

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!!*



**"I am
baptizing
you with
water,
BUT ONE
MIGHTIER
THAN I
IS COMING."**

LUKE 3:16

**The Third Sunday of Advent (*Gaudete Sunday*).
*December 12, 2021***

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.

SVDP Food Pantry (OLGH): Bob & Kari Wilson.



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

Monday, December 13, 2021 ~ St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
8:30 AM + Sr. Denise Turcotte, C.S.C. (1st Anniversary)
Req. by Dennis & Elaine Auger

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 ~ St. John of the Cross,
Priest & Doctor of the Church
8:30 AM + Jeannette Rounds
Req. by David & Beverly Munyon

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 ~ Advent Weekday
8:30 AM + Samantha LeClair
Req. by Tom & Marie Xiarhos

Thursday, December 16, 2021 ~ Advent Weekday
8:30 AM + Lucille Latta (6th Anniversary)
Req. by her Sister Loretta

Saturday, December 18, 2021 ~ The Vigil Mass of the
4th Sunday of Advent
4:30 PM (OLGH) + Donald St. Pierre (Birthday Rem.)
Req. by his wife, Pat

Sunday, December 19, 2021 ~ The 4th Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM (St. T.) + Deceased Members & Intentions of
the Rodriguez-Quijano Family.
Req. by Irma Rodriguez

9:15 AM (St. Pat's.) + Peter & Madeline Coutu
Req. by their Family

10:30 AM (OLGH) + Linda Gallant (2nd Anniversary)
Req. by Linda King & Family

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

Req. by Lorraine Sparrow.

St. Theresa: Irene Limanek *Req. by James & Diane Hagerty*

OLGH Sanctuary: Claire Dansereau (24th Anniversary)
Req. by David Dansereau & Family

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



Dear Parishioners,

We are now already at the midpoint of the Advent season. This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally referred to as "*Gaudete Sunday*", translated from the Latin to mean rejoice! Although this Advent 2021, is filled with many challenges, we rejoice because we are now closer to celebrating the mystery of the Incarnation, the Word made Flesh!

God asks us to be joyful, but we know at times this is quite difficult. The journey of life presents us with obstacles, hurdles, detours and problems. We sometimes move from the heights of joy and expectation to the great valleys of gloom and despair. But our faith challenges us! We are to be joyful. Our Lord is near! Ultimately, for a Christian, true joy is supernatural and cannot be found in the passing things of this World!

On another note, what a great success both OLGH/ ST. Theresa's and St. Patrick's bazaars were last weekend!! Many parishioners and members of the community patronized and enjoyed both events, which were extremely well organized! Many thanks to Lorraine O'Rourke and Marie Roderick, and their devoted volunteers, who worked tirelessly to make it all happen! The success of these (and all) endeavors depends on the commitment to one's parish and willingness to be involved.

So often I hear people express their desire for a more "vibrant" community. My response remains the same; "*That's great, now do something about it!*" The most important factor/key to a "vibrant parish" is attending Holy Mass, participating in the spiritual life of the church and supporting the parish with time, talent and treasure. We exist for the worship of God and the sanctification of souls. Therefore, a parish is NOT merely a social club. The more we are committed to the spiritual life the more vibrant we will become as a Catholic community!

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: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Weekly Collection

December 4/5, 2021.

OLGH/St. Theresa

Sunday Collection.....\$5,001.00
Online Giving.....\$755.00
(Total Weekly Budget.....\$5,756.00)
Fuel Collection.....\$1,011.00
SVDP\$435.00

St. Patrick's

Sunday Collection.....Not available at publishing deadline.

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. The second collection this weekend is for religious retirement. **Sign up for online giving via our parish website. **

****No Second Collection Next Week (December 19th) ****

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

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

The Annual Collection has raised over \$4,105 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 prize 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. When Deacon Rick is available, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will be included. The Booklets with the novena will be available for those who wish to attend. All are welcome!!!



