

The Burrillville Catholic Collaborative

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2024



Our Lady of Good Help

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville

Masses and Regular Devotions

Our Lady of Good Help-

Saturday 4:30pm and Sunday 10:30am

St. Theresa Church- Sunday 8:00am and 5:00pm

St. Patrick Church- Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 9:15am

Holy Days of Obligation: As announced

Daily Mass: St. Theresa Church 8:30am Monday to Saturday and Legal Holidays

Confessions:

OLGH 3:30-4:15pm Saturdays,

St Theresa Friday & Saturday following 8:30am Mass
Or by appointment, please call the office.

Novena of the Miraculous Medal and Benediction:

St. Patrick 9:00am Tuesdays

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

St. Theresa Church 9:00am – Noon Fridays



St Patrick Church

45 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville
Office and Cemeteries: 401-568-5600

Clergy:

Pastor:

Rev. Jose Parathanal, C.M.I.

pastorolghsp@gmail.com

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Cyriac Kalampatt, C.M.I.

Deacon Assistant:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

Church and Shrine

35 Dion Drive, Harrisville

Parish office: 401-568-8280

Parish Contact / Office Information.

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(401) 568-8280

St. Theresa Rectory

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Our Lady of Good Help

Norman Dalpe & Michael Cosetta

St. Patrick's Church

Roger Johnson & George Lough

Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec. 21st *Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent*
 4:00pm (St. Patrick) +Maurice Robert by Bob & Anna Bouley
 4:30pm (OLGH) +Pauline Brault by Lorraine O'Rourke

Sun., Dec. 22nd *The Fourth Sunday of Advent.*
 8:00am (St. Theresa) +Gerald & Pauline Laroche by their family
 9:15am (St. Patrick) A. Richard Peyer, for healing
 10:30am (OLGH) +Tony Succi by his wife, Joanne and family
 5:00pm (St. Theresa) +Ron Faford by his wife, Nancy and family

Weekday Masses- 8:30am at St. Theresa Church

Mon., Dec. 23rd *St. John of Kany, Priest*
 8:30a +Alice Issa by Dave & Beverly Munyon.

Tues., Dec. 24th *Advent Weekday*
 For relief and release of those Holy Souls in Purgatory

The Vigil of the Nativity of The Lord
 4:00p (OLGH) Pro Populo
 4:00p (St. Patrick) Pro Populo

Wed., Dec. 25th *The Nativity of The Lord*
 8:00a (St. Theresa) All pilgrim visitors to St. Theresa Shrine
 9:15a (St. Patrick) Pro Populo
 10:30a (OLGH) Noel LaPierre (Birthday) by his family

Thur., Dec. 26th *St. Stephen, the First Martyr*
 All pilgrim visitors to St. Theresa Shrine

Fri., Dec. 27th *St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*
 All pilgrim visitors to St. Theresa Shrine

Sat., Dec. 28th *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*
 8:30am (St. Theresa) All pilgrim visitors to St. Theresa Shrine

Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family
 4:00pm (St. Patrick) All victims of human trafficking.
 4:30pm (OLGH) +Raymond Cournoyer by Marie Magill

Sun., Dec. 29th *The Feast of the Holy Family*
 8:00am (St. Theresa) All pilgrim visitors to St. Theresa Shrine
 9:15am (St. Patrick) Ron Houle (2nd Ann. & Birthday) by Kerri, Scott, Brenda and Meaghan
 10:30am (OLGH) +Veronica Cosetta, by her family
 5:00pm (St. Theresa) +Edward Gravel by Ron & Lise Paille

FROM THE PASTOR

Sunday, December 22, 2024
 The Fourth Sunday of Advent



as many different languages.

As we prepare for Christmas, this scene and event is something to be reflected upon. Mary, after her miraculous conception of Christ, immediately sets out to visit and serve her cousin Elizabeth who was conceived in her old age with the child John the Baptist. Both women are blessing each other and praising and glorifying God. The infant John in the womb of Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit and leaped for joy at the presence of the baby Jesus in the womb of Mary. Both Mary and Elizabeth make a huge difference in each other's lives, in the lives of their infants, and all the more in the life of all humanity.

We can make a real difference in the lives of others by carrying Jesus to them. However, we cannot give what we do not possess. Christmas is the ideal time for us to be filled with the spirit of Christ, allowing his rebirth within us. Thus, he enables us to share his love with all whom we encounter by offering them humble and committed service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate caring. Sharing Jesus with others is the best Christmas gift we can give. God wants each of us, like Mary, to carry to those around us the Lord of Life. It is easy to send flowers, Christmas cards or gifts. To give the gift of oneself, however, is the greatest gift of all.

Let us take the time to visit others this Christmas, to bring some inspiration into their lives, and hopefully to bring them closer to God. Let us share with them the Spirit of God, the Spirit of consolation, of courage, of peace and joy, just as Mary did. During the Christmas Season, God calls us into action as He did Our Lady. There are many lonely, sick, poor, homeless, depressed people in our society. Let us, like Mary, look for opportunities to bring consolation, comfort, peace, and joy at this time to make a blessed season.

Merry Christmas,
 Rev. Jose Parathanal



Parish Masses for Christmas
Tuesday,
December 24.
Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord
4:00pm Our Lady of Good Help
4:00pm St. Patrick Church

Wednesday, December 25,
The Nativity of Our Lord
8:00am St. Theresa Church
9:15am St. Patrick Church
10:30 Our Lady of Good Help



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



Thanks to a generous donation from the Karl and Paula Koch foundation of Gainesville, FL, the Shrine will replace the floor in the Church Hall and complete some additional and much-needed cosmetic upgrades to this space.

