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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14, 2025



Our Lady of Good Help

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville, 02839

Weekend Masses:

Our Lady of Good Help– Sun. 8:00am & 10:30am

St. Theresa Church– Sat. 4:00pm Sun. 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:

St. Theresa- 3:00-3:45pm Saturdays

St. Theresa- Friday & Saturday following 8:30am
Mass (contact priest after 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

Clergy:

Pastor:

Rev. Jose Parathanal, C.M.I.

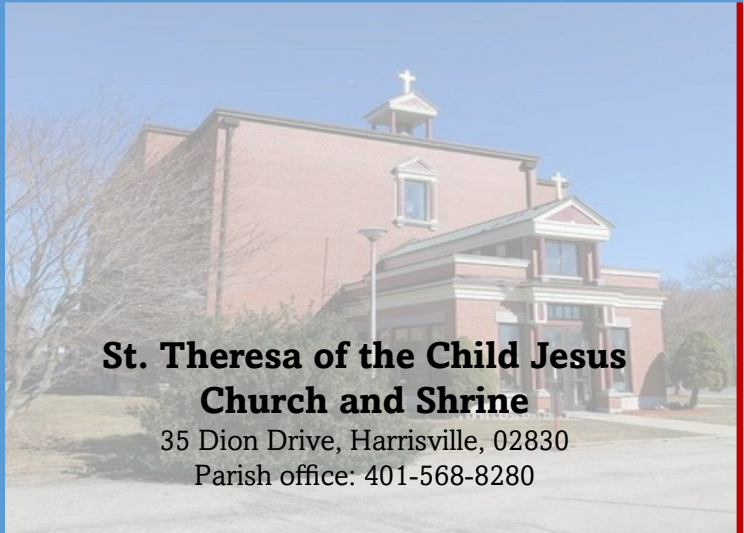
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Rev. Cyriac Kalampatt, C.M.I.

Deacon Assistant:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and Shrine

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St. Patrick's Church

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St Patrick Church

45 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, 02830

Office and Cemeteries: 401-568-5600

Sat. Sept 13th *Vigil of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
4:00pm (St. Patrick) † Louise Phelan by the St. Pat's Choir
4:00pm (St. Theresa) † Carolyn Menard (5th Ann.) by her family

Sun., Sept 14th *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
8:00am (OLGH) † Eldege & Lilian Randeau by Mike Cosetta
9:15am (St. Patrick) Pro Populo
10:30am (OLGH) † Richard St. Sauveur (4th Ann.) by his family.
5:00pm (St. Theresa) Shrine Confraternity Mass Enrollees

Daily Mass— 8:30a St. Theresa Shrine Church

Mon. Sept 15th *Our Lady of Sorrows*
 † Those Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tues. Sept 16th *St.s Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*
 † Gregory Issa by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Wed. Sept 17th *St.s Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctors of the Church*
 † Theresa D'Ordine by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Thur. Sept 18th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
 † Claire Micucci (Birthday remembrance) by her husband, Tony

Fri. Sept 19th *St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr*
 Sophie-Marie Lee by Robert Lee

Sat. Sept 20th *St.s Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, & Paul Chõng Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs*
8:30am (St. Theresa) Elizabeth Lee by Robert Lee
Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm (St. Patrick) Priest's Intention
4:00pm (St. Theresa) † Christine Lebrun by Nancy Ringer

Sun., Sept 21st *The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00am (OLGH) † Robert Fargue & J. Wilhelmina Fountaine by Rosemarie
9:15am (St. Patrick) † John & Severa Manocchio by family
10:30am (OLGH) † Harold, Linda & Masako Dulude by their family.
5:00pm (St. Theresa) Pro Populo

Sunday, September 14, 2025
 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Holy Cross is the instrument through which Jesus won Salvation for humanity. The Cross, which was used for capital punishment of criminals, had become a sign of shame and of death. When Jesus, the incarnated Son of God, sacrificed Himself on the cross He made it a sign of the hope of eternal life and source of grace for His followers through time.

September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This day commemorates the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena, the mother of the first Christian Roman Emperor, Constantine. St. Helena recovered the Cross in Jerusalem, when she was making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the years 326–328. In addition to the True Cross, Mount Calvary, and Christ's tomb were also found by St. Helena. Emperor Constantine then ordered the construction of a church to encompass these sites and house the True Cross. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, 335.

Following the dedication, Christ's Cross was brought outside the new church for the faithful to venerate. Thus, the first Exaltation of the Holy Cross, might have occurred on September 14, 335. Making this among our most ancient feasts. Today we commemorate triumph of the cross, a symbol of Christ's sacrifice, victory over sin and death, and ultimate redemption for humanity. This feast invites believers to embrace the cross as a source of hope, strength, and eternal life. It recognizes that our deepest shames can be transformed into opportunities for connection with God's love.

The core of our celebration is not the physical wood of the Cross or the holy sites where Jesus died and was buried. Today we celebrate the infinite love shown through the selfless and perfect Sacrifice of the Son of God and the boundless mercy that has poured forth upon the world as a result.

Love of the Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new. First and foremost, this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless sacrifice. It also occurs when we allow every one of our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to collaborate in the redemptive power of Christ. We can make the power of the Cross of Christ our own by following His call, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Mt. 16: 24 - 25).

