



1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville, RI

# 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**



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.*

## THIRD SUNDAY

OF  
*Advent*

As the earth brings forth its plants,  
and a garden makes its growth spring up,  
so will the Lord God make justice and praise  
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



DECEMBER 13, 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.

**MASSSES for the WEEK**



**All Weekday Masses at St. Theresa Church.**

**Monday, December 14, 2020 ~ St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

**8:30 AM + Richard Champagne**  
*Req. by His wife, Cheryl*

**Tuesday, December 15, 2020 ~ Advent Weekday**

**8:30 AM: Special Intention** *Req. by Julianne Socci*

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020 ~ Advent Weekday**

**8:30 AM + Alice Brown**  
*Req. by Millie LaFay*

**Thursday, December 17, 2020 ~ Advent Weekday**

**8:30 AM + Alice Brown**  
*Req. by Jeanne Davis*

**Saturday, December 19, 2020 ~ The Vigil Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent**

**4:30 PM (OLGH) + Jeanne Guilbert**  
*Req. by Nancy Ringer*

**Sunday, December 20, 2020 ~ The 4th Sunday of Advent**

**8:30 AM (St. T.) + Lorraine Dalpe**  
*Req. by Her husband, Normand*

**10:30 AM (OLGH) + Deceased Member of the Piche & Tessier Family**

*Req. by Ronald & Barbara Tessier*  
**&**

**+ William Dupuis, M/M George Bouley, M/M Earl Bouley, Gary Bouley**

*Req. by Lorraine Dupuis*

**Weekly Offering December 5/6, 2020**



Sunday Collection.....	\$3,978.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,918.00
<i>(Total Weekly Collection: \$ 5,896)</i>	
Fuel Collection.....	\$813.00
SVDP .....	\$201.00

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 Religious Retirement (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 try online giving, with the link found on our website, [www.burrillvillecatholic.org](http://www.burrillvillecatholic.org).*

**Memorial Donation:** *Please remember Our Lady of Good Help & St. Theresa Shrine in your Will & Estate.*

**From the Pastor**

Dear Parishioners,

We are now already at the midpoint of the Advent season. This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally referred to as *"Gaudete Sunday"*, translated from the Latin to mean rejoice! Although this year is a particularly surreal Advent in 2020, we rejoice because we are now closer to celebrating the mystery of the Incarnation, the Word made Flesh!

God asks us to be joyful, but we know at times this is quite difficult. The journey of life presents us with obstacles, hurdles, detours and problems. We sometimes move from the heights of joy and expectation to the great valleys of gloom and despair. But our faith challenges us! We are to be joyful. Our Lord is near! Ultimately, for a Christian, true joy is supernatural and cannot be found in the passing things of this World!

With Christmas now less than two weeks away, we are still accepting reservations for our Christmas Eve Masses. So far, the response has been constant but not overwhelming. Spots are still available for the 4 PM Mass at St. Theresa Shrine and the 5 PM Mass at OLGH. *(The 3 PM still has some spaces too, and has been the most popular choice so far.)* With the Covid capacity limitations, offering three afternoon Masses seems to be the best way to proceed.

Over the last few years, both churches on Christmas Eve have been full to standing room *(which combined approximately numbered 600 + congregants)*. This year, with the three offered Masses combined, we can accommodate 430. Obviously, many people will not be venturing to Mass this year due to the pandemic and the fears it conjures. However, you can still view one of the Christmas Masses on our website beginning Christmas Day at 10:30 AM. It's not ideal, but at least it is away for all of us to stay connected as a parish community this year! Again, we can still rejoice because Jesus will still be born for us in 2020! Nothing can ever spoil the awesome miracle of the Incarnation, that God became man like us!

God bless,

Fr. McMahon

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**"Parish & Diocesan News"**



**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.

**\*\* Accepting through Dec. 23rd. \*\***

**3:00 PM (OLGH) - Fr. McMahon (Max. capacity 150)**

**4:00 PM (St. Theresa) - Fr. Marcello (Max. capacity 130)**

**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. 19th from 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at St. Theresa Shrine.**



**Christmas Season Activities at St. Theresa Shrine in Nasonville (Pandemic regulations observed)**

**Parts of the outdoor shrine will be illuminated during the Christmas Season. All are welcome to safely enjoy our shrine grounds.**

**Sunday, Dec. 27th. "Christmas Theology on Fire" & outdoor socially distant caroling. Beginning at 3 PM, caroling at 5:30 PM.**

**Monday, Dec. 28th. Shrine is sponsoring "Lullaby for the Unborn" on Feast of the Holy Innocents at the RI State House in Providence beginning at 7 PM. For more information on shrine events, email Mark Garrepy: burrillvillecatholic@gmail.com.**

**Tabernacle Candles (St. Theresa)**  
**Lataille & Sparrow Family, living & deceased.**  
*In Memoriam*  
 Req. by Lorraine Sparrow.  
**Sanctuary Candle (St. Theresa): In Memory of Gus Allard**

**SVDP OLGH CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

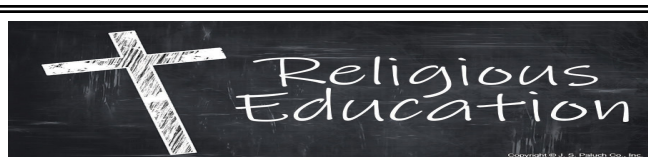
**The OLGH SVDP Food Pantry is now on first Saturday of each month. We will have the distribution outside the building - bringing packages, prepared prior to opening, out to families.**

**Christmas Baskets will be distributed next 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! Informational sheets for the "2021 50 Week Club" will be made available in the back of either church and on our parish website.**

- **Missalettes Available:** With the Covid Restrictions in place, churches are advised not to maintain in-pew missals. Some have requested that "take home" missals be made available for parishioners to purchase. We ordered several dozen "St. Joseph" Missals, which are now available at the parish office. **Suggested Donation is \$5.00.** If interested, please contact the parish office during regular business hours (or leave a message) at 568-8280 to arrange.



**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.**

**(All 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 if interested. **It's never too late to begin practicing your faith!!**

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