

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 02880.
Parish Website: www.burrillvillecatholic.org *Both churches are handicap accessible.*



Parish Clergy

Rev. Michael J. McMahon, Pastor.

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapiere, 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 located at 88 Ledoux Drive, Nasonville.

Contact Information

Parish Office: (401) 568-8280

Rectory/Pastor: (401) 568-5272

E-Mail: ourladyofgoodhelp@gmail.com or
cindy@sttheresas.necoxmail.com

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

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.

Monday & Thursday @ OLGH; Tuesday & Wednesday @ St. Theresa.
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.

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.*



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
September 15, 2019

"The grace of our Lord has been abundant" (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

MASSSES for the WEEK



Masses @ Our Lady of Good Help

Monday, September 16, 2019

Saint Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:30 AM: Special Intention

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Saint Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 AM + Rev. Matthew Strumski

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: Pro Populo

10:00 AM + Doris Lapierre Req. by The Family

Masses @ St. Theresa

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM: For Peace Req. by Hai Chow

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Weekday

8:30 AM + Edward Magill Req. by Joanne, Kyle, Casey & Ed

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Vigil of The Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 PM + Howard Laporte Req. by His Wife, Fran

Sunday, September 22, 2019

The Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:30 AM + Lorraine Dalpe Req. by Ken and Cindy

Weekly Offering September 7/8, 2019



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Sunday Collection.....\$6,571.00
 Sunday Collection (9/1).....\$5,460.00
 Maintenance Collection.....\$1,826.00
 Online Giving (9-1 to 9/8).....\$430.00

SVDP Donations.....\$203.00

*A sincere thank you for your generous support! The goal needed to meet weekly expenses is \$6,000. The second collection this weekend is for the diocesan clergy retirement fund. **Sign up for "on-line giving" via the parish website. It's easy & secure!!*

Second Collection Next Weekend (September 22)
Fuel & Utilities.

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,

Recently, the Diocesan newspaper published the "Pastoral Profile" of the Diocese of Providence, ahead of Bishop Tobin's "Ad Limina Visit" in Rome with Pope Francis. Every decade, bishops are required to meet with the Holy Father regarding the state of their Diocese. The report outlines the statistical trends of the local church, and as you might expect, the numbers are quite distressing. *Numbers don't lie!* For instance, in the year 2000, 187,708 individuals regularly attended weekend Mass in the Diocese. **In 2018, the number plummeted to 79,936, a net loss of 107,772 people in only eighteen years!** Furthermore, Baptisms decreased from 6,274 to 2,343 in the same time frame. The numbers of other sacraments and census membership reflect this dramatic downturn. In 2000 there were 216 active priests, **now there are only 134 and is projected to decrease by 40% in the next 5 to 7 years!** Also, Several younger clergy have left the active ministry in the last few years alone!

There is certainly much information to digest, and it is discouraging. We are living in a time of unprecedented cultural change. However, the Church will always be present (**Our Lord reminds us of this in the Gospels**), but we must also come to terms that the heyday of the Church's influence of the last Century is over. This reality will lead to more parish closures and mergers. Fortunately, we are holding our own pastorally and financially since the parish merged in July, but we must continue to be pro-active in moving our parish from maintenance to mission. In the coming year, I will be focusing more intently on what this entails. To be continued.....

This weekend, the annual priests retirement collection will be taken. There are now almost as many retired clergy as active! This annual collection helps maintain the solvency of this fund!

God Bless,

Fr. McMahon



GRATEFUL
 for God's Providence
 CELEBRATING 150 YEARS
 Diocese of Providence

Come learn about Our Lady of Good Help Parish & St. Theresa Shrine's participation in this diocesan promulgated campaign. An informational reception will be held **next Sunday, September 22nd** after the 11:30 AM Mass in the **St. Theresa Parish Hall**. RSVP's would be helpful!

If you have yet to RSVP for the campaign reception please call into the parish office, 568-8280.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6;
Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

"PARISH & DIOCESEAN NEWS"



In Memoriam

Tabernacle Candles (St. Theresa):

Lataille & Sparrow Family, living & deceased.

Req. by Lorraine Sparrow.

Sanctuary Candles (St. Theresa):

In Memory of Robert Allard Req. by His Family & Friends

St. Joseph Sanctuary Lamp (St. Theresa):

In Memory of Robert Aubin (Birthday Remembrance)

Req. by His Wife, Paulette and Family



Upcoming Events at the "Shrine of the Little Flower."

