

The Burrillville Catholic Collaborative

Three Churches, One Faith Community

The Third Sunday of Lent, March 23, 2025



Our Lady of Good Help

1063 Victory Highway, Mapleville

Weekend Masses:

Our Lady of Good Help- Sat. 4:30pm & 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- 3:30-4:15pm Saturdays

St. Theresa- Friday & Saturday following 8:30am 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.

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

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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

Office and Cemeteries: 401-568-5600

Sat., Mar 22nd *The Vigil of Third Sunday of Lent*
4:00pm (St. Patrick) † Toni Socci by his wife & family
4:30pm (OLGH) † Albert Marcoux by Joan Hopkins

Sun., Mar 23rd *The Third Sunday of Lent*
8:00am (St. Theresa) † Fr. Richard Friedrichs by the Shrine Confraternity
9:15am (St. Patrick) Pro Populo
10:30am (OLGH) † Doris Pino by her family
5:00pm (St. Theresa) † Ted, Anna, and Theodore the 3rd, Labossier by their family

Weekday Masses- 8:30am at St. Theresa Church

Mon., Mar 24th *Lenten Weekday*
† For the repose of those Holy Souls in Purgatory by Dave & Beverly Munyon

Tues., Mar 25th *The Annunciation of the Lord*
† Edward Magill by his wife, Marie

Wed., Mar 26th *Lenten Weekday*
† Charles and Ines VanGorden by Nancy Faford

Thur., Mar 27th *Lenten Weekday*
† Marguerite Godin by Michelle Archer

Fri., Mar 28th *Lenten Weekday*
† Raymond Roy by Ron & Lisa Ann Paille

Sat., Mar 29th *Lenten Weekday*
8:30am (St. Theresa) † Angela Landolphi by Denise Ethier

The Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00pm (St. Patrick) † Janice Breault by her family
4:30pm (OLGH) † Joseph Bedard (2nd Ann.) by his wife Irene

Sun., Mar 30th *The Fourth Sunday of Lent*
8:00am (St. Theresa) † Stanislava Jurkiewicz by her granddaughter, Elizabeth
9:15am (St. Patrick) † Deceased members of the Smith Family
10:30am (OLGH) † Louise Tatreault by the Cosetta Family
5:00pm (St. Theresa) Pro populo

Sunday, March 23, 2025
The Third Sunday in Lent

In his memoirs, Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Indian Nation, humbly and frankly acknowledges that, when he was fifteen, he stole a little piece of gold from his brother's bracelet. A few days later, he felt very guilty and repentant, and decided to come clean by confessing to his father. So, he took a paper, wrote down his fault, sincerely asking his father for forgiveness and promised never to repeat the offence. Taking that note to the bedroom of his father, the young Gandhi found him ill in bed. Very timidly he handed the note to his father without saying a word. His father sat up in bed and began reading the note. As he read it, the senior Gandhi was so deeply moved by the honesty, sincerity and courage of his son that tears began to stream from his eyes. This touched the son and he burst into tears as well. Instinctively both father and son wrapped their arms around each other and wordlessly shared their mutual admiration and joy. This notable experience made such an impact on Gandhi that years later he would say, "Only the person who has experienced this kind of forgiving love can know what it is."

This precisely is what happened when the repentant prodigal son returned home. Such is God's merciful forgiveness and benevolent love for all who resolutely turn over a new leaf, especially during this Lenten season. Living a life of repentance is most important and beneficial both in our spiritual life and for a healthy mental life. Repentance will be a powerful aspect of a mature, integrated personality. As people of faith, journeying to eternity, we need to live lives of continuous repentance and renewal. That will, in fact, create in us a healthy mind and a pure soul.

We need to turn to Christ, acknowledge our faults and failings, and receive from him mercy, forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. In the whole Bible, we see repentance and conversion as a major theme. When it comes to the Gospels, there is a frequent call for repentance and conversion by Jesus. There is no better way to receive this invitation of Jesus to heart than to go to sacramental confession, and there is no better time to go to confession than during Lent. Repentance helps us in life and in death. It helps us to live authentically and helps us to face death without fear. Lent is an ideal time "to dig around and fertilize" the tree of our life so that it may bring forth fruits of repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness, humble service, and sensitivity to the feelings of others. Let our Lenten efforts of conversion bring to a deeper experience of our Heavenly Father's love and mercy
God Bless you!

Rev. Jose Parathanal



Lenten Devotions Daily- St. Theresa Church

8:00a Rosary

8:30a Mass

Fridays in Lent

Adoration from 9a-12noon

Stations of the Cross 3p

Reminder– Fridays in Lent are days requiring abstinence from meat.



Warm congratulations to the family of Cecelia Belle Makowski, daughter of Stephen and Jennifer Makowski who was Baptized into Christ's Church this past weekend. We also offer our thanks to Brian and Laura Venditelli, her godparents for their willingness to take on this important role.

The Church recommends children be baptized as soon as is possible following their birth. At least one God-parent must be a Catholic in good standing.



