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The Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 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.

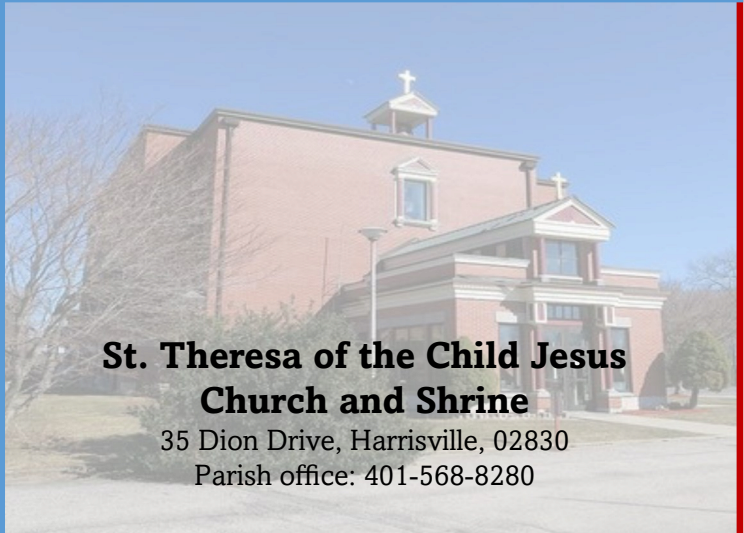
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Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre



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 Dec 6th *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

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

Mon Dec 8th *The Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.*

† Rick Champagne by Dave & Beverly Munyon

9:15 (St. Patrick)- Priest's Intention

6:30 (OLGH)- Priest's Intention

Tues Dec 9th *St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*

† Ed Magill by his wife, Marie

Wed Dec 10th *Our Lady of Loreto*

† Those Holy Souls in Purgatory by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Thurs Dec 11th *St. Damasus I, Pope*

Bob & Terri Gaffney by Robert Lee

Fri Dec 12th *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

† Betty Bennett by Robert Lee

Sat Dec 13th *St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

8:30am (St. Theresa) Lorelai, Diana, & Rita Jo Hinkle by the Aldredges

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent

4:00pm (St. Patrick) Priest's Intention

4:00pm (OLGH) Priest's Intention

Sun Dec 14th *The Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday*

8:00am (St. Theresa) † Ray Perrault by Marie Magill

9:15am (St. Patrick) † Pro Populo

10:30am (OLGH) † Deceased members of the Ducharme and St. Laurent families by Pat Ducharme

5:00pm (St. Theresa) † Lucille Chartier by Ken & Cindy Manning

Sunday, December 7, 2025– The Second Sunday of Advent

Today we mark the Second Sunday of Advent in preparation for the coming of the Lord. On the one hand, salvation is God's doing, ultimately, we are saved by His grace. But we must cooperate with His grace because He does not force his bounty upon us. He will not invalidate our free will. This is why John the Baptist in the Gospel summons us to accept our part in salvation by leading lives of repentance, conversion, and renewal, thus preparing the way for the Lord's coming. We begin this process by spiritually preparing for the annual celebration of Christmas, the Lord's first coming, with reform and renewal of our lives. Repentance, works of charity and prayer are the basis of this preparation.

Isaiah prophesied (11: 1 -10) how God will reform the lives of His Chosen People by sending the Messiah. The bad example of the unfaithful successors of King David, the Hebrews wavered in their loyalty to Yahweh. The Lord God, through His prophet, Isaiah, attempts to dispel their fear and to give Hope among His people with the promise of a new Davidic King (a son of Jesse), who will establish peace and a glorious Kingdom of justice on earth.

In the Gospel of St. Mathew (3: 1 - 12), John urges the Pharisees and Sadducees to give evidence that they mean to reform their lives so as to recognize and be ready to meet and accept the promised Messiah. He challenges them to repentance, conversion, and renewal. He tells the common people, who expect the Messiah to come soon, to act with justice and charity, letting their lives to reflect the transformation that will occur when the Messiah enters in their lives.

In the same way, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas, John advises us also to "prepare the way of the Lord." Advent is the time for us to make this preparation by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives with prayer, penance, and the sharing of our blessings. It is a time to strive to do good deeds and keep away from anything that can stand in the way of the coming of the Lord in our hearts. John the Baptist's challenge is very clear; he does not ask for superficial attempts but demands that, while obeying the commandments of God faithfully, we correct our relationships with others, mend ruptures, soothe frictions, perform family responsibilities, work honestly, treat our employers/employees justly, and share our love for others in selfless and humble service. Let us remember the words of the German mystic Angelus Silesius, "Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem – but all in vain until He is born in me", in you, in us.

God Bless,
Rev. Jose Parathanal



This Monday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. Parish Masses for the Feast day are at 8:30a at St. Theresa Church, 9:15a at St. Patrick and 6:30p at Our Lady of Good Help. All who are able should plan to attend Mass on this day.



Saturday, December 6th is the final Saturday for dropping off donations to the parish-sponsored St. Vincent dePaul Giving Tree. 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 Saturday by mid-day. 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 SVPD collection basket after all masses.

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



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



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.

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 throughout Advent.

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

Please pray for baby Leonid Fedorovich, son of Fedor and Erika Colin Kompan who was baptized at OLGH on Sunday, November 16th.

The Church recommends that babies be baptized as soon as is practical following their birth. Call the parish office to schedule your children's baptism today.



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 the club (you'll be assigned the next available number).

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

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Warm thanks to everyone who joined us from the 4th—6th of December in support of **St. Patrick's Christmas Bazaar!**

We hope that everyone enjoyed shopping, food and community and we are incredibly grateful to Marie Roderick for chairing this festive kickoff to the Holiday season. May God Bless you all for the support you show to our Church every day!



The next December Food Pantry Opening is Monday, December 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 for lists of needed items. The 2026 Food Pantry Calendar will be added to the church website as soon as it is available

This Sunday, December 7th is the final donation date for Operation Remembering Our Veterans At Christmas. See the full page flyers with detailed gift lists and information located in the vestibule of each church with the donation boxes.

Help us make this a Merry Christmas for our Veterans!

Diocesan News & Events



The Diocesan banquet facility at the beautiful Aldrich Mansion on the bay in Warwick, RI will host a series of Christmas Dinners (12/19), Lunches (12/10 & 12/17) and Brunches (12/14 & 12/21) in December including festive champagne toasts and sumptuous menus along with live music. It's a perfect way to celebrate with colleagues or family without having to do all the work of hosting at home. Choose events, dates, and make reservations online at: aldrichmansion.com/other-events

AN INVITATION TO OUR READERS
CHRISTMAS APPEAL
By Bishop Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.
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Bishop Lewandowski encourages the faithful of our Diocese to

consider donations or a paid subscription to the RI Catholic Newspaper. Since 1872, the RICatholic has been sharing information and stories related to our Catholic Faith as well as acting as a repository of our shared history.

Learn more about the annual Christmas appeal and subscription drive online:

thericatholic.com/stories/christmas-appeal-strengthen-the-vital-ministry-of-rhode-island-catholic.15171



In December, the Holy Father invites us to pray for Christians living in areas of war and conflict, particularly in the Middle East. We ask God both for their safety and that their communities might plant seeds of hope, peace and reconciliation.

Weekly Collection

Weekly Giving

<u>OLGH/ St. Theresa Shrine</u>	11.23	11.30
Collection	\$3,054	\$3,904
E-giving	\$ 748	\$ 736
CCHD	\$ 932	

St. Patrick Church

Collection	\$1,718	\$1,293
E-giving	\$ 379	\$ 407
CCHD	\$ 405	

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

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.



Congratulations to our Final 2025 50-week club winners!

Grand Prizes- \$500- Lionel Savaria, \$250- Linda Pepler, \$100- Denise

Marshall, Sue Lachapelle, \$50- Robert Aubin, Jeanne & Betty Kenney, OLGH Food Pantry, Joan Hird

Free tickets in memory of Norman "Trigger" and Mary Mainville- Lori Davis, Ann Moriarty

Captain Drawings- Gail Brodeur, Jeanne Rondeau

Split the Pot- \$300 Terry Cournoyer

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.



Advent Penance Service

No Classes– December 7th.

On 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 this 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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