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SAINT PATRICK

Roxbury, CT

SUNDAY MASSES

**Our Lady of
Perpetual Help**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick, Roxbury

8:30 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

**Our Lady of
Perpetual Help**

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 p.m.

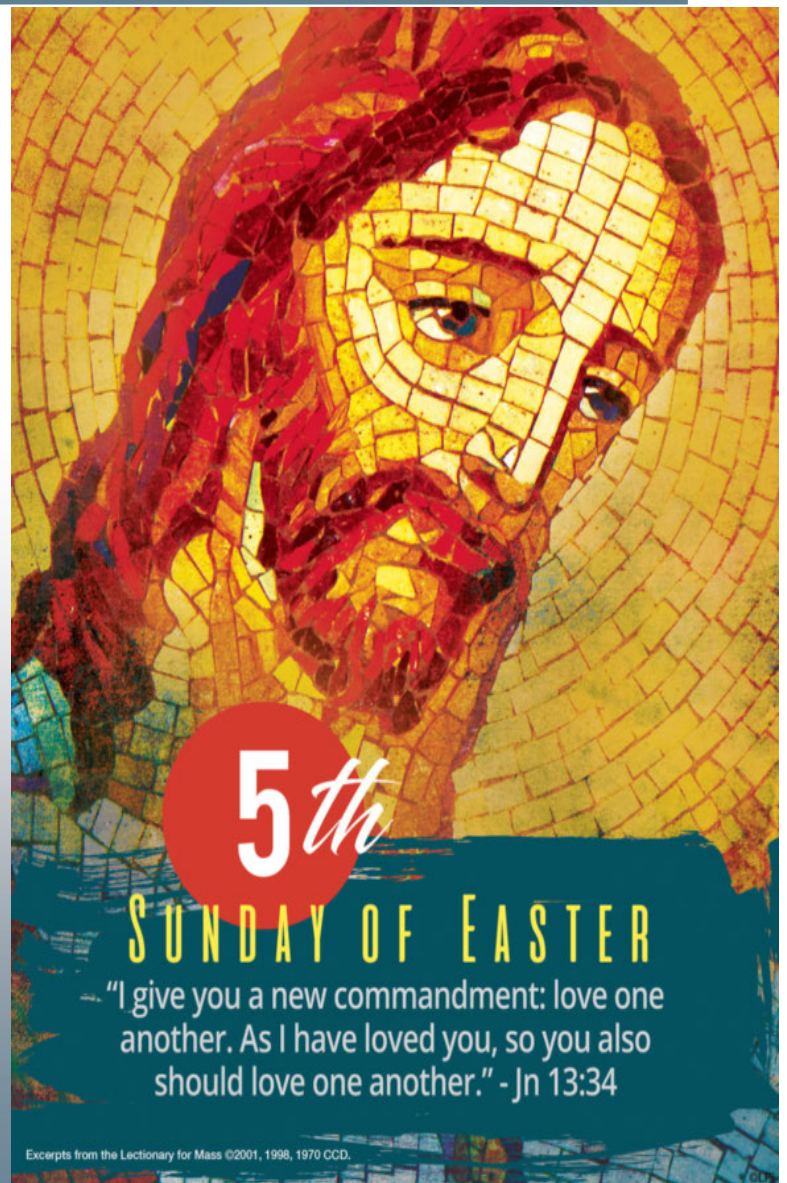
MISSION STATEMENT

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

Phyllis Allen

Michael D. Savarese



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>MAY 14</u> SUNDAY VIGIL Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mother's Day Intentions of Drs. John Flanagan & Denise Sanfilippo
5:00 p.m.	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MAY 15</u> St. Patrick, Roxbury Mother's Day Intentions of M/M Robert Falconer Our Lady of Perpetual Help Kate Foley+ req. by Janet Michalek
8:30 a.m.	
10:30 a.m.	
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>MAY 17</u> 9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Intentions of M/M William Janega
9:00 a.m.	
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>MAY 18</u> 9:00 a.m. Leonard Moore+ req. by his family
9:00 a.m.	
<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>MAY 19</u> 9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Intentions of Louise Biglarderi
9:00 a.m.	
<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>MAY 20</u> 9:00 a.m. Maurice Simpson+ & James Simpson+
9:00 a.m.	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>MAY 21</u> 9:00 a.m. S/4 Brian Tierney+ req. by his family
9:00 a.m.	
	SUNDAY VIGIL Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mother's Day Intentions of M/M Robert Ullram
5:00 p.m.	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MAY 22</u> 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury For the Intentions of Officer Vincent Radesich, NYPD req. by M/M Robert Falconer Our Lady of Perpetual Help Raymond Kozak+ req. by his wife, Suzanne, & family
8:30 a.m.	
10:30 a.m.	



