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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 8, 2026



Our Lady of Good Help

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville, 02839

Weekend Masses:

Our Lady of Good Help– Sat. 4:00pm 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– 3:00-3:45pm Saturdays

St. Theresa– Friday & Saturday following 8:30am

Mass (contact priest after 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 to Noon, Fridays

Clergy:

Pastor:

Rev. Jose Parathanal, C.M.I.

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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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St Patrick Church

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Office and Cemeteries: 401-568-5600

Sat Feb 7th *Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00pm (St. Patrick) † James & Susan M. Richardson
4:00pm (OLGH)) † Robert & Carolyn Menard by their family

Sun Feb 8th *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00am (St. Theresa) All living and deceased members of the Shrine Confraternity
9:15am (St. Patrick) Jane Shields, for healing, by her family
10:30am (OLGH) † Robert More by Peter Lamoira
5:00pm (St. Theresa) Pro Populo

Daily Mass— 8:30a St. Theresa Shrine Church

Mon Feb 9th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
† Fr. Neil Lynch by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Tues Feb 10th *St. Scholastica, Virgin*
† Sr. Margaret Lee (Birthday) by Peter Lamoria

Wed Feb 11th *Our Lady of Lourdes*
† Elaine Sealock by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Thurs Feb 12th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
† Kenneth Rainey by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Fri Feb 13th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
† Lori Fleming by Robert Lee

Sat Feb 14th *St.s Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop*
8:30am (St. Theresa)
† Jane Jurkiewicz (Birthday) by her daughter, Bess

Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm (St. Patrick) † John B. & John V. Romano
4:00pm (OLGH)) † Regina Brault Curtis (55th Ann.) by Lorraine O'Rourke.

Sun Feb 15th *The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00am (St. Theresa) † Cheryl Gilmour by Cindy & Ken Manning
9:15am (St. Patrick) † James Richardson
10:30am (OLGH) Pro Populo
5:00pm (St. Theresa) † Herb McCombs (Birthday) by his family

Sunday, February 8, 2026– The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You are the salt of the earth. . . . You are the light of the world” (Mt. 5:13-14). With these two assertive statements Jesus reminds the disciples and all who believe in him, of their two-fold mission in the world. As a symbol of purity, salt was the common ingredient in sacrifices offered to God by Jews and pagans. Since Salt adds flavor and is used to season and preserve food. In the ancient world, salt was the primary preservative used to prevent the putrefaction of meat and fish as well as fruits and vegetables in pickles. Even today, salt is the basic element in curing and processing meat. This ancient preservation and flavoring technique uses salt, sugar, nitrates, and spices to draw out moisture, inhibit harmful bacteria, and create a rich, savory taste, extending shelf life for products like bacon, salami, and ham. Done by dry rubbing or brine soaking, to reduce water, making the environment inhospitable for spoilage microbes, while developing unique flavors. And we who live in the snow belt know how much we depend on salt to melt ice.

Using the simple metaphor of salt, Jesus asks us to become a powerful element in society; an example of purity in speech, in conduct, and even in thought. Christians must have a certain antiseptic and healing influence on life and society; defeating corruption, fighting against injustice and making it easier for others to avoid sin. We are tasked with the duty to preserve religious Faith, Christian cultural values, and moral principles which Jesus has given us, and to work as reconciling agents between quarreling factions in families and communities. We need to add flavor to the lives of desperate people reaching out to them, helping them to find meaning in their lives, boosting their morale, offering them occasions to help others, and providing hope where there is none.

Using the second metaphor “You are the light of the world” Jesus is asking us to be the light kept on a lamp stand shining on everyone and everything radiating the light of Christ we have received at our baptism. Radiate the light of Christ to everyone as love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, humble service, and respect for those with different ethnic backgrounds, different lifestyles, different faith backgrounds. Every Christian is to show the correct and safe way shining through the darkness with Christ’s Light removing the darkness caused by hatred, prejudice, spite, and jealousy. Let’s be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

God Bless,
Rev. Jose Parathanal



This week, you'll find a Catholic Charity Appeal pledge card and envelope in the pews.

Regardless of the dollar amounts raised, the parish hopes for 100% participation in this very important fundraiser.

The money we raise provides for a wide array of social services and emergency services to RI families in need. These include emergency food, heating, and clothing, shelter for the unhoused, elder-care facilities, and substantial financial aid for the over 10,000 students enrolled in RI Catholic Schools. When you give to the Appeal, your contributions directly assist people in our Church communities. Additional info at: dioceseofprovidence.org/cca



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



The Shrine Annual Fund Appeal is now underway and runs through Easter. The Annual Fund assists us in meeting both

general and unexpected expenses associated with the upkeep of our campus. Annual fund donations are tax-deductible. For more information, contact the parish office at 401-568-8280 or pick up a donation envelope in the vestibule.

Join the Choir! If you would like to sing the Lent and Easter liturgies with us, we strongly encourage all newcomers to join us. Regular rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 6:30p in St. Theresa Church Hall. No experience? No problem! We are happy to help you find your voice!

Choir is a wonderful way to make a Lenten gift of your time to the Church. Call Peter at 401-568-8280



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Church from 9a-5p each Friday. We hope you will join us and sit with Our Lord in the grace and peace of His presence.

"The Eucharist, in fact, is the true, real, and substantial presence of the Saviour - who transforms bread into himself in order to transform us into himself" Pope Leo XIV



Our annual fish fry begins on Friday, February 20th serving from 4:00-7:00pm. We need kitchen, dining room, and cleanup help. CCD or other students needing volunteer hours are most welcome to join us. The Fish Fry runs Fridays in Lent from 2/20-3/27. To help— call Peter in the office at 401-568-8280



This week, we kick off our annual Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser on

behalf of the RI Right to Life Committee. Funds raised during the Baby Bottle Boomerang are used for direct assistance to moms in need, legislative action, and to support RI Right to Life Activities. Pickup an empty bottle at your church, fill it with your spare change and return it to the parish by March 1st.

