



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

Both churches are handicap accessible.

Liturgical Schedule & Sacramental Life

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM (St. Theresa).

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM (OLGH).

11:30 AM (St. Theresa).

Daily Mass: Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM.

At St. Theresa Church. No Mass on Fridays.

Legal Monday Holidays: 9:00 AM @ St. Theresa.

Confessions: Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM @St. Theresa

Holy Days of Obligation: As Announced.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday's 9:00 AM -7:00 PM. (St. Theresa's Convent Chapel)

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

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

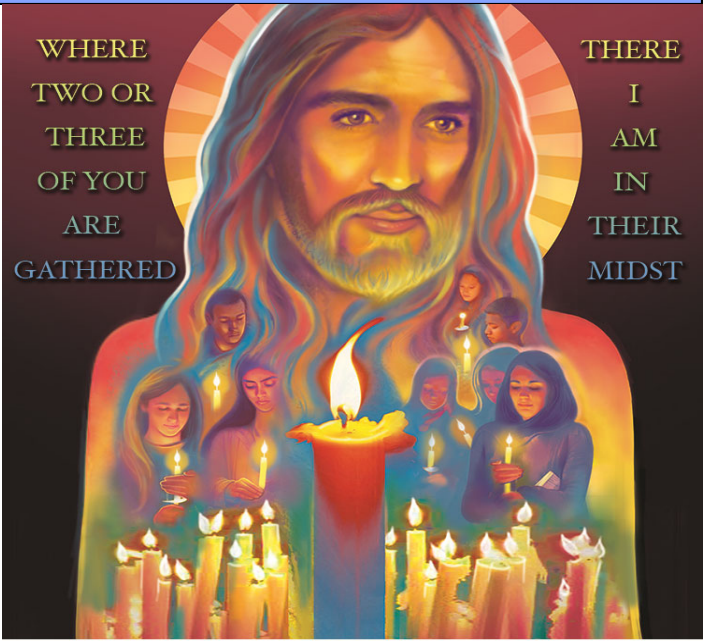
Office location/Mailing Address: 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, RI 02830 (St. Theresa's Rectory Bldg).

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.



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**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.
September 6, 2020**

*"Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love"
(Romans 13:8-10).*

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

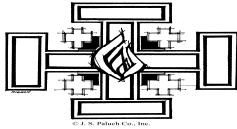
SVDP President (OLGH Chapter): Michelle Poirier.

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, September 7, 2020 ~Weekday ****Legal Holiday****
9:00 AM: Stephen Nelson (*living, birthday blessing*)
Req. by Julianne Socci

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 ~ *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 8:30 AM + Richard Champagne *Req. by his wife, Cheryl*

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 ~ *St. Peter Claver, Priest*
 8:30 AM + Anthony Bove *Req. by Cheryl Champagne*

Thursday, September 10, 2020 ~ Weekday
 8:30 AM: Michael Socci (*living*) *Req. by Julianne Socci*

Saturday, September 12, 2020 ~ *The Vigil Mass of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 4:30 PM (St. T.) + Oliver & Florilda Faford
Req. by the family

Sunday, September 13, 2020 ~ *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00 AM (OLGH) + Jeanne Guilbert
Req. by Marc & Donna Fontaine

10:00 AM (OLGH) + Richard Rouleau
Req. by his wife, Claire

11:30 AM (St. T.) + Leo Desmarais — 3rd Anniversary
Req. by his wife, Vivian

Weekly Offering

August 29/30, 2020



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Sunday Collection.....	\$4,731.00
Online Giving	\$1,105.00
SVDP	\$111.00

Thank you for your continued devotion and support, as your generosity is making a difference!!! ****The target goal to meet weekly expenses is \$6,500.****

As all public Masses were cancelled from March 17 until May 30th, a significant financial burden has been placed on all parishes, including your own. If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail your budget envelopes to the parish office or use online giving, with the link found on our website, www.burrillvillecatholic.org.

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

**** Due to Labor Day Holiday, the parish office is closed for business this Monday, September 7th. ****

From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

Since the return to public Masses in June, there seems to be a gradual return to a normal rhythm in the life of our parish and shrine. There has been a return to Mass by parishioners, which is certainly a most encouraging sign! However, the reality of living in a world shrouded with the pandemic has changed many aspects of life. This has necessitated several adjustments on our end, including having no in house religious education and halting large gathering parish activities at least through the end of December.

