



# Our Lady of Good Help Parish & Saint Theresa Shrine.

*A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Providence.*

**Rev. Michael J. McMahon, Pastor**

**Deacon Richard J. Lapierre, Deacon Assistant**

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville, RI



35 Dion Drive, Nasonville, RI

*Parish Website: [www.burrillvillecatholic.org](http://www.burrillvillecatholic.org)*

*Both churches are handicap accessible.*

## Liturgical Schedule & Sacramental Life

*(Nov. 1st through May)*

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 PM (OLGH).

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM (St. Theresa).

10:30 AM (OLGH).

**Daily Mass:** Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM.

*At St. Theresa Church. No Mass on Fridays.*

**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 -2:00 PM. (St. Theresa's Church).

**BAPTISM:** Baptisms are celebrated monthly. Please contact Father McMahon or the parish office 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.

## Parish Contact / Office Information

**Parish Office:** (401) 568-8280 *(For parish business)*

**Rectory/Pastor:** (401) 568-5272 *(OLGH Rectory)*

**E-Mail:** [burrillvillecatholic@gmail.com](mailto:burrillvillecatholic@gmail.com)

**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9AM until 2PM.  
(Closed Fridays)

**Office location/Mailing Address:** 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, RI 02830 (St. Theresa's Rectory Bldg).

**St. Theresa Cemetery:** 88 Ledoux Drive, Nasonville.

**Cemetery hours:** 7 AM until 7 PM; (Nov. – April) 5 PM.



*St. Theresa is home to the first shrine dedicated in honor of the "Little Flower", St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, established in 1923. Grounds open daily from sunrise to sunset. Church is open daily for prayer 8 AM until 5 PM. "Like us" on Facebook & YouTube: @Shrine of the Little Flower.*

## SECOND SUNDAY

# OF Advent

A voice cries out:  
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!  
Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4



DECEMBER 6, 2020

## Parish Staff & Officers

**Trustees:** Normand Dalpe & Michael Cosetta.

**Auditors:** Lorraine O'Rourke & Andrew McClure.

**Office Coordinators & Bookkeepers:** Cindy Manning, Peter Lamoria, & Nancy Latendresse.

**Religious Education:** Patricia Ducharme (Grades 1-5), Janet Badzmierowski (Grades 6-9) & Irma Rodriguez, SPRED Coordinator.

**Organist & Choir Director:** Peter Lamoria.

**Buildings & Grounds / Cemetery:** Kenneth Garrepy.

**Shrine Coordinator:** Mark Garrepy.

**St. Theresa Convent:** Sister Grace Coffey.

## Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

**SVDP President (OLGH Chapter):** Michelle Poirier.

**SVDP Hotline:** (401) 762-1834.

**OLGH Food Pantry:** Bob & Kari Wilson.

# MASSES for the WEEK

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## All Weekday Masses at St. Theresa Church.

Monday, December 7, 2020 ~ *St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor*  
8:30 AM: Special Intention *Req. by Julianne Socci*

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 ~ *The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
8:30 AM + Anthony Bove *Req. by Cheryl Champagne*

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 ~ *Advent Weekday*  
8:30 AM + Paulette Jolicoeur (*Birthday remembrance*)  
*Req. by Her husband, Lucien*

Thursday, December 10, 2020 ~ *Advent Weekday*  
8:30 AM + Rose Goudreau — 49th Anniversary  
*Req. by Bob & Chris Goudreau*

Saturday, December 12, 2020 ~ *The Vigil Mass of the 3rd Sunday of Advent*  
4:30 PM (OLGH) + Richard Rouleau  
*Req. by Bill & Dianne*

Sunday, December 13, 2020 ~ *The 3rd Sunday of Advent*  
8:30 AM (St. T) + Jeanne Guilbert  
*Req. by Russell & Paulette Spera + Family*

10:30 AM (OLGH) + Florida Moran  
*Req. by Ellen Gaulin*

## Weekly Offering

November 28/29, 2020



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Sunday Collection.....	\$3,425.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,245.00
<i>(Total Weekly Collection: \$4,670)</i>	
Sunday Collection (Nov. 22).....	\$5,554.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,469.00
<i>(Total Weekly Collection: \$7,023)</i>	
SVDP .....	\$162.00

Thank you for your continued devotion and support, as your generosity makes a difference!!! \*\*The target goal to meet weekly expenses is \$6,500.\*\* The Second Collection this weekend is for fuel (basket will be passed twice).

*If you are unable to attend Mass at this time, please consider mailing your budget envelopes to the parish office or use online giving, with the link found on our website, [www.burrillvillecatholic.org](http://www.burrillvillecatholic.org).*

**Second Collection Next Week (Dec. 13)**  
**Religious Retirement Fund.**

**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,

As recently announced, we will be using a reservation system for our Christmas Eve Masses. The state imposed limits on church capacity necessitates this to be done in order to safely accommodate and meet the potential demand. Furthermore, the diocese is allowing parishes to offer “earlier” Mass times for this year only. In response, we will be offering Masses on Christmas Eve at 3 PM and 5 PM at OLGH (Capacity 150), as well as 4 PM at St. Theresa Shrine (Capacity 125). If you are planning to attend any Mass on Christmas Eve, please call the parish office (568-8280) or email the office at ([burrillvillecatholic@gmail.com](mailto:burrillvillecatholic@gmail.com)) to reserve your spot.

