

Our Lady of Good Help Parish & Saint Theresa Shrine.

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Providence.

Two Churches, One United Parish, Dedicated to Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

OLGH Church: 1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville, RI 02839/ St. Theresa Shrine: 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, RI 02830.
Parish Website: www.burrillvillecatholic.org *Both churches are handicap accessible.*



Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael J. McMahon, Pastor.

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre, Deacon Assistant.

Trustees:

Normand Dalpe & Michael Cosetta.

Religious Education: Patricia Ducharme,

Janet Badzmierowski & Fr. McMahon, Coordinators.

Irma Rodriguez, SPRED Coordinator (401) 278-4578.

Organist & Choir Director: N. Peter LaMoria.

Buildings & Grounds: Kenneth Garrepy.

Shrine of the Little Flower Coordinator: Mark Garrepy.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul: Michelle Poirier,
President of OLGH Chapter. (401) 762-1834.

Parish & St. Theresa Cemetery Office

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. (Closed Friday)

Cindy Manning, Administrative Secretary.

(Office located at St. Theresa's Rectory)

St. Theresa Cemetery: 88 Ledoux Drive, Nasonville.

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

Contact Information

Parish Office: (401) 568-8280

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burrillvillecatholic@gmail.com

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Liturgical Schedule & Sacramental Life

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM (OLGH).

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:30 AM (St. Theresa).
10:00 AM (OLGH).

Daily Mass: Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM.

From December through April, Daily Mass is at St. Theresa Shrine.

No Mass on Fridays.

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

Confessions: Saturday 3:30-4:15 PM @ OLGH.

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.

NEW PARISHONERS: Kindly introduce yourself to Fr.
McMahon after any Mass or by appointment to register.

*St. Theresa is home to the first shrine dedicated
in honor of the "Little Flower", St. Theresa of
the Child Jesus. Grounds open daily from sun-
rise to sunset.*



Third Sunday of Advent. (Gaudete Sunday)
December 15, 2019

"Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain" (James 5:7-10).

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Weekday Masses (ALL @ St. Theresa**)**

Monday, December 16, 2019

Advent Weekday

8:30 AM + Richard Duquette *Req. by His Wife & Family*

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM + Marilyn Follett *Req. by Fr. McMahon & Parish*

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM + Richard Kirchmeyer *Req. by Anne & Jim Brown*

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Late Advent Weekday

8:30 AM + Yvette Pelletier *Req. by the Family*

Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 21, 2019

The Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM (OLGH) + Pauline Brault — 9th Anniversary
Req. by Lorraine O'Rourke

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**8:00 AM (St. T) + William Dupuis, Agnes, Earl, George,
Evelyn & Gary Bouley**
Req. by Lorraine Dupuis

10:00 AM (OLGH) + Theresa, Ted & David Hebert

Req. by the Family

11:30 AM (St. T) + Edward Wright *Req. by Minn Robidoux*

Weekly Offering

December 7/8, 2019



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Sunday Collection.....\$6,920.00
Religious Retirement.....\$1,523.00
Online Giving\$410.00

SVDP Donations.....\$280.00
*A sincere thank you for your generous support! The goal needed to meet weekly expenses is \$6,500. **Sign up for "on-line giving" via the parish website. It's easy & secure!!*

No Second Collection Next Weekend (Dec. 21/22).

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,

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! We rejoice because we are 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!

A word of thanks to all who volunteered and assisted in any way with the "Wonder of Christmas Bazaar" last weekend. Under the leadership of Lorraine O'Rourke and her committee, it was another successful year! Also, thank you to all who donated to the annual "Giving Tree" campaign. As is the case every year, your heartfelt generosity is truly outstanding! We are grateful to Michelle Poirier and the SVDP Society for once again spearheading this charitable effort.

Lastly, if you are looking to get more into the spirit of the season, stop by the grounds of St. Theresa Shrine from 4 pm until 10 pm (*any evening beginning this weekend through Epiphany*). For the first time in many years, a few sections of the shrine will be illuminated with LED Christmas Lights, akin to a "mini-La Salette." If you have never visited our outdoor shrine, maybe this Advent/Christmas Season is the time to do so??



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God Bless,

Fr. McMahon



GRATEFUL
for God's Providence
CELEBRATING 110 YEARS
OF SERVICE

As you know, our parish is actively participating in the GGP Campaign. Our parish goal is \$280,000. We are asking all families to keep an open heart and mind as you pray over your sacrificial gift. 40% of EVERY dollar raised from dollar one will be returned back to our parish for various projects! As of Dec. 8th, \$96,385 has been pledged (35% of goal)!! Thank you for your very kind support!!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24



Tabernacle Candles (St. Theresa):

Lataille & Sparrow Family, living & deceased.

In Memoriam Req. by Lorraine Sparrow.

Sanctuary Candles (OLGH):

In Memory of Victor Dansereau (Birthday remembrance) Req. by David Dansereau & Family

"Parish & Diocesan News"

- **Advent Penance Service** will be offered **this Monday, December 16th at 6:30 PM at St. Theresa Church.** Please note, the sacrament is made available to our religious education students who meet on Monday evenings. Several priest confessors will be available. ***Come receive the gift of God's Mercy this Advent!!!!***
- **2020 Parish Calendars** are now available at both Churches. ***Please only one calendar per family***, as we have a limited amount to go around!
- **Our Lady of Good Help "12 Days of Christmas Raffle" is underway!** 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!!!***
- **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** You will find in your budget packet an envelope for 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 both churches during the Christmas Season.

Weekly Mass Attendance Tracker: (Dec.7/Dec. 8)

4:30 PM (OLGH): 182
8:00 AM (St. Theresa): 141
10:00 AM (OLGH): 234
11:30 AM (St. Theresa): 123
Weekend Total: 680.

OLGH Capacity: 375/ St. Theresa Capacity: 250.



Christmas Eve.

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

4:00 PM: Vigil Mass @ St. Theresa. (Father Marcello)

4:30 PM: Vigil Mass @ Our Lady of Good Help.
(No Midnight or late evening Mass)

Christmas Day.

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

10:00 AM: @ Our Lady of Good Help.

"Keep the MASS in Christmas!!"

From Deacon Rick:

A heartfelt thank you to all who made my 25th anniversary celebration such a memorable event. The well wishes, cards, gifts were all overwhelming and I am truly humbled by all the compliments. The greatest praise belongs to the Lord Himself for as I go through life I see His hand directing not only my life, but all things towards Himself, the source of life and the source of love. God bless you all!

- Deacon Rick Lapierre



"2019 Christmas Light Show."

Beginning December 14 through January 6th, 4 PM until 10 PM at St. Theresa Shrine!
(35 Dion Drive in Nasonville)

This year, the Shrine of the Little Flower is starting an Annual Christmas Light Show. Come any evening this season and enjoy the festive spirit on the shrine grounds. No need to drive to "all the way" to La Salette this year!!!



Students in sacramental preparation

(First Communion & Confirmation) are required to sign in each week for Sunday Mass. Sign in sheets are located in the back of both churches.

Last classes before Christmas : December 15th & 16th.
Classes resume January 5/6, 2020.

Confirmation Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 at St. Joseph in Pascoag.** *(We are participating in a regional ceremony this year with three other local parishes, determined by the Diocesan Office of Worship.)*

Information page

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