

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.
Ima 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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E-Mail: ourladyofgoodhelp@gmail.com or
burrillvillecatholic@gmail.com

Office Mailing Address: 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, RI 02880

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.*



Fourth Sunday of Advent.
December 22, 2019

"The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:18-24).

MASSES for the WEEK



Masses @ Our Lady of Good Help

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

****The Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)****

4:30 PM + Deceased Members of the Nolda Family

Req. by Irene Nolda

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

10:00 AM : Pro Populo

Saturday, December 28, 2019

Vigil The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:30 PM + Donald St. Pierre

Req. by Anne & Richard Chretien

Sunday, December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

10:00 AM + Lauretta Beauregard—5th Anniversary

Req. by Russell & Claudette Jackson

Masses @ St. Theresa

Monday, December 23, 2019

Saint John of Kanty, Pastor

8:30 AM + Rita Glaude *Req. by Surro & Beaulieu Family*

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 (No 8:30 AM Mass)

****The Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)****

4:00 PM + Sister Bertha, Irene & Lucien Lamoureux

Req. by Lucien Lamoureux

Thursday, December 26, 2019

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

8:30 AM + Robert L. Goudreau—18th Anniversary

Req. by Chris & Bob Goudreau

Sunday, December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM + Joseph Baca (Bev Daignault's Brother)

Req. by Minn Robidoux

11:30 AM + Noel Lapierre (Birthday Remembrance)

Req. by Jacqui & Richard Dionne

Weekly Offering



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Due to publication deadline, the financial information for December 14/15 will be published

next weekend. 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!!**

Second Collection Next Weekend (Dec. 28/29)

Maintenance Collection

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,

On behalf of Deacon Richard Lapierre and the entire dedicated staff of Our Lady of Good Help Parish and St. Theresa Shrine, I wish to extend to you and your loved ones a very Merry and Blessed Christmas! (*I do realize this Sunday is still technically Advent!*) 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.

The true joy of Christmas is not found under the tree or in a gift purchased from Amazon or Target! The gift we receive this day is far more profound. God loved us so much that He sent us His only Son. He loved us enough to take on our poverty, our indignities and fears, our hopes and joys, our sufferings and failures — and to speak to us as one of us. **The Word was made Flesh to offer ALL of us the hope of eternal salvation.** There is no greater gift indeed!

As I write this column, I anticipate our Christmas Masses will be well attended (as is the case each year). The Christmas Mass schedule can be found on the opposite page (notice there are three Masses this year). If you worship infrequently, or only on major feast days, welcome! However, please know that the Lord who is born to us this day awaits to feed us in Word and Sacrament every week. If you have fallen out of "regular practice", please know that it is never too late to come home!

May God grant each of us, and those we love, the gift of welcoming Jesus Christ, Our Savior, into our hearts this holy Christmas Season and all throughout the coming year (and new decade) 2020!

Merry Christmas & God Bless,



Fr. McMahon



As you know, our parish is actively participating in the GGP Campaign. Our parish goal is \$280,000. . 40% of EVERY dollar raised from dollar one will be returned back to our parish for various projects!

As of Dec. 15th, \$106,635 has been pledged (nearly 40% of goal)!! Thank you for your very kind support!!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5;
Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Tabernacle Candles (St. Theresa): *Lataille & Sparrow Family, living & deceased.*

Req. by Lorraine Sparrow.

BVM Statue: *In Memory of Irene Limanek*
Req. by Diane & James Hagerty

Sanctuary Candles (OLGH): *Memory of Claire Dansereau*
(21st Anniversary) Req. by David Dansereau & Family.

"Parish & Diocesan News"

- **Attention OLGH Decorators:** On Monday, December 23rd, OLGH Church will be decorated for Christmas beginning at 3 PM. With enough help, decorating should be quick and easy! Please contact Carol Gobeille at 710-7450 if interested. All are welcome!
- **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.
- **Christmas Mass Readings:** The readings for "Midnight Mass" will be used at both the 4 PM & 4:30 PM Masses on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, the readings for "Mass during the Day" will be read at 10 AM Mass.



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!!"



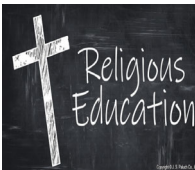
"2019 Christmas Light Show."
Beginning December 14 through
January 6th, 4 PM until 10 PM at
St. Theresa Shrine!
(35 Dion Drive in Nasonville)

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!!!*

Parish Winter Weather Policy 2019/20!

Like it or not, the winter is here. Please be advised of the following: On Weekdays: If Burrillville cancels or delays school, the 8:30 AM daily morning Mass is canceled. 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 AM ONLY. Religious Education & the 8 AM & 11:30 AM Masses are canceled.** The judgment call varies from storm to storm, so stay posted to local media.

SAFETY & PRUDENCE FIRST!!!



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.

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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Special Instructions: