

# ***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](http://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 Masses 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](mailto: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!!*



*You are my beloved Son:  
with you I am well pleased.*

LUKE 3:22

## **The Baptism of the Lord. January 9, 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:** TBD.

**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 10, 2022 ~ Weekday**  
**8:30 AM + Emery, Sr., & Carmella Munyon**  
*Req. by Dave & Beverly Munyon*

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022 ~ Weekday**  
**8:30 AM + Joseph & Doris Cimini**  
*Req. by Marie Magill*

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022 ~ Weekday**  
**8:30 AM: Christian E. Quijano (living)**  
*Req. by Irma Rodriguez*

**Thursday, January 13, 2022 ~ St. Hilary Bishop & Doctor**  
**8:30 AM + Robert Sherman (Wedding Anniversary Rem.)**  
*Req. by his wife, Catherine*

**Saturday, January 15, 2022 ~ The Vigil Mass for the**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:30 PM (OLGH) + Robert Menard (First Anniversary)**  
*Req. by the Family*

**Sunday, January 16, 2022 ~ The Second Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**  
**8:00 AM (St. T.) + Bernadine Kirchmeyer**  
*Req. by Jim & Anne Brown*

**9:15 AM (St. Pat's) + Stephen Lynch, Sr.**  
*Req. by Brian Mageau*  
**& + Helen Rose (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)**  
*Req. by her Family*

**10:30 AM (OLGH) + Richard Rouleau**  
*Req. by Family*

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

**\*\*Please contact the inter-parish office at 568-8280 to**  
**reserve memorial sanctuary candles for a loved one at**  
**either of our three churches. \*\***

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



Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday marks the conclusion of the liturgical Christmas Season with the Solemnity of the Lord's Baptism. *(Although traditionally, Christmastide lasts until February 2nd, concluding with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.)* Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River signifies the beginning of His public ministry. On this feast the Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation, or epiphany, as Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget children of God. This feast also reminds us of the power of Baptism and the responsibility it bestows on each one of us to live our Catholic Faith!!

As we begin a new year, there are some ongoing concerns and changes to mention regarding our parishes. Firstly, the long time sexton/building and grounds manager Ken Garrepy submitted his resignation to me before Christmas. We thank Ken for his more than 28 years of service at Our Lady of Good Help and since 2015, at St. Theresa Shrine and Cemetery. Ken accepted a new position at St. Thomas More Parish in Narragansett. Please join me in wishing Ken well in his future endeavors. In the meantime, there are a few temporary replacements in place to fill the void. However, in the near future, we will begin the search for a more permanent replacement to manage our parish properties, including St. Patrick's in Harrisville.

Secondly, as we begin a New Year, it is apparent that the burden to sustain multiple churches is becoming more challenging pastorally and financially. The ongoing pandemic, inflation and the lack of overall support complicates the situation. For instance, the Christmas offertory at St. Patrick's did not break \$1,000. *(The cost of heating the church building alone runs close to that amount every few weeks!)* In the weeks and months ahead, I will be meeting with officials of the Diocese of Providence to discuss implementing a more comprehensive plan for the church in Northern Rhode Island. As I have stated on many occasions, we must continue to be proactive in order to further the mission of the Church. In the interest of transparency, I will keep you posted on further developments as needed.

God bless,

Fr. McMahon

### Weekly Lectionary Readings

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14--20  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21--28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29--39  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1--12  
**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13--17  
**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

## Weekly Collection

January 1/2, 2022

### OLGH/St. Theresa

Sunday Collection.....\$6,883.00  
 Online Giving.....\$845.00  
 (Total Weekly Budget.....\$7,728.00)  
 Sunday Collection (Dec. 26).....\$5,054.00  
 Online Giving.....\$1,274.00  
 (Total Weekly Budget.....\$ 6,328.00)  
 Christmas Collection (Dec. 24/25).....\$4,746.00  
 Maintenance Collection (Dec. 26).....\$772.00  
 SVDP.....\$192.00

### St. Patrick's

Sunday Collection.....\$2,159.00  
 Sunday Collection (Dec. 26).....\$1,380.80  
 Christmas Collection (Dec. 25).....\$848.00  
 Fuel Collection (Dec. 26).....\$378.00  
 Maintenance Collection.....\$437.00

Thank you for your continued devotion and support, as your generosity makes a difference!!! \*\*The target goal to meet weekly expenses is \$6,500 for OLGH/St. Theresa & \$3,000 for St. Patrick's. The second collection this week-end is for parish maintenance @ OLGH/Shrine.

**\*\*Second Collection Next Week (Jan. 15/16) \*\***  
 Catholic University Collection (National).

**\*\*Due to a printing error by the budget company, please note the following: "The Fuel Collection" (OLGH) will be on January 23rd & the "Church in Latin America" Collection on January 30th.**

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

Not able to attend Mass regularly? Try Online Giving.

Sign up for online giving via the parish website [www.burrillvillecatholic.org](http://www.burrillvillecatholic.org) or follow the link to St. Patrick's website. It's safe and easy to setup!!

### 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.

### 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 in the hall at St. Theresa. Also, **blessed Miraculous Medals** are available at all three churches. Feel free to take one home or distribute as a gift for others!!

A profound **THANK YOU to all** who assisted in any way at the Burrillville Catholic Collaborative Churches this Christmas Season. **All three churches were decorated beautifully** and the liturgies went quite smoothly, despite the dual challenges this year of Covid and the icy weather on Christmas morning. Also, a personal word of thanks to all who took the time to drop off or mail cards, gifts and food to me. Your kindness and expressions of gratitude are greatly appreciated. **Blessed New Year!! ~ Fr. McMahon**



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 this Sunday/Monday, January 9th & 10th, 2022. No Class next week-end (Jan. 15/16) due to MLK Day Holiday.

Upcoming events: Confirmation Retreat (Grade 9), Sunday March 20, 2022 1:30 PM until 6:30 PM, at 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](mailto: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, 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!!!*

**The 2023 Mass Book is now available.** Please contact the parish office at 568-8280 to schedule intentions, as the dates are filled very quickly. Weekday Masses are \$15 & Sundays & Holy Days \$25. Also, spiritual bouquets (*for a Mass to be offered whenever a priest has a free intention*) is another option. The offering is \$10 for a spiritual bouquet.



**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.**

***SAFETY & PRUDENCE FIRST!!!***



***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](mailto: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.**

***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.

**2021 Contribution Statements:**

If you are in need of a 2021 Budget Statement for income tax purposes, ***please contact the office at 568-8280 (OLGH) or 568-5600 (St. Pat's).***

**The 2021 OLGH "12 Days of Christmas"  
Raffle Winners!**

***December 25: - Carol Muradia \$300  
December 26: - Joanne Battie \$20  
December 27: - Iris Paul \$20  
December 28: - Denise Marshall \$20  
December 29: - Maureen Boureies \$20  
December 30: - Bonnie Perreault \$20  
December 31: - Anita Hurley \$20  
January 1: - Claudette Brodeur \$200  
January 2: - Tom Antoske \$20  
January 3: - Doreen Nanni \$20  
January 4: - Amy Parenteau \$20  
January 5: - Alden Ewart \$100***

***Congratulations to all the lucky winners !!!!***



**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

**March for Life, 2022, Washington D.C.**

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 the coordinator, [LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org) to register and for all details. Groups are encouraged to register ASAP. *All are welcome to witness to the Culture of Life!!*

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

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 our 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, we 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 the 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.

