

THE BURRILLVILLE CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence.

Our Lady of Good Help Parish & Saint Theresa Shrine

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville, RI & 35 Dion Drive, Nasonville, RI.

St. Patrick's Church of Harrisville

45 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI.



"Three Churches United in One Catholic Faith."

Website: www.burrillvillecatholic.org.

Liturgical Schedule & Sacramental Life.

(Winter Schedule, October 1 to May 31)

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM (OLGH).

Sunday: 8:00 AM (St. Theresa).

9:15 AM (St. Patrick's).

10:30 AM (OLGH).

Daily Mass: Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM.

Weekday Mass at St. Theresa Church. No Mass on Fridays.

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

Confessions: Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM @ OLGH.

Holy Days of Obligation: As Announced.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: At St. Theresa's Church, Tuesday's 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated monthly, **First Sundays @ OLGH & Second Sundays @ St. Patrick's only.** Please contact the inter-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/Communion Calls: Please contact the parish office to arrange a visit by the clergy or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Parish Contact / Office Information.

Inter-Parish Office: (401) 568-8280 *(For all parish business)*

SVDP Hotline: (401) 762-1834.

Primary Email: burrillvillecatholic@gmail.com

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9 AM until 2PM.

Closed Fridays.

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

St. Patrick Cemetery: 425 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI & 49 Emerson Rd, Harrisville, RI.

St. Theresa Cemetery: 88 Ledoux Drive, Nasonville, RI.
Call 588-5600 for information on all the inter-parish cemeteries.



*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. Come pray and visit!!*



The Epiphany of the Lord.
January 2, 2022

Clergy, Staff & Officers.

Pastor: Rev. Michael J. McMahon. *(Administrator: St. Patrick's.)*

Weekend Assistant: Rev. Richard M. Friedrichs.

Deacon Assistant: Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre.

Pastor Emeritus (St. Patrick's): Rev. Bernard O'Reilly, Ph.D.

Trustees (OLGH): Normand Dalpe & Michael Cosetta.

Trustees (St. Patrick's): Roger Johnson & George Lough.

Inter-Parish Office /Bookkeepers: Peter Lamoria & Nancy Latendresse.

St. Patrick's Parish & Cemetery Manager: Deacon Richard Lapierre.

Religious Education: Patricia Ducharme, Dennis Auger, & Irma Rodriguez, SPRED Coordinator.

Organist & Choir Director: Peter Lamoria.

Buildings & Grounds: Ken Garrepy (OLGH/ST Theresa).

Shrine Coordinator: Silvia Aldredge.

St. Theresa's Convent: Sister Grace Coffey.

SVDP President (OLGH Chapter): Michelle Poirier.

St. Patrick's Food Pantry: Gary & Lynn Rousseau.



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

Monday, January 3, 2022 ~ Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 AM: Members of the Confraternity of the Shrine of the Little Flower, living & dead.

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 AM + Alphonse & Alice Issa

Req. by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 ~ St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:30 AM + Matthew Rosol (23rd Anniversary)

Req. by Bob & Chris Goudreau

Thursday, January 6, 2022 ~ St. André Bessette

8:30 AM + Dec. Members of the Piché Family

Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Tessier

Saturday, January 8, 2022 ~ The Vigil Mass of the Baptism of the Lord

**4:30 PM (OLGH) + Roger Menard (Birthday Rem.)
& + James King (1st Anniversary)**

Req. by Linda King

Sunday, January 9, 2022 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM (St. T.) + Gesualdo J. Rodriguez

Req. by Irma Rodriguez

9:15 AM (St. Pat's) + Eddie Yagnasak

Req. by Bill & Diane Pichie

& + Murial Micienski

Req. by her husband, Donald

10:30 AM (OLGH) + Josephine Beauchemin (11th Ann.)

