

# The Burrillville Catholic Collaborative

## Three Churches, One Faith Community

Divine Mercy Sunday, The Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, 2026



### **Our Lady of Good Help**

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville, 02839

#### Weekend Masses:

*Our Lady of Good Help*– Sat. 4:00pm Sun. 10:30am

*St. Theresa Church*– Sun. 8:00am & 5:00pm

*St. Patrick Church*– Sat. 4:00pm Sun. 9:15am

Holy Days of Obligation: As announced

Daily Mass: *St. Theresa Church*- 8:30am Mon. to Sat.

#### Confessions:

*OLGH*– 3:00-3:45pm Saturdays

*St. Theresa*– Friday & Saturday following 8:30am

Mass (contact priest after Mass).

*By appointment*– please call the parish office.

#### Novena of the Miraculous Medal and Benediction:

*St. Patrick*– 9:00am, Tuesdays

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

*St. Theresa Church*– 9:00am to Noon, Fridays

#### **Clergy:**

##### Pastor:

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##### Associate Pastor:

Rev. Cyriac Kalampatt, C.M.I.

##### Deacon Assistant:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre



### **St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and Shrine**

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Parish office: 401-568-8280

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### **St Patrick Church**

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Office and Cemeteries: 401-568-5600

**Sat Apr 11<sup>th</sup>** *Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Easter*

4:00pm (St. Patrick)

† Francis & Rita Kenney by their family

4:00pm (OLGH)

† Raymond Cahill (32<sup>nd</sup> Ann.) by his family

**Sun Apr 12<sup>th</sup>** *2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)*

8:00am (St. Theresa) † Pat Ducharme by the parish

9:15am (St. Patrick) † Linda Pichie by her family

10:30am (OLGH) † Ferdinand Ziegler by his family

5:00pm (St. Theresa) Pro Populo

Daily Mass– 8:30a St. Theresa Shrine Church

**Mon Apr 13<sup>th</sup>** *St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr*

† Emery Sr. & Carmella Munyon by Dave & Beverly Munyon

**Tues Apr 14<sup>th</sup>** *Easter Weekday*

† Ron Paille by Marie Magill

**Wed Apr 15<sup>th</sup>** *Easter Weekday*

† Fr. Norman Bourdon by Dave & Beverly Munyon

**Thurs Apr 16<sup>th</sup>** *Easter Weekday*

† Al Issa (10<sup>th</sup> Ann.) & Dr. Satya Reddy (9<sup>th</sup> Ann.) by David & Beverly Munyon

**Fri Apr 17<sup>th</sup>** *Easter Weekday*

† John & Violet St. Sauveur by their daughter-in-law, Janice

**Sat Apr 18<sup>th</sup>** *Easter Weekday*

For the Ministry of St. Theresa Convent by Bess

*Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Easter*

4:00pm (St. Patrick) † Rene Moreau (8<sup>th</sup> Ann.) by her family

4:00pm (OLGH) † Sandra Cook by Barbara Menard

**Sun Apr 19<sup>th</sup>** *The 3rd Sunday of Easter*

8:00am (St. Theresa) † Angelo DiPippo by his family

9:15am (St. Patrick) † Jane Jurkiewicz by her daughter, Bess

10:30am (OLGH) † James Cosetta by Mike Cosetta

5:00pm (St. Theresa) † Therese Montminy (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.) by her daughter, Linda

Sunday, April 12, 2026– The 2nd Sunday of Easter & Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter (the Sunday after Easter) is celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Faustina Kowalska is called the apostle of Divine Mercy as Jesus appeared to her numerous times beginning in February of 1931. St. Faustina was canonized by St. John Paul II on the 30th of April, 2000. When Jesus appeared to St. Faustina, He asked her to spread devotion to the Mercy of God.

At 14 points in her diary she recorded that Jesus wants a Feast of Mercy to be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. The most comprehensive revelations can be seen in entries 699, 299, and 742 in the Diary. In 299, it is written, "I desire that the First Sunday after Easter be the Feast of Mercy". No. 699 is the most detailed description of the Feast and promises of grace, stating, "On that day all the divine flood gates through which grace flow are opened". In no. 742, we see that acts or deeds of mercy are necessary to experience the Mercy of God: "Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of Mercy...". During the canonization ceremony of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II instructed that the Second Sunday of Easter shall be celebrated universally as Divine Mercy Sunday.

