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The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 24, 2025



Our Lady of Good Help

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville, 02839

Weekend Masses:

Our Lady of Good Help– Sun. 8:00am & 10:30am

St. Theresa Church– Sat. 4:00pm Sun. 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:

St. Theresa- 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 – Noon, Fridays



St Patrick Church

45 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, 02830

Office and Cemeteries: 401-568-5600

Clergy:

Pastor:

Rev. Jose Parathanal, C.M.I.

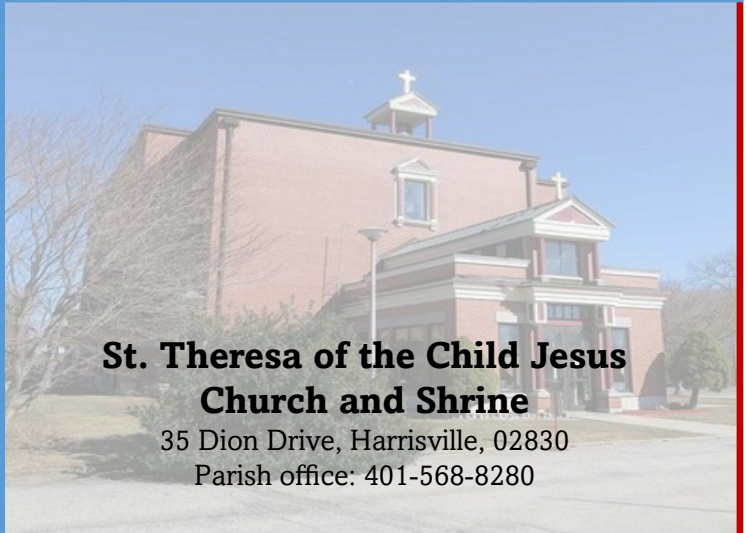
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Deacon Assistant:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and Shrine

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Our Lady of Good Help

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St. Patrick's Church

Roger Johnson & George Lough

Sat. Aug 23rd *Vigil of the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00pm (St. Patrick) † Joseph & Camille Menard by their family.

4:00pm (St. Theresa) † Leo & Eva Lee by their family

Sun., Aug 24th *The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am (OLGH) Pro Populo

9:15am (St. Patrick) Deceased members of the Hinkle Family by friends.

10:30am (OLGH) † Emma Rose Hanrahan by Missy, Juliet & Pat

5:00pm (St. Theresa) † Bob and Donna Allard by Mike Cosetta

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

Mon. Aug 25th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

† Gisele Pacheco by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Tues. Aug 26th *St. John Eudes, Priest*

† Edward Magill by Ed & Joanne Bayiates

Wed. Aug 27th *St. Monica*

† Claudette Bourque by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Thur. Aug 28th *St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

† Shirley Calahan by Marie Magill

Fri. Aug. 29th *The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

† Those Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sat. Aug 30th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am (St. Theresa) Maryanne Therese Lee by Robert Lee

Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm (St. Patrick) Intention Available

4:00pm (St. Theresa) † Leo Desmaris by his wife, Vivian

Sun., Aug 24th *The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am (OLGH) † Edward Magill by his wife, Marie

9:15am (St. Patrick) Intention Available

10:30am (OLGH) Pro Populo

5:00pm (St. Theresa) † Bob and Donna Allard by Mike Cosetta

Sunday, August 24, 2025

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

People wonder sometimes about the life after death. Those who believe in Jesus expect and hope for a glorious eternal life, after our death. Common to many religions is the idea of life after death and the need to live in a good, loving, caring way informed by belief in a supernatural power, what we call God. Among those who believe, the most important questions are related to who will take part in the afterlife; all people, an elect few people, only those who believe certain things? And, of course, what happens to those who do not believe?

On his final journey to Jerusalem, where Jesus faced his suffering, sacrificial death and resurrection, someone raises this question, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?” Jesus does not answer the question directly, but shifts focus to the unasked and more important question, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough”. Instead of asking how many might be saved, Jesus wants us to ask ourselves, “Am I prepared to be saved, choosing the narrow gate of sacrificial agape love and so loving others as He loves them? How best does one enter into salvation and how urgent is it that one strive to enter NOW, before the Master closes the door?” Jesus clearly explains that anyone who follows him through the narrow gate of sacrificial service and sharing love will be saved.

He admonishes His followers to concentrate on their own salvation in self-discipline rather than worrying about how many will be saved. St. Paul explains that “the narrow gate” of Jesus means our acceptance of pain and suffering as the loving discipline God gives His children, as the consequences of Christian commitment.

Salvation is a continuous action, a past, present, and future event. We were saved from the bondage of sin when we were baptized as children or adults. We are being saved at present, when we cooperate with God’s grace by loving others as Jesus did, by sharing our blessings with the needy, and by being reconciled with God daily, asking His forgiveness for our sins. We will be eternally saved if we heed the invitation from Jesus, the Judge, at the moment of our death and on the day of the Last Judgment: “Good and faithful servant, you were faithful in little things, now enter into the joy of your Master.”

Let’s choose the narrow way and the narrow gate of self-discipline and self-control of our evil tendencies, evil habits, and addictions; and by loving others and sharing our blessings with them; and by obtaining the daily strength through the guidance of the Holy Spirit in daily prayer, in Bible reading, and in the reception of the Sacraments.