Req. by the Socci Family

**Tabernacle Candles (St. Theresa's Shrine)
Lataille & Sparrow Family, living & deceased.
*Req. by Lorraine Sparrow.***



Dear Parishioners,

Happy & Blessed New Year! I am sure we are all hoping and praying that 2022 will be a better year than the last two, considering the ongoing challenges in the world in which we live! ‘

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, or “Little Christmas.” On this day, Christ was revealed as King of all the nations and Savior of all mankind when the Magi sojourned from the East to worship and adore him. The Magi offer us a concrete example of the kind of faith that our Lord seeks. That is a faith that is firm, vigilant and humble. These characteristics were epitomized by the Magi who knelt before the Christ child.

With their act of adoration, the Magi testify that Jesus came to earth to save not just one people, but for all. Therefore, in today's feast our gaze widens to the horizon of the whole world to celebrate the “manifestation” of the Lord to the entire world, that is, the manifestation of God's love and call to follow the path of salvation through Christ the Lord.

As I write this bulletin column, the never ending Covid pandemic is ramping up once again. Many of you have inquired on how we will be responding as a parish. On the last page of the bulletin, printed is the statement issued by Bishop Tobin on December 15th as well as my statement regarding the issues of Covid -19 mandates, etc. Please be advised that prudence and common sense are always the best two pillars to abide by.

Nonetheless, as we start this new year, let us continue to entrust ourselves to Our Lord and the maternal intercession of Our Blessed Mother. 2022 will bring us personally, as a parish, and a world many challenges, but we are challenged to seek comfort and strength in the eternal truths of our Catholic faith!!

God bless,

Fr. McMahon

Bulletin Deadline: Please submit information no later than Noon on Monday for the following's week's bulletin. All information is published only after review by the Pastor. Thank you for your kind cooperation!!

Weekly Lectionary Readings

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Weekly Collection

December 18/19, 2021.

OLGH/St. Theresa

Sunday Collection.....\$5,250.00
Online Giving.....\$1,347.00
(Total Weekly Budget.....\$6,597.00)
SVDP\$320.00

St. Patrick's

Sunday Collection.....\$1,809.00

****Due to early publication deadline, the financial information for December 26 & Christmas will be included in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your continued devotion and support, as your generosity makes a difference!!!**
****The target goal to meet weekly is \$6,500 for OLGH/St. Theresa & \$3,000 for St. Patrick's. **Sign up for online giving via our parish website. ** The second collection this Sunday is for New Year's, Mary the Mother of God Outreach collection.**

Memorial Donation: Please remember your parish & shrine in your Will & Estate.

News from St. Patrick's Harrisville.....

The Annual Collection has raised over \$4,305 collected so far. It's not too late so don't forget to mail your check to the parish. **This collection is important to maintain your parish!**

The Annual Lottery calendar will be available for the month of January. For \$10, you can purchase the calendar for a chance to win a cash prize each day of the month of January **with a total in excess of \$1,000!** More information in the weeks ahead!

NOVENA TO THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: St. Patrick's is happy to announce we will once again be praying the Novena **Tuesdays at 9 AM in St. Patrick's Church** and all are invited to attend.

OLGH/St. Theresa Shrine 50 Week Club Update:

The 2022 50 Week Club is beginning again!

50 weekly drawings and Grand prizes on November 5, 2022. Drawings begin February 26, 2022. A special early bird drawing will be held for all those paid in full by January 25!

Get your renewal in now or join us by filling out a form that can be found in the back of all three churches or by calling the office at 568-8280.

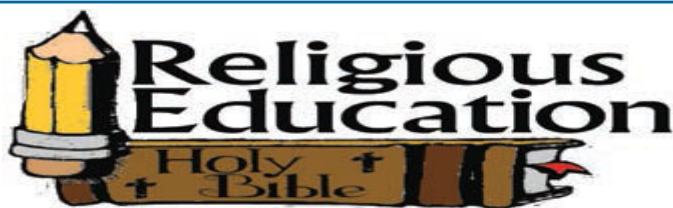
2022 Calendars

Some 2022 Parish Calendars are still available for parishioners to take home at each church building. Due to the limited supply, please only one per household.

Thank you & Happy New Year !!!!!

Free Books & Medals Available!!