We thank you in advance for your forbearance during this work and we look forward to being better able to host our visitors, pilgrims and parishioners in the very near future.



⇒ Christmas basket distribution will take place this Saturday, December 21st from 9-10am. Please call 401-762-1834 to register for a basket.
⇒ We are continuing to

accept food donations. Food donations can be placed in the bins at either St. Theresa's or OLGH entryways.

⇒ Donations of gift certificates from Brigido's or Dino's are gratefully accepted and should be marked for SVDP and can be placed in the SVDP collection basket after all masses.

Thank you for your generosity to your neighbors in need!



A reminder that as we move into the winter months, the parish follows the town of Burrillville for closures. If the schools are closed, then the parish office will be as well and classes and meetings at our churches will be cancelled.

The Mass schedule does not change unless it becomes hazardous for our priests to get over to the Churches.

The Shrine is open outdoors from sunrise to sunset each day, regardless of the weather.

For specific information, check the website at:
burrillvillecatholic.org

Join the parish.

Scroll down to the link on our homepage to download the registration form at:

burrillvillecatholic.org

Forms can be returned to the office in person or by post.

We encourage you to re-register if family demographics or contact information has changed. Call 401-568-8280 with any questions.

About this bulletin:

The bulletin deadline is the Monday before publication, special (holiday) bulletins may have earlier deadlines. Contact silviaaldredge@gmail.com for questions, concerns, or complaints.

St. Patrick's Church

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Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Bernard O'Reilly, Ph.D.

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stpatrickri.org/



The next December Food Pantry Opening is Monday, December 23rd from 4:30-6:30pm

Christmas Baskets will be distributed this Saturday, December 21st from 9:30-11:00am

The food pantry is happy to accept gifts of food, market gift cards or monetary support.

Donations for Christmas baskets can be left at the entrance of the Church or at the porch of the rectory.

May God bless you for your generosity to your neighbors in need!



MERRY CHRISTMAS! And HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Remember, Christmas, as a liturgical season BEGINS on December 25th. Consider keeping

Christmas in your home by celebrating the following feast days:
Dec. 26- St. Stephen, the 1st Martyr
Dec. 27- St. John, the Apostle
Dec. 28- The Holy Innocents
Dec. 29- The Holy Family
Jan. 1- The Solemnity of Mary
Jan. 5- the Epiphany

Diocesan News and Events

Now in its 20th season of helping RI households stay warm, the Diocese of Providence recently kicked off this year's Keep the Heat On heating assistance campaign, a program to help struggling families with heating assistance. Since 2005, the generous support of Rhode Islanders has provided more than \$4.4 Million in heating assistance to 17,750 Rhode Island households in need.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please call 401-421-7833, ext. 207.

If you would like to help local families this winter, tax-deductible donations can be made through their website at:

Heatri.com



Urgent Need for Winter Baby Essentials!

The Mother of Life Center is currently in urgent need of warm winter clothing for babies sizes newborn to 6-9 month old.

Donations can be dropped off at 400 Atwells Avenue, Providence or contact the center at 401-421-0821 for information on monetary donations or pickup options.

The Mother of Life center supports women who may otherwise have chosen abortion throughout pregnancy. They also offer supportive care for moms, dads, and babies including material needs, adoption and public-assistance counseling, and parental training

Please consider a gift to the center this holiday season! More online at:

Motheroflife.org

Weekly Collection

Weekly Giving 12.09.24

Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Theresa Shrine

Collection	\$3,456
E-Giving	\$1,359
Retired Religious	\$1,656

Weekly giving information for 12.15.24 was not available at the time of publication.

The 2nd Collection this weekend 12/21-22 is for Fuel Support.

Thank you for your generosity!



Join Fr. Jose on the journey of a lifetime to South America! We'll travel to Brazil, Argentina and Peru from October 16th—31st, 2025.

Two wonders of the world are on the itinerary, Machu Pichu in Peru and the Christ the Redeemer Statue in Brazil. We'll also visit the Basilica and Maximus Convent of Nuestra Senora del Rosario, the final resting place for three important Peruvian saints (St. Juan Macias, St. Rose of Lima and St. Martin dePorres).

For More Information & Reservations:
Contact Bernadette Corpuz, tour coordinator, at
323-547-6618 (cell) or
email bcorp1114@gmail.com



Please enroll me in the 2025 50-Week Club

- I would like the same number as last year #_____ OR
- I would like a new number OR
- I am new to the club (you'll be assigned the next available number).
- Enclosed is \$50, qualifying me for the Early Bird drawing OR
- I will pay in installments. Enclosed is \$_____ (subsequent payments to be placed in a marked envelope and returned to the parish office at 35 Dion Drive)

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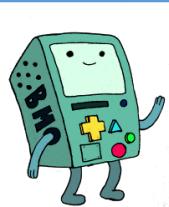
Religious Education

Our thanks to everyone who participated in the Christmas Concert! This annual tradition is becoming a much-loved part of our parish. We so appreciate the support of our Religious Education families for this event.

No classes from this weekend through January 5th, 2025.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!

For the full 2024-25 Academic year schedule
burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education



Lately, we've seen an uptick in scammers posing as our staff and requesting the purchase of gift cards.

No member of our parish staff will ever contact you with such a request! If you receive an email with an "urgent request", simply delete it. You are always welcome to call the parish office to verify if a contact is genuine




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