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SAINT PATRICK

Roxbury, CT

SUNDAY MASSES

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick, Roxbury

8:30 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Tuesday - Saturday

9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

As part of the Archdiocese of Hartford facing the needs of a changing society and changing Church, aware of our uniqueness embracing the towns of Washington and Roxbury with many weekend residents as well as full-time resident families, conscious of being blessed with material and natural bounty, recognizing the special opportunities available in the setting of small towns dedicated to the spirit of ecumenism, we see our mission to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through prayer, especially the Eucharist, through education, supporting parents in their role as the primary educators of their children as they prepare for their first reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation, through social action building community among parish members, reaching out to Catholics not affiliated with the parish, and cooperating with the other churches in our towns, especially in addressing the needs of the community with a particular emphasis to reach out to those with special needs.

TRUSTEES

Dean Aita

Barbara Henry



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GLP

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 19

SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
John Taylor+

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 20

8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
Maya Cointreau+
req. by the Roxbury Ambulance Association

10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Maurice Simpson+ & James Simpson+

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 22

9:00 a.m. **Mary Taylor Clarke+**

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 23

9:00 a.m. *St. John of Kanty, Priest*
S/4 Brian Tierney+
req. by his family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
VIGIL SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

2:30 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
All Parishioners of the Parish

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Raymond Kozak+
req. by his wife, Suzanne, & family

7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
All Parishioners of the Parish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

8:30 a.m. St. Patrick Church
Jack & Lorie Dunn+
req. by St. Patrick Women's Guild

10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
All Parishioners of the Parish

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 26

9:00 a.m. *St. Stephen, First Martyr*
John Taylor+
SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Martin McGorty+
req. by M/M Jay McGorty

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 27

The Holy Family

8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
Marie Luppinacci+
req. by St. Patrick Women's Guild

10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Elizabeth & William Janega+
& Ann & Mike Dattilo+
req. by the Janega family



December 20, 2020
4th Sunday
of Advent

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come. ©LPi

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

- Saturday at 4:00 p.m. - Phyllis Allen
- Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Barbara Henry
- Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Carolyn Hartman
- Christmas Eve at 2:30 p.m. - Carolyn Hartman
- Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. - Phyllis Allen
- Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. - Jim Hirschfield
- Christmas Day at 8:30 a.m. - Tim Skinski
- Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m. - Pat Corvello

IMPORTANT

WHILE ATTENDING MASS, A PROPER FACE MASK COVERING YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH MUST BE WORN. THANK YOU FOR KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLASSES WILL RESUME IN MARCH**

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH
ANGEL GIVING TREE**

Today is the last day to return gift cards in the "Angel Box." All gift cards will be given to the Town of Roxbury for distribution to Roxbury residents in need of some help during this holiday season. **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your generosity during these especially difficult times.

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of

**JOHN & DELORES DUNN
&
MARIE LUPINACCI**

Jack, Lorie and Marie were long-time parishioners of St. Patrick Church.

May they rest in peace with the Lord.

ADVENT WREATH

The prayer for the fourth week of Advent is as follows:



O Lord, show yourself an all-powerful God and come to me. Aid us with your powerful assistance so that, through your grace and merciful forgiveness, we may attain salvation, who lives and rules with God the Father. Amen.

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
GIVING TREE**

THE CARDS DONATED THROUGH OUR GIVING TREE PROGRAM WERE GIVEN TO THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON SOCIAL SERVICES FOR DISTRIBUTION. FAMILIES RECEIVED THE CARDS, ALONG WITH FOOD BASKETS, TO BRIGHTEN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY WERE CERTAINLY APPRECIATED.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS
Weekend of December 12 / 13**

Weekend Collection	2,801.
Online Giving	937.
Immaculate Conception	80.
Flowers	<u>10.</u>
Total	3,828.
Retired Religious Collection	570.

May God bless you in your generosity.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

QUESTION: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

ANSWER: HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with the Lord."



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24, 2020
2:30 p.m. at Our Lady
4:00 p.m. at Our Lady
7:00 p.m. at Our Lady

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25, 2020
8:30 a.m. at St. Patrick
10:30 a.m. at Our Lady

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Thursday, December 31, 2020
Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady
Friday, January 1, 2021
9:00 a.m. at Our Lady



PARISH MASSES

We will continue to follow the required Archdiocesan procedures and respect the current limits set by Governor Ned Lamont. Indoor Mass can take place with a maximum of 25% of the church capacity, socially distanced. The decision regarding whether to attend Mass in person is left to the individual. If you or someone in your house is ill, especially with fever or flu-like symptoms or conjunctivitis, please do not enter the Church. If you are elderly, those with pre-existing conditions, those who are fearful or anxious, and those who are taking care of a sick or homebound person need not be concerned if they miss Mass as the dispensation from the Sunday obligation has now been extended through SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021. Anyone in those categories is asked to continue taking advantage of television or of streaming Masses online as they stay home and stay safe. If you decide to attend Mass, please be charitable by protecting others and yourself:

- At all times, including entering and exiting the church, practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet from people who do not live in your household.
- You MUST wear a face mask or cloth face covering.
- Do not shake hands with others.
- Use hand sanitizers.
- Do not congregate to socialize before or after Mass.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

All Communion lines should be single file, with people wearing masks, keeping six feet apart, except for family members. The priest will hold the consecrated host over the communicants' outstretched hands and drop the host into their hands without touching their hands. Communicants will receive the consecrated host in their hands, step to the side, lower their mask, consume the host, replace their mask, and return to their pew.

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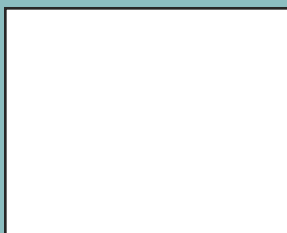
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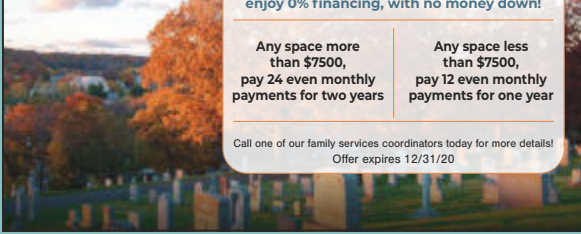
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