Thanks to an anonymous donation by a parishioner, free copies of the book **"The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen"** by **Matthew Kelly** are available as a complementary Christmas gift for parishioners at all three churches. **Also, blessed Miraculous Medals** are available. Feel free to take one home or distribute as a gift for others!!



Grades 1 — 5, Sundays from 9:15 AM until 10:15 AM at OLGH School Building, and Grades 6 to Confirmation, Monday evenings from 6:30 PM until 7:30 PM at St. Theresa Church.

Confirmation Preparation consists of a two year program beginning in Grade 8 with the anticipated reception of the sacrament in Grade 9. Confirmation students are expected to sign-in and attend Sunday Mass every week.

Schedule Reminders: Classes resume next Sunday/ Monday, January 9th & 10th, 2022.

Upcoming events: Confirmation Retreat (Grade 9), Sunday March 20, 2022 1:30 PM until 6:30 PM, St. Theresa's Hall. More information to come.

First Communion: Saturday, April 30th, 2022 @ OLGH Church.

****For all inquiries regarding Religious Ed., please e-mail Mrs. Pat Ducharme, pducharme@lasalle-academy.org or contact the parish office at 568-8280. ****

**Burrillville Catholic Collaborative
Social Ministry/Outreach News.**

THANK YOU to all who donated the Giving Tree Campaign and donated items and gift cards for both SVDP & St. Patrick's Food Pantries. Your outstanding generosity makes a huge difference!!!

OLGH/SVDP Food Pantry Openings: Next dates, Saturday, January 8th, February 5th & March 5th from 9 until 10 AM at OLGH School Building.

St. Patrick's Food Pantry: Next Opening: January 10th from 5:00 PM until 6:30 PM, next to the Garage & Rectory Building.

REGARDING FOOD DONATIONS: *****Please do not leave food items outside any parish building. Any items left outside will be discarded!***

Weekly SVDP Collection: is taken by a member of SVDP in the foyer following every weekend Mass at OLGH & St. Theresa Shrine. The donations collected go towards the SVDP & OLGH Parish outreach. Thank you for your kind and continued generosity!!!

January 20 to 22, 2022, The Annual Respect Life Bus Trip to the March for Life in Washington D.C. "Equality begins in the Womb." Advance registration is required, as space is limited, first come, first serve! Please call 401-278-2518, or contact the office by emailing LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org to register and for all details. Groups are encouraged to register ASAP.



**Winter Weather Policy
Regarding Masses &
Religious Education.**
Like it or not, Winter is here!! Please be advised of the "general rule of thumb" this time of year!

Weekdays: If Burrillville cancels or delays school, the 8:30 AM daily morning Mass is canceled, the intention will be rescheduled or combined with the next daily Mass. **On Mondays, Religious Education is automatically canceled when Burrillville cancels school or evening events. Please check local media, as announcements will be posted there via RI Broadcasters Association. The office will be closed as well.**

Sundays: When there is a moderate to significant winter event on a Sunday morning, the storm schedule is in effect, meaning ****ONE Mass **will be offered at OLGH in Mapleville @ 10:30 AM ONLY. Religious Education & the 8 AM & 9:15 AM Masses are canceled. (Intentions transferred to the 10:30 Mass)** The judgment call varies from storm to storm, so stay posted to local media for announcements.



**Upcoming Events &
News at St. Theresa's
Shrine, the first known
in the world dedicated to
the "Little Flower", Saint
Therese of Lisieux.**

The Shrine is looking for new volunteers to help keep up our grounds and assist with events. Please contact our Shrine Coordinator, Silvia Aldredge at 568-8280 or by using email, silviaaldredge@gmail.com. Please check the parish website or ask to be put on the email list for Shrine updates!

- **The Shrine Bookstore is now open regularly on Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays, from 12 PM until 3 PM. Please stop in and check it out! Check out all the latest posts about St. Theresa's Shrine on Facebook & Instagram. #theshrineofthelittleflower.**



Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00a - 11:00a

The Birthday of St. Thérèse
of Lisieux

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and
Shrine of the Little Flower
35 Dion Drive

Nasonville, Rhode Island, 02830

Office: 401-568-8280

Schedule of devotions:

- * 8:00a- Mass of the Epiphany of Our Lord.
- * Followed by a Birthday Breakfast in the church hall.
- * After breakfast, Sr. Grace Coffey will offer a brief reflection on the Christmas painting of St. Thérèse, entitled "The Dream of the Child Jesus".
- * The morning will conclude with hymns and carols around the crib.

