

The Burrillville Catholic Collaborative

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30, 2025



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Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre

Weekend Masses:

Our Lady of Good Help- Sat. 4:30pm & 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- 3:30-4:15pm Saturdays

St. Theresa- Friday & Saturday following 8:30am 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 – Noon, Fridays



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and Shrine

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St Patrick Church

45 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville

Office and Cemeteries: 401-568-5600

Sat., Mar 29th *The Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent*
4:00pm (St. Patrick) † Janice Breault by her family
4:30pm (OLGH) † Joseph Bedard (2nd Ann.) by his wife Irene

Sun., Mar 30th *The Fourth Sunday of Lent*
8:00am (St. Theresa) † Stanislava Jurkiewicz by her granddaughter, Elizabeth
9:15am (St. Patrick) † Deceased members of the Smith Family
10:30am (OLGH) † Louise Tatreault by the Cosetta Family
5:00pm (St. Theresa) Pro populo

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

Mon., Mar 31st *Lenten Weekday*
 † Michael Liard by Robert & Karen Rainville

Tues., Apr 1st *Lenten Weekday*
 † Lorraine Dalpe by her husband, Normand

Wed., Apr 2nd *St. Francis of Paola, Hermit*
 † Al & Alice Issa by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Thur., Apr 3rd *Lenten Weekday*
 † Emery Sr. & Carmella Munyon by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Fri., Apr 4th *St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*
 † Raymond Roy by Ron & Lisa Ann Paille

Sat., Apr 5th *St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest*
8:30am (St. Theresa) † David Ethier by his family.
The Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent
4:00pm (St. Patrick) † Melissa (20th Ann.) by the Hird family
4:30pm (OLGH) † John Wheeler, Sr. (2nd Ann.) by his wife, Joan

Sun., Apr 6th *The Fourth Sunday of Lent*
8:00am (St. Theresa) † Marie Rita Boisclair by Robert & Theresa Noel
9:15am (St. Patrick) † Linda Pichie by the Pichie family
10:30am (OLGH) Pro Populo
5:00pm (St. Theresa) † Raymond Cournoyer by Nancy Ringer

Sunday, March 30, 2025- The Fourth Sunday in Lent

In Ernest Hemingway's short story "*Capital of the World*", a Spanish Newspaper El Liberal, carried a poignant story about a father and his son. It went like this: A teen-aged boy, Paco, and his very wealthy father had a falling out, and the young man ran away from home. The father was crushed. After a few days, he realized that the boy was serious, so the father set out to find him. He searched high and low for five months to no avail. Finally, in a last, desperate attempt to find his son, the father put an ad in a Madrid newspaper. The ad read, "Dear Paco, Meet me at the Hotel Montana noon Tuesday. All is forgiven. I love you. [signed] Your Dad." On Tuesday, in the office of Hotel Montana, over 800 Pacos showed up, looking for love and forgiveness from their fathers. What a magnet that ad was! Over 800 men!! We all hunger for pardon and forgiveness. We are all "Pacos" yearning to run to a father who will declare, "All is forgiven."

However, true forgiveness is to be experienced through total repentance and renewal of mind and heart, not just an emotional reunion! The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare Sunday (Rejoice Sunday) anticipating the joy of Easter Sunday. The readings of this day invite us to rejoice by being reconciled with God through repentance and the confession of our sins, we can celebrate coming home to be with our loving and forgiving God.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we witness the celebration and joy of the repentant prodigal son, on his "homecoming" where he discovers his father's forgiving and overflowing love. This is the story of the joy of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his son much more than a story of the Son's profligacy.

In a way, we are all prodigal children. We face spiritual crises all around us, in the form of drug and alcohol abuse, fraud or theft in the workplace, murders, abortions and violence, pornography, premarital sex, marital and priestly infidelity, and general hostility between and among peoples. All of these evils proliferate because we have squandered God's abundant blessings, not only in our country and in our families, but also in our personal lives. Hence, let us repent and be renewed and transformed in our lives, restoring our full relationship with God and our fellow human beings.

God Bless you!
 Rev. Jose Parathanal

Lenten Devotions
Daily- St. Theresa Church

8:00a Rosary

8:30a Mass

Fridays in Lent

Adoration from 9a-12noon

Stations of the Cross 3p

Reminder– Fridays in Lent are days requiring abstinence from meat.

Palm Sunday

Regular Schedule of Sunday Masses



Parish Devotions for Holy Week

April 17, Holy Thursday

4:30p St. Patrick church

6:30p Our Lady of Good Help

April 18, Good Friday

Stations of the Cross

3:00p St. Theresa Shrine

Reading of the Lord's Passion

6:30p St. Patrick Church

6:30p Our Lady of Good Help

April 19, Easter Vigil

7:30a Our Lady of Good Help

April 20, Easter Sunday

8:00a St. Theresa Church

9:15a St. Patrick Church

10:30a Our Lady of Good Help

5:00p St. Theresa Church

You can still join the wait list for our parish trip to see Noah at the Sight and Sound theater in Lancaster, PA on Wednesday and Thursday, September 17th and 18th, 2025. Contact the office at 401-568-8280



During the Month of March, the Blessed Mother Candle at the Shrine Church is offered for the repose of the soul of Viola Faford by her family.

