

The Burrillville Catholic Collaborative

Three Churches, One Faith Community

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 10, 2023

Our Lady of Good Help

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville

Mass and Regular Devotions

Saturday Vigil:

St. Theresa's 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses:

OLGH 8:00 am

St. Patrick's 9:15 am

OLGH 10:30 am

St. Theresa's 12:00 Noon

Holy Days of Obligation: As announced

Daily Mass:

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

Confessions: St. Theresa's 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

Clergy:

Pastor:

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pastorolghsp@gmail.com

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Cyriac Kalampatt, C.M.I.

Deacon Assistant:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre

Shrine of St. Theresa- The Little Flower

35 Dion Drive, Harrisville

Parish office: 401-568-8280

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St Patrick's Church

45 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville

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Mass Intentions

The 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Sat. Sept 9th Sunday Vigil
4:30pm + Carolyn Menard
By her family

Sun. Sept 10th
8:00am + Helen Nichols
(OLGH) By Gary & Lynn Rousseau

9:15am + Charles & Inez VanGordon
(St. Patrick's) By Ron & Nancy Faford

10:30am + Ivan & Cheryl Ramirez
(OLGH) By Robert Lee

12 Noon + Jerry & Jeanne Cote
(St. Theresa's) By Lisa Carpentier & family

****Weekday Masses at St. Theresa's Church****

Mon. Sept 11th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
8:30am + Roberty Humphrey
By Dave & Beverly Munyon

Tues. Sept 12th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*
8:30am + Edward Magill
By his wife, Marie

Wed. Sept 13th *St. John Chrystostom, Bishop*
8:30am + Joseph & Doris Cimini
By their daughter, Marie Magill

Thurs. Sept 14th *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
8:30am + Elizabeth DiPippo (birthday)
By her daughter, Silvia

Fri. Sept 15th *Our Lady of Sorrows*
8:30am + Claire Miccuci
By Ernest and Rita Stephens

Sat. Sept 16th *St. Cornelius, Pope & St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*
8:30am Living & deceased members,
the Fraternity of St. Claire of Assisi



Mass Intentions can be made through the parish office by calling 401-568-8280 or in person during office hours: Monday to Thursday from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

FROM THE PASTOR

Sunday, September 10, 2023.
The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When God learned that Cain killed his brother out of jealousy (Gen. 4: 8 - 10), he confronted Cain asking: "Where is your brother Abel?". Cain's reply "Am I my brother's keeper?" resounds 1000's of years later.

In the modern age, humanity is infected with deep selfishness. We often find people with nothing to do, nothing to have, and no sense of responsibility to other people whether it be strangers, coworkers, neighbors or even their own family members! Some justify this condition saying they have no right to intervene in the private lives of their fellow people. Others evade the issue saying, "As a sinner, I don't have the moral courage or the right to correct anyone." However, Jesus emphatically affirms that we ARE our brothers' keepers, and we have the serious obligation to correct others, to help others and to encourage them. We need to offer advice and encouragement to our friends, neighbors, and coworkers when it is needed, and loving correction, in private, for personal offense, where that is possible. This becomes a most serious responsibility when it involves family members.

Among the ancient Jewish rules there are beautiful teachings on fraternal correction. There is a Manual of Discipline, the rules of which governed and safeguarded the integrity and holiness of the community among the preserved writings of the ancient Essenes (a sect of Palestinian Judaism). One section of the manual, concerning communal correction, reads as follows: "They shall rebuke one another in truth, humility, and charity. Let no one address his companion with anger, or ill-temper, or obduracy, or with envy prompted by the spirit of wickedness. Let him not hate him but let him rebuke him on the very same day, lest he incur guilt because of him. And furthermore, let no one accuse his companion before the congregation without having first admonished him in the presence of witnesses" (1 QS 5:24-6:1). Similar guidelines regarding community discipline are found in the rabbinic writings.

The Gospel of St. Mathew reflects the early Church's concern for the spiritual well-being of each member and specifies that the responsibility for that well-being be shouldered by each believer. As with any important undertaking, the process of communal correction (vv. 15-17) will, no doubt, be exercised more justly and mercifully when it is permeated by prayer and the accompanying Divine presence. In fact, praying for those who have strayed from the truth should probably be the first step in any spiritual rescue effort.

In the Gospel, Jesus makes it clear how important we are, one to another, one in Christ, and how we can draw on God's power to make His healing, life-giving love, more effective among His people.

God Bless,
Fr. Jose Parathanal CMI



The parish offers it's warmest congratulations to Alessia Madalina Hatch and her parents, Nathan and Juliana on her Baptism this past weekend. Welcome, Alessia and may God Bless your family and God parents!

Note: it is recommended that a child be Baptized as soon as is practical following their birth. To schedule a Baptism, please call the parish office.



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



Our **100th Anniversary Celebrations** continue Sunday, October 1st, on the **Feast of St. Thérèse**.

The day begins with Mass at noon, followed by a procession and exposition of our relic of the saint. After a break for lunch, we'll have Adoration and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Prayers at the Holy Stairs and the Rosary.

