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The First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025



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:

Rev. Jose Parathanal, C.M.I.

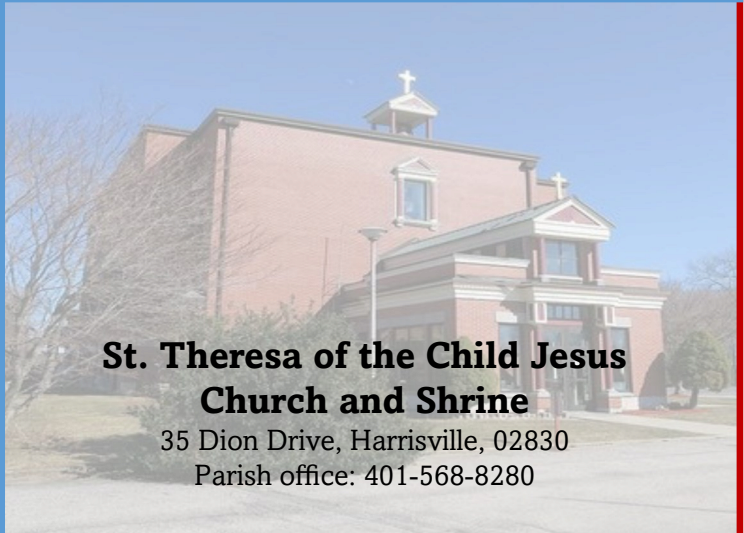
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Deacon Assistant:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and Shrine

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St Patrick Church

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Office and Cemeteries: 401-568-5600

Sat. Nov 29th *Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent*
4:00pm (St. Patrick) † Al Blanchette by his family
4:00pm (OLGH) † Pro Populo

Sun. Nov 30th *The First Sunday of Advent*
8:00am (St. Theresa) † Kily Montiero by Eileen Murphy
9:15am (St. Patrick) † AnnMarie Raspallo by her family
10:30am (OLGH) † Mary-Lou Lapierre (10th Ann.) by Deacon Rick Lapierre
5:00pm (St. Theresa) † Maryann Ferrante (5th Ann.) by her family

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

Mon Dec 1st *Advent Weekday*

† Lorraine Dalpe by her husband, Normand

Tues Dec 2nd *Advent Weekday*

† Al & Alice Issa by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Wed Dec 3rd *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*

† Charles & Ruth Lee by Robert Lee

Thurs Dec 4th *St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor*

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

Fri Dec 5th *Advent Weekday*

† Claude Carlier (2nd Ann.) by his wife, Jacqueline

Sat Dec 6th *St. Nicholas, Bishop*

8:30am (St. Theresa) † David Ethier by his family

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00pm (St. Patrick)

† Shannon Stiles by the St. Patrick's Choir

4:00pm (OLGH)

† Jean Siravo by Bill & Nancy Latandresse

Sun Dec 7th *The Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00am (St. Theresa)

† Shrine Confraternity Mass Enrollees

9:15am (St. Patrick)

† Jane Jurkiewicz by her daughter, Bess

10:30am (OLGH)

† Veronica Cosetta by her husband, Mike

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

Sunday, November 30, 2025— The First Sunday of Advent

Today is the First week of the Advent Season and the first week of the new Liturgical Year. With this, we begin our pilgrimage through the events of the history of salvation starting with preparation for the birth of Jesus and ending, during the last week of the liturgical year, with the reflection on his glorious “second coming” as judge at the end of the world.

The term “Advent” means coming. Hence, we are invited to meditate on Jesus’ first coming in history as a baby in Bethlehem, his daily coming into our lives in mystery through the Sacraments, through the Bible and through the worshipping community and finally his Second Coming at the end of the world to reward the just and to punish the wicked.

We see the traditional signs of Advent in our Church: violet vestments and hangings, dried flowers or plain green plants and the Advent wreath. These signs remind us that we must prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives, enabling him to radiate his love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness around us. The primary theme of this week’s readings is the Messianic age.

Among the different kinds or concepts of “time” in Greek two types are “kronos” (the time in which we live, of history), and “kairos” (a sacred time, time of the heart.) Rick Warren in his bestselling book, “Purpose driven life” says, the greatest and most precious thing you have to share is time. You can make more money, you can give it and get back, if you want with interest. But you cannot make more time. Time given is given, you cannot take it back. So when you give time, you are giving part of your life. Jesus says in Jn. 12: 23, “my hour has come, the hour of glory.” But the hour of glory for Jesus, is his crucifixion and death, the time he gave himself as a gift and sacrifice for our salvation. ‘Kairos’ is the time of the heart: time to forgive, to love, to encourage, to include, to be kind and compassionate and so, in Christ’s sacrifice, two types of time unite.

