

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent.
*December 19, 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. Lapiere.

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 Lapiere.

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 20, 2021 ~ Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM + Dr. Albert A. Apsaha

Req. by his wife, Dorothy, & daughters Susan, Martha & Laura

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 ~ Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM + Betsy & Mark Zifcak *Req. by the Family*

& + Henry Auger (21st Ann.) *Req. by Dennis & Elaine Auger*

Wednesday, December 22, 2021 ~ Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM + Antonio Socci *Req. by the Family*

Thursday, December 23, 2021 ~ Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM + Leah Anne (Brown) Normandin

Req. by Jim and Anne Brown

& + George Leduc (Birthday Rem)

Req. by Todd & Renay McLeish

Friday, December 24, 2021 ~ The Vigil Mass of the

Nativity of the Lord

4:30 PM (OLGH): Pro Populo

Saturday, December 25, 2021 ~ The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM (St. T.) + Noel Lapierre

Req. by Rich & Jacqui Dionne

9:15 AM (St. Pat's): Pro Populo

10:30 AM (OLGH): Deceased members of the Bouley

Family. *Req. by George Dupuis*

Sunday, December 26, 2021 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM (St. T.) + Pat Martufi *Req. by her Husband*

9:15 AM (St. Pat's) + Stephen Lynch, Sr.

Req. by Brian Mageau

10:30 (OLGH) + Pauline Breault

Req. by Lorraine O'Rourke

Tabernacle Candles (St. Theresa's Shrine)

Lataille & Sparrow Family, living & deceased.

Req. by Lorraine Sparrow.



Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Although it is still Advent, I wish to extend to you and your loved ones a very Merry and Blessed Christmas! *(Since this is the last bulletin published before Christmas Day.)* It is my prayer that this season will truly be a time of joy as we reflect on the great mystery of the Incarnation, the Word made Flesh.

As I write this column, I anticipate our Christmas Masses will be well attended again *(as was the case every year prior to Covid)*. The Christmas Mass schedule can be found on the opposite page of the bulletin. This year, due to the lack of availability of clergy, musicians, and now overseeing three churches, there will only be one Mass on Christmas Eve. Sadly, the pastoral circumstances today make it unrealistic to maintain what was offered in the past. To this we must adjust! Nonetheless, as a Burrillville Catholic Community, Christmas serves as an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate the Birth of Christ, united in one Faith and one Baptism.

Thank you to all who donated towards the Giving Tree and the Food Pantry community outreach, a joint venture between OLGH St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Patrick's Food Pantry! As always, your generous response was outstanding, which serves as an authentic testament and witness of Christian charity!

Lastly, Deacon Richard Lapierre is away this weekend through this Thursday preaching an Advent Mission at a parish located in Campbell River, British Columbia, Canada! Please pray for the success of the mission and his safe travels home, considering all the hindrances that complicate traveling today.

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: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17, or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Weekly Collection

****Due to early publication deadline, the financial information for December 11/12 will be included in next week-end'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. The second collection this weekend is for religious retirement. ****Sign up for online giving via our parish website.** **

Collection December 24/25:

Christmas Collection (Stays in the parishes)

****Second Collection Next Week (December 26th) ****

Parish Maintenance (OLGH/Shrine)

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.

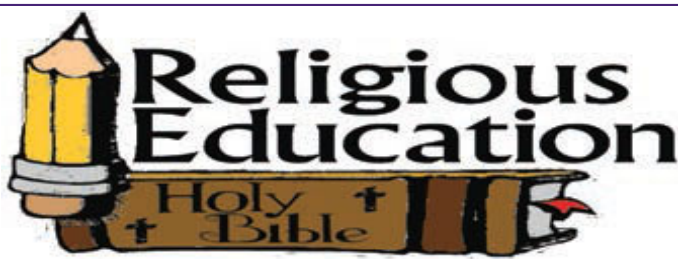
9:15 AM: St. Patrick's, Harrisville.

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.

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. ****

2022 Parish Calendars

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

Thank you!!!!

**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!!!

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!!!*

A PROFOUND THANK YOU! Both "The Wonder of Christmas Bazaar & Crafts Fair" at St. Theresa's Hall and the St. Patrick's Parish Bazaar, held on December 3rd, 4th & 5th were a great success! ***This is due to the tremendous efforts from our dedicated volunteers, parishioners who supported their efforts, the generosity of local businesses, and those who visited us during the weekend.*** Before expenses, the St. Patrick's Bazaar raised \$7,000 and The Wonder of Christmas Bazaar raised \$16,000. All proceeds go to supporting each parish entity respectively!

**Winter
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**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.

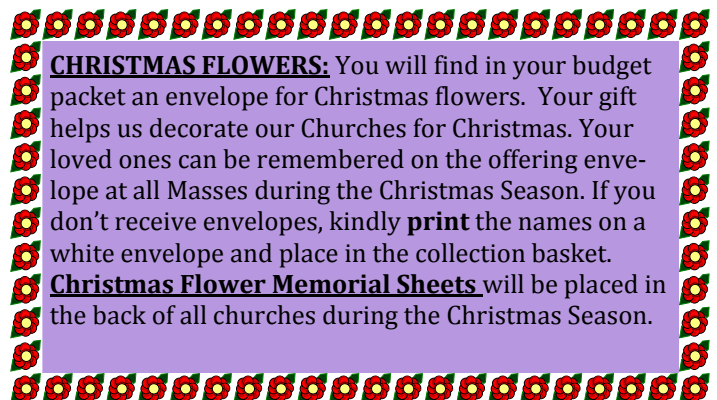
SAFETY & PRUDENCE FIRST!!!



***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. 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.**



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.***