Intentions for candles in the Shrine Sanctuary are for one week and can be made through the parish office.

The suggested donation is \$10.



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



The Shrine is so grateful for the assistance of the Beaudreault and Cretien families who run our kitchen during the Fish Fry. We are very fortunate to have this wonderful group of restaurant professionals to handle service on Fridays.

Thank you for your generosity to our parish!

The Shrine Fish Fry continues on Fridays in Lent from 4-7pm. Enjoy crispy fish and chips and our delicious sides along with Grapenut pudding and an assortment of beverages.



Call the Fish Fry Hotline at 568-3057 to place to go orders after 4p on Fridays.



We were pleased to welcome members of the Mission League from St. Thomas Parish in Framingham, Massachusetts to visit us for a half-day of retreat and reflection.



Fr. Jose welcomed a group of young adults along with the Sister Servants of the Word for an Encountering Christ retreat at the Shrine. Group retreats to the Shrine can be booked

through our office at 401-568-8280

St. Patrick's Church

Parish & Cemetery Manager:

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Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI

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stpatrickri.org/

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



Our Annual Spring Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday May 3rd beginning at 6:00pm in the church hall. Tickets are available at the rectory office or by contacting Deacon Rick at 568-5600.

The cost is \$25 per person or \$40 for two and includes a chicken dinner with coffee and dessert. There will be a cash bar with soft drinks, beer and wine. Dancing is to the classic rock and roll sounds of the 'Live Music Band'. We routinely sell this event out, so don't procrastinate, get your tickets asap!



The next food pantry openings take place on Mondays, April 7th and 14th from 4:30-6:30pm.

Easter Baskets will be distributed on Saturday, April 12th from 9:00-10:00am. Call the rectory at 568-5600 to

register for a basket.

Please see our website to [download the Food Pantry Calendar for 2025](#) and for lists of needed items.

We are always happy to accept food, market gift cards and monetary donations.

Thank you for your generosity!

2024 Statements of Charitable Giving are available by contacting Deacon Rick at 401-568-5600 or by email at deaconrick@cox.net

Diocesan News and Events

Now is the time to begin applying if you are considering Catholic School for your students in the 2025-'26 school year. Each Catholic School in the Diocese of Providence is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Students earn scores on standardized tests above state and national averages. 98.4% of students graduate from high school and 99% go on to college. Financial assistance is available.

More information on schools, open house events, and applications at CatholicSchools.org



The 2025 Catholic Charity Appeal has officially begun. This year's theme, "Trust

in Providence," is a powerful reminder of God's grace and the trust he has placed in us to serve others. Our parish goal remains the same as last year, with an overall diocesan goal of \$7.5 million.

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the appeal, let us reflect on a century of hope, compassion and support provided to those in need throughout our state.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to the appeal as we strive for 100% parish participation.

CCA envelopes will be available at all 3 churches beginning in February. See the CCA website for more information: dioceseofprovidence.org/cca

Weekly Collection

Weekly Giving 3.23.25

Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Theresa Shrine

Collection \$2,719
E-giving \$ 788

St. Patrick Church

Collection \$1,649
E-giving \$ 277

Thank you for your generosity!

If you need a 'Statement of Charitable Giving' for your income tax filings, please call the office to have one prepared for you.



We are grateful to our churches for their commitment to the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. St. Patrick's has achieved 48% of its goal of \$19,000 with \$9,095 pledged by 35 donors. OLGH/St. Theresa's Shrine has met 50% of its goal of \$28,120 with \$14,095 pledged by 71 donors.,

We strongly encourage every family of the parish to consider making a pledge to this fund drive. Regardless of the dollar amount raised, we hope for 100% participation by our parishioners. Every day, our fellow Rhode Islanders rely on Catholic Charities to assist them with food, shelter and essentials like heating oil. See their website at:

dioceseofprovidence.org/cca

For more info.



The Legion of Mary will meet in the St. Theresa Church Hall on Sunday, March 30th at 9:00am. The Legion is an association of laypeople who work who serve the Church and community under the guidance of Our Lady. It was founded in Dublin, Ireland in 1921.

Contact Ed. Ghallagher at 401-573-3630 for more information.

Religious Education



Regular Religious Education Classes Resume:

Sunday, March 30, for Grades 1-6 at Our Lady of Good Help School building from 9:15-10:15a and
Monday, March 31, for Grades 7-9 at St. Theresa Church from 6:00-7:00pm

Confirmations will be celebrated on **Thursday, May 29** at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Good Help

For the full 2024-25 Academic year schedule download the file at:
burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education



Parishioners and friends traveled to St. Joseph's Basilica in Webster MA to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and because the Basilica is a

Jubilee Year of Hope pilgrimage site. A festive luncheon was enjoyed by all in the Church Hall at St. Theresa's afterwards.

About this Bulletin:

The bulletin deadline is the Monday before publication. Special (holiday) bulletins may have earlier deadlines. Publication of submitted materials is at the discretion of the pastor.

Contact our editor with questions.

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Join the parish:

To join the parish fill out the [registration form on our website home page](#) and return it to the office. Existing parishioners should plan to re-register when there are demographic changes to their households. Thanks for helping us keep our records up to date!

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