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The Epiphany of the Lord, January 4, 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



St Patrick Church

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Clergy:

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pastorolghsp@gmail.com

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Cyriac Kalampatt, C.M.I.

Deacon Assistant:

Rev. Mr. Richard J. Lapierre



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and Shrine

35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, 02830

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Our Lady of Good Help

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St. Patrick's Church

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Sat Jan 3rd Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

4:00pm (St. Patrick) Helena Fleming by Robert Lee

4:00pm (OLGH) † Deceased members of the Cahill & Lapierre families.

Sun Jan 4th The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am (St. Theresa) Pro Populo

9:15am (St. Patrick) † Jane Jurkiewicz by her daughter, Bess

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

5:00pm (St. Theresa) Mass Association Enrollees

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

Mon Jan 5th St. John Neumann, Bishop

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

Tues Jan 6th St. Andre Besette, Religious

† Edward Magill, by his wife, Marie and family

Wed Jan 7th St. Raymond Penyafort, Priest

† Albert & Rita Munyon by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Thurs Jan 8th Christmas Weekday

† Emery Jr. & Marsha Munyon by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Fri Jan 9th Christmas Weekday

† Dennis Rondeau (1st Ann.) by Lorraine O'Rourke

Sat Jan 10th Christmas Weekday

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

Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord

4:00pm (St. Patrick) † Katherine Farmer (7th Ann.)

4:00pm (OLGH) † Paul Cosetta by Mike Cosetta

Sun Jan 12th The Baptism of the Lord

8:00am (St. Theresa) † Norma Graham & Lisa Iasimone by their family

9:15am (St. Patrick)

† Lisa Denton Pichie (4th Ann.) by Katherine Pichie

10:30am (OLGH) Pro Populo

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

Sunday, January 4, 2026— The Epiphany of the Lord

On the first Sunday of the year, after January 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the manifestation of our Lord. The Greek word Epiphany (επιφάνεια), means appearance or manifestation. Multiple revelations of Jesus as God are celebrated in the Feast of the Epiphany. First, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first appearance to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, while in the Eastern Church, the feast is the commemoration of the Baptism of Christ where the Father and the Holy Spirit gave combined testimony to Jesus' identity as Son of God. Later, in the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed himself as the promised Messiah, and at Cana Jesus revealed his Divinity by transforming water into wine.

Today, we celebrate mainly the arrival of the Magi representing the gentile world and worshipping the new born "King of the Jews" - better to say the King of kings, the Prince of Peace born among the Hebrews. The Gospel reminds us that if God permitted the Magi, gentile foreigners, to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that will keep God from bringing us to Jesus. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod the Great, tried to eliminate him, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored and were indifferent about the Savior's birth, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore him.

The adoration of the Magi fulfills the oracle of Isaiah (Is 60:1-6), prophesying that the nations of the world would travel to the Holy City following a brilliant light and would bring gold and incense to contribute to the worship of God. The Epiphany can be looked on as a symbol for our pilgrimage through life to Christ. The feast invites us to see ourselves as images of the Magi, a people on a journey to Christ.

Like the Magi offering their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, let's offer the best of what we have, from the heart, in response to what that Child has given to us - Himself. Let's remember the 19th century English carol, Christina Rossetti's 'A Christmas Carol', which sings, "In the bleak midwinter,giving to the Christ Child. ...What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I could give a Lamb.

If I were a wise man, I could do my part.

What I can I give Him? Give Him my heart!"

May the Prince of Peace, the new born King, our Savior fill us with his peace through the Year 2026.

Rev. Jose Parathanal



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.

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 building. All women of the parish are invited to join us as we seek to deepen our faith together in prayer.

Next meeting, Saturday, January 17th.



Remember to be safe online! Our parish staff will never email you asking you to buy gift cards, Bitcoin or other financial instruments.

If you receive a message asking for such purchases, feel free to delete it.

If you have any doubts, simply verify with the office! Scammers will prey on your charitable inclinations and use a sense of urgency to trick you. Don't fall for it!



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.



If you haven't read *The Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of St. Thérèse of Lisieux*, the new year is a great time to begin! *Story of a Soul* has been called one of the greatest works of Catholic thought in the modern era.

You can pick up this book and other great reads at our Bookstore & Gift Shop. Just ring the bell for help!



