# Our Lady of Good Help & Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Roman Catholic Parishes.

Continuing the Tradition of Faith, Service and Community.

OLGH: 1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville, RI 02839/ St. Theresa: 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, RI 02830. Website: www.burrillvillecatholic.org Both churches are handicap accessible.





**Parish Clergy** Rev. Michael J. McMahon, Pastor. Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre, Deacon Assistant.

#### **Trustees**

(OLGH): Roger Ducharme & Michael Cosetta. (St. Theresa): Normand Dalpe & Richard Lachapelle.

Religious Education: Patricia Ducharme, Janet Badzmierowski & Fr. McMahon, Coordinators. Irma Rodriguez, SPRED Coordinator (401) 278-4578.

Organist & Choir Director: N. Peter LaMoria.

**Buildings & Grounds:** Kenneth Garrepy.

**Shrine Coordinator:** Mark Garrepy.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: Michelle Poirier, President of OLGH Chapter. (401) 762-1834.

#### Inter-parish Office

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. (Closed Friday) Cindy Manning, Administrative Secretary. (Office located at St. Theresa's Rectory)

#### **Contact Information**

**Interparish Office:** (401) 568-8280 **Rectory/Pastor:** (401) 568-5272 Fax: (401) 568-5351

**E-Mail:** ourladyofgoodhelp@gmail.com or cindy@sttheresas.necoxmail.com

## Liturgical Schedule & Sacramental Life

Our Lady of Good Help: Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM.

Sunday: 10:00 AM.

**St. Theresa: Sunday:** 8:00 AM & 11:30 AM.

Daily Mass: 8:30 AM: Monday & Thursday @ OLGH. Tuesday & Wednesday @ St. Theresa. Legal Holidays: 9:00 AM @ St. Theresa. Confessions: Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM @ OLGH. Holy Days of Obligation: As Announced. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday's 9:00 AM -7:00 PM. (St. Theresa's Convent Chapel)

**BAPTISM:** Baptisms are celebrated monthly. Please contact Father McMahon to arrange.

**MARRIAGE:** Engaged couples are asked to contact Father McMahon at least one year prior to the ceremony.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK & HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Please contact the parish office to arrange a visit by the clergy or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

**NEW PARISHONERS:** Kindly introduce yourself to Fr. McMahon after any Mass or by appointment to register.

St. Theresa is home to the first shrine dedicated in honor of the "Little Flower", St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. Grounds open daily from sunrise to sunset.



The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018

"The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching" (Mark 1:21-28).



#### Our Lady of Good Help

Monday, January 29, 2018

Weekday

8:30 AM +Dorina Davis — Birthday Remembrance Req. by Jeanne Davis

Thursday, February 1, 2018

Weekday

8:30 AM + Rosella Mae Kohutek Reg. by Paul Lapierre

Saturday, February 3, 2018

The Vigil Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM: Pro Populo

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM + Anna Laferriere Reg. by St. Vincent de Paul

#### St. Theresa

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Weekday

8:30 AM +Walter Paille Req. by Ron & Lise Paille

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Saint John Bosco, Priest

8:30 AM + Conrad Labonte Reg. by Bob & Gail Brodeur

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: Pro Populo

11:30 AM: Confraternity Members living and deceased Little Flower Shrine.

#### January 20/21, 2018

#### **OLGH**

Sunday Collection	\$3,514.25
Catholic University Collection	\$209.00

#### St. Theresa

Sunday Collection	\$3,331.00
Catholic University Collection	\$200.00

SVDP (Both Parishes)......\$134.00 A sincere thank you for your generous support! The goal needed to meet weekly expenses at <u>each</u> parish is \$3,500. The Second Collection at both parishes this weekend is for the Church in Latin America.

No Second Collection Next Weekend.

Please remember Our Lady of Good Help & St. Theresa Shrine in your Will & Estate.

# From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

One of the pillars in the life of any Catholic parish is its' Religious Education Program. The primary educators of the faith are always the parents. However, the parish community has a formal role in providing the faith formation of our young people. With that being said, there will be a change regarding the grade in which Confirmation is conferred, effective next year.

Firstly, Confirmation is an important milestone in one's spiritual journey. With the reception of this sacrament, one receives the gifts and grace of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to live as mature Catholics. In evaluating the sacramental preparation at OLGH & St. Theresa's, I have found that by the time our young people reach 10th Grade, they are overwhelmed with increasing demands, specifically school work, sports, college preparation and hectic social schedules. In some instances, students have chosen to forsake making their Confirmation due to this reality. Our young people need the grace before they are immersed with the pressures of high school and young adulthood!

After careful evaluation and consultation, effective next year, students will be confirmed in the  $9^{\rm th}$  Grade. Confirmation I. preparations will begin in Grade 8, continuing the two year formation program format. Next year,  $9^{\rm th}$  and  $10^{\rm th}$  Grades will form one large Confirmation II class and be confirmed together in May, 2019. (This current Grade 9 will be the last group confirmed in Grade 10).

