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The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 17, 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

Clergy:

Pastor:

Rev. Jose Parathanal, C.M.I.

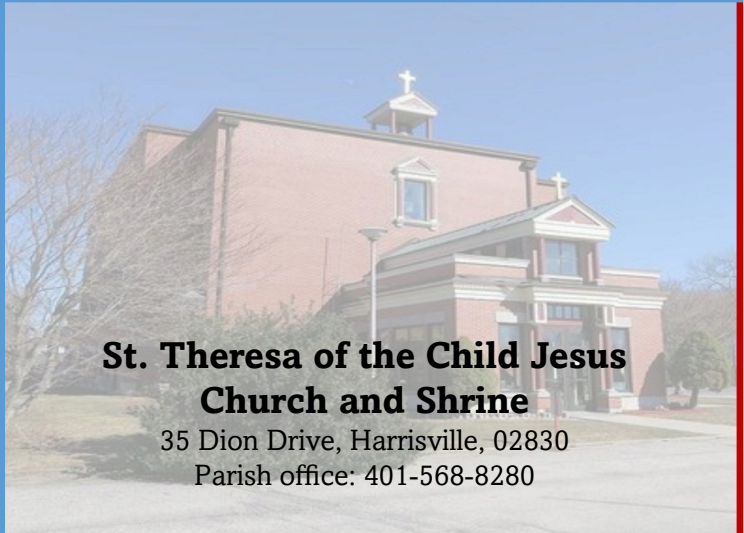
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Rev. Cyriac Kalampatt, C.M.I.

Deacon Assistant:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and Shrine

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Our Lady of Good Help

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St. Patrick's Church

Roger Johnson & George Lough



St Patrick Church

45 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, 02830

Office and Cemeteries: 401-568-5600

Sat. Aug 16th *Vigil of the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00pm (St. Patrick) Intention available

4:00pm (St. Theresa) † Richard Brodeur by Lorraine O'Rourke

Sun., Aug 17th *The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am (OLGH) † Ted & Sandra Gartland by Mike Cosetta

9:15am (St. Patrick) Pro Populo

10:30am (OLGH) † Linda Dulude (Birthday remembrance) by Bruce Dulude

5:00pm (St. Theresa) All pilgrims to St. Theresa Shrine

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

Mon. Aug 18th *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

† Kathy Griffin by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Tues. Aug 19th *St. John Eudes, Priest*

† Joseph & Doris Cimini by their daughter, Marie Magill.

Wed. Aug 20th *St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church*

† Those Holy Souls in Purgatory by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Thur. Aug 21st *St. Pius X, Pope*

† Jeanette Rounds by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Fri. Aug. 22nd *Queenship of the B.V.M.*

† Tony Socci by his wife & family

Sat. Aug 23rd *St. Rose of Lima*

8:30am (St. Theresa) † Veronica Cosetta (1st Ann.) by her family

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) Intention Available

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

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

Sunday, August 17, 2025

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The world has always been fractured from the very beginning by revolts. Revolt against God, revolt against, against His laws. Revolts of evil against good based on selfishness, greed, corruption, stubbornness and an unwillingness to sacrifice for the 'Good'. Some revolts conquer the good and usher in the reign of evil

Adam and Eve come under the spell of the serpent and revolt against God; Cain's killing of Abel is most fundamentally a revolt against God, who accepted the good offerings of Abel and rejected Cain's bad offerings. This same pattern continues to today, the evil fight against the good seeking to eliminate it because that which is evil cannot abide with the good. The only option is for evil to change radically, and undergo a complete transformation to good or to war with the good.

In the Bible, we see this tendency repeatedly. Jacob's son Joseph is sold by his own brothers; Prophets like Jeremiah are sentenced to death; Jesus himself is rejected and crucified. The Church is continuously persecuted from its very beginning, beginning with the martyrdom of the Apostles down to this day, when missionaries and believers are persecuted and killed in many places.

This is not different in civil society. History witnessed the brutal killing of many great men; Socrates, Mahatma Gandhi, JFK, MLK jr., the list goes on and on. Hitler, the communist regimes of Russia, China, North Korea, along with many brutal dictators eliminated those who stand for morals, justice, harmony, peace, prosperity and democratic values.

In the Gospel, Jesus says, "I have come to set the earth on fire. ...Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, but rather division." Jesus comes into the world to bring salvation. But those who hear the Word and follow him are opposed and persecuted by those who want to follow the world and its attractions. Jesus says there will be division even in families, every member against each other, those who accept and want to follow Jesus opposed by those who are against his teachings.

The fire Jesus brings is the fire of love and the fire of hope. The disruption, division, and revolution, which the true followers of Jesus cause in society by the fire of sacrificial love and the fire of justice, are necessary to reset what's fractured, put right what's dislocated and cleanse what's infected in the world. Hence, let us join hands with Jesus to continuously fight evil and establish God's Kingdom of Justice, Peace and Unity.

God Bless,
Rev. Jose Parathanal

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.

All are invited, our discussions are lively and informative. We email the discussion questions out on the weekend before each meeting, but we do not limit ourselves to the questions on paper. The group freely explores ideas as they come up.



At one time we had over sixty people receiving the bible study questions, but unfortunately that list was lost due to a computer issue. If anyone wants to receive the questions, even if they do not want to attend the sessions, please feel free to email deaconrick@cox.net and he will place you on his email list. 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



The sanctuary candles at St. Theresa Shrine burn for the intentions of Fr. TJ Varghese the week of August 17.



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower

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

The Annual Shrine Anniversary Day

Celebration will take place this Sunday, August 17th. The day begins at 1p with prayers at the Holy Stairs and Stations of the Cross. At 2:45 we'll pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by silent Adoration until Benediction.

At 4p we'll gather at the Rosary Walk for prayer. The day ends with Mass at 5p. Hotdogs and Hamburgers will be available from the outdoor grill beginning at noon. We are grateful for any volunteers who may want to participate in food prep and serving, simply make yourself known to staff if you'd like to help.

Call Peter Lamoria 401 -568-8280 with any questions and to sign up!



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.

St. Patrick's Church

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Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI

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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
monetary contributions.

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generosity!



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planning your funeral before you
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burden for your family following your
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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 following an
unexpected event. Making pre-
arrangements is a surprisingly simple
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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
important plan.

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
parish office at 401-568-8280



There is still time
to complete your
student's
application for
enrollment in
Diocesan
Catholic Schools.
For information

on individual schools, the financial aid
process and other details related to
opportunities for Catholic students in Rhode
Island, see the website at

catholicschools.org



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 8.10.25

Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Theresa Shrine

Collection	\$4,148
E-giving	\$1,211
Maintenance	\$1,131

St. Patrick

Collection	\$1,254
E-giving	\$ 314
Maintenance	\$ 535

Thank you for your generosity!

The next August 2nd collections will be on 8/24 for Fuel.



The next OLGH SvDP Food Pantry dates are:
Wednesday, August 20th at 5:00p and Saturday, September 6 at 9:00a. 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.

About this bulletin:

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Contact the editor at
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