



1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville, RI

Our Lady of Good Help Parish & Saint Theresa Shrine.

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Providence.

Rev. Michael J. McMahon, Pastor

Deacon Richard J. Lapierre, Deacon Assistant



35 Dion Drive, Nasonville, RI

Parish Website: www.burrillvillecatholic.org

Both churches are handicap accessible.

Liturgical Schedule & Sacramental Life

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM (St. Theresa).

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM (OLGH).

11:30 AM (St. Theresa).

Daily Mass: Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM.

At St. Theresa Church. No Mass on Fridays.

Legal Monday Holidays: 9:00 AM @ St. Theresa.

Confessions: Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM @St. Theresa

Holy Days of Obligation: As Announced.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday's 9:00 AM -7:00 PM. (St. Theresa's Convent Chapel)

BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated monthly. Please contact Father McMahon or the 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 & HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Please contact the parish office to arrange a visit by the clergy or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Parish Contact / Office Information

Parish Office: (401) 568-8280 *(For parish business)*

Rectory/Pastor: (401) 568-5272 *(OLGH Rectory)*

E-Mail: burrillvillecatholic@gmail.com

Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9AM until 2PM.
(Closed Fridays)

Office location/Mailing Address: 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, RI 02830 (St. Theresa's Rectory Bldg).

St. Theresa Cemetery: 88 Ledoux Drive, Nasonville.

Cemetery hours: 7 AM until 7 PM; (Nov – April) 5 PM.



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. "Like us" on Facebook & YouTube: @Shrine of the Little Flower.

Have pity on me, Lord!



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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

August 16, 2020

"The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked" (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Parish Staff & Officers

Trustees: Normand Dalpe & Michael Cosetta.

Auditors: Lorraine O'Rourke & Andrew McClure.

Office Coordinators & Bookkeepers: Cindy Manning, Peter LaMoria, & Nancy Latendresse.

Religious Education: Patricia Ducharme (Grades 1-5), Janet Badzmierowski (Grades 6-9) & Irma Rodriguez, SPRED Coordinator.

Organist & Choir Director: Peter LaMoria.

Buildings & Grounds / Cemetery: Kenneth Garrepy.

Shrine Coordinator: Mark Garrepy.

St. Theresa Convent: Sister Grace Coffey.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

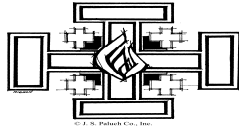
SVDP President (OLGH): Michelle Poirier.

SVDP Hotline: (401) 762-1834.

OLGH Food Pantry: Bob & Kari Wilson.

MASSES for the WEEK

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All Weekday Masses at St. Theresa Church.

Monday, August 17, 2020 ~ Weekday
8:30 AM: Special Intention.

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 ~ Weekday
8:30 AM + Richard Champagne
Req. by his Wife, Cheryl

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 ~ St. John Eudes, Priest
8:30 AM + Jean Siravo (*Birthday Remembrance*)
Req. by her daughter, Nancy & Family

Thursday, August 20, 2020 ~ St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor
8:30 AM : Pro Populo

Saturday, August 22, 2020 ~ *The Vigil of Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:30 PM (St. T.)+ Antonio Socci — 1st Anniversary
Req. by his wife, Joanne

Sunday, August 23, 2020 ~ *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM (OLGH) + Omer & Rita Nault
Req. by Maurice & Anne Nault

10:00 AM (OLGH) + Matthew Turcotte — 3rd Anniversary
Req. by The Family

11:30 AM (St. T) + Donna Allard *Req. by Lorraine Dupuis*

****11:30 AM Mass at outdoor shrine.****
(Weather permitting)

Weekly Offering

August 8/9, 2020



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Sunday Collection.....	\$6,695.00
Online Giving	\$1,324.00
SVDP	\$151.00

Thank you for your continued devotion and support, as your generosity is making a difference!!! **The target goal to meet weekly expenses is \$6,500.**
As all public Masses were cancelled from March 17 until May 30th, a significant financial burden has been placed on all parishes, including your own. If possible, please mail your budget envelopes to the parish office or use online giving, with the link found on our website, www.burrillvillecatholic.org.

Memorial Donation: Please remember Our Lady of Good Help & St. Theresa Shrine in your Will & Estate.

From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to the ten children from Our Lady of Good Help Parish who received their first Holy Communion on the Feast of the Assumption, this past Saturday, August 15th, at St. Theresa Shrine! Although the ceremony was delayed three months due to the pandemic, our children did not miss a beat! Our dedicated Second Grade Teachers Michelle Poirier and Jennifer Bodziony trained our second graders well, keeping up with them via "Zoom" during the shutdown. Every year, I am impressed by our First Communicants zeal, enthusiasm and reverence. This is especially remarkable due to the unique circumstances this year! We pray that our First Communicant's love for Jesus in the Eucharist grow more fervent as they grow up!

