

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.

Inter-parish Website: www.burrillvillecatholic.org

Both churches are handicap accessible.



Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael J. McMahon, Pastor.

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapiere, 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

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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 sun-
rise to sunset.*



Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday).
December 16, 2018

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4-7).

Our Lady of Good Help

Monday, December 17, 2018

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM + Br. Roger Thibault, S.C.

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM: Barbara Cahill

Saturday, December 22, 2018

The Vigil Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM + Raymond & Florence Cahill

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM + The Deceased Members of the Nolda Family

Req. by Irene Nolda

St. Theresa

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM + Alice Issa —4th Anniversary

Req. by David & Beverly Munyon

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM + Anthony Bove *Req. by Cheryl & Rick Champagne*

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM + William Dupuis, Earl & Gary Bouley, Mr. & Mrs. George Bouley *Req. by Lorraine Dupuis*

11:30 AM + Noel Lapierre *Req. by Jacqui & Richard Dionne*

December 8/9, 2018

OLGH

Sunday Collection.....\$4,354.00

Religious Retirement Collection.....\$907.15

Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8).....\$637.00

St. Theresa

Sunday Collection.....\$4,017.00

Religious Retirement Collection.....\$701.00

Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8).....\$447.00

SVDP (Both Parishes).....\$359.00

*A sincere thank you for your generous support! The weekly goal needed to meet expenses at each parish is \$3,500. Sign up for "on-line giving" on the inter-parish website (under the donate menu). ***

No Second Collection Next Weekend (Dec. 23rd).

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

From the Pastor

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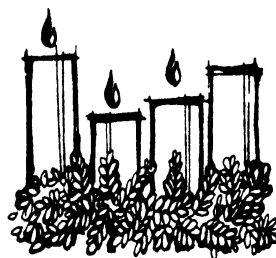
Dear Parishioners,

We are now already at the midpoint of the Advent season. This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally referred to as "*Gaudete Sunday*", translated from the Latin to mean rejoice! We rejoice because we are closer to celebrating the mystery of the Incarnation, the Word made Flesh!

God asks us to be joyful, but we know at times this is quite difficult. The journey of life presents us with obstacles, hurdles, detours and problems. We sometimes move from the heights of joy and expectation to the great valleys of gloom and despair. But our faith challenges us! We are to be joyful. Our Lord is near! Ultimately, for a Christian, true joy is supernatural and cannot be found in the passing things of this World. If you are having a bad day, week, month or year, turn to the Lord. Only He alone can give us genuine consolation and peace.

Many thanks to all who participated in the annual Christmas Giving Tree campaign. As is the case every year, your generosity is outstanding! Many thanks to Michelle Poirier and the SVDP Society for once again spearheading this year's effort. It was wonderful to see members of both parishes collaborating together so cohesively and in this outreach endeavor. Saint James wrote, "*Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.*" (James 2:18) Whenever our parishes seek to reach out for those in need, you respond generously. On behalf of all those who will be assisted, thank you. Witnessing your faith through such good deeds is truly inspiring.

Christmas is a week from this Tuesday (yikes)!! Please consult the opposite page of the bulletin for Mass times and locations. Cut out the schedule box and post it on your fridge! (*There will also be a listing of our Mass schedule in the local "Bargain Buyer" newspaper.*) This will hopefully help cut down on the number of phone calls (LOL)!



God bless,

Fr. McMahon

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

"INTER-PARISH & DIOCESEAN NEWS"



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

Sanctuary candles (St. Theresa):
In Memory of Irene Limanek Req. by Diane & Jim
Special Intention Req. by Pauline Comire

Sanctuary candle (OLGH): In Memory of
Claire Dansereau (21st Anniversary)
Req. by David Dansereau & family.

- **Winter Weather Policy:** If Burrillville cancels school, the 8:30 AM daily morning Mass is canceled. **If there is a delayed opening on Monday through Wednesday, Mass will be offered at Noon at St. Theresa Convent Chapel. On Mondays, Religious Education is automatically canceled when Burrillville cancels school or evening events. Weekend Masses are never canceled,** however, when a winter storm warning issued for a Sunday morning, all Masses will be offered at OLGH in Maple-ville (which provides easier access during a winter event). **Safety First!**
- **Our Lady of Good Help "12 Days of Christmas Raffle" is underway!** Enter once for 12 chances to win cash prizes with drawings beginning on Christmas Day. This is a great opportunity to win for holiday cash, and an even better Christmas gift for family and friends.
- **2018 "50 Week Club" & "Bazaar Raffle" Winners:** Due to bulletin space limitations, a full listing of all winners will be posted on the inter-parish website, www.burrillvillecatholic.org. **Congratulations to all the winners!**

Weekly Mass Attendance Count: (Dec. 8/9)

4:30 PM (OLGH): 164
8:00 AM (St. Theresa): 105
10:00 AM (OLGH): 276
11:30 AM (St. Theresa): 122

Weekend Total: 667.

OLGH Capacity: 350 / St. Theresa Capacity: 250.



Christmas Eve.

Monday, December 24, 2018

4:00 PM: Vigil Mass @ St. Theresa. (Father Marcello)

4:30 PM: Vigil Mass @ Our Lady of Good Help.
(No Midnight Mass)

Christmas Day.

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

8:30 AM: @ St. Theresa.

10:30 AM: @ Our Lady of Good Help.

"Keep the MASS in Christmas!!"

- **Attention OLGH Decorators:** Sunday, December 23rd, OLGH Church will be decorated for Christmas **beginning after the 10 AM Mass.** With enough help, decorating should be quick and easy! Please contact Carol Gobeille at 710-7450 if interested. All are welcome!
- **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 \$10 and available by contacting Cindy Manning at the inter-parish office (568-8280) during regular office hours.
- **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** You will find in your budget packet an envelope for Your gift helps us decorate our Churches for Christmas. Your loved ones can be remembered on the offering envelope at all Masses during the Christmas Season. If you don't receive envelopes, kindly **print** the names on a white envelope and place in the collection basket. **Christmas Flower Memorial Sheets** will be placed in the back of both churches. during the Christmas Season.



SCHEDULE: Last dates for classes (before Christmas break): Grades 1-5, Sunday, Dec. 16th. Classes resume for all grades on January 6/7, 2019.

Reminder: Students in First Communion & Confirmation Preparation are required to **sign in** at weekend Mass every week, regardless of the class schedule.

Confirmation Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 6:30 PM in **Our Lady of Good Help Church** with Auxiliary Bishop Robert C. Evans.

Information page

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