

The Burrillville Catholic Collaborative

Three Churches, One Faith Community

The First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023



Our Lady of Good Help

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville

Mass and Regular Devotions

Our Lady of Good Help

Saturday 4:30pm and Sunday 10:30am

St. Theresa's Church

Sunday 8:00am and 5:00pm

St. Patrick's Church

Saturday 4:00pm and Sunday 9:15am

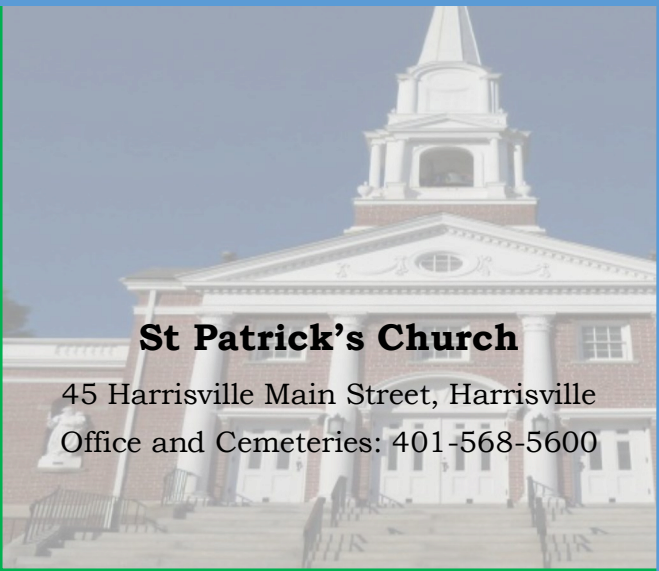
Holy Days of Obligation: As announced

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

Confessions: OLGH 3:30-4:15pm Saturdays, or by appointment.

Novena of the Miraculous Medal and Benediction: St. Patrick's 9:00am Tuesdays

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: St. Theresa's 9:00am – Noon Fridays



St Patrick's Church

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Cyriac Kalampatt, C.M.I.

Deacon Assistant:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre



Shrine of St. Theresa- The Little Flower

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St. Patrick's Church

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The First Week of Advent

Sat. Dec 2nd *Vigil of the First Sunday*

4:00pm + Charles R. Menard
(St. Patrick's) By his family

4:30pm A special intention
(OLGH) By Paul Brayton & family

Sun. Dec 3rd *The First Sunday of Advent*

8:00am + Lorraine Dalpe
(St. Theresa's) By her family

9:15am + Al Blanchette (19th Ann.)
(St. Patrick's) By his family

10:30am + John Polacek
(OLGH) By his wife, AnnMarie

5:00pm + Joseph McLennan, Jr.
(St. Theresa's) By Bob & Gail Brodeur

Weekday Masses at St. Theresa's Church

Mon. Dec 4th *St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor*
8:30am + Fr. Neil Lynch
By Dave & Beverly Munyon

Tues. Dec 5th *Advent Weekday*
8:30am + Edward McGill
By his wife, Marie

Wed. Dec 6th *St. Nicholas, Bishop*
8:30am + Joseph & Doris Cimini
By their daughter, Marie

Thurs. Dec 7th *St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor*
8:30am + Thomas G. DiPippo (14th Ann.)
By his children

Fri. Dec 8th *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
8:30am In Thanksgiving for the intercession of St. Therese.

6:30pm + Robert & Alburta Porter
(OLGH) John & Doreen Nanni

Sat. Dec 9th *St. Juan Diego*
8:30am Pro Populo

Sunday, December 3, 2023.

The First Sunday of Advent.