Burrillville Catholic Collaborative Christmas 2021.

Christmas Eve. (Friday, December 24th)

4:30 PM: Our Lady of Good Help, Mapleville.

Christmas Day. (Saturday, December 25th)

8:00 AM: St. Theresa's, Nasonville.

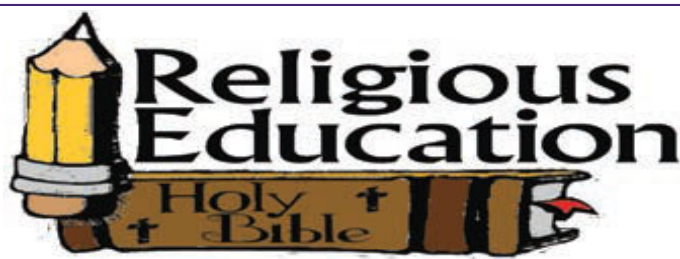
9:15 AM: St. Patrick's, Harrisville.

10:30 AM: Our Lady of Good Help, Mapleville.

(No 4:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass on Dec. 25th)

****Usual Sunday Mass Schedule on Dec. 26th. ****

"Keep the Mass in Christmas!"



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.

Advent Penance Service: Monday, December 13th @ St. Theresa, 6:30 PM until 7:30 PM. (Grades 6 through Confirmation.)

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: Last Classes before Christmas Break, Dec. 19th & 20th. Classes resume January 9th & 10th, 2022.

****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.**

Christmas Basket Distributions: Saturday, December 18th from 10 AM until 11:30 AM at St. Patrick's Church. This is a joint outreach venture of OLGH SVDP & St. Patrick's Food Pantry.



GIVING TREE 2021: The St. Vincent de Paul Society at OLGH Parish are joining with St. Patrick's Church to provide for our families in need in the town of Burrillville. "Giving trees" are now set up at each church for children in town who need assistance to provide a Merry Christmas. If you are interested in participating, simply choose a tag off of the tree and purchase the item listed. Kindly wrap the item and return it to any church with the tag attached by this Sunday, December 12, 2021. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The OLGH SVDP Food Pantry Next Opening: Saturday, January 8th, 9 AM until 10:00 AM.

St. Patrick's Food Pantry: Next Opening: This Monday, Dec. 13th, 5 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!!!



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. 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!** We have added many of the titles written by St. Therese to our offerings and will soon stock some different and exciting products. Volunteers to staff the bookstore are still very much needed.
- **Christmas Decor:** The Shrine is decorating for the Christmas Season! Parishioners who have been storing decoration items should contact the Shrine Coordinator as soon as possible to arrange for transfer of those items back to the Shrine. Anyone who is interested in assisting with the Christmas decoration, please call the parish office during regular hours.
- **Check out all the latest posts about St. Theresa's Shrine on Facebook & Instagram.** [#theshrineofthelittleflower](https://www.facebook.com/theshrineofthelittleflower).



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: You will find in your budget packet an envelope for Christmas flowers. Your gift helps us decorate our Churches for Christmas. Your loved ones can be remembered on the offering envelope at all Masses during the Christmas Season. If you don't receive envelopes, kindly **print** the names on a white envelope and place in the collection basket. **Christmas Flower Memorial Sheets** will be placed in the back of all churches during the Christmas Season.

50 Week Club Update: Sign up sheets for the **2022 edition of the 50 Week Club** are now available at OLGH & St. Theresa. The 2021 event raised nearly \$6,000 for our parish & shrine! Thank you for your participation!!

The 12 Days of Christmas Raffle at OLGH Parish is back! Enter once for 12 chances to win cash prizes with drawings beginning on Christmas Day. **A great stocking stuffer gift for your family and friends!!! These raffle tickets will be available for purchase after weekend Masses through December 19th or the office, 568-8280.**



The angels
sang a
message
of JOY!

Luke 2:7-15