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The Epiphany of the Lord, January 5, 2025



## **Our Lady of Good Help**

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville

### 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 Patrick Church**

45 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville

Office and Cemeteries: 401-568-5600

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Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre



## **St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and Shrine**

35 Dion Drive, Harrisville

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**Sat., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>** *Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord*  
4:00pm (St. Patrick) For all past and current parish clergy  
4:30pm (OLGH) †Diane Therrien-Hamel by her family

**Sun., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>** *The Epiphany of the Lord*  
8:00am (St. Theresa) †Herve Landreville by Mary  
9:15am (St. Patrick) †Jane Jurkiewicz by her daughter, Bess  
10:30am (OLGH) †David Ethier (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.) by his family  
5:00pm (St. Theresa) †Gerald & Jeanne Cote by Lisa Carpentier

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

**Mon., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** *St. Andre Besette, Religious*  
†Al & Alice Issa by Dave and Beverly Munyon

**Tues., Jan 7<sup>st</sup>** *St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest*  
†Joseph & Doris Cimini by Marie Magill

**Wed., Jan 8<sup>th</sup>** *Christmas Weekday*  
†Emery Sr. & Carmella Munyon by Dave & Beverly Munyon

**Thur., Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>** *Christmas Weekday*  
†Fr. Francis Giudice by Dave & Beverly Munyon

**Fri., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>** *Christmas Weekday*  
†Josephine Beauchemin (Birthday) by Joanne Socci

**Sat., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>** *Christmas Weekday*  
8:30am (St. Theresa) For relief and release of those Holy Souls in Purgatory

*Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord*

4:00pm (St. Patrick) Pro Populo  
4:30pm (OLGH) † Muriel & Roland Beauregard by Tina Fiske

**Sun., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>** *The Baptism of the Lord*  
8:00am (St. Theresa) †Norma Graham & Lisa Iasimone by their family  
9:15am (St. Patrick) †Lisa Denton Pichie (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.) by Katherine Pichie  
10:30am (OLGH) †James Cosetta by his family  
5:00pm (St. Theresa) St. Theresa Shrine Mass Association Members

Sunday, January 5, 2025  
The Epiphany of the Lord.

We are already in the new year- 2025! 2024 gone giving the world lots of Joys, sorrows, experiences and achievements! We enter this new year with lots more hopes and expectations!

We start the first Sunday of 2025, with the feast of the Epiphany. The manifestation of the new born Christ in Bethlehem began when the angels announced his birth to the shepherds and when they saw and witnessed it as the birth of the Messiah. This Sunday, he is manifested as the new born king who would save mankind.

The Greek word Epiphany (επιφάνεια), means appearance or manifestation. First, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church, the feast is the commemoration of the baptism of Christ where the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reveals himself as the promised Messiah, and at Cana He reveals His Divinity by transforming water into wine. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah, prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light, bringing gold, incense and myrrh to contribute to the worship of God. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod, tried to eliminate him, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored him and were indifferent to the manifest fulfillment of their religious beliefs, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore the incarnated God, the Emmanuel, the Messiah, the Savior of the world. A lesson is taught in these responses that we must be alert to the realities and events taking place around us and we must reach for and embrace the truth.

The Epiphany can be looked on as a symbol for our pilgrimage through life to Christ. This feast invites us to see ourselves in the Magi; a people on a journey to Christ. Christian life, the life of God's people, is most often represented in the Bible and in literature, as a journey, one that begins with our confession of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior in Baptism and ends when we at last meet Him as the Triune, face to face, in God's heavenly kingdom. Pope Francis says, "Like the Magi, every person has two great 'books' which provide the signs to guide our pilgrimage: the book of creation and the book of sacred Scripture. What is important is that we be attentive, alert, and listen to God Who speaks to us, Who always speaks to us." Happy New Year and May God Bless you All!  
Rev. Jose Parathanal



It is never too late to receive the sacraments for the first time! If you are an adult who would like to be baptized or receive your first sacraments we encourage you to call the parish office and set up a time to meet with our pastor.  
401-568-8280

“...‘And they shall all be taught of God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.”  
John 6:45



Please consider our parish in your will. A legacy donation to the parish can help to insure that your memory lives on in the work of our Churches. If you would like to make an appointment with Fr. Jose to discuss legacy giving, please call the parish office at 401-568-8280



Join Fr. Jose on a pilgrimage to the magnificent sights of Brazil, Argentina and Peru from October 16th—31st, 2025. Two wonders of the world are on the itinerary, Machu Picchu 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).

Contact Bernadette Corpuz, tour coordinator, at (323)-547-6618 (cell) or by email at bcorp1114@gmail.com



## St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



2025 Shrine Events  
*Sunday, April 27th*  
 Divine Mercy Sunday  
*Tuesday, May 13*  
 Our Lady of Fatima  
*Wednesday, July 16*  
 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel  
*Sunday, August 17*  
 102nd Shrine Anniversary  
 Day Celebration  
*Wednesday, October 1*  
 The Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux

For more information on these and other events at the Shrine be sure to follow us on Social media at:

[Facebook.com/theshrineofthelittleflower](https://www.facebook.com/theshrineofthelittleflower)  
[Instagram.com/theshrineofthelittleflower](https://www.instagram.com/theshrineofthelittleflower)



Candle intentions at the Shrine can be made for the St. Therese candle, the St. Joseph and our Lady candles, the Sanctuary candle and the Divine Mercy Candle.

