

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 Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 26 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 27, 2021 ~ St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:30 AM + Robert L. Goudreau (20th Anniversary)
Req. by Bob & Chris Goudreau

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 ~ The Holy Innocents

8:30 AM + Donald Mallette Req. by Jim Martufi

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 ~ Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas

8:30 AM + Eric Quijano Req. by Irma Rodriguez

Thursday, December 30, 2021 ~ Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas

8:30 AM + Gerard Cote Req. by Eric & Karin Cote

**** Saturday, January 1st, The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. ****

Saturday, January 1, 2022 ~ The Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 PM (OLGH) + Leah Anne (Brown) Normandin
Req. by Jim & Anne Brown

Sunday, January 2, 2022 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM (St. T.) + Mercedes & Pilar Rodriguez
Req. by Irma Rodriguez

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

10:30 AM (OLGH) + George & Barbara St. Laurent
Req. by Pat Ducharme

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



Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! This certainly has been a marathon weekend, with Christmas falling on Saturday and today being the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph. It is my prayer that this Christmas Season will be one of authentic joy and peace, despite the current situation of the world!

Christmas is usually a time when many Catholics come back to Mass who haven't attended in awhile. This is particularly true over the last few "Covid" dominated years. However, a recent "Wall Street Journal" article shows a disturbing trend! According to a recent survey, more Americans left "organized religion" during the Pandemic than in any time prior. The survey shows that the percentage of Americans with no religious affiliation rose to 29 % while Christians declined to 63%, with church attendance down 30 % to 50 % of pre-Covid numbers. The report also stressed the general trend towards Godlessness, especially among younger generations. Although disturbing, this not at all surprising! This trend is evident even in the most devout families.

Christ came into the world as our Savior, to bring the entire human race peace and the hope of salvation. There is no greater gift! The reality is ALL of us need God in our lives and therefore the practice of the faith is essential in order to truly live the Christian life. For a serious believer, not attending Mass nor abandoning a personal commitment to prayer are not options. The trend of the world is ominous and foolhardy. However, each of us can be the difference by the way in which we embrace our own commitment to living our Catholic Faith. The miracle of the Incarnation, the Word made Flesh, reminds us that our lives and eternal salvation is important to God. So then, why is God not a priority with so many of us?? A good question to ponder this week!!

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 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8;
Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6;
Lk 2:22-35
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Weekly Collection

December 11/12, 2021.

OLGH/St. Theresa

Sunday Collection.....\$5,637.00
Online Giving.....\$836.00
(Total Weekly Budget.....\$6,473.00)
Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8).....\$858.00
Religious Retirement Collection.....\$1,007.00
SVDP\$395.00

St. Patrick's

Sunday Collection.....\$1,487.00
Sunday Collection (Dec. 5).....\$1,956.00
Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8).....\$103.00
Religious Retirement Collection (Dec. 12).....\$322.00

****Due to early publication deadline, the financial information for December 18/19 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. The second collection this weekend is for maintenance. **Sign up for online giving via our parish website. ** The second collection this Sunday is parish maintenance (OLGH).**

****Second Collection Next Week (Jan. 1/2) ****
Mary Mother of God (New Year's Collection).

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

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 & Happy New Year (almost) !!!!!

News from St. Patrick's Harrisville

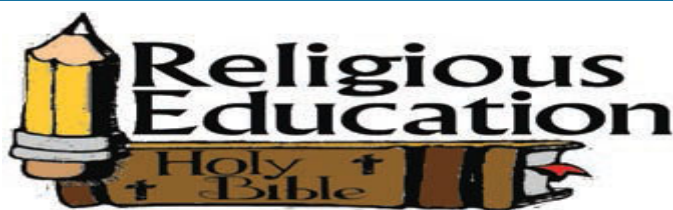
The Annual Collection has raised over \$4,105 collected so far. It's not too late so don't forget to mail your check to the parish. **This collection is important to maintain your parish!**

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!!!

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!!



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 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: This Monday, Dec. 27th, 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!!!

Free Books 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. Feel free to take one home or distribute as a gift for others!!

