

# The Burrillville Catholic Collaborative

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The First Sunday of Lent, February 22, 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:

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#### 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 Feb 21<sup>st</sup>** *Vigil of the First Sunday in Lent*

4:00pm (St. Patrick) † Paul Smith & Irene Richardson

4:00pm (OLGH) † Luke Askew by the Aldredge Family

**Sun Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** *The First Sunday in Lent*

8:00am (St. Theresa) Pro Populo

9:15am (St. Patrick) † Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Smith by their family

10:30am (OLGH) Pat Ducharme, for a speedy recovery.

5:00pm (St. Theresa) † Ann Marie Raspallo by her family

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

**Mon Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>** *St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*

† George & Julia Issa by Dave & Beverly Munyon

**Tues Feb 24<sup>th</sup>** *Lenten Weekday*

† Those Holy Souls in Purgatory by Dave & Beverly Munyon

**Wed Feb 25<sup>th</sup>** *Lenten Weekday*

† Kaitlyn Fleming by Robert Lee

**Thurs Feb 26<sup>th</sup>** *Lenten Weekday*

† Richard Duquette by his wife, Rachel

**Fri Feb 27<sup>th</sup>** *St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor*

For the ministry of Sr. Grace Coffey, by a parishioner

**Sat Feb 28<sup>th</sup>** *Lenten Weekday*

8:30am (St. Theresa)

† Helena Fleming by Robert Lee

*Vigil of the Second Sunday in Lent*

4:00pm (St. Patrick) For the health of Roger Robert, Jr. by the St. Patrick Choir

4:00pm (OLGH) Pro Populo

**Sun Mar 1<sup>st</sup>** *The Second Sunday in Lent*

8:00am (St. Theresa) † Lorraine Dalpe by her husband, Normand

9:15am (St. Patrick) † John V. & John B. Romano

10:30am (OLGH) † Veronica Cosetta by her husband, Mike

5:00pm (St. Theresa) Living and deceased members of the St. Theresa Shrine Confraternity

Sunday, February 22, 2026– The First Sunday in Lent

We have entered the liturgical period of Lent, a time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations. Using the means Jesus used during his forty days of preparation in the desert for his public life, repenting for our sins and renewing our lives, we can celebrate Easter with the Risen Lord who conquered sin and death through his suffering, death and Resurrection.

The Scripture lessons call our attention to the fact that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world, and by our own selfish interests. And only by cooperating actively with God's grace, can we conquer our temptations and practice prayer, self-control, and charity, growing into perfection.

We are to confront and conquer temptations as Jesus did, using the means Jesus employed. Every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, and a position of authority, power, and glory, and to use any means, even unjust or sinful ones, to gain these things. Jesus serves as a model for us to conquer such temptations by strengthening oneself through prayer, penance, and the effective use of the Word of God. Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer, especially by participating in the Holy Mass, with penance, and with meditative reading of the Bible.

On Ash Wednesday, as the ashes are applied to our forehead we are told, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return". This is a strong reminder that we need to purify and renew our lives during the period of Lent. We can do this by repentance, expressing sorrow for our sins and turning away from all kinds of habits, tendencies, acts and ways of life that can alienate us from God and others. Such things are powerful enough to destroy our lives forever, for eternity. So the season of Lent reminds us that our life on earth is temporary, and based on the lives we lead, we will either be destined to a life of Bliss with God in heaven, or doomed to a life in hell, alienated from God.

Hence, let's live each day of lent remembering the call of prophet Sirach, "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given to him."

God Bless,  
Rev. Jose Parathanal

# Lenten Devotions:

## Fridays in Lent

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St. Theresa Church at 3pm. Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Fridays from 9a until 5p. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

## Penance Service

On Monday, March 16th from 5:30– 7:00p several priests will be available to hear confessions. Please consider availing yourself of the graces available in the confessional.

## Parish Mission

Fr. John Eudes Brohl, ORC will preach our parish mission. The mission takes place on Monday March 23rd, and Tuesday the 24th, at Our Lady of Good Help from 6:30-7:30pm and on Wednesday the 25th from 9:00am-3:00pm at St. Theresa Church. Watch this space for additional details.

## Holy Week

*April 2- Holy Thursday*

Mass of the Lord's Supper

4:30pm– St. Patrick Church  
6:30pm– Our Lady of Good Help

*April 3– Good Friday*

Stations of the Cross

3:00pm– St. Theresa Shrine  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
6:30pm– Our Lady of Good Help

*April 4– Holy Saturday*

Easter Vigil

7:30pm– Our Lady of Good Help

*April 5– Easter Sunday*

The Resurrection of the Lord

8:00am– St. Theresa Shrine  
9:15am– St. Patrick Church  
10:30am– Our Lady of Good Help  
5:00pm– St. Theresa Shrine



# St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



Thanks to all those who joined us on Mardi Gras to learn about St. Therese and her Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. This devotion dates to the 1840's and an official Confraternity of the Holy Face was approved by Pope Leo XIII in 1885. Thanks also to Sr. Grace for her informative talk!



The Shrine Annual Fund Appeal is now underway and runs through Easter. The Annual Fund assists us in meeting both general and unexpected expenses associated with the upkeep of our campus.

Annual fund donations are tax-deductible. For more information, contact the parish office at 401-568-8280 or pick up a donation envelope in the vestibule.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Church from 9a-5p each Friday. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 3p each Friday in Lent. We hope you will join us and sit with Our Lord in the grace and peace of His presence. "The Eucharist, in fact, is the true, real, and substantial presence of the Saviour - who transforms bread into himself in order to transform us into himself" Pope Leo XIV



Our annual fish fry continues on Fridays in Lent. We'll be serving from 4:00-7:00pm in the Church Hall. Dine in or takeaway available.

