary, Machu Pichu in Peru and the Christ the Redeemer Statue in Brazil. We'll also visit the Basilica and Maximus Convent of Nuestra Senora del Rosario, the final resting place for three important Peruvian saints (St. Juan Macias, St. Rose of Lima and St. Martin dePorres).

For More Information & Reservations:

Contact Bernadette Corpuz, tour coordinator, at
323-547-6618 (cell) or
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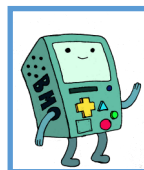


The Religious Education Christmas Concert will take place this Sunday, December 15th at 6:00pm at St. Theresa Church with a reception immediately following in the Church Hall. All parishioners are welcome to join us.

We will not hold Religious Education classes during the holiday break, beginning Monday, December 16th. Classes resume January 5th, 2025.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

For the full 2024-25 Academic year schedule
burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education



We've seen an uptick in scammers posing as our staff and requesting the purchase of gift cards.

Reminder! No member of our parish staff will ever contact you with such a request! If you receive these requests by email, simply delete them.

Please enroll me in the 2025 50-Week Club

☐ I would like the same number as last year #_____ OR

☐ I would like a new number OR

☐ I am new the club (you'll be assigned the next available number).

☐ Enclosed is \$50, qualifying me for the Early Bird drawing OR

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