



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](http://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](mailto: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.*



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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

July 19, 2020

*"The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness"  
(Romans 8:26-27).*

## 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

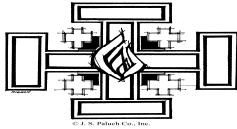
**SVDP President (OLGH):** Michelle Poirier.

**SVDP Hotline:** (401) 762-1834.

**OLGH Food Pantry:** Bob & Kari Wilson.

**MASSSES for the WEEK**

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**All Weekday Masses at St. Theresa Church.**

**Monday, July 20, 2020 ~ St. Lawrence of Brindisi**  
8:30 AM + Sheila Lutz *Req. Frank & Jeanette Geary*

**Tuesday, July 21, 2020 ~ Weekday**  
8:30 AM: Special Intention

**Wednesday, July 22, 2020 ~ St. Mary Magdalene**  
8:30 AM + Antonio Socci *Req. by his wife, Joanne*

**Thursday, July 23, 2020 ~ St. Bridget**  
8:30 AM + Pro Populo

**Saturday, July 25, 2020 ~ The Vigil Mass of the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**  
4:30 PM (St. T.) + Antonio & Mary Chretien  
*Req. by Anne & Dick Chretien*

**Sunday, July 26, 2020 ~ 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 AM (OLGH) + Doris Marcoux *Req. by her Nieces*

**10:00 AM (OLGH) + Emma Rose Hanrahan**  
*Req. by Pat Ducharme*

**11:30 AM (St. T.) + Timmy & Debbie Schabowski**  
*Req. by the Poirier Family*

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

**Weekly Offering**

**July 11/12, 2020**

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Sunday Collection.....\$4,077.00 (Ouch!)  
Missionary Appeal Collection.....(total next week)  
Online Giving .....\$1,030.00  
SVDP .....\$249.00

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.\*\* The second collection this weekend is for the annual missionary appeal.

**\*\*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](http://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,

One of the many challenges posed for priests today is the risk of burnout. Yes, being a priest is a beautiful vocation, but also can be a thankless job. With less workers in the Lord's vineyard, and with greater administrative burdens placed on pastors, it can become overwhelming. One of the challenges on my plate is maintaining six "old" buildings, a shrine, and a cemetery, while balancing pastoral responsibilities. For the last five years, I have been running back in forth between two churches on weekends to offer four Masses, with only one usually at greater than 60% capacity. In this new Covid-19 world, especially now that we are "one parish", I have been contemplating dropping one weekend Mass for sometime. However, on the flip side, our attendance is just decent enough to warrant the current schedule. It seems to have worked well for our parishioners, so "if it's not broke, why fix it?"

Thankfully, I will be having some regular assistance on weekends for the foreseeable future, which will make it possible to maintain the status quo. Father Richard Friedrichs, a retired priest residing in Glendale, has graciously accepted my invitation to assist with weekend Masses. Father Friedrichs just recently celebrated his 50th Anniversary of Ordination. Until the pandemic, he was assisting at St. Philips Parish in Greenville. Father retired in 2014 as Pastor of St. Catherine in Warwick and prior to that, served as spiritual director at the former American College in Louvain, Belgium and the "Our Lady of Peace" Retreat Center in Narragansett. Welcome Father Friedrichs!

On another note, attendance at the outdoor Mass at St. Theresa Shrine has been quite good! The RI Catholic is featuring an article on it, that will be published in the near future. However, it has been noted that our shrine grounds are in much need of work and some areas have fallen in serious disrepair, especially the rosary walk and fountain. Time, the elements and recent wind storms have been the culprits. I am working on a plan to rebuild and restore the rosary as well as replacing the plaques and benches that have been damaged. (Thankfully, we have a record of who donated what over the years, etc.) If you are willing to help or donate towards any of these projects, please reach out to the parish office. "It takes a parish" to accomplish these goals.

God bless,

Fr. McMahon

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50  
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17;  
Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11;  
Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13;  
Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28  
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,  
127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

### "Parish & Diocesan News"



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.** *\*\*Please note, the outdoor Mass will be offered "ad orientem", due to the current configuration of the outdoor shrine.*

- **"Theology on Fire" is back!** Season 3 kicked off last week and was another wonderful event! Theology on Fire is a Young Adults Group which meets the second Friday of every month from April to November at **St. Theresa Shrine**. It is 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. Please consider joining us for our next event, Friday, August 14th. **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 will be 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!



**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: August 8th 9-10 AM & 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. Forms can also be downloaded from the parish website.

**First Communion & Confirmation will be rescheduled to a later date.** After consultation with the families, a date will be selected. Announcements will be made soon!

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