**Winter
is Here**

**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! 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

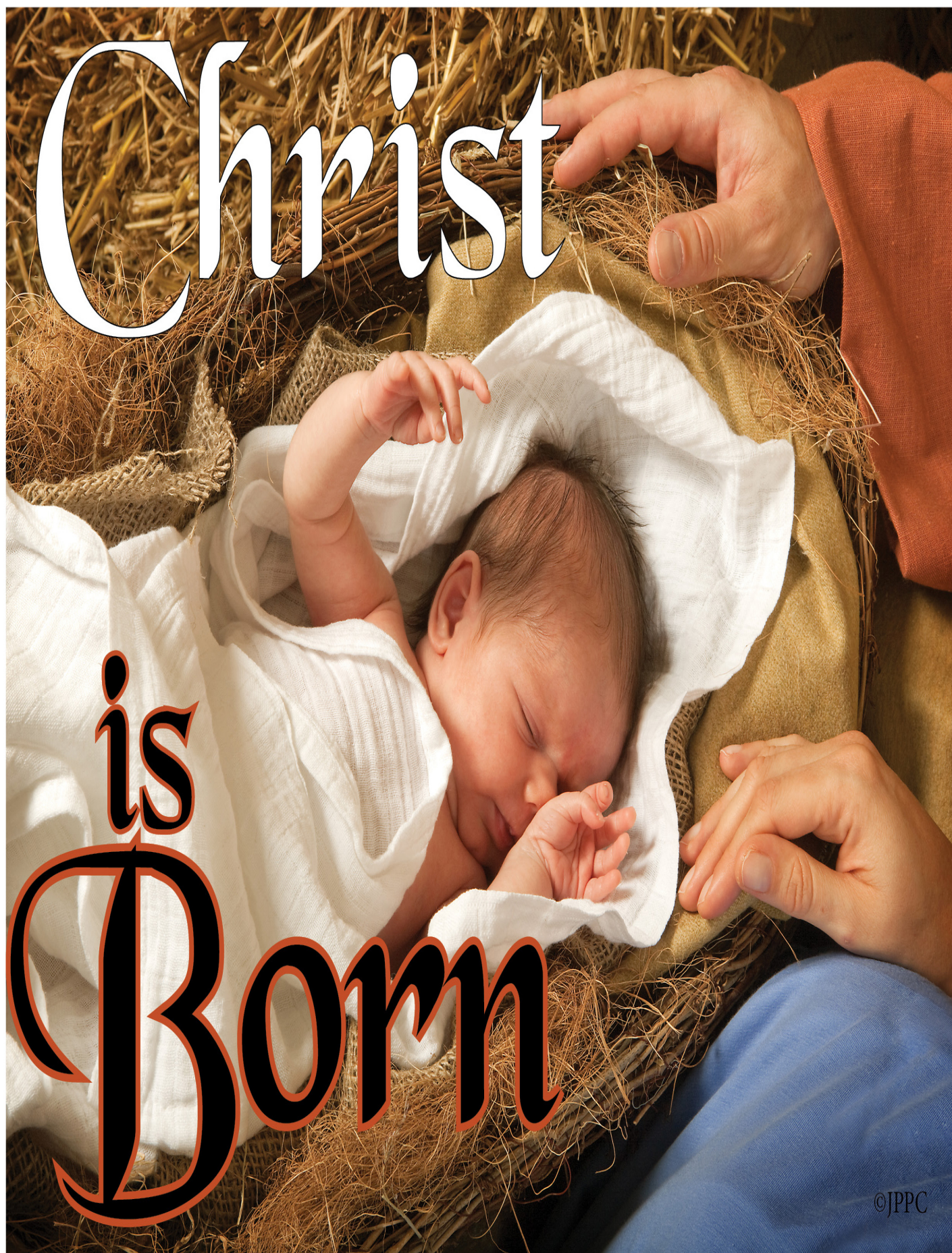


***Congratulations
To
The
Newly Baptized***

**Recent Baptisms celebrated at
the Burrillville Catholic Collaborative
Parishes!**

**Lareina Ivette Quijano
Mia Michelle Mancone
Levi Joseph Corneau
Dustin Albert Harriman
Cecilia Roe Mussulli**

Welcome to God's Family, the Church!!



Christ

is Born