I was blessed to visit the major places of Divine Mercy connected to St. Faustina in Poland and Lithuania. She was born in Świnice Warckie, Poland, and was baptized in the church there. While she was living in the convent as a nun in Płock, Poland, she received the vision of Jesus and the instruction to paint the Divine Mercy Image in February 22, 1931. Later, she was transferred to the convent in Vilnius, Lithuania where she lived from 1933–1936. It was here she met her spiritual director Blessed Michael Sopoćko, and on his instruction Faustina wrote the Diary. Based on the instruction she received from Jesus in her visions, the first image was painted by E. Kazimirowski. After three years of living in the convent there, she was transferred back to Poland, to the convent in Kraków-Łagiewniki where she lived over five years and died on 5 October 1938 at the age of 33.

Most people do not know that Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, is known as the Divine Mercy City because the original image of Divine Mercy was painted there and is enshrined in the Divine Mercy Shrine there. In Krakow there is the main pilgrimage site including the Basilica of Divine Mercy and the Convent the room where St. Faustina died, as well as the chapel where her tomb and relics are enshrined.

Our main focus on the Feast of Divine Mercy is to experience God's Divine Mercy through the forgiveness of our sins offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.

God Bless,

Rev. Jose Parathanal



The Parish offers its prayers for the repose of the Soul of our Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Pat Ducharme. Pat led our program for over 40 years, teaching and mentoring 100's of students along the way. She was also a long

term member of our parish choir. Her dedication and service to the parish will be missed along with her warm smile and kind care of our students.

May the Lord Bless her and keep her, may He make His face to shine upon her.



Warm thanks to everyone who worked tirelessly during Easter Week to make our liturgies beautiful and fitting. We are

especially grateful to Fr. Jose and Fr. Cyriac, Peter Lamoria and the Choir, our altar servers, lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, and our sacristans and church cleaning and decorating teams. Thank you for all that you do for our parish and to Glorify the Lord!



The next St. Vincent dePaul Society Food Pantry is Wednesday April 15th from 5-6:00pm

Donations, including market gift cards are gratefully accepted and can be placed in the donation basket after each Mass.



The Shrine was pleased to welcome over 70 people to join us for our annual Stations of the Cross prayers on Good Friday. Fr. Jose led us

in praying Stations that he wrote himself. Afterward, we prayed the Divine Mercy Novena which continues through this Sunday.



## St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



This Sunday, April 12th the Shrine will Celebrate Divine Mercy. Our celebration begins at 2:45p with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and continues with Adoration, followed by Mass at 5:00p. Multiple priests will be available to hear confessions.

To learn more about the Divine Mercy Image, St. Faustina Kowalska and the great graces available in the confessional on this day, see:

[thedivinemercury.org](http://thedivinemercury.org)

There is still time to contribute to our Annual Fund Appeal. The Annual Fund assists us in meeting both general and unexpected expenses associated with the upkeep of our campus, like the recent storm damage to the Holy Stairs.

For more information, contact the parish office at 401-568-8280 or pick up a donation envelope in the vestibule.



To pick up a copy of St. Faustina's Diary: 'Divine Mercy in My Soul', and other items associated with the Divine Mercy image, visit our bookstore! Located on the ground floor of the convent building facing our parking area, the bookstore is open! Simply ring the bell for service.

Candle intentions are available at the Shrine, the suggested offering is \$10/ week for the Sanctuary, St. Therese, Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Candles.



# St. Patrick's Church

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Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI

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

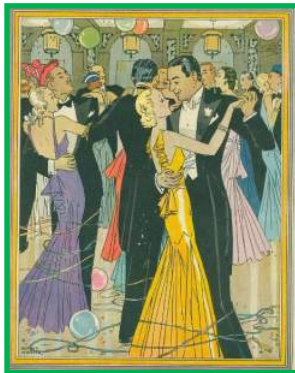


The 2026 St. Patrick Food Pantry Schedule is available on our website at: [stpatrickri.org/wp-content/uploads/2026-St-Patricks-Food-Pantry-Schedule.pdf](http://stpatrickri.org/wp-content/uploads/2026-St-Patricks-Food-Pantry-Schedule.pdf)

The next April Food Pantry is Monday, April 20th from 4:30-6:30pm.