"A God who became so small could only be mercy and love."

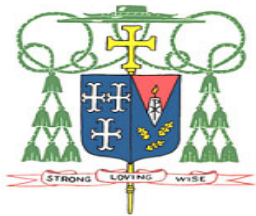
-St. Thérèse



**KEEP THE HEAT ON: HELP OR BE
HELPED**

– Bishop Tobin has kicked-off the Annual Keep the Heat On assistance campaign, a program that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the RI winter. Since 2005, your generous

support has provided more than \$3.5 million in assistance to more than 15,467 RI households in need. If you would like to help local families this winter with a tax deductible donation, or if you know of someone in need of heating assistance, please visit the website, www.heatRI.com or call 401-421-7833 ext. 207 for additional information.



**STATEMENT BY BISHOP TOBIN
REGARDING NEW COVID
"MANDATES" IMPOSED BY THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND.**

As it has from the beginning of the pandemic, the Diocese of Providence will continue to cooperate fully with state directives regarding the response to the pandemic.

Accordingly, I encourage Catholics of the Diocese of Providence to follow state guidelines and to wear a mask whenever they are attending Holy Mass, and other church services or public programs.

At the same time, no individual should be turned away from Mass or singled out if they choose not to wear a mask. Such individuals may have good and substantive reasons for not doing so. In addition, in keeping with our approved policies, liturgical ministers, (e.g. priests, deacons, ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, cantors, choir members,) are not expected to wear masks while actively participating in the liturgy.

As I have done on multiple previous occasions, I strongly urge all Catholics of the Diocese of Providence (clergy, religious and laity) to receive approved vaccines as soon as they are eligible to do so. Being vaccinated is a commitment to the common good, an act of charity for our brothers and sisters, and an expression of our respect for the dignity of human life.

As we prepare to celebrate the special hope and joy of the Christmas Season, let us renew our fervent prayers that Almighty God will lift this terrible pandemic from our midst and will give healing, comfort and peace to all.

+Thomas J. Tobin
Bishop of Providence

**STATEMENT BY FATHER McMAHON, PASTOR OF OUR
LADY OF GOOD HELP PARISH/ ST. THERESA SHRINE, &
ADMINISTRATOR OF ST. PATRICK'S HARRISVILLE.**

Since the emergence of Covid-19 in March of 2020, our world has faced an unprecedented situation that has impacted all of our lives. This insidious virus not only poses a threat to one's physical health, but also to one's mental, and spiritual well-being. Safeguarding one's physical health and safety is always a priority, as is the health of our eternal souls.

Judgments on how to best respond to this ongoing pandemic should be made on the basis of truth and authentic science, balanced with respect for human liberty. Sadly, political agendas on all sides have succeeded in using the pandemic to manipulate and divide humanity. ***This too is a profound human tragedy!***

Considering the aforementioned points, as a Catholic community in Burrillville, are committed to following the guidance as stated by Bishop Tobin, in conjunction with the State of Rhode Island Department of Health. However, please keep in mind, everyone has the right to worship God freely and without restriction. As Bishop Tobin rightly states, ***no one will be turned away.***

If you are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 or any illness, please stay home. One should exercise prudential and sound reasonable judgment with regards to matters of personal health, while balancing our duty to practice consideration for the well-being of others.

Faith is greater than fear! Practicing the virtue of prudence is the best way for us to balance safety while not succumbing to the media/politically driven hysteria of our day. **Please be an informed Catholic** and not allow yourself to be manipulated by agendas contrary to our faith and the liberties bestowed to us by Almighty God.

Rev. Michael J. McMahon
Pastor/ OLGH Parish & Administrator St. Patrick's.