Our bookstore and gift shop will be open, food trucks, including Mikey G's clam cakes & chowder, will be serving tasty lunches.

Parish volunteers will be available to assist.

We look forward to greeting old and new friends as we honor our Saintly Little Sister. Hope to see you there!



The grandchildren of the Keegan family surround the Transfiguration mystery of the Rosary Walk. The Keegan family donated the funds for this monument.

We are so grateful to them for their support and we were very pleased to be able to host the family as they visited the Shrine!

Thank you for your generosity!

Candle Offerings at the Shrine

The St. Thérèse candle in the month of September is offered for the repose of the soul of Denise Solomon.

Candle intentions can be made for the Sanctuary Candle, St. Thérèse Candle, St. Joseph Candle or Our Lady Candle. The recommended offering is \$10/week





Parish Bible Study Resumes-
Following our Summer hiatus,
parish bible study will begin its
new semester on *Thursday,*
September 21st at 7:00pm in the

St. Theresa Church Hall at 35 Dion Drive.

Study reading will be the

Gospel of John, Chapters 11 & 12

All Parishioners and friends are invited. To join and
receive study questions in advance of the meetings,
email Deacon Rick at deaconrick@cox.net
Bible Study takes place on the 3rd Thursday of each
month, September to May.



The next meeting of the parish
women's prayer group will take
place on *Saturday, September*
16th, following the 8:30am Mass.
The group meets monthly on the
third Saturday of each month.
Meetings include time for prayer
and reflection, the opportunity to
discuss faith-matters as a
community, and a spiritual
reading. All women are encouraged to join this
group to help deepen your prayer life.

St. Patrick's Church

Parish & Cemetery Manager

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Email: deaconrick@cox.net

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

Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI

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



Beginning September 30,
2023, St. Patrick's parish
will add a Saturday vigil
Mass at 4:00pm. As
always, the parish is

happy to receive help with
this Mass including altar servers,
ushers, Eucharistic ministers and
those who might be able to prepare
the Church beforehand or clean up
afterward. Thank you!

The next September opening of the St.
Patrick's food pantry is
Monday the 18th.

The food pantry is open from 5-6:30pm.
A reminder that we continue to
gratefully accept garden produce, we'll
happily take your surplus zucchini,
tomato and other vegetables. Thanks for
your kind generosity to your neighbors!



Diocesan News and Events



The Saint Vincent DePaul
Society of Rhode Island will
sponsor the Annual Friends
of the Poor Walk on
Sunday, September 24th at
St. Mark's Church,

Cranston. Registration/
check-in begins at 10:30am For details, to
make a pledge, and for online registration
visit:

<https://svdpri.org/fopwalk/>

The second collection for the weekend of
September 16th benefits the Senior Priest
Retirement Fund, a significant source of support
for our retired priests. This fund provides basic
needs such as food, housing,
transportation and medical care.
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to the fathers who have served us
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Weekly Collection

Weekly Giving: 9/2-3/23

OLGH & St. Theresa Shrine

Weekly collection \$3,286

Electronic giving \$ 845

St. Patrick's

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Thank you for your generosity!

Discover India's spiritual and cultural heritage!



(Photo: Tomb of St. Alphonsa, Kerala, India)

Join Father Jose on a tour of the magnificent cultural and spiritual sites of India! The tour begins in the ancient city of Delhi, and travels to Jaipur, Kolkata, and Goa. The itinerary also includes the beautiful scenic state of Kerala in S. India, where the famous shrines of St. Thomas the Apostle, the tombs of St. Kuriakose Chavara, St. Alphonsa and many other saints are located.

September 23 - October 8, 2024

For more information and reservations contact Bernadette Corpuz at 323-547-6618 or by email at bcorp1114@gmail.com



Memorial intentions for the sanctuary candle at OLGH can be made through the parish office in person or by calling 401-568-8280, Monday - Thursday 9am to 2pm

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.



Religious Education Registration for the 2023-2024 School year is open. Please pickup a registration form in the vestibule of any of our parish churches or download the form from our homepage at burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education

A special Mass at St. Therese Church for all Religious Ed. Students and families will be held on October 1st at 5:00pm

First classes of the year:

- * Sunday, October 1st from 9:15a to 10:15a at OLGH grades 1-5
- * Monday, October 2nd from 6:30p -7:30p at St. Theresa's grades 6-9

The Religious Education program is looking for a 1st grade teacher! Contact our director Pat Ducharme at pducharme1@cox.net if you can help.



Parishioners with disabilities, together with their friends and families, are invited to a special Noon Mass on *Sunday, September 24th*, at St.

Theresa's Church. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after Mass on the Shrine grounds.

In the case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held in the Church Hall. This event is sponsored by the women's prayer group. For more information, contact the parish office at 401-568-8280



The next September date for the SVdP Society food pantry at OLGH is Wednesday the 20th from 5:00pm- 6:00pm. The Food Pantry is located in the OLGH school building at 1063 Victory Highway.

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

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