Call 401-568-3057 to place a takeaway order.

To volunteer– call Peter in the office at 401-568-8280



Our parish is off to a good start in the Catholic Charity Appeal Pledge Drive.

At St. Patrick's 14% or \$2,915 has been pledged by 17 participants towards the church goal of \$19,950.

Our Lady of Good Help/St. Theresa's Shrine is at 12% with \$3,671 from 29 participants, towards the goal of \$29,526.

Regardless of the dollar amounts raised, the parish hopes for 100% participation in this very important fundraiser.

The money we raise provides for a wide array of social services and emergency services to RI families in need. These include emergency food, heating, and clothing, shelter for the unhoused, elder-care facilities, and substantial financial aid for the over 10,000 students enrolled in RI Catholic Schools. When you give to the Appeal, your contributions directly assist people in our Church communities.

Additional info at:

[dioceseofprovidence.org/cca](http://dioceseofprovidence.org/cca)

Join the Choir! If you would like to sing the Lent and Easter liturgies with us, we strongly encourage all newcomers to join us. Regular rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 6:30p in St. Theresa Church Hall. No experience? No problem! We are happy to help you find your voice! Choir is a wonderful way to make a Lenten gift of your time to the Church. Call Peter at 401-568-8280



The annual Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser on behalf of the RI Right to Life Committee continues through March 1. Funds raised during

the Baby Bottle Boomerang are used for direct assistance to moms in need, legislative action, and to support RI Right to Life Activities. Pickup an empty bottle at your church, fill it with your spare change and return it to the parish!

# St. Patrick's Church

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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 Food Pantry opening takes place  
Monday, February 23rd  
from 4:30-6:30pm

The food pantry offers its thanks to the parish for continued support throughout the past year. We would ask everyone to remember that hunger is not seasonal. As we move into the winter months, often more of our neighbors will need our help. Please consider a donation today! Thanks for your generosity.

## Diocesan News & Events



Registration is still available for regional **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.**

March 13- Windjammer Best Western, Burlington, VT

April 17- Silver Bay YMCA, Silver Bay, NY

April 24- Corpus Christi Parish, East Sandwich, MA  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences for couples to explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church.

Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Matt & Julie King at 978-870-5646 or visit us on the web

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



The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of February is for Catholics the world over to pray for those children who may be suffering with incurable or difficult diseases. He asks us also to pray for the families of these children, that they may have the resources to find healing for their children and the strength to continue to care for them.

# Weekly Collection

## Weekly Giving 2.15.26

### OLGH/ St. Theresa Shrine

Collection: \$3,834

E-Giving: \$ 893

### St. Patrick

Collection: \$1,691

E-Giving: N/A at time of publication

## February 2nd Collections

2.22– fuel, additional collections for Ash Wednesday, Easter Flowers and contributions for utilities are at donors discretion.

Thank you for your generosity!



Warmest congratulations to the family of Colby Russell Chambers, son of Conner D. Chambers and Ellainna Grace Temple who was baptized at Our Lady of Good Help on February 8th.

The Church recommends that babies be Baptized as soon as is practical following their birth. To arrange Baptism of your child, please contact the parish office at 401-568-8280

## Catholic Relief Services Annual Lenten Rice Bowl Collection

Each year at Lent, CRS sponsors the Rice Bowl collection.

This collection encourages the faithful to contribute to benefit those who may be suffering from food insecurity due to regional famine, agricultural crises, or conflict. The

Rice Bowl collection connects Catholics to our global family Lenten alms donations support the work of CRS in more than 130 different countries. Twenty-five percent of donations stay in the local

diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$350 million.



Classes resume Sunday, February 22nd  
Grades 1-6 (Sundays at OLGH 9:15-10:15a)  
Grades 7-9 (Mondays at St. Theresa 6-7p)

A reminder that parents should update their teachers with correct contact information so that we can notify you in the event of class cancellations.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is available in our parish. If you are interested in learning more about becoming Catholic or if you are non-practicing Catholic who seeks to return to a relationship with the Church, contact our Pastor, Fr. Jose at [pastorolghsp@gmail.com](mailto:pastorolghsp@gmail.com)

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Are you looking to become more involved in our Parish? Are your children in need of a project or service hours? Both Our Lady of Good Help Church and St. Theresa's Shrine rely on volunteers to keep the Churches neat and clean. Could you spare a few hours every month to help?

Projects include washing pews and windowsills, replacing offertory candles, cleaning glass doors, vacuuming rugs, arranging missalettes, and polishing brass candle sticks. We provide supplies and oversight but we need more hands to make the workload lighter. Once you have some experience, you can make your own schedule.

Please consider this invitation to become more involved as your time allows. Our next cleaning day is Friday, February 20th from 10a to 2p. Please call Peter Lamoria @ 568-8280 or Lorraine O'Rourke @ 232-2312 with questions or to sign up!



SVDP/OLGH Food Pantry

The next food pantry dates are

Saturday, March 7th from 9-10a and

Wednesday, March 18th from 5 to 6pm

Donations of food/personal care items can be placed in the bins at OLGH and St. Theresa Churches. Donations of supermarket gift certificates are also gratefully accepted and can be placed in the SVDP collection basket after all masses.

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