Intentions are for 1 week and are published in the bulletin. The recommended donation is \$10. Unpublished candle intentions are \$3 and can simply be made in the church. A Mass intention box for unpublished intentions through the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate is located at the entrance of the church. Suggestion donation \$10.



Our thanks to everyone who joined us for our annual celebration of St. Therese’ birthday on January 2nd, especially Sr. Grace for her talk and those who provided breakfast.

Happy New Year!

# St. Patrick's Church

## Parish & Cemetery Manager:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre

Email: [deaconrick@cox.net](mailto:deaconrick@cox.net)

Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI

Phone: 401-568-5600

[stpatrickri.org/](http://stpatrickri.org/)

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



January 2025 Food Pantry Openings are Mondays, January 13th and 27th from 4:30 – 6:30pm. Please see the website to download the Food Pantry Calendar for 2025.

We are happy to accept gifts of food, market gift cards or monetary support. Food Donations can be left at the entrance of the Church or at the porch of the rectory during regular business hours. May God bless you for your generosity!



St. Patrick's Church, and the parish, most strongly encourage all of our parishioners and friends to read the Confessio of St. Patrick. Learn about the life and great soul upon whose sainthood rests the inspiration for 100's if not 1000's of churches, in his own words.

Learn more at:

[www.confessio.ie/etexts/  
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Please note: parking spaces located between the Rectory and the Church are reserved for the handicapped (please have a handicapped parking marker) and for members of the clergy. Thank you!

## Diocesan News and Events



Now in its 20th season of helping RI households stay warm, the Diocese of Providence recently kicked off this year's Keep the Heat On heating assistance campaign, a program to help struggling families with heating assistance.

Since 2005, the generous support of Rhode Islanders has provided more than \$4.4 Million in heating assistance to 17,750 Rhode Island households in need.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please call 401-421-7833, ext. 207.

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In partnership with the Immaculate Conception Center, a new training cohort will be launching in January 2027 in Putnam, Connecticut.

Join us at 7:00pm on January 30, 2025 at the address below to learn more!

To RSVP please call or email:

(860) 928-7955 / [admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org](mailto:admin@immaculateconceptioncenter.org)

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600 Liberty Highway, Putnam, CT 06260  
[immaculateconceptioncenter.org/programs](http://immaculateconceptioncenter.org/programs)

# Weekly Collection

## Weekly Giving

Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Theresa Shrine

	12.15.24	12.22.24
Collection	\$4,245	\$3,171
E-giving		\$ 893

St. Patrick Church

	12.15.24	12.22.24
Collection	\$1,537	\$2,265
E-giving	\$ 263	\$ 272
HDO 12.9	\$ 260	
Fuel Support		\$ 490

**Thank you for your generosity!**  
**This weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for fuel support.**

Additional January 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections are as follows:  
January 12– Maintenance, January 19th– Catholic University of America, and January 26th– the Church in Latin America

## Religious Education

Religious Education classes resume this week: Sunday, January 5th, 2025.

Grades 1-6 at Our Lady of Good Help School building from 9:15-10:15a and Monday, January 6th, 2025 Grades 7-9 at St. Theresa Church from 6:00-7:00pm

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year and a successful new semester!

For the full 2024-25 Academic year schedule scroll down on our webpage at: [burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education](http://burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education)



As we enter the new year, the parish is happy to welcome new lectors, ushers, church cleaners as well as Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. Contact the parish office at 401-568-8280 to learn more about volunteer opportunities and training for specific ministries. May God Bless you for your support of the parish!



Baby bottle banks for this years **Baby Bottle Boomerang** will be distributed in all our parish churches next Sunday, January 11th. This fundraiser supports assistance and services to expecting and new mothers including ultrasounds and pregnancy testing, and supplies like diapers and formula. Your spare change can do a great deal of good for moms in need. Please prayerfully consider participating in this fundraiser.



The parish offers warm thanks to all of the volunteers who gave of their time and talents to clean and decorate our Churches for Christmas.

We also thank Peter Lamoria and the choir for the beautiful music which graced the Nativity Liturgies.

Your dedication is most appreciated! May God Bless you for your service to the parish!

### About this bulletin:

The bulletin deadline is the Monday before publication, special (holiday) bulletins may have earlier deadlines. Contact [sylviaaldredge@gmail.com](mailto:sylviaaldredge@gmail.com) for additions, questions, concerns, or corrections.

### Join the parish.

Scroll down to the link on our homepage to download the registration form at: [burrillvillecatholic.org](http://burrillvillecatholic.org)  
Forms can be returned to the office in person or by post.  
We encourage you to re-register if family demographics or contact information has changed.

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