A reminder that as we move into the winter months, the outdoor Shrine remains open from sunrise to sunset, in all weather.

Masses at the Shrine are not cancelled unless conditions are such that a priest cannot safely get to the Church. For parish activities, we follow the town of Burrillville for closures.



Please enroll me in the 2026 50-Week Club! Drawings begin week of Jan. 25.

___ 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 (if rec'd by 1.25)

Name: _____

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St. Patrick's Church

Parish & Cemetery Manager:

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Administrator: Rev. Jose Parathanal CMI Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Bernard O'Reilly, Ph.D.

The 2026 Food Pantry Schedule is available on our website at:

stpatrickri.org/wp-content/uploads/2026-St-Patricks-Food-Pantry-Schedule.pdf

January Food Pantry Openings will be Monday, January 12th and 26th 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.



The diocesan Catholic Charity Appeal begins in earnest with the New Year and the St. Patrick's parish goal is \$19,950 for 2026, a 5% increase over the \$19,000 goal from 2025. The parish raised \$17,600 towards that goal with only 46

donors! We need to do better! With the decrease in federal funding and the corresponding increase in need by those less fortunate, it has become imperative that our charitable contributions must be increased to meet the demand. The parishioners of St. Patrick's have always been most generous in charitable giving, especially to our food pantry, so we do not hesitate to ask if you can do more to help those in need. Thank you for all you do in giving of your time, talent and treasure.

Diocesan News & Events

Join the diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry as we pray to protect human life. 9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message. Information on all diocesan activities in support of

January for Life activities can be found at: dioceseofprovidence.org/life-and-family-respect-life



Saint Patrick's Church offers its warmest thanks to our parishioners and friends who volunteered their time, talents and treasure to assist with this year's Christmas Liturgies. Particular thanks to the choir, musicians, ushers, lectors, and altar servers. A special 'thank you' to this year's decorators for making the church look so welcoming and lovely



The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of January is that Christians will pray with the word of God, viewed as nourishment for our lives and a source of hope for our communities. This Intention aims to help build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Weekly Collection

Weekly giving information not available at time of publication.

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



The Knights of Columbus Council 383 wishes to thank our entire parish for their generosity during this year's Operation **ROVAC**

Remembering Our Veterans At Christmas, the parish was able to provide the most gifts ever in our 8 year history of participation in this event. All three Churches did an outstanding job of providing gifts to our very worthy brothers and sisters at the RI Vets Home.

May God Bless you all for your generosity!



Join Fr. Jose on the pilgrimage adventure of a lifetime to the Holy Lands of Egypt, Israel and Jordan!

The trip departs on Monday, October 5th and continues through Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 and includes sites like St. Catherine's Monastery in the

Sinai, the Mount of Olives, and the town of Bethlehem, as well as Jerusalem and the Sea of Galilee, plus the carved rock churches of Petra, Jordan. For more information call Bernadette Corpuz, the tour coordinator 323-547-6618 or email:

bcorp1114@gmail.com



Regular CCD Classes resume on Sunday, January 4th.

Grades 1-6 (Sundays at OLGH 9:15-10:15a)

Grades 7-9 (Mondays at St. Theresa 6-7p)

If you are new to our community, you may register your children for CCD using the form on our website at:

burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education

For students in sacramental years (1st Communion & Confirmation) contact our Director, Mrs. Pat Ducharme at

pducharme1@cox.net



Many thanks to all who generously donated to the OLGH conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul during this holiday season. Your thoughtful donations of gift cards, wrapped gifts for the Giving Tree, food items for our pantry, and money helped us to make this Christmas season special for many of our neighbors in need. Your continued support throughout the coming year will be much appreciated because of the growing need we are experiencing. May God bless all of you in the New Year!

Consider updating your parish registration if your family has changed this past year!

New registrants always welcome!

Find the registration form online at:

burrillvillecatholic.org below "Mass times"

For bulletin questions, corrections or submissions email the bulletin editor:

silviaaldredge@gmail.com

Publication of submitted items is at the discretion of the pastor. Items are due on the Monday before publication.

"The wise men followed the star. Through the language of creation, they discovered the God of history. To be sure – the language of creation alone is not enough. Only God's word, which we encounter in sacred Scripture, was able to mark out their path definitively. Creation and Scripture, reason and faith, must come together, so as to lead us forward to the living God." Pope Benedict XVI, January 6, 2012

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