Today marks the First week of the new liturgical year, and the First week of the season of Advent! During the first two weeks of Advent, we mainly reflect about the Second Coming of Jesus in glory, coinciding with the end of the world. People, in general, have some fear about the end of the world. People have expected it to happen in AD 204, 999 and 2000. The title of a best-seller published in 1988 was *101 Reasons Why Christ Returns in 1988*. Two extremely popular films, 1999's *Omega Code*, and *Left Behind* from 2005 both deal with the Second Coming. Excessive fear of the tribulations accompanying the end of the world led the followers of a religious cult led by a man named Jim Jones (in 1978), and followers of another cult Heaven's Gate (in 1997), to commit mass suicide. But Jesus, in Mark's Gospel (Mk. 13: 33-37), assures us that we need not be afraid of the end of the world, Christ's Second Coming, and the Last Judgment, if we remain alert and prepared.

The Church invites us on this first Sunday of Advent to prepare for Christ's Second Coming, 1) by properly celebrating during this Christmas season the fond memory of Christ's first coming 2000 years ago, 2) by experiencing Christ's daily advent or coming in every Eucharistic celebration, and 3) by preparing daily for Jesus' Second Coming which, for us, will happen at the unknown moment of our death or the equally unknown moment when the world will end.

Using the short parable of the servants and gatekeeper of an absentee master who could return at any time, Jesus instructs his followers to be alert and watchful while doing their Christian duties with sincerity. The gatekeeper and the household servants are expected to be ever vigilant because their master is sure to return. Although the time of his return is uncertain, the reward or punishment is sure and certain.

The early Christians experienced the living presence of Jesus and believed in the certain coming of Jesus, so their mutual greeting was not "Hi!" or "Good Morning!" but the Aramaic, "Maran Atha" which means "Come, Lord Jesus." Through this greeting, they acknowledged Jesus present in each of them, and about Jesus' return. May God bless us, and keep us ever prepared for Christ's second coming, being always in His living presence.

God bless,
Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI



Both the adult and youth Parish Choirs are happy to welcome new voices to sing with us during the Christmas Season. If you would like to join the choir, please contact Peter Lamoria in the office between 9a and 2p Monday to Thursday for rehearsal schedules and more information.



Friday, December 8 is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** and a Holy Day of Obligation. Parish Masses are at 8:30am at St. Theresa's Shrine and 6:30p at Our Lady of Good Help.



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



The parish offers it's warm thanks to all of our parishioners, neighbors and friends who joined us this weekend for the Wonder of Christmas Bazaar.

The Bazaar is one of our major annual fundraisers for the year and we couldn't do any of it without the hard work of our volunteers.

Thank you for your generosity to the parish!

2023 Knights of Columbus Remembering Our Veterans At Christmas (ROVAC) Gift Drive

Through December 13th, the Knights will be collection NEW items to give to residents of the

RI Veteran's Home in Bristol.

Warm winter clothing including outerwear, full size toiletry items, and entertainments like puzzles, music CD's or headphones are most appreciated. All gifts should be NEW and in their original packaging.

Check out the [St. Patrick's Events page](#) or the bulletin insert for a detailed list of needed gifts.

Dropoff boxes will be located in the Church vestibules.

Contact Grand Knight Scott Blanchette @ (401)-323-5354, for more information or questions

We need the support of the WHOLE parish to make this event a success! Thank you for your generosity to our Veterans!



The community of Burrillville is blessed to have the Shrine of St. Theresa which is the first one in the world dedicated to her. The Our Lady of Good Help parish is specially blessed now as the Shrine is part of it.

As the Shrine celebrated its Centennial jubilee this year, the Shrine grounds got a facelift with the new Rosary Walk and other renovations.

The friends and devotees of St. Theresa and the Shrine, are thankful to Rev. Jose Parathanal, the Pastor, who raised the necessary fund for the construction of the Rosary Garden from his friends from all over America that no money had to be used from the parish budget or parish funds for its construction.

At this time we also thank and pray for the people who generously donated to this cause many of whom never have visited this Shrine or never had even heard of it. May God bless all of them through the intercession of St. Theresa.



The Parish Women's Prayer Group meets on Saturday, December 16th following the

8:30am Mass at St. Theresa's Church. Please join us for prayer, reflection and fellowship.