In our culture, at Advent, everybody is busy, shopping, attending holiday events, wrapping up school and work ahead of vacations, etc.. But as Christians, Advent is a time when we must make some space for the Lord, waiting, expecting, hoping, longing, searching, listening, and preparing for His coming. During this busy Christmas season, I encourage you all to work to keep your daily life centered on Christ. Make time for prayer, make time for quiet reflection, ready yourself in a real way for His Advent.

May God bless us to prepare ourselves during this Advent season for Christ’s coming into our lives.

God Bless,

Rev. Jose Parathanal

Warmest thanks to all of our incredibly dedicated volunteers who gave so generously of their time, talents and treasure to make the **Wonder of Christmas**

Bazaar and Crafts Fair a great success again this year.

Special thanks to Cindy Manning, our chair woman who worked tirelessly this fall on all the details!

Thank you for your generosity to our parish!



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



The Shrine Annual Fund Appeal kicks off December 1st. The Annual Fund assists us in meeting both general and unexpected expenses associated with the upkeep of our campus.

For more information, contact the parish office at 401-568-8280



There is no better way to give thanks for our many blessings than at Holy Mass!

Parish Mass on Thanksgiving Day takes place at St. Theresa Church at 8:30am. Please join us, bring your families!

Visit our Shrine Bookstore for Christmas Books, Advent supplies and Great Gifts! Just ring the bell and our convent residents will be happy to help you!



Eucharistic Adoration at the Shrine will take place each Friday from 9a until 4p beginning on November 28 and continuing through Advent.

Consider an hour with the Lord as we prepare for His coming.



The parish is again sponsoring the Giving Tree together with the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Trees are located in the vestibule of each church. Please choose a tag, and return a wrapped gift with the tag attached, to the church no later than next Saturday, December 6th.

Thank you for your generosity to your neighbors in need!

The St. Vincent dePaul Society Food Pantry continues to accept donations for Christmas Baskets.

Food donations can be placed in the bins at either St. Theresa's or OLGH entryways. Turkey stuffing mixes, turkey gravy, olives, cranberry sauce, quick bread, coffee, tea and sugar are needed. Market gift certificates are also gratefully accepted. These can be labeled and placed in the SVDP collection basket after all masses.

The next food pantry is Saturday, December 6th at 9:00 am. Christmas baskets will be distributed on Saturday, December 20th at 9:00 am. Please register at 401-762-1834



Please enroll me in the 2026 50-Week Club!

☐ I would like the same number as last year # OR

☐ I would like a new number OR I am new to the club (you'll be assigned the next available number).

☐ Enclosed is \$50, qualifying me for the Early Bird drawing

Name: _____

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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.



St. Patrick's Christmas Bazaar

takes place this weekend!
Thursday and Friday, December 4th
and 5th from 4:00p-7:00p and on
Saturday, December 6th from
9:00a – 5:00p.

Check out our awesome raffles, fantastic food and a huge assortment of gifts, flea market items and holiday décor! Funds raised help support the parish but this is secondary to the opportunity to come together and celebrate our community and the season!

We can always use more volunteers, just make yourself known to one of our leads at the bazaar, and they will find a job for you.

Hope to see you there!



December Food
Pantry Openings are
Mondays, December

1st and 15th from 4:30-6:30pm

Christmas baskets will be
distributed on Saturday, December
20 from 9:30-11a. Please register
by calling the parish office.

See our website to [download the Food Pantry Calendar for 2025](#) and
for lists of needed items.

Operation **Remembering Our Veterans At Christmas** continues with donation collection through Sunday, December 7th. See the full page flyer for detailed gift lists. Donation boxes are in the vestibule of each church. Help us make this a Merry Christmas for our Veterans!

Diocesan News & Events



This Sunday, November 30, 2025 at 3 p.m.
the Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival
Orchestra, conducted by Rev. Msgr.
Anthony Mancini, Cathedral Rector, and Mr.
Philip L. Farone, Organist, will perform a
concert entitled "The Sounds of the Season"

in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence. The
concert will feature the music of Advent and Christmas.
This special event will benefit the Diocese of Providence 'Keep
the Heat On' Challenge, which is now in its 21st season of
helping Rhode Island households stay warm.
For advance tickets or additional information, please contact the
Cathedral Office at 401-331- 2434. All proceeds from the concert
will help struggling families stay warm this winter. Tickets are
\$10.00 and will also be available at the door.



Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to join in praying for the
prevention of suicide each day during the month of November.
The Holy Father asks us to pray for those struggling with
suicidal ideation that they may find peace and comfort in their
homes and communities and draw closer to seeing the beauty
of life.

ST. JUDE IS COMING TO PROVIDENCE

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St. Jude Thaddeus

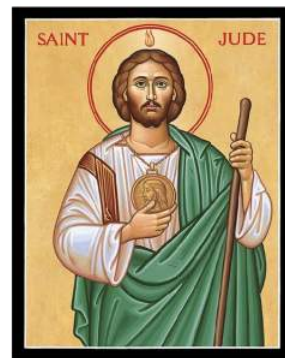
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St. Pius V Parish

December 1-3, 2025
Monday-Wednesday

7PM

each evening



VENERATION OF THE LARGEST RELIC OF ST. JUDE THADDEUS IN AMERICA



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and Preacher,
Fr. Mike Ford, OFM

Advent is the season of Hope and each night will consist of Fr. Mike Ford preaching on the
importance of the Virtue of Hope, in light of St. Paul's words and the official Catholic
Church's theme of the Jubilee Year of Hope "Hope does not Disappoint"
(Romans 5:5) and conclude with veneration of the largest relic of
St. Jude Thaddeus outside of Europe for the faithful.

The Parish Mission concludes with a special Votive Mass of
St. Jude on the final night of the mission, Wednesday December 3.
Priests available for confessions each night starting at 6:30PM.



www.spschurch.org
Office 401-751-4871

ST. PIUS V
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240 Eaton St.
Providence, RI 02908

Weekly Collection

Weekly giving information was not available a time of publication.

December 2nd collections will be:

7th– Maintenance

14th– Retirement Fund for Religious

28th– Fuel

Donations for Christmas flowers accepted throughout Advent.

If you need a record of charitable giving for tax filings, please contact the office after January 1st.



Consider joining our dynamic Parish Bible Study this year! We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the St. Theresa Church Hall at 7:00p.

Everyone is welcome and we encourage our participants to bring a guest.

If you've never actually sat down to read the Bible, Bible Study is a wonderful way to begin in a friendly and sociable environment.

For more information, or to be added to the email list, contact Deacon Rick Lapierre at deaconrick@cox.net. If you do not have access to email call the St. Patrick's Parish Office at (401) 568-5600 and we will make arrangements to get readings & study questions to you.



Warm thanks to our 50-week club banquet volunteers including Chef Bill Latendresse for a delicious harvest dinner, Judy Murphy and Lisa Pearson, our chairs, Peter Lamoria and Cindy Manning for organization and accounting, and Marie Magill for tasty coffee service.

Be sure to clip the coupon and sign up for the 2026 club asap to be eligible for the Early-Bird drawing.

See the website for info and winners lists at:

Burrillvillecatholic.org/50-week-club

Our **Women's Prayer Group** meets each month for prayer, study and fellowship on the 3rd Saturday following the 8:30a Mass at St. Theresa. Meetings are held in the convent.



No Classes November 30 & December 1st!

Have a very happy, safe and fun Thanksgiving break!

Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 8th, 6pm at St. Theresa Church. All of our CCD families and parishioners are invited to join us and avail themselves of the great graces to be found in the confessional. Multiple priests will be present.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHRISTMAS CONCERT

takes place on Sunday, December 14th following the 5:00p Mass at St. Theresa. Reception immediately following in the Church Hall. All CCD families and friends are invited to join us.

Become a Catholic!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the program of education and spiritual development for adults seeking to join the church. The next RCIA meeting is Monday, December 8 at 5:30p in the St. Theresa Rectory, Advent Penance Service at 6pm. Register for RCIA through the parish office at 401-568-8280



Please consider joining our parish choir to sing the Christmas Masses. The Choir meets Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00p in the St. Theresa Church Hall.

Youth Choir rehearsals take place immediately after the 10:30a Mass at OLGH.

Newcomers are always welcome!

We are happy to accommodate your schedule! Call Peter at 401-568-8280 for more info.



Mass intentions can be made through the parish offices or the drop box in St. Theresa Church for masses said by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, Fr. Jose & Fr. Cyriac's Religious Order. The suggested donation is \$10

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