You can still join the wait list for our parish trip to see Noah at the Sight and Sound theater in

Lancaster, PA on Wednesday and Thursday, September 17th and 18th, 2025. Contact the office at 401-568-8280



St. Theresa Shrine of the Little Flower



Sincere thanks to Peter Lamoria and Lorraine Sparrow for their hard work in prepping, ordering and running, the Fish Fry. Without these two dedicated members of our volunteer team, there would be no possible way this major fundraiser could be as successful as it has been. May God Bless you for our generosity to our parish!

The Shrine Fish Fry continues on Fridays in Lent from 4-7pm. Enjoy crispy fish and chips and our delicious sides along with Grapenut pudding and an assortment of beverages.

Call the Fish Fry Hotline at 568-3057 to place to go orders after 4p on Fridays.



During the Month of March, the Blessed Mother Candle at the Shrine Church is offered for the repose of the soul of Viola Faford by her family.

Intentions for candles in the Shrine Sanctuary are for one week and can be made through the parish office.

The suggested donation is \$10.

The St. Vincent DePaul Society is in need of a part time bookkeeper at their Cranston Office for more information contact: info@svdpri.org or 401-490-0822 ext. 102

St. Patrick's Church

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



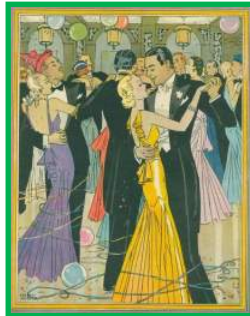
St. Patrick Church wishes to thank

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Boucher for their donation of beautiful handmade crosses for the altar.

May God bless you for your generosity to the parish!

Our Annual Spring Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday May 3rd beginning at 6:00pm in the church hall.

Tickets will be going on sale soon, watch this space for details.



The next food pantry opening takes place on Monday, March 24th from 4:30-6:30pm.



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

We are always happy to accept food, market gift cards and monetary donations.

Thank you for your generosity!

2024 Statements of Charitable Giving are available by contacting Deacon Rick at 401-568-5600 or by email at deaconrick@cox.net

Diocesan News and Events

Now is the time to begin applying if you are considering Catholic School for your students in the 2025-'26 school year. Each Catholic School in the Diocese of Providence is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Students earn scores on standardized tests above state and national averages. 98.4% of students graduate from high school and 99% go on to college. Financial assistance is available.

More information on schools, open house events, and applications at CatholicSchools.org



The 2025 Catholic Charity Appeal has officially begun. This year's theme, "Trust

in Providence," is a powerful reminder of God's grace and the trust he has placed in us to serve others. Our parish goal remains the same as last year, with an overall diocesan goal of \$7.5 million.

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the appeal, let us reflect on a century of hope, compassion and support provided to those in need throughout our state.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to the appeal as we strive for 100% parish participation.

CCA envelopes will be available at all 3 churches beginning in February. See the CCA website for more information: dioceseofprovidence.org/cca

Weekly Collection

Weekly Giving 3.16.25

Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Theresa Shrine

Collection \$3,323

E-giving \$ 918

St. Patrick Church

Collection \$1,935

E-giving \$ 208

Thank you for your generosity!

If you need a 'Statement of Charitable Giving' for your income tax filings, please call the office to have one prepared for you.

Please consider setting up an electronic giving account with our E-giving partner, OSV. Account setup is simple, secure and allows you to make and keep track of gifts, add special intentions and make donations when you are not able to attend Mass.

www.osvhub.com/our-lady-of-good-help-church/giving/funds



We are grateful to our churches for their commitment to the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal. St. Patrick's has achieved 42% of its goal of \$19,000 with \$8,030 pledged by 28 donors. OLGH/St. Theresa's Shrine has met 44% of its goal of \$28,120 with \$12,430 pledged by 57 donors.

We strongly encourage every family of the parish to consider making a pledge to this fund drive. Regardless of the dollar amount raised, we hope for 100% participation by our parishioners.

Every day, our fellow Rhode Islanders rely on Catholic Charities to assist them with food, shelter and essentials like heating oil. See their website at: dioceseofprovidence.org/cc

For more info.

Religious Education



Regular Religious Education Classes Resume:

Sunday, March 23, for Grades 1-6 at Our Lady of Good Help School building from 9:15-10:15a and

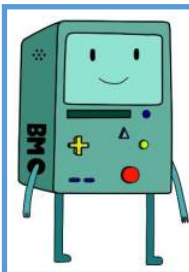
Monday, March 24, for Grades 7-9 at St. Theresa Church from 6:00-7:00pm

Confirmations will be celebrated on

Thursday, May 29 at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Good Help

For the full 2024-25 Academic year schedule download the file at:

burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education



Remember! No member of our parish staff will EVER contact parishioners asking you to purchase gift cards. If you are emailed or called by someone claiming this, it's a scam. Feel free to ignore such requests.

About this Bulletin:

The bulletin deadline is the Monday before publication. Special (holiday) bulletins may have earlier deadlines.

Publication of submitted materials is at the discretion of the pastor.

Contact our editor at with questions.

silviaaldredge@gmail.com

Join the parish:

To join the parish fill out the [registration form on our website home page](#) and return it to the office.

Existing parishioners should plan to re-register when there are demographic changes to their households.

Thanks for helping us keep our records up to date!

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