I hate to use the phrase “*the new normal*” because it essentially admits a defeatist attitude, that is, we will forever be enslaved by a virus. Although the Corona-virus (or Covid-19) is very contagious (especially among vulnerable populations) and has led to many tragic deaths (as does the flu every year), we must also admit that it has become a source of immense politicization and division. Yes, there is plenty of misleading information from both extremes, one dismissing the virus totally as a hoax and the other leading to unnecessary mass hysteria calling for the end to normal life. *What are we to do?* Nonetheless, I will continue to emphasize that safety and precautions must be balanced with common sense. *(BTW as pastor of souls, eternal salvation is my chief concern!)*

As your pastor, I have done my best to maintain a balanced approach, as directed by the guidelines given by the diocese and the state. We will continue this approach as long as needed. For the most part, those who have returned to Mass have done a great job adhering to the guidelines. However, I hear occasional complaints that the rules are not followed “strictly” enough. As a friendly pastoral reminder, please continue to make the effort to maintain appropriate space (six feet or every other pew). **Also, if six feet cannot be maintained, please wear your mask during Mass, removing it when approaching Holy Communion.** I will **not** be using the “mask mandate” language (as some parishes do) because there are individuals with breathing/ medical issues that preclude them from wearing masks. *They are welcome here!* **The Governor’s Executive Order and Bishop Tobin’s guidelines are very clear about this exception.** If this approach is not agreeable, please keep in mind, you are not required to attend Mass at this time.

God Bless,

Fr. McMahon

P.S. This Friday is the 19th Anniversary of the September 11th attacks on our nation by terrorists. May we never forget and take our freedoms for granted!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11,

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

"Parish & Diocesan News"



"Theology on Fire" is still on! Theology on Fire is a Young Adults Group which meets the second Friday of every month from April to November 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. Following the lecture, adoration is held in the outdoor church. Directly afterwards, the group meets in the Church hall for pizza and community. The evening closes with the praying of Night Prayer at 9:50 PM. Please consider joining us for our **next event Friday, September 11th. Social distancing norms are practiced!**

- **The Annual Diocesan Catholic Charity Fund Appeal for 2020 is still under way.** In spite of Covid-19, our parish has raised \$14,910 of the \$29,000 goal (nearly 50%)! **Each parish is required to have in-pew solicitation on the weekend of September 12/13 (which was originally scheduled for March).** Any parishioner who wishes to contribute to the appeal will have the opportunity to do so then. Envelopes will be located in the pews and can be dropped in the collection basket that weekend and the following weeks. ***On behalf of Bishop Tobin, thank you for your support!***

Reminders about reopening for public Mass.

(1.) We are now in Phase III: Attendance is up to 66% of fire code capacity at each church building. (200 people outdoors)

(2.) The "six foot rule" is being implemented regarding seating and the reception of Holy Communion.

(3.) The obligation to attend Mass has been suspended. If you are vulnerable or uneasy about attending public Mass, you are advised **not** to come! If you are experiencing any symptoms of this illness, **you must not enter the building.** One Mass is streamed and made available for online viewing on our YouTube Channel, "*Shrine of the Little Flower*" every Sunday at 11:30 AM.

(4.) Anyone entering the church must sanitize their hands. Physical contact must not happen (hand shaking, etc.) **Masks are highly encouraged to be worn, but should be removed during the reception of Holy Communion.** Thank you for your kind cooperation! ***Trust God and practice common sense!!***



Tabernacle Candles (St. Theresa)

Lataille & Sparrow Family, living & deceased.

Req. by Lorraine Sparrow.

SVDP OLGH CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The OLGH Food Pantry will move from the Tuesday openings to Saturday openings. We will have the distribution outside the building - bringing packages, prepared prior to opening, out to families. Next opening: Saturday, October 3rd.

The SVDP Food Pantry will continue to accept food and personal item donations in the designated bins at each church, however we will be unable to receive donations of plastic bags until further notice due to restrictions currently in place. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

- **ANNUAL DIOCESEAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:** Bishop Tobin has announced, that Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass, scheduled for the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul on Sunday, September 27th, has been cancelled. The Mass is one of the largest and most joyful events in the life of the Diocese, but the need to cancel is unavoidable. In the meantime, the Bishop is still eager to recognize those couples who are celebrating special anniversaries, (e.g. 25, 40, 50, 60 years or more.) Names can be submitted to the Diocese, and a letter and certificate will be mailed to the couples. Please contact the office (568-8280) if you wish to be recognized in this way, as the parish needs to submit any names.
- **RE: Parish Activities:** With the exception of "*Theology on Fire*" (which is an outdoor event), **all non-essential** regular social activities/meetings with 15 or more people are postponed through January (*unless things change regarding local regulations*). **This includes Bible Study, Religious Education in-person classes, AA Meetings, 50 Week Club Dinner and Bazaar. As announced, an adjusted Mass schedule will be implemented on November 1st, 2020.**



We will be accepting registrations for next fall (2020-21). Registration forms can be downloaded off the parish website. Due to the pandemic, all classes will begin the year with "take home" curriculum. Letters will be sent home explaining what this will entail.

We hope to resume in-person classes by January, 2021. Thank you for your patience and support!

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