The parish encourages everyone to consider attending Daily Mass at the Shrine as often as you are able. The practice of Daily Mass is a wonderful way to enter more fully into your Lenten devotions, and to live more closely in Christ Jesus.

We hope to see you there!

St. Patrick's Church

Parish & Cemetery Manager:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre Phone: 401-568-5600 Email: deaconrick@cox.net stpatrickri.org/
Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Bernard O'Reilly, Ph.D.



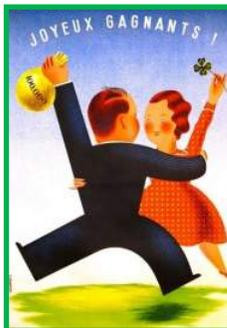
The 2026 Food Pantry Schedule is available on our website at:

stpatrickri.org/wp-content/uploads/2026-St-Patricks-Food-Pantry-Schedule.pdf

The February Food Pantry openings take place Monday, February 9th and 23rd from 4:30-6:30pm

The food pantry offers its thanks to the parish for continued support throughout the past year.

We would ask everyone to remember that hunger is not seasonal. As we move into the winter months, often more of our neighbors will need our help. Please consider a donation today! Thanks for your generosity.



Our Lottery Calendar Raffle is complete for 2026! The winners will be published in the bulletin, each week. Good luck to all who have taken a lottery calendar!

Winners for the final two weeks are: Jan 19, John Egan; Jan 20, Sharon Barber; Jan 21,

Daniel Pontelli; Jan 22, George Hird; Jan 23, Joyce Baptista; Jan 24, Joe & Zoe Hoppe; Jan 25, Ken Hopkins; Jan 26, Beverly McCutcheon; Jan 27, Kimberly Hebert; Jan 28, Ken Hopkins; Jan 29, Daniel Pontelli; Jan 30, Kerri L.; Jan 31, Evan Makowski. Congratulations all! Thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser!

Diocesan News & Events



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter can help you strengthen and solemnize your relationship. Sign up and find out how. The Lord wants

very much to strengthen you and guide you and your spouse to a happier & more fulfilling life together.

The next regional Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are:

February 27- Huntington Seminary, Huntington, NY

March 13- Windjammer Best Western, Burlington, VT

April 17- Silver Bay YMCA, Silver Bay, NY

April 24- Corpus Christi Parish, East Sandwich, MA

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Matt & Julie King at 978-870-5646 or visit us on the web wwme.org



Many Catholic students struggle to maintain their faith in college or the military, with over 80% drifting away. The Diocese has developed a partnership with

Newman Connection, a nonprofit that connects students to Catholic communities on campus or base. Since 2009, Newman Connection has helped over 600,000 students grow in their faith and is endorsed by more than 115 dioceses. The goal is to ensure students don't just keep their faith—they deepen it and become lifelong disciples. Learn more at: newmanconnection.org/connect-your-student



The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of February is for Catholics the world over to pray for those children who may be suffering with incurable or difficult diseases. He asks us also to pray for the families of these children, that they may have the resources to find healing for their children and the strength to continue to care for them.

Weekly Collection

Weekly Giving 2.1.26

OLGH/ St. Theresa Shrine

Collection: \$4,794
E-Giving: \$ 858
Maintenance \$1,188

St. Patrick

Collection \$1,482
E-Giving \$ 517
Maintenance \$ 484

February 2nd Collections

2.1– maintenance, 2.22– fuel
additional collections for Ash Wednesday,
Easter Flowers and contributions for utilities
are at donors discretion.

Thank you for your generosity!

Join Fr. Jose on the pilgrimage adventure of a
lifetime to the Holy Lands of Egypt, Israel and
Jordan!



The trip departs on Tuesday, October 6th and
continues through Wednesday, October 21st,
2026 and includes sites like St. Catherine's
Monastery in the Sinai, the Mount of Olives, and
the town of Bethlehem, as well as Jerusalem and
the Sea of Galilee, plus the carved rock churches
of Petra, Jordan. For more information call
Bernadette Corpuz, the tour coordinator 323-547
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For bulletin questions, corrections or submissions
email the bulletin editor:

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Publication of submitted items is at the discretion of
the pastor. Items are due on the Monday before
publication.



Classes resume this weekend

February 8th and 9th

Grades 1-6 (Sundays at OLGH 9:15-10:15a)

Grades 7-9 (Mondays at St. Theresa 6-7p)

A reminder that parents should update their
teachers with correct contact information so that
we can notify you in the event of class
cancellations.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is
available in our parish. If you are interested in
learning more about becoming Catholic or if you
are non-practicing Catholic who seeks to return to
a relationship with the Church, contact our Pastor,
Fr. Jose at pastorolghsp@gmail.com



SVDP/OLGH Food Pantry

February Food Pantry openings are
Saturday, the 7th at 9:00am and
Wednesday the 18th at 5:00 pm

The Food Pantry is located at the rear of the OLGH
School Building.

Donations of food/personal care items can be
placed in the bins at OLGH and St. Theresa
Churches.

Donations of supermarket gift certificates are also
gratefully accepted and can be placed in the SVDP
collection basket after all masses.

Join the parish! If you would like to register to
join the parish download our registration form
below mass timings on the homepage at:

burrillvillecatholic.org



Reminder: The parish follows the
town of Burrillville for winter
weather closures. Masses are not
cancelled unless it is too dangerous
for our priests to get over to the
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when deciding to travel to the parish. Stay safe!

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