**A ROSARY FOR PEACE IS SAID
EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 A.M. AT
OUR LADY. NOW, MORE THAN
EVER, WON'T YOU COME
AND PRAY WITH US?**

Next weekend our second collection supports the **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Archdiocese of Hartford to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.uscch.org/cc.



**May 15, 2022
5th Sunday of Easter**

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both. ©LPi

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. - Phyllis Allen
Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Mary Jackson
Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Carolyn Hartman

**PARISH COLLECTIONS
Weekend of May 7 / 8**

Weekend Collection	1,407.
Online Giving	<u>932.</u>
Total	2,339.

May God bless you in your generosity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Family Catechesis - Grades K-5

Next class, this weekend, Saturday, May 14, at 5:45 p.m.,
following the 5:00 p.m. Mass

Annie Haddad - anniehaddad2411@gmail.com
& Christine Kersten - ckersten71@gmail.com

Lifeteen - Grades 6 - 8

Next class Sunday, this weekend, May 15, at 11:25 a.m.,
following the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Shannon Kozak - shamako4@yahoo.com

Confirmation - Grade 9 and up (2-year program)

Next class Thursday, May 19, 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
Greg & Mary Jane Ruthven - gpruthven@aol.com

IS THIS FILM SUITABLE FOR MY CHILDREN?

For reviews and ratings of an extensive list of movies,
both current and archived, please visit
www.usccb.org/movies/. This service is provided by the
U.S. Catholic Bishops' Office of Film and Broadcasting.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Vicariate Outreach Program

"Stronger Together"

In the spirit of stewardship, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal initiated the Vicariate Outreach Program in 1997. The Program offers support to local organizations that, by their efforts, are a meaningful extension of the mission of the Catholic Church and her teachings.

The Archdiocese and the Archbishop's Annual Appeal have received broad acclaim for sharing more than \$19M over the previous 24 years of this effort. With the support of all parish households, we remain enthusiastic about continuing this vital outreach program this year as well.

If you desire to suggest a worthy LOCAL charity for funding by the Vicariate Outreach Program, please contact the parish office. An outreach program of this scope requires following a time-tested process.

If you make a suggestion, it will be reviewed and considered for nomination - not all suggestions will become nominations as funds are limited. Please be sure to include as much information on the program as possible. Parish nominations are reviewed and confirmed by the Archdiocesan Vicariate Outreach Committee.

Thank you for your concern and generosity.

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY

Individual burial plots are available in our parish's St. Patrick Cemetery in Roxbury. The price for a plot is \$1,000 or \$3,500 for a family plot of 4. Contact Bob Falconer at 860-350-6681 if you are interested.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Love one another." Love holds a family together. It is not what a family *does* which makes it outstanding, rather it is what it *has*, love for one another.



PARISH PICNIC

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 22
FOLLOWING THE
10:30 A.M. MASS**

**AT THE
RIVERWALK PAVILION
IN WASHINGTON DEPOT
(NEXT TO WASHINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL)**

**THIS IS A ONCE-A-YEAR COMMUNITY EVENT.
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AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
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A DESSERT, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU
ARE BRINGING. YOU WILL FIND SIGN-UP
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ANointing OF THE SICK

This Sacrament, as its name indicates, is administered to those who are seriously sick. The oil symbolizes Christ as a source of strength...physically, to recuperate or, spiritually, to accept the will of God. It may be administered for each new sickness or for the same illness, after a month or so. We should never withhold the Sacrament until the very end.

WASHINGTON/WARREN FOOD PANTRY

The Washington/Warren Food Pantry is open to ALL residents of Warren, Washington and New Preston. There is no income or asset check to receive items from the pantry and we love to welcome new faces! The pantry is here for you as it is here for your neighbors.

Whether you would like to visit the pantry once a year or once a week, we aim to ensure not a single resident of our community is food insecure. The pantry has shelf-stable, frozen and refrigerated goods as well as fresh local produce and eggs. Please visit us! Open EVERY Thursday 10-12 at the Community Center (around back) at 7 Sackett Hill Road, Warren.

Questions? socialservices@warrencf.org.

Melissa Woodward, Washington Director of Social Services

PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE

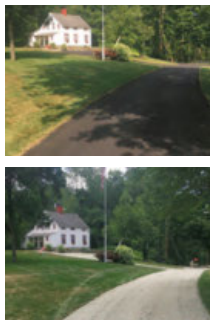
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