Join us at our own St. Theresa Shrine (the Shrine of the Little Flower) in Nasonville for **Theology on Fire!** The-

ology on Fire is a lecture series for young adults which meets **the second Friday of every month from April to November.** Young adults ages 16-35 are welcome to join us for a lecture around a fire at the outdoor shrine. Following the lecture, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held. Finally, the group closes the night by meeting in the church hall for pizza and community. **Next Event: Friday, October 11th @ 7 PM.**

Celebrate the Liturgical Feast of St. Theresa of Lisieux. Sunday, Sept. 29th beginning with 11:30 AM Mass at St. Theresa Church, followed by lunch, presentation, concluding with Benediction @ 3 PM. ****On Tuesday, Oct. 1st (the actual Feast Day)** the 8:30 AM will be offered at St. Theresa Church, followed by veneration of her relic.

Men's Day of Recollection: Saturday, November 16th, 10 AM until 3 PM, at St. Theresa Hall & Church. Tickets \$20. More information available on the parish website, www.burrillvillecatholic.org

Keep up with the shrine on social media! Please "Like" St. Theresa Shrine on Facebook @ "Shrine of the Little Flower." Also on Instagram @ #Shrine of the Little Flower.

Weekly Mass Attendance Tracker: (September 7/8)

4:30 PM (St. Theresa): 178
8:00 AM (OLGH): 122
10:00 AM (OLGH): 180
11:30 AM (St. Theresa): 124
Weekend Total: 604.

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

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL "FRIENDS OF POOR WALK."

Sunday, September 29, 2019 11 AM, Garden City Shopping Center, Cranston, RI.

Members of Our Lady of Good Help Conference will be available after all Masses during the weekends prior to the walk to offer information on the charitable works of the Society within our own community and to solicit donations for this annual event. We also will have sign up sheets for anyone who is interested in participating in the walk.

- **K OF C HARVEST SUPPER** – The Knights of Columbus, Pascoag Council #383 is sponsoring a family-style Chicken Pot Pie Dinner on Sunday, September 29, in St. Joseph Church Hall, Pascoag, RI. Cocktails, 4:30 pm; Dinner 5 pm. \$15 per person; no charge for children 12 and under. For tickets, call Paul Cosetta at 401-568-4049 or Ron Parenteau at 401-568-2733.
 - **Deacon Rick's Bible Study** resumes Thursday, September 26th @ 7 PM in St. Theresa Hall. (Bible Study will meet on Third Thursdays of the month from October through May (unless otherwise announced).
 - **Planning Ahead: The "Fall/Winter Mass Schedule"** begins **the weekend of October 5 & 6th.** The 4:30 PM Mass & Confessions will be offered at OLGH & the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass returns to St. Theresa's, through May. The 10 AM & 11:30 AM Masses remain at the same church building year round.
 - **SVDP OLGH Food Pantry** is continuing to accept donations that can be placed in **the designated bins at BOTH** St. Theresa's and OLGH Church buildings, in the entryways. **Items especially needed are: juice, cereal, sauces, gravy, syrup, rice/pasta mixes and healthy snacks.** In addition, **personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap etc.** are being accepted and distributed at each opening. Any support from parishioners is greatly appreciated. **Please do not leave items outside any parish building!**
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- Registration for 2019-20:** Registration forms for returning students have been sent home. Forms are also available at both churches or on the parish website. **No new registrations will be accepted after the third week of class without the permission of the pastor.** ****Classes will begin again next week, September 22 & 23, 2019. The schedule: Grades 1 through 5 meet at OLGH School Building, Sundays 8:45 AM until 9:40 AM. Grades 6 through 9 meet at St. Theresa's, Monday evenings 6:30 PM until 7:30 PM.**

Young Adult Sacramental Preparation Program: For various reasons in recent years, many baptized young adults (Age 18-35) have not received their First Communion and/or Confirmation. OLGH Parish will offer a "user friendly" young adult sacramental class program from late October through March. If you are (or know someone who would be) interested in this program, please contact the parish office at 568-8280 or e-mail ourladyofgood-help@gmail.com. **Students presently enrolled in high school must utilize the traditional religious education program.**

Information page

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Special Instructions: