

# The Burrillville Catholic Collaborative

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2026



## Our Lady of Good Help

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville, 02839

### Weekend Masses:

*Our Lady of Good Help*– Sat. 4:00pm 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*– 3:00-3:45pm 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 to 5:00pm, Fridays

### **Clergy:**

#### Pastor:

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#### Associate Pastor:

Rev. Cyriac Kalampatt, C.M.I.

#### Deacon Assistant:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre



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

35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, 02830

Parish office: 401-568-8280

### **Parish Contact / Office Information.**

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## St Patrick Church

45 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, 02830

Office and Cemeteries: 401-568-5600

**Sat May 16<sup>th</sup>** *Vigil of the 7th Sunday of Easter*

4:00pm (St. Patrick) Pro Populo

4:00pm (OLGH) † Ronald Faford (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.) by his family

**Sun May 17<sup>th</sup>** *The 7th Sunday of Easter*

8:00am (St. Theresa) † Charles & Emily Witkus by Stephen & Marcia Witkus

9:15am (St. Patrick) † Simone Gagne by Sandy Farrell

10:30am (OLGH) † Rosemary Dotzler by Mike Cosetta

5:00pm (St. Theresa) † Lorraine Dupont by Elizabeth Brodeur

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

**Mon May 18<sup>th</sup>** *St. John I, Pope & Martyr*

† Anthony & Doris Issa by Dave & Beverly Munyon

**Tues May 19<sup>th</sup>** *Easter Weekday*

† Barbara Prata by Dave & Beverly Munyon

**Wed May 20<sup>th</sup>** *St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

† Louis & Mary Issa by Dave & Beverly Munyon

**Thurs May 21<sup>st</sup>** *St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

† Fred & Loorese Issa by Dave & Beverly Munyon

**Fri May 22<sup>nd</sup>** *St. Rita of Cascia*

† J.P. Singh by Robert Lee

**Sat May 23<sup>rd</sup>** *Easter Weekday*

8:30am (St. Theresa)

† Jane Jurkiewicz by her daughter, Bess  
*Vigil of Pentecost*

4:00pm (St. Patrick)

† Joseph Femino by the St. Patrick Choir

4:00pm (OLGH) Pro Populo

**Sun May 24<sup>th</sup>** *Pentecost Sunday*

8:00am (St. Theresa)

† Edward Magill by his wife, Marie and Family

9:15am (St. Patrick) †

10:30am (OLGH)

† Raymond (Pete) Lapierre by Mike Cosetta

5:00pm (St. Theresa)

† Rob Farrell (birthday) by his family

Sunday, May 17, 2026– The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

The season of Easter is nearly at an end. This past Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of our Lord. With his return to the Father, Jesus completed his personal mission on earth. It is in his Ascension that we see Jesus entering fully into the Life and Glory of God. Just before his Ascension, Jesus entrusted to the disciples that same mission of preaching the Good News and evangelizing the whole world, as Jesus did, by bearing witness to him through their lives.

The mystery of witnessing to Jesus involves suffering as did Jesus suffered and died before his resurrection and the exaltation. Hence, it is a challenge to his disciples- to us - to rejoice in our suffering for the Faith, because the more we suffer the more we are identified with Jesus who has liberated us from the bondage of sin by his suffering and death.

Chapter 17 of St. John's Gospel is Jesus prayer for his disciples at the Last Supper, the farewell prayer which is often likened to Moses' farewell address (Dt 31:30ff), which concludes with Moses' final blessing on Israel (Dt 33), and it is also reminiscent of the prayer of Aaron (Lv 9:16). It is known as the "High Priestly Prayer" - Jesus prays for himself and for the protection and unity of his disciples. This prayer is called "The High Priestly Prayer" because Jesus, as High Priest of the New Eternal covenant, is preparing to offer himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and is interceding for his disciples just as the High Priest in the Temple interceded for the people of Israel. The prayer is also called the "Prayer of Consecration" because in it, Jesus consecrates himself to his redemptive death, offering himself to the Father as an obedient, willing sacrifice. In addition, Jesus prays that, through his death, the Father and the Son may be glorified. Thus, the prayer proclaims our hope and our certainty - a life lived forever in communion with the Father and the Son. Jesus has glorified the Father; the Father has glorified the Son. We know that Jesus has come from the Father. We are "incorporated" into Christ by adoption, as Christ, by Nature, IS in the Father. We belong to God, and He will protect us so that we may be one with Him and with each other in Him. The sufferings we face are only temporary; the glory we will receive is eternal.

Jesus prays, "Glorify your Son so that Your Son may glorify You." This "glory" of the Son came through his suffering and death. To Jesus, the Cross is the way to the glory of eternity. The martyrs thought the same as they embraced martyrdom.

The Cross of Christ reopened the Gates of Heaven for humankind, and showed us by his life, suffering and death, how much God loves us.

God bless you! Rev. Jose Parathanal



Corpus Christi, 2022

The parish will celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi with two processions.

On Saturday, June 6th, following the 4pm Mass at St. Patrick Church, a car procession will travel to Our Lady of Good Help for Benediction.

On Sunday, June 7th, the 10:30a Mass at Our Lady of Good Help will be followed by a car procession to St. Theresa Shrine where Eucharistic Adoration will continue throughout the day, ending with Benediction at 4:45p before the 5:00p Mass.



## St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



Warm thanks to everyone who joined us on May 13th for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima procession after the 8:30 Mass, and for the evening's Rosary procession. We are grateful to the Women's Prayer Group for their sponsorship of the Rosary procession and their many contributions to the life of the parish.

The Women's Prayer Group is open to all women of the parish and meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the St. Theresa Convent following the 8:30a Mass.



The parish offers its gratitude to everyone who supported the Annual Pro-Life Rose Sale to benefit the Mother of Life

Center in Providence. The center offers financial assistance and counseling to expectant moms and depends on the generosity of the people of the Diocese for its operations.

In addition, we are very grateful to Mr. Scott Blanchette and the Knights of Columbus for organizing and supporting the rose sale.

We have extended our Annual Fund Appeal through June to help us defray costs from the recent storm damage to the side guardrails of the Holy Stairs.



For more information, contact the parish office at 401-568-8280 or pick up a donation envelope in the vestibule.

### Our Summer Mass Schedule begins June 6th, 7th weekend.

4:00p Saturday Vigil Mass moves to

**St. Theresa Church.**

8:00am Sunday Mass moves to **Our Lady of Good Help**. No change to other Masses.



Save the Date! The parish will sponsor a bus trip to the Sight & Sound Theater production of 'Joshua' on Wednesday and Thursday, September 9th & 10, 2026, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Cost is \$395 double and \$504 for single occupancy and includes transportation, room charges and a buffet dinner. Call the office to book your spot!



Save the Date! The Shrine will host National Eucharistic Congress pilgrims on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 from 12 Noon until 2pm. The afternoon includes Mass and a luncheon with the Perpetual Pilgrims.



The Shrine Church Hall and outdoor spaces are available to rent for Weddings, Baptismal parties, Funeral Collations, and First Sacrament parties. Please call the office if you would like to make a booking. The outdoor Shrine can accommodate a 200 person tent and the hall can accommodate roughly 150 people. Events at the Shrine should be in keeping with its purpose as a devotional space, as such we are limited in terms of musical entertainment and alcohol service.

# St. Patrick's Church

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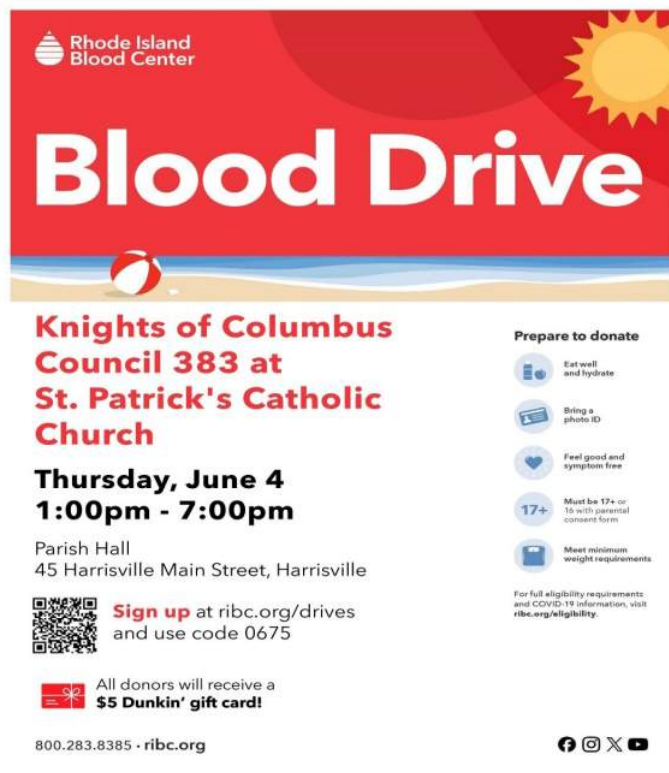
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Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI

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



**Rhode Island Blood Center**

# Blood Drive

**Knights of Columbus Council 383 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church**

**Thursday, June 4  
1:00pm - 7:00pm**

Parish Hall  
45 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville

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- ☑️ Feel good and symptom free
- ☑️ 17+
- ☑️ Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- ☑️ Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit [ribc.org/eligibility](http://ribc.org/eligibility).

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Remember to register ahead for the blood drive. Use the QR code above to link to the RI Blood Center and enter site code 0675 to make your appointment.



The next May Food Pantry date is Monday, May 18th from 4:30-6:30pm.

The 2026 St. Patrick Food Pantry Schedule is available on our website at:

[stpatrickri.org/food-pantry/](http://stpatrickri.org/food-pantry/)

As you begin your gardening season, please consider planting a bit extra for the food pantry. Garden Fresh vegetables are always very welcome!

Hunger is not seasonal, your donations make a huge difference to the wellbeing of your neighbors. Please consider a donation today! Thanks for your generosity.



A big Thank You to Jim Langlois, Roger Johnson, George Lough, their committee and the Live Music Band for a wonderful celebration at last weekend's Dinner Dance. A good time was had by all who attended and the event raised more than \$2,500 for the parish. The benefits to parish life of such activities go way beyond the funds that are raised, as they are an important tool for the building of an authentic Christian community. Thank you again to all who participated.

## Diocesan News and Events

### Urge Your Rhode Island State Legislators Today

# **SAY "NO" TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE**

## **CHOOSE COMPASSIONATE CARE**

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- Violates medical ethics to save lives and do no harm.** Physician assisted suicide upturns ethical codes held by medical practitioners for centuries and is opposed by the American Medical Association and American College of Physicians.
- No accountability for lethal drugs.** Lethal drugs are not monitored or tracked. Many go unused leaving opioids, barbiturates, and other harmful drugs open to falling into the hands of teens and drug dealers.
- Sends the message that suicide is okay.** Suicide prevention efforts are undercut by creating exceptions for life-threatening disabilities. All Rhode Islanders deserve equal protection when expressing suicidal ideation, not encouragement and assistance to commit suicide instead.
- Lacks real safeguards.** Where it's already legal, proponents use more legislation or lawsuits to expand it further succeeding in shortening waiting periods, eliminating residency requirements, and allowing lesser-qualified medical professionals to prescribe lethal drugs.
- Makes vulnerable people feel like a burden.** Half of those dying by assisted suicide didn't want to "be a burden" to families or caregivers. Pain, or fear of future pain, has never even been one of the top five reasons that patients ask to take their own life in Oregon.
- Leaves vulnerable people at risk.** Disability groups oppose physician assisted suicide because it says their lives are not worth living. Barely 4% of people choosing death in Washington were first referred for a mental health evaluation.

# Adoration at ALDRICH

MAY 28, 2023

Find More Information & Register Now: [evangelizeri.org/adoration-at-aldrich](http://evangelizeri.org/adoration-at-aldrich)



Join Bishop Lewandowski as he leads us in candlelight prayer and worship before the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Ven y adora al Señor presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar, una noche para renovar el corazón en Su amor.

Join Bishop Lewandowski at the Aldrich Mansion on May 28th for an evening of prayer, to register: [evangelizeri.org/adoration-at-aldrich](http://evangelizeri.org/adoration-at-aldrich)

# Weekly Collection

## Weekly Giving 5.10.26

### Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Theresa Shrine

Collection	\$3,044
E-giving	\$1,151
Rose Sale	\$ 818

### St. Patrick Church

Collection	\$1,655
E-giving	\$ 425
Rose Sale	\$ 469

### May 2nd Collections:

May 24– Fuel.

Thank you for your generosity!



### Catholic Charity Appeal Update

Our Churches are making great progress with this appeal. St. Patrick is at 48% or \$9,708 pledged by 49 participants towards the church goal of \$19,950.

Our Lady of Good Help/St. Theresa's Shrine is at 95% with \$28,067 from 91 participants, towards the goal of \$29,526.

If you have not donated, please consider making a pledge today. Our participation rate and overall pledge is used, in part, by the diocese to determine parish viability, so your contribution helps us greatly.



Families that wish to apply for parish-sponsored tuition assistance for diocesan Catholic school students should complete their school's financial aid forms and their FAFSA as soon as possible.

Please contact the office at 401-568-8280 if you have questions or need more information.

To set up online giving visit our gift management service at [www.osvhub.com/our-lady-of-good-help-church/giving/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/our-lady-of-good-help-church/giving/funds)



As we await the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives at Pentecost, we ask all of our parishioners to pray for our students who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in a few short weeks.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, May 30th at St. Philip Church in Greenville, at 10:00a.

The ceremony begins with the Rosary, Confirmation Mass begins at 10:30a. Students should plan to arrive at St. Philips no later than 9:00a. Please note time change.

Confirmation rehearsals will take place on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 from 6:30-8:00p at St. Philips Church. Confession will be available during this time.

Registration for 2026-27 is now open! Find registration forms in our church vestibules or download the form from our website.

[burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education](http://burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education)

The parish is seeking teachers of Religious Education for the fall term of 2026. If you are able to join our team of dedicated teachers, please contact the office at 401-568-8280 to discuss where you might be of most assistance.

Please note, the parish office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th. The office will re-open on Tuesday, May 26th. Have a safe and Happy Holiday!



If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for some time, we would be most happy to welcome you back! Please consider reaching out to Fr. Jose at [pastoratolghsp@gmail.com](mailto:pastoratolghsp@gmail.com) for information on returning to the sacraments and adult catechism.

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