Switching gears, I need to address a few items regarding safety protocols at Mass, in which I have received some complaints or suggestions. Since we resumed public Masses in June, there has been a gradual return by parishioners. With indoor capacity now limited at 66% (and while offering one outdoor Mass at the shrine), we have been averaging roughly 400 people at four Masses on a weekend (down from the usual 600-700 attendees pre-Covid), which is certainly a decent number! Overall, everyone has done a good job following the protocols in place. Although the pews are no longer "roped off", please make an effort to maintain appropriate distance. **In other words, please do not sit directly behind other people and space the seating appropriately.** Also, regarding those who receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please wait towards the end of the line if you choose to do so. **It is a violation of Canon Law for me to refuse a communicant who wishes to receive in this most pious and reverent way,** but we also need to proceed in a manner that puts everyone at ease. **As stated numerous occasions, common sense and practicing good personal hygiene habits is the best approach in responding the pandemic.** I will not implement draconian airport security style measures here (anything that goes beyond the diocesan guidelines), as I believe such an overreach is unnecessary and fuels fear. As stated before, trust God and practice prudence. If you are sick or uneasy about coming to church, stay home, as the obligation to attend is currently suspended. We can all be safe without succumbing to panic!

God Bless,

Fr. McMahon

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab;
Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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The Annual St. Theresa Shrine Feast Day scheduled for the third Sunday in August has been canceled for this year due to restrictions on public gatherings. **The 11:30 AM Sunday Mass will be held**

at the outdoor shrine (weather permitting) through Sunday, August 30th. (We may extend through September)Please note, the outdoor Mass will be offered "ad orientem", due to the current configuration of the outdoor shrine. ****

- **"Theology on Fire" is back!** Theology on Fire is a Young Adults Group which meets the second Friday of every month from April to November at **St. Theresa Shrine**, coordinated by Mark Garrepy. Young adults ages 16-35 are welcome to join us for a lecture around a fire in the outdoor shrine. Following the lecture, adoration is held in the outdoor church. Directly afterwards, the group meets in the Church hall for pizza and community. The night closes with Night Prayer at 9:50 PM. Please consider joining us for our **next event Friday, September 11th. Social distancing norms are practiced!**

Reminders about reopening for public Mass.

- (1.) We are now in Phase III: Attendance is up to 66% of fire code capacity at each church building.
(200 people outdoors)
- (2.) The "six foot rule" is being implemented regarding seating and the reception of Holy Communion.
- (3.) The obligation to attend Mass has been suspended. If you are vulnerable or uneasy about attending public Mass, you are advised **not** to come! If you are experiencing any symptoms of this illness, **you must not enter the building**. One Mass is streamed and made available for online viewing on our YouTube Channel, "Shrine of the Little Flower" every Sunday at 11:30 AM.
- (4.) Anyone entering the church must sanitize their hands. Physical contact must not happen (hand shaking, etc.) Masks are highly encouraged to be worn, but not during the reception of Holy Communion. Thank you for your kind cooperation! **Trust God and practice common sense!!**



In Memoriam

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

SVDP OLGH CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The OLGH Food Pantry will move **from the Tuesday openings to Saturday openings. We will have the distribution outside the building - bringing packages, prepared prior to opening, out to families. Next openings: Saturday, September 5th.**

The SVDP Food Pantry will continue to accept food and personal item donations in the designated bins at each church, however we will be unable to receive donations of plastic bags until further notice due to restrictions currently in place. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC PRAYER IN TIMES OF EPIDEMICS

V. Deal not with us, Lord, according to our sins. R. And take not vengeance on us because of our misdeeds. V. Help us, O God, our Deliverer. R. And for thy name's sake, O Lord, free us. V. Remember not, O Lord, our sins of old. Hasten to us with thy compassion, for we are become exceeding poor. V. St. Sebastian, pray for us. R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. V. O Lord, hear my prayer. And let my cry come unto thee. V. The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray: Vouchsafe to hear us, O God, our only salvation! And through the intercession of the glorious and blessed Mary, Mother of God and ever Virgin, of thy blessed martyr, Sebastian and of all the saints, deliver thy people from the terrors of thy wrath, and restore their confidence by the outpouring of thy compassion. Be moved to pity, O Lord, at our earnest entreaties, and heal the illnesses of body and soul; so that experiencing thy forgiveness we may ever rejoice in thy blessing. We beseech thee, O Lord, grant us a hearing as we devoutly raise our petitions to thee, and graciously turn away the epidemic of plague which afflicts us; so that mortal hearts may recognize that these scourges proceed from thine indignation and cease only when thou art moved to mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ R. Amen.



We will be accepting registrations for next fall (2020-21). Letters to all participating families were mailed regarding this matter in May. Forms can also be downloaded from the parish website. **Decisions on how we will safely proceed in the Fall will be determined by early September, as we are awaiting official guidance from the diocese and town/state government.**

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