Please note that many parishes have moved Confirmation to younger grades, and I believe it is in the best pastoral interest of our communities to do the same. (Prior to the yoking of our two parishes, St. Theresa moved Confirmation to middle school.) Our program is also facing a shortage of qualified religious education teachers, thus in part, necessitating this move sooner than later.

God Bless,

**Father McMahon** 

Check out our new inter-parish website: www.burrillvillecatholic.org.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;

Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6 Thursday:

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;

Mk 6:7-13

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Friday:

Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34 Saturday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, Sunday:

22-23; Mk 1:29-39



**Tabernacle Candles (St. Theresa):** Lataille & Sparrow Family, living & deceased. Req. by Lorraine Sparrow.

#### "ST. THERESA NEWS"

- **Volunteers Needed!** We are in need of volunteers to vacuum the church and sacristy at St. Theresa's. This is done on either a Friday or Saturday. Please call Cindy at the inter-parish office at 568-8280 if interested in this stewardship ministry. With enough volunteers, the commitment would only be once a month!
- St. Theresa's 50 Week Club will begin February 1st! **Captains**, please pick up your tickets at the rectory Monday through Thursday (9 AM-2 PM). Please submit your members' names at your convenience. If you are interested in joining the 50 week club for\$1 ach week, please call the inter-parish office. You have a chance to win \$25, \$15, and \$10 each week for 49 weeks. The dinner has been scheduled for **November 16, 2018** at Wright's Farm Restaurant. Thank you for your support!

### "OLGH NEWS"

- Online Giving Available at OLGH: OLGH now provides "Online Giving" as an electronic tool for contributions so you can give via the Internet. Please visit the parish website, www.ourladyofgoodhelp.org or the new inter-parish website, www.burrillvillecatholic.org and look for the link.
- "Eight Month Club" is Back: The 2018 dinner will be held at Bella Restaurant in Glendale on Saturday, September 22nd. Over \$1,800 in Cash Prizes! Sign up packets are will be available on the back tables of both churches starting next weekend. Tickets are \$10 per month for eight months beginning in February. You may drop off your returns in the weekly collection basket. Thank you for your support!

#### "INTERPARISH & DIOCESEAN NEWS"

A SIGN OF PEACE: During this season of colds and flu, please refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. A polite nod or bow will be understood as a reasonable substitute.

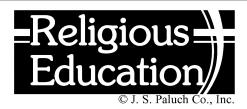


As is the tradition in honor of the **Feast of St.** Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, the blessing of throats will occur at the conclusion of all Masses next weekend.

#### "SOUPER-BOWL SUNDAY"

The OLGH/St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting the annual "Souper-bowl Sunday" Fundraiser after all Masses next weekend, February 3rd & 4th. We are asking for donations in any amount to help our neighbors who are experiencing financial hardship. Thank you for your kind support!

- MASS CARDS FOR UNANNOUNCED MASSES: You can give a Mass card to mark a memorial or intention that will be an "unannounced" Mass, meaning that Fr. McMahon would celebrate the Mass either privately or when there is no intention scheduled. Mass cards are available by contacting the inter-parish office during regular office hours.
- Winter Weather Policy: If Burrillville cancels or delays school, the 8:30 AM daily morning Mass is canceled. Call the parish office to reschedule intentions. On Mondays, Religious Education is automatically canceled when Burrillville cancels school or evening events. Weekend Masses are never canceled, but in the event of a major storm, all Masses will be offered at OLGH. Safety First!
- **2017 Contribution Statements:** If you are in need of a 2017 Budget Statement for income tax purposes, please contact Cindy Manning at 568-8280 if you have not received statements by January 31st.
- The Greater Woonsocket Catholic Regional Schools will be holding Open Houses today, January 28, 2018 from 11AM - 1PM at both Good Shepherd (Grades 3-8, located at 1210 Mendon Road, Woonsocket) and Monsignor Gadoury (Pre-K — Grade 2, located at 1371 Park Ave in Woonsocket). St. Theresa and OLGH are affiliated parishes with GWCRS. For more information, call 401-762-1095 or visit www.gwcrs.org. Thank you for supporting Catholic education!



Students in First Communion (Grade 2) & Confirmation I & II (Grades 9 & 10) are required to sign in at weekend and holv day Mass. Sign-in sheets are located at the back of each church. \*A faith not practiced cannot be confirmed!\*

#### **Planning Ahead:**

Confirmation II Retreat: Saturday, February 24 at St. Theresa Hall from 10:30 AM until 3 PM.

First Communion: Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 10 AM in Our Lady of Good Help Church.

Confirmation: Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 6:30 PM in Our Lady of Good Help Church with Bishop Tobin.

Information page

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