God Bless,

Rev. Jose Parathanal



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower

Our Parish Bible Study group will begin our fall term on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 7:00pm in the St. Theresa's church hall. Our group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. We'll continue our study of the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 15 which covers the parables of the Good Shepherd, the Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son.

To sign up for discussion questions, email deaconrick@cox.net. We are looking forward to a productive and educational year of Bible Study.



"I Thirst for the Salvation of Souls"

Area Catholic women are invited to the exciting, faith-building **WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** at St. Joseph School in Webster, MA on Saturday, September 27th (registration opens at 7a, 1st talk at 9a).

Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Noelle Mering, Dr. Madeline Colon-Usowicz, Tim Francis, and Adam Janke.

Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions, and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass.

For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com



Next time you visit the Shrine, be sure to stop by our bookstore and giftshop to check out the many changes and new items on offer. In addition to the writings of St. Therese, we carry a wide variety of Catholic pamphlets, prayer cards and other items to help you live a Catholic life. We also have many cast resin saint statues on offer and a new selection of chapel veils. The bookstore is open every day, if it isn't staffed, simply ring the bell for service.



During the week of August 25th, the sanctuary candle at St. Theresa Shrine burns for repose of the soul of Aurore Lapierre by her family.



Warmest thanks to all of our parishioners and friends who joined the Shrine for the 102nd Anniversary Day Celebrations. Special thanks to our

many volunteers who set up and served hot dogs, hamburgers and other snacks to our guests, those who so generously volunteered to carry statues and banners, and especially everyone who participated in singing the liturgy.



We also offer our thanks to those of you who visited the bookstore and or made a special donation to the Shrine in honor of

our Anniversary!

The Shrine will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese and her 100th saint's day on Wednesday, October 1st. Watch this space for details!



The Shrine is in urgent need of the assistance of a mason. If you are a mason, or know of someone who may be able to assist, please contact Fr. Jose ASAP at pastorolghsp@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Church

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Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI

Phone: 401-568-5600

stpatrickri.org/

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

The next Food Pantry Opening is Monday,
August 25th from 4:30-6:30p
Please see our website to [download the Food
Pantry Calendar for 2025](#)
and for lists of needed items.

At this time of year, we are happy to accept
garden produce, yes, including zucchini! If you
have extra, please don't hesitate to share with
your neighbors in need.

We are always ready to
accept donations of food,
market gift cards and
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generosity!



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death of a loved one can be
overwhelming and difficult,
especially when planning a funeral
and burial in a short period of time or
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survivors to ease their burden in the midst of grief.

Contact Deacon Rick LaPierre, Cemetery Manager

Email: deaconrick@cox.net Tel. (401) 568-5600

Please review our pricing sheet to assist you in making this
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stpatrickri.org/funerals/

Diocesan News and Events



Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Providence
cordially invites you and your
spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th,
50th or over 50 year Wedding
Anniversary
at the
Cathedral of St.s Peter & Paul on
Sunday, October 26, 2025 at
1:00p.

The Celebration includes Mass celebrated by Bishop
Lewandowski, renewal of vows, a personalized
certificate and a reception for you and your guests.
There is no cost for this event. To register, call the
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All are invited to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. For the month of
August, the intention is for **'Mutual Coexistence'**. The Holy Father asks us to pray "that
societies avoid internal conflicts due to ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons" and
encouraging us to "seek paths of dialogue" and "respond to conflict with gestures of fraternity."

Weekly Collection

Weekly Giving 8.17.25

Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Theresa Shrine

Collection	\$3,054
E-giving	\$1,396
Assumption	\$ 759

St. Patrick

Collection	\$1,607
E-giving	\$ 345
Assumption	\$ 90

Thank you for your generosity!

This week's second collection is for fuel.
September 2nd collections will be 9/7-
Maintenance, 9/21- Priests Retirement
Fund, and 9/28- Fuel



The next OLGH SvDP Food
Pantry date is Saturday,
September 6 at 9:00a and
Wednesday, September 17 at
5:00p. The food pantry is
located in the OLGH School
building.

Donations of food/personal care items can be
placed in the designated bins at OLGH and St.
Theresa Church.

Donations of area Supermarket gift certificates
are gratefully accepted and can be placed in the
SVDP collection baskets after all parish Masses.



Registration forms for the 2025-26 school
year are available.

Early registration greatly helps us with
planning for the next term. Forms can be
found in the vestibule of each church
or online at:

burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education

The Religious Education department wishes
all of our students and families a very
relaxing, safe and fun summer.

See you in Church!



The Religious Education
department is seeking
teachers and classroom
aides. Young people who
have recently made their

Confirmations are
encouraged to consider
volunteering, we are happy to certify service hours
for schools or college applications.

We are also seeking volunteers to assist with
classroom cleanup in September. Classroom
cleanup day is a great time for religious education
families to meet each other and our teachers in a
community setting. We strongly encourage new
students and their families to join us.



The women's prayer group meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at
the Shrine museum in the convent after the 8:30am Mass at St. Theresas.
All women of the parish are invited to join us as we seek to deepen our
faith through study and fellowship. The next meeting is September 20th.

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(holiday) bulletins may have earlier deadlines.

Contact the editor at
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New parishioners can join the parish by
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