Please note, Christmas morning Masses will not require reservations. If capacity numbers are increased, we will make adjustments accordingly. For those not comfortable returning to Mass, one Mass will be recorded and posted on our website and Shrine YouTube Channel.

With the State of Rhode Island now in the midst of a “Covid Pause”, the capacity for Church attendance is lowered to 25 %. (*Essentially, this has been the percentage attending Mass at our parish church buildings since we resumed in June.*) Weekly attendance at our parish has been fairly consistent during the Covid era. However, the question on the mind of many pastors continues to be, will Mass attendance ever return to the pre-Covid levels? (*Granted, church attendance has been on the decline of decades, but this is a new low.*) However, I fear the pandemic will become another in the litany of excuses by some for not attending Mass in the future. **Obviously, individuals with compromised health issues, this is most understandable.** But we must caution against adding the pandemic, and the media driven hysteria surrounding it, as another reason to neglect our duty to Worship God, which is a Divine command. Caring for the soul is an essential service! Yes, our bodily safety is of paramount importance. (We are pro-life people after-all!) But we must also guard against that which kills the soul! Unreasonable fear is just as toxic and destructive as any bodily disease!

God bless,

Fr. McMahon

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab;  
Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,  
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;  
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## Parish & Diocesan News"



**"Theology on Fire" is still burning!** Theology on Fire is a Young Adults Group which meets the **second Friday of every month at St. Theresa Shrine**, coordinated by Mark Garrepy. Young adults ages

16-35 are welcome to join us for a lecture around a fire in the outdoor shrine. **We are looking to hold a winter edition, more details to come.**

- **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th:** Due to the pandemic is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. However, one Mass will be offered at 8:30 AM in St. Theresa Church.
- **Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration: Beginning Tuesday, December 1st.** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held inside St. Theresa Church proper (as there is more room to safely space) following the 8:30 AM Mass until 2 PM. Please come and spend time adoring our Eucharistic Lord, as there are many graces available!



Christmas Eve: (Thursday, December 24, 2020)

**\*\* Reservations required for all Christmas Eve Masses. To reserve, please contact the parish office (568-8280) or email [burrillvillecatholic@gmail.com](mailto:burrillvillecatholic@gmail.com). \*\* Accepting through Dec. 23rd. \*\***

3:00 PM (OLGH) - Fr. McMahon (Max. capacity 150)  
4:00 PM (St. Theresa) - Fr. Marcello (Max. capacity 125)  
5:00 PM (OLGH) - Fr. McMahon (Max. capacity 150)

**\*\*5 PM Mass will be recorded and made available for viewing on our website and YouTube Channel)**

Christmas Day: (Friday, December 25, 2020)

8:30 AM (St. Theresa) - Fr. Friedrichs

10:30 AM (OLGH) - Fr. McMahon

**\*\*First come first serve\*\* Social Distancing/ safety regulations to be followed at all Masses.**

Special Time for Advent Confessions: Saturday, Dec. 19 from 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at St. Theresa Shrine.



*In Memoriam*

## Tabernacle Candles (St. Theresa)

**Lataille & Sparrow Family, living & deceased.**

Req. by Lorraine Sparrow.

**Sanctuary Candle (St. Theresa): In Memory of Gus Allard**

## SVDP OLGH CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The OLGH SVDP Food Pantry is now on **first Saturday of each month**. We will have the distribution outside the building - bringing packages, prepared prior to opening, out to families.

**Christmas Baskets will be distributed on Saturday, December 19th. 9 AM until 10 AM.**

The SVDP Food Pantry will be accepting donations for Christmas baskets. Food donations can be placed in the bins at either church. Also, donations of gift certificates from IGA or Dino's (\$10-\$15 denominations best) will be gratefully accepted and can be placed in the collection baskets.

**Thank you to all who donated towards the Giving Tree Campaign! Your generosity made a difference!!**

- **50 Week Club News:** A listing of the final weekly and Grand Prize Winners is posted on the parish website. **Congratulations to all the lucky winners!**
- **Mass Intentions:** With the change in Mass times, there is the need to consolidate intentions from the 11:30 AM Mass. Those intentions will be consolidated at the 10:30 AM Mass at OLGH. **However, if you want to change your intention to another available Mass**, please call the parish office (568-8280) to make arrangements. Thank you for your kind cooperation and patience!



# Religious Education

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Due to the ongoing pandemic, all classes will begin the year with a "take home" curriculum. First Communion (Grade 2) will participate in "Zoom" classes, arranged by our teachers. **We hope to resume in-person classes by January, 2021 (Contingent on the pandemic, more information to come.) Determination on how we proceed will be made by the 1st of the New Year.**

**Young Adult Sacramental Preparation Program:** For various reasons in recent years, many baptized young adults (Age 18-35) have not received their First Communion and/or Confirmation. OLGH Parish will offer a "user friendly" young adult sacramental class program. Class dates and times TBD. E-mail [ourladyofgoodhelp@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofgoodhelp@gmail.com) if interested. **It's never too late to begin practicing your faith!!**

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