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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

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race.

- Jn 1:3-4

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
VIGIL SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

- 2:30 p.m. All Parishioners of the Parish (Our Lady)
- 4:00 p.m. Raymond Kozak+ (Our Lady)
req. by his wife, Suzanne, & family
- 7:00 p.m. All Parishioners of the Parish (Our Lady)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

- 8:30 a.m. Jack & Lorie Dunn+ (St. Patrick)
req. by St. Patrick Women's Guild
- 10:30 a.m. All Parishioners of the Parish (Our Lady)

SATURDAY **DECEMBER 26**

- 9:00 a.m. John Taylor+
SUNDAY VIGIL
- 4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Martin McGorty+
req. by M/M Jay McGorty

SUNDAY **DECEMBER 27**

- 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
Marie Lupinacci+
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

TUESDAY **DECEMBER 29**

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

WEDNESDAY **DECEMBER 30**

- 9:00 a.m. John Taylor+

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31
VIGIL SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

- 4:00 p.m. Lance Corporal Norman Spenard+ (Our Lady)
req. by his sister, Suzanne Kozak, & family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

- 9:00 a.m. All Parishioners of the Parish (Our Lady)

SATURDAY **JANUARY 2**

- 9:00 a.m. Maurice Simpson+ & James Simpson+
SUNDAY VIGIL
- 4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Mary Taylor Clarke+

SUNDAY **JANUARY 3**

- 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
All the Sick of the Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
All the Deceased of the Parish+

December 25, 2020
The Nativity of the Lord



If the salutation, "Merry Christmas," is more than just the expected greeting we use today, then what is the "more" really all about?

Today is a sacred day and the birth of Christ has changed not only history but how human beings perceive and relate with God. God has become one with humanity in the Person of Jesus Christ. All of these truths remain just pious sentiments unless they take flesh in the heart and soul of each one of us. We need to absorb and immerse ourselves in what is meant by these truths so that we can be changed by them. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord!

A woman once recounted her journey with poverty and how she went from "doing" for the poor to "being with" the poor. It's transforming and life changing. It's easy to simply give alms to those in need, and yet another thing to be with them in their poverty and become poor ourselves. A change of the axis from vertical to horizon puts a whole new twist on things. Our souls understand the experience in ways that our minds simply cannot. Christmas requires this same change of axis.

It is one thing to sing out the words, "Joy to the World," and quite another to experience that joy ourselves. Many have not experienced the full impact of that first Holy Night because they choose to keep the manger at a distance rather than make a home with the Holy One who resides there. The birth of Christ levels the playing field of life and we have to allow ourselves to be leveled. There is no way to truly be human unless we understand that God is with us and blesses every fiber of the human experience. We cannot be truly human unless we listen to the words of the Word Made Flesh and work so that justice and peace can be realized by all, and God's sacred earth cared for and nurtured.

The axis of Christmas begins to shift when we realize it's not about, "I and me," but, "we and us," and there's an order and purpose to how God fashions and sustains things. The world hasn't really given Christ a full shot yet to understand that Truth has been born in our midst. We pick and choose what suits us in the message and leave the rest behind.

What needs to change about you so that Christ can truly be born in you? ©LPi

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

- 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
- Saturday at 4:00 p.m. - Jim Hirschfield
- Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Mary Jackson
- Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Janet Bloch

IMPORTANT

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

THE WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONS
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish continues to be an active member of the Council that has hosted six food drives over the past eight months for the benefit of the Washington/Warren and New Milford Food Banks. During this time, WCOG has collected 10,332 pounds of shelf-stable food, personal care and household cleaning items and \$18,232 in cash and grocery gift cards for these food banks. Thank you sincerely to all members of our parish, including our Confirmation and CCD students, who have contributed their gifts of time and goods to help our neighbors. The need is great and the work will continue throughout the new year.

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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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.



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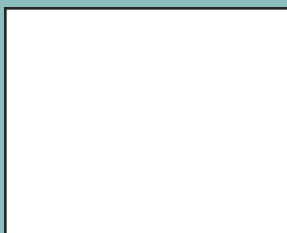
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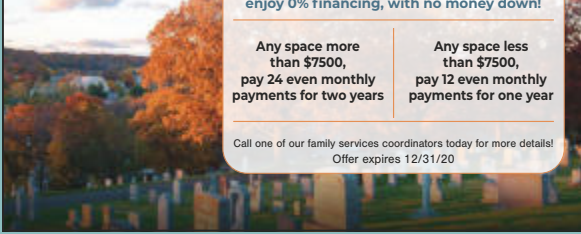
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