A very warm thanks to everyone who made donations to the food pantry a part of their Lenten almsgiving this year!

Hunger is not seasonal, your donations make a huge difference to the wellbeing of your neighbors. Please consider a donation today! Thanks for your generosity.



Time to dust off your tuxes and get out your dancing shoes!

The annual St. Patrick Church Mother's Day and Spring Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, May 9th in the church hall. Doors open at 5pm. Chicken Dinner w/Dessert served at 6pm. Music and dancing featuring The Live Music Band begins at 7pm.

50/50 Raffle. Beer and Wine cash bar. Soft drinks also available.

Tickets are \$45.00 per couple, or \$25.00 for singles. Please call 401-568-4723 or 401-568-5600 to reserve your tickets today!



We have begun the process of preparing our parish cemeteries for

Memorial

Day. As part of this preparation, we would ask that any materials left at graves that you may wish to keep, be removed, ASAP.

If you have questions or need more information regarding parish cemeteries, please contact Deacon Rick at 401-568-5600

## Diocesan News and Events



Registration is now open for the 2026 National Eucharistic Pilgrimage: One Nation Under

God, a historic spiritual journey taking place from Pentecost through Independence Day weekend

as the nation marks its 250th anniversary. This is a continuation of the National Eucharistic Revival and the landmark Congress in 2024.

[evangelizeRI.org](http://evangelizeRI.org)

There is still plenty of time to apply for Diocesan Catholic Schools for the 2026-27 school year. Serving over 10,000 students, the majority of whom receive financial aid, our schools offer many opportunities for students to learn and grow in faith. See

[catholicschools.org](http://catholicschools.org)

to find a school near you.



The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV invites all Catholics to pray for his intention for priests in crisis during the month of April.

“Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.”

# Weekly Collection

## Weekly Giving

3.29.26 4.5.26

### Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Theresa Shrine

Collection	\$3,802	\$4,127
E-giving	\$ 722	\$ 818
CRS collection	\$1,281	
Holy Land		\$1,498

### St. Patrick Church

Collection	\$1,611	\$2,848
E-giving	\$ 454	\$ 411
CRS collection	\$ 667	
Holy Land		\$ 363

### April 2nd Collections

April 12– Maintenance & Repair  
 April 19– Snow Removal  
 April 26– Fuel & Utilities  
 Thank you for your generosity!



On April 19, the parish will take up a special 2<sup>nd</sup> collection to assist us in defraying the cost of snow removal this past winter. 37.9" of snow fell on February 23, surpassing the famous Blizzard of 1978

We incurred considerable expenses keeping our parking lots and paths accessible. Your assistance with this cost is most appreciated!

Thank you for your generosity to our parish!



### Catholic Charity Appeal Update

St. Patrick– 34% or \$6,920 has been pledged by 38 participants towards the church goal of \$19,950.

Our Lady of Good Help/St. Theresa's Shrine is at 69% with \$20,546 from 65 participants, towards the goal of \$29,526.

Regardless of the dollar amount raised, we hope for 100% participation by our parish. Please consider your pledge today!



### CCD Classes Resume

Sunday, April 12th

Grades 1-6 (9:15-10:15a) OLGH School

Monday, April 13th

Grades 7-9 (6:00-7:00p) St. Theresa Church

It is with heavy hearts that we ask you all to pray for the repose of the soul of our Director of Religious Education, Mrs. Pat Ducharme. Pat served as Director for over 40 years. Pat taught and mentored 100's of students in their faith journey over the years. We will miss her smiling presence on our campus!

1st Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 2nd at 10:30a at Our Lady of Good Help  
 Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, May 30th at St. Philip Church in Greenville, at 10:30a.

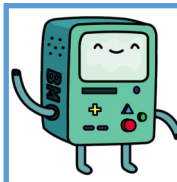


Warm thanks to everyone who volunteered to clean our churches in preparation for Easter and Holy Week.

If you are interested in assisting with ongoing cleaning needs, please call the office @568-8280 or Lorraine O'Rourke @232-2312 with questions or to let us know of your availability!

We are happy to certify volunteer hours for students and others who may need confirmation of their volunteer activity.

Thank you!



Reminder, if you are contacted by someone claiming to be a member of our staff and asking you to buy gift cards, bitcoin, or to transfer money, these requests come from scammers!

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