The Shrine wishes to thank the Carl and Paula Koch Foundation of Gainesville, FL for their grant to repave the Stations of the Cross walkways. We are very pleased to be able to offer a better and safer experience to our pilgrim visitors when praying at the Shrine.

St. Patrick's Church

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Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI

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Church Website: <https://stpatrickri.org/>

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

Annual Christmas Lottery Calendar

The Annual Christmas Lottery Calendar will be available for purchase after each Mass or through the rectory in the month of December.

Calendars are \$10.00, with 31 chances to win in the month of January!

Lottery calendars make great stocking stuffers!

Please give Deacon Rick a call at 401-568-5600 with any questions or to pick one up!



December Food Pantry Openings are Monday, December 11th and Tuesday, December 26th from 5-6:30pm



With the addition of the 4:00p Vigil Mass on Saturdays, several Mass intentions are available through the end of the year. Please call the parish office 401-568-8280 to schedule your intention.



The St. Patrick's Christmas Bazaar

offers it's sincere thanks to all of our volunteers, friends and neighbors and everyone who came out to make our event a success!

Diocesan News, Notes, and Events



The Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra present "The Sounds of the Season" at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence on

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m.

Tickets for the Concert may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at 401-331-2434. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the Concert.



Next weekend, December 9-10 the second collection benefits the USCCB's National Retirement Fund for Religious.

Your support of this fund helps to support thousands of elderly religious with care, medicine, and general necessities. For more information:

retiredreligious.org

Weekly Collection

Weekly Giving:

OLGH & St. Theresa Shrine

	11/18-19	11/25-26
Collection	\$3,549	\$2,774
E-giving	\$ 800	\$ 926
CCHD	\$ 842	
Maintenance		\$ 981
St. Patrick's		
Collection	\$1,218	\$1,100
E-giving	\$ 116	\$ 87
CCHD	\$ 266	
Fuel		\$ 420
Annual Collection		\$ 300

Information on parish giving will be delayed due to holiday bulletin publication schedules.

Thank you for your generosity!



Our thanks to the parish for their generous Thanksgiving donations! We are seeking similar donations of food for Christmas Baskets.

Christmas basket distribution is Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 5 pm.



Giving Trees sponsored by the St. Vincent DePaul Society are set up at OLGH and St. Theresa's. If you would like to participate in this gift drive, choose a tag from one of the parish trees, purchase the item requested, and return the wrapped present with the tag attached to the gift to the Church no later than December 10th.



Thank you for your generosity to your neighbors in need!

Join the Parish

To join the parish, simply download the form located on our website homepage at

burrillvillecatholic.org

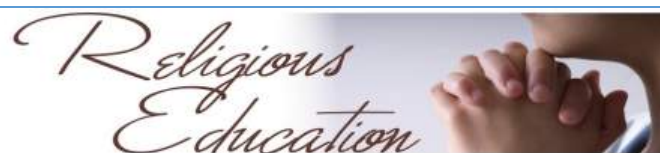
and bring it in or mail it to the office.

Questions? Call 401-568-8280

About this bulletin:

Bulletin deadlines are the Monday before publication. The addition of submitted material is at the discretion of the pastor.

Email silviaaldredge@gmail.com for questions, concerns, or additions.



Classes resume this Sunday

Grades 1-6, 9:15-10:15am at OLGH, Mass immediately following

Grades 7-9, 6:00-7:00pm at St. Theresa's Church, Mass at 5:00pm

Penance Service at both class times: December 10th.

Our **Annual CCD Christmas Concert** takes place on Sunday, December 17th at 6:30pm at St. Theresa's Church.

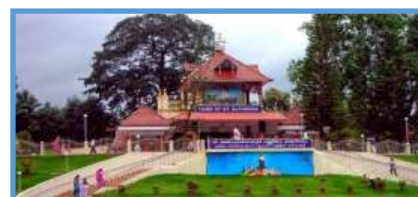
A reception with refreshments will take place in the Church Hall immediately following.

All parishioners are invited to join us for this festive celebration.



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