

The Burrillville Catholic Collaborative

Three Churches, One Faith Community

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 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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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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St. Patrick's Church

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Sat., Dec. 7th *Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent*
4:00pm (St. Patrick) +Judy Farrell & Gail Sanzi by the St. Patrick's Choir
4:30pm (OLGH) +Gerald & Pauline LaRoche by their family.

Sun., Dec. 8th *The Second Sunday of Advent.*
8:00am (St. Theresa) +Veronica Cosetta by her family
9:15am (St. Patrick) +Al Blanchette (20th Ann.) by his family
10:30am (OLGH) +Alberta Porter (Birthday Remembrance) by John & Doreen Nanni
5:00pm (St. Theresa) +Lilly Alphonsa by her family

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

Mon., Dec. 9th *The Feast of the Immaculate Conception*
 8:30a (St. Therese) +Lt. Colonel Joshua Camara by Dave & Beverly Munyon.
 12:00p (St. Patrick) Richard Laliberte by a friend
 6:30p (OLGH) Ralph Copley by a friend

Tues., Dec. 10th *Our Lady of Loreto*
 +Al & Alice Issa by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Wed., Dec. 11th *St. Damasus I, Pope*
 +Lt. Colonel Joshua Camara by Dave & Beverly Munyon.

Thur., Dec. 12th *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
 +Edward Gravel by Ron & Lise Paille

Fri., Dec. 13th *St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*
 For relief and release from suffering of those Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sat., Dec. 14th *St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church*
8:30am (St. Theresa) Pro Populo

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

Sunday, December 8, 2024
 The Second Sunday of Advent

In the Advent season, we meditate on the past, present, and future coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ into our hearts and our lives. We prepare ourselves to receive him. Just as John the Baptist challenged the Israelites to prepare their lives for receiving the long-awaited Messiah, we are challenged to prepare a highway for God in our hearts through repentance. By levelling the mountains of pride and the valleys of impurity, injustice, and neglect and straightening any crooked ways, we can become ready to receive the Lord. As the Israelites were admonished by the Baptist to wash themselves in the River Jordan so too can we purify ourselves in the sacraments as we await his coming as an infant on Christmas Day and at the End of Time.

The season of Advent challenges us to prepare a royal highway in our hearts so that we may receive Him worthily on Christmas. We have to fill in the "valleys" of our souls, formed from our shallow prayer life and a minimalist living out of our Faith. We have to straighten whatever crooked paths we've been walking, like involvement in some secret or habitual sins or in a sinful relationship. If we have been involved in some dishonest practices at work or at home, we are called to straighten them out and make restitution. If we have been harboring grudges or hatred, or failing to be reconciled with others, now is the time to clear away all the debris.

As individuals, we might have to overcome deep-seated resentment, persistent fault-finding, unwillingness to forgive, dishonesty in our dealings with others, or a bullying attitude. And we all have to level the "mountains" of our pride and egocentrism by practicing the true humility of rendering humble service to others. Also we should be spiritually prepared for Christ's daily coming into our lives in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, in everyone we encounter, and in the praying community. The words of the German mystic Angelus Silesius should challenge us, "Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem – but all in vain until He is born in me and you."

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.

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 email bcorp1114@gmail.com



⇒ 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!



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.



The Wonder of Christmas offers our Congratulations to the Cash Raffle Winners!

Grand Prize \$1,000

Elaine Ponteleakas

\$100 prizes.

Anne Brown

Lori Cadieux

John Adams

David Parker

Roger Ducharme

We are also very grateful to our Split-the-Pot winner, who donated the winnings back to the parish!



Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Advent Season. Thank you for your generosity!



**REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS AT
CHRISTMAS
2024 OPERATION ROVAC GIFT
DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus Council # 383 and the Rhode Island State Knights of Columbus are proud to partner with Big Blue Bug Solutions.

As part of OPERATION ROVAC, Council #383 is collecting BRAND NEW items to be distributed to 207 men and women at the R. I. Veterans Home in Bristol.

For many RI Veterans, their gift from Operation ROVAC is the only Christmas Gift they will receive this year. Please consider donating generously to this great cause! See the St. Patrick's website for the lists of much-needed items.

stpatrickri.org/knights-of-columbus/
Collection bins will be at all 3 churches.

FINAL Collection Day is this

Sunday, December 8th

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

St. Patrick's Church

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Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI

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



The next December Food
Pantry Openings are
Mondays, December 9th
and 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



This weekend's second collection supports the USCCB's Retirement Fund for Religious. This fund assists with the needs of retired religious throughout the country including medical costs, residential care, and

direct support for daily living. With retired religious outnumbering those in paid ministry by 3 to 1 in the United States and many retired religious with only the most limited support from public benefits programs, the needs are great and your support is essential to the mission of this fund. Thank you for your generosity. See the website retiredreligious.org for more information.



The Diocese of Providence, office of vocations will offer a retreat for young men who are high-school seniors, college students, and recent graduates who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood. The retreat takes place Friday and Saturday, January 10th and 11th at Our Lady of Providence Seminary for more information contact the diocesan office of vocations at: dioceseofprovidence.org/vocations

Weekly Collection

Weekly Giving

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Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Theresa Shrine

Collection	\$3,600	\$4,567
E-Giving	\$1,317	\$ 993
CCHD	\$ 872	
Maintenance		\$ 967

St. Patrick

Collection	\$1,472	\$2,313
E-Giving	\$ 259	\$ 456
CCHD	\$ 262	
Maintenance		\$ 461

The 2nd Collection this weekend 12/7-8 is for the USCCB's Retirement Fund for Religious. The 2nd Collection on 12/22 is for Fuel Support.

Thank you for your generosity!



We urge all parishioners and friends to avail themselves of the Graces found in the Confessional during Advent. Monday, December 9th. Advent Reconciliation:

5:30-7:30pm St. Theresa Church

Our regular Confession schedule continues:

OLGH- 3:30-4:15pm Saturdays,

St. Theresa- Friday & Saturday following 8:30am Mass

By appointment, please call the office.



CCD Classes Resume this weekend December 8th & 9th

Grades 1-6 9:15am Sunday at OLGH

Advent Reconciliation Grades 3-6

Grades 7-9 6:00pm Monday at St. Theresa

Advent Reconciliation begins at 5:30pm

For the full 2024-25 Academic year schedule

burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education

The Religious Education Christmas Concert will take place on 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.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is this Monday,

December 9th.

Feast day Masses are as follows:

† 8:30am– St. Theresa Church

† 12 Noon– St. Patrick Church

† 6:30pm– Our Lady of Good Help

This feast is a Holy Day of Obligation, all Catholics who are able should plan to attend Mass on this day.



There is still time to purchase 12 Days of Christmas Raffle Cards. For just \$10, the recipient has the opportunity to win a daily prize each day from Christmas to New Year's. A \$50 membership in the 50-week club is a gift that keeps giving all year long. To purchase either of these for your friends or yourself, contact the parish office.

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. Call 401-568-8280 with any questions.

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.

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