

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.*



Fourth Sunday of Advent.
December 23, 2018

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled" (Luke 1:39-45).

Our Lady of Good Help

Monday, December 24, 2018 (NO 8:30 AM MASS)

****The Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)****

4:30 PM: Pro populo

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

****The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)****

10:30 AM + Deceased members of the Nolda Family

Req. by Irene Nolda

Thursday, December 27, 2018

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 AM + Robert L. Goudreau — 17th Anniversary

Req. by Bob & Chris Goudreau

Saturday, December 29, 2018

The Vigil Mass for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:30 PM + Pauline Robert Brault— 8th Anniversary

Req. by Lorraine O'Rourke

Sunday, December 30, 2018

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

10:00 AM: Special Intention *Req. by Cheryl & Gene*

St. Theresa

Monday, December 24, 2018

****The Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)****

4:00 PM + Lucien, Irene & Sister Bertha Lamoureux

Req. by son, Lucien

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

****The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)****

8:30 AM: Deceased Patrons of St. Theresa Shrine

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

8:30 AM + Henry J. Poirier *Req. by Ron & Nancy Faford*

Sunday, December 30, 2018

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM: Pro populo

11:30 AM + Janet Brissette—1st Anniversary

Req. by Anne & Richard Chretien

Due to early deadline, the financial information for Dec. 16th will be published next week. 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). **

The Second Collection next weekend (Dec. 30)
Both Parishes: Maintenance.

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,

On behalf of Deacon Richard Lapierre and the entire dedicated staff of Our Lady of Good Help and St. Theresa Parishes, I wish to extend to you and your loved ones a very Merry and Blessed Christmas! (*I do realize this Sunday is still technically Advent!*) It is my prayer that this season will truly be a time of joy as we reflect on the great mystery of the Incarnation, the Word made Flesh.

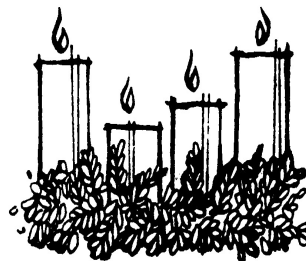
The true joy of Christmas is not found under the tree or in a gift purchased from Amazon or Target! The gift we receive this day is far more profound. God loved us so much that He sent us His only Son. He loved us enough to take on our poverty, our indignities and fears, our hopes and joys, our sufferings and failures — and to speak to us as one of us. He became man to show men and women how much God loves them. He was born for that purpose. He lived for that purpose. He died and rose again for that purpose. It's never too late to invite the Christ Child into our hearts. Surely this divided and secular world needs "the great light" born on Christmas Day.

As I write this column, I anticipate our Christmas Masses will be well attended (as is the case each year). If you worship infrequently, or only on major feast days, welcome! However, please know that the Lord who is born to us this day awaits to feed us in Word and Sacrament every week. If you have fallen out of "regular practice", please know that it is never too late to come home! Giving God 45 minutes a week at Holy Mass really isn't asking too much considering all that He gives us!

May God grant each of us, and those we love, the gift of welcoming Jesus Christ, Our Savior, into our hearts this Christmas Season and all throughout the coming year 2019!

God bless,

Fr. McMahon



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



In Memoriam

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)

"INTER-PARISH & DIOCESEAN NEWS"

- **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 Mapleville (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.
- **Shrine Event— "Honoring the Epiphany" on January 6, 2019,** with the Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany at 11:30 AM, followed by 12:30 PM lunch (free will offering). 1:15 PM Presentation/ Talk concluding with 2:15 PM Holy Hour and Benediction. Bring a friend and enjoy the afternoon with prayer and fellowship.
- **Thank You to those who generously donated to the ProLife 2018 Baby Bottle Campaign at OLGH & St. Theresa's in October.** RI Right to Life collected \$1,056 from our communities.

Due to the early bulletin publication deadline, the Mass count for the weekend of Dec. 16th is unavailable.



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!!"

- **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.
- **"2019 Parish Calendars"** will be available next weekend at **both parishes.** As a courtesy, please only **one** calendar per family. Thank you and Happy New Year!!



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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 @ 6:30 PM in Our Lady of Good Help Church with Bishop Robert Evans.

First Communion Date: Sunday, May 5, 2018 @ 10 AM, Our Lady of Good Help Church in Mapleville.

Information page

Church name: Our Lady of Good Help

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