God Bless,
 Rev. Jose Parathanal



Parish Youth Choir begins rehearsals on Sunday October 12th following the 10:30a Mass at Our Lady of Good Help. All students in grades 3—12 are encouraged to join us as we make a joyful noise! Call Peter Lamoria in the parish office at 401-568-8280.

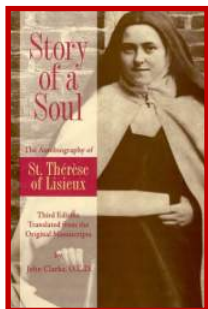


50-week club members: save the date! Our 2025 50-week club banquet will take place on Saturday, November 15th beginning at 5:30p in the St. Theresa Church Hall.

Our Parish Bible Study group will begin our fall term this Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 7:00pm in the St. Theresa's church hall. Our group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. We'll continue our study of the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 15 which covers the parables of the Good Shepherd, the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son.

To sign up for discussion questions, email deaconrick@cox.net

We are looking forward to a productive and educational year of Bible Study.



Next time you visit the Shrine, be sure to stop by our bookstore and giftshop to check out the many changes and new items on offer. In addition to the writings of St. Therese, we carry a wide variety of Catholic pamphlets, prayer cards and other items to help you live a Catholic life. The bookstore is open every day, if it isn't staffed, simply ring the bell for service.

During the month of September, the sanctuary candle at St. Theresa Shrine burns for repose of the soul of Jane Jurkiewicz by her daughter, Bess



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



On Monday, September 29th in honor of the Feast of the Archangels, the Shrine will hold a candlelight living Rosary and a procession at the Rosary Walk. This event is sponsored by the parish women's prayer group. The Feast of the Archangels, also known as Michaelmas, was a Holy Day of Obligation and a major feast up until the 18th Century. Typical celebrations of this day include a candlelit procession, cooking and eating a roast goose, and baking remaining blackberries into cakes and pies.

Parishioners should consider bringing friends, especially those families with children to share this feast day tradition with us!



The Shrine of the Little Flower will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux on Wednesday, October 1 beginning at 8:00a with the Rosary followed by Mass, a procession, coffee an', a talk and

Holy Hour. Confession will be available during Holy Hour. The Shrine is pleased to welcome Fr. Jay Finelli, pastor of Holy Ghost Church in Tiverton, and son of Jerry & Shirley Finelli, the Shrine's First Coordinators, as our speaker. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Therese.

The Shrine is in urgent need of the assistance of a mason. If you are a mason, or know of someone who may be able to assist, please contact Fr. Jose ASAP at pastorolghsp@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Church

Parish & Cemetery Manager:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre

Email: deaconrick@cox.net

Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI

Phone: 401-568-5600

stpatrickri.org/

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

The next September food pantry opening is from 4:30-6:30p Monday, September 22nd. Please see our website to [download the Food Pantry Calendar for 2025](#) and for lists of needed items.

At this time of year, we are happy to accept garden produce, yes, including zucchini! If you have extra, please don't hesitate to share with your neighbors in need.

We are always ready to accept donations of food, market gift cards and monetary contributions.

Thank you for your generosity!



Diocesan News and Events



Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Providence cordially invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or over 50 year Wedding Anniversary at the Cathedral of St.s Peter & Paul on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 1:00p. The Celebration includes Mass with Bishop Lewandowski, renewal of vows, a personalized certificate and a reception. There is no cost for this event. To register, call the parish office at 401-568-8280. Registration deadline is September 19th.

Weekly Collection

Weekly Giving 9.7.23

Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Theresa Shrine

Collection	\$4,607
E-giving	\$1,188
Maintenance	\$2,687

St. Patrick

Collection	\$1,270
E-giving	\$1,315
Maintenance	\$ 471

Thank you for your generosity!

The next September 2nd collections will be: 9/21– Priests Retirement Fund, and 9/28– Fuel



The next St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry will be held this Wednesday, September 17 at 5:00p. The food pantry is located in the OLGH School building.

Donations of food/personal care items can be placed in the designated bins at OLGH and St. Theresa Church.

Donations of area Supermarket gift certificates are gratefully accepted and can be placed in the SVDP collection baskets after all parish Masses.



Registration forms and the schedule for the 2025-26 school year are available.

There is still plenty of time to register your students for Religious Education classes this fall. Find registration forms and the schedule on our website at:

burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education

Classes Begin Sunday October 5th

Grades 1-6 (9:15-10:15a)

Sundays, OLGH School

Grades 7-9 (6:00-7:00p)

Mondays, St. Theresa Church

Classroom Cleanup Event

Saturday, September 20th at 10am

Students, teachers and families will meet at OLGH school to clean and prepare classrooms.

CCD Teachers Meeting

Sunday September 21 at 11:45am at OLGH school to meet and prepare for the new academic year.

If you have an concerns regarding payment for religious education classes, please call the office as soon as possible or email our pastor at:

Pastor@olghsp.gmail.com

The parish does not wish cost to ever be an impediment to students attending religious ed.



The women's prayer group meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Shrine museum in the convent after the 8:30am Mass at St. Theresas. All women of the parish are invited to join us as we seek to deepen our faith through study and fellowship. The next meeting is September 20th.

About this bulletin:

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Contact the editor at

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Join the Parish:

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