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SAINT PATRICK

Roxbury, CT

SUNDAY MASSES

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick, Roxbury
8:30 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Tuesday & Thursday:
5:00 p.m.
Wednesday & Friday:
8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 p.m. or call for an appointment

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

Our Lady: Mary Ellen McGorty, Dean Aita
St. Patrick: Robert Falconer, Barbara Henry



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY **SEPTEMBER 30**
 SUNDAY VIGIL
 5:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
**For All Parishioners of the Two Churches
 of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 1**
 RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY
 7:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
**For All Parishioners of the Two Parishes
 of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**
 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
Marie Ann Ponzillo+
 req. by her husband, Frank Travisano
 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Rita Parisi Higgins+
 req. by Bob & Pat Corvello

TUESDAY **OCTOBER 3**
 5:00 p.m. **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY **OCTOBER 4**
 8:00 a.m. *St. Francis of Assisi*
NO MASS

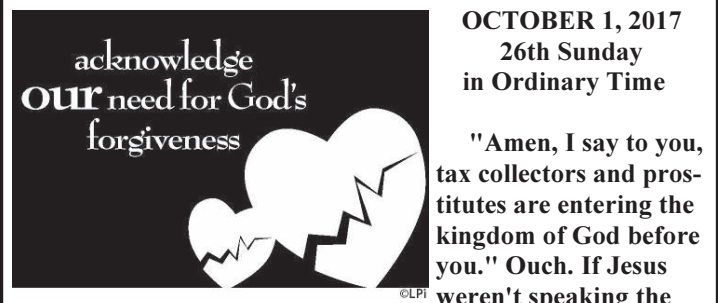
THURSDAY **OCTOBER 5**
 5:00 p.m. *Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*
George Hilton, Sr.+
 req. by Philip & Carol Pane

FRIDAY **OCTOBER 6**
 8:00 a.m. *St. Bruno, Priest;*
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
**For Carusillo Family Intentions
 & Peace & Prosperity in the U.S.A.**
 req. by the Carusillo family

SATURDAY **OCTOBER 7**
 5:00 p.m. *Our Lady of the Rosary*
 SUNDAY VIGIL
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Romeo Clavette+
 req. by Diane Locke

SUNDAY **OCTOBER 8**
 7:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
**For All Parishioners of the Two Churches
 of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**
 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
Anella & George Boate+
 req. by M/M Robert Falconer
 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Anne Louise Parisi Tierney+
 req. by Bob & Pat Corvello

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
 WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED ON
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
 NOR ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH.**



OCTOBER 1, 2017
 26th Sunday
 in Ordinary Time

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Ouch. If Jesus weren't speaking the

truth, this would seem like a nasty insult. To the ears of the chief priests and elders to whom he was speaking, it was as good as saying, "You're bigger sinners than the biggest sinners around." Jesus had a way of cutting to the heart of matters. In this case, he was calling out these religious leaders for their stubborn resistance to the revelation of God. At least the "sinners" heard and heeded John the Baptist's message of repentance. But those who considered themselves too righteous to repent were missing the opportunity to experience the healing power of mercy.

As we know, God the Father wants to extend mercy to his children. Just as any good parents want what's best for their children, God wants us to see the truth and follow it. But he won't force our hand. God always respects our freedom. He invites, encourages, assists, and persists in drawing us in, but ultimately the choice is ours. One way God invites us to spiritual healing is through the sacrament of reconciliation. This is a perfect example of God's desire to extend forgiveness. But if we don't take advantage of this gift, we miss the grace that it offers us.

Let us beware of thinking that we aren't the kinds of sinners that really need to repent. If we don't acknowledge our need for God's forgiveness we, become like the chief priests who closed themselves off to God's healing. It doesn't matter how far we may have fallen-this is why Jesus specifies that even "big" sinners can enter the kingdom of God-rather, what matters is that we have hearts open to recognizing and responding to God's love.

THE ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS
 will be celebrated by Archbishop Leonard P. Blair
 next Sunday, October 8, 2017, at 11 a.m.
 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

PARISH COLLECTIONS	
<u>Weekend of September 23 / 24</u>	
Weekend Collection	2,143.
Online Giving	<u>1,256.</u>
Total	3,399
Cash Needed to Pay the Bills	3,700.
Deficit	-301.
HOPES Collection	716.

**A ROSARY FOR PEACE IS SAID EACH SUNDAY MORNING
 AT 10:00 A.M. AT OUR LADY.**

**SAVE THE DATE.....
 K OF C WINE TASTING - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH**

CCD Grades 1, 2, & 3

will meet on Sundays in the Church Hall at 10:30 a.m., beginning today, Sunday, October 1st. There will be no class next Sunday, October 8th, because of the long weekend.

CCD Grades 4, 5, 6 & 7

will meet at Shepaug Valley Middle School on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning this Tuesday, October 3rd. Classes for these grade levels will generally follow the Region 12 student calendar. If there is no school or an early dismissal for any reason, CCD classes will not be held. Also, please register your child / children if you have not already done so.

Mail registration to Pat Corvello, 42 Winston Drive, Washington Depot, CT 06794.

Children may not attend without registering.

Most communication regarding CCD will be done through email. Please email Pat Corvello (PCorvello@aol.com) with your email if she does not have it. If you do not have email, call Pat at 860-868-2939. If anyone is still interested in teaching or helping out in our program, please let us know!

CAROLYN'S PLACE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL DINNER CELEBRATION

will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.

at the La Bella Vista Pontelandolfo Restaurant, 380 Farmwood Road, Waterbury. Reservations are necessary. Call 203-597-9050.

PARISH OUTREACH COMMITTEE

As you may have noticed, our parish community has been growing with new parishioners from our immediate area as well as surrounding areas. The Parish Council's Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to reach out to all these new parish member families, couples and individuals, welcoming them into our Church and helping to acclimate them to our various activities and parish life. As the Archbishop mentioned in his dialogue last weekend, it is clearly part of our community evangelization effort, to extend an invitation to those that we encounter in our daily life, helping them to become solid, integral members of our church. In this way, we ourselves may then experience the joy of meeting newcomers at the Church door, welcoming them to Sunday Mass and our practice of faith. And remember, we still need lectors, servers, counters and Eucharistic ministers for our daily Masses and parish events. We continue to see a small percentage of our parishioners doing more and more at our parish each month. Please contact myself, a Parish Council member or our parish secretary Suzanne to volunteer for any of the areas mentioned. Thank you, Fr. Phil

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....

The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish will have their annual bazaar next Saturday, October 7th. At this time we are going through all items stored in the garage and will assume that anything stored in there can be put in the Women's Guild sale. If there are any parishioner items stored there, please contact Suzanne at our parish office to set up a time to remove them. After the bazaar we will reconfigure all storage space in the garage areas and remaining items will be given to charity.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."

A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

FOR THE LOAVES AND FISHES HOSPITALITY HOUSE OF NEW MILFORD.....

A "Gala" will be held at St. John Church Hall in New Milford on October 14, 2017 at 6 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer will be served. There will also be music and a silent auction. Tickets are \$75.00 / person. RSVP by Monday, October 2nd, by calling 860-898-0107.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.....

will take place at Our Lady on the front lawn next Saturday, October 7th, at 3:30 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP ANNUAL WOMEN'S GUILD BAZAAR NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH 9:00 A.M. - 1 P.M.

This Bazaar is the only fund-raiser we have with the proceeds going to local charities and our own parish. A lot of time and preparation go into its planning but, more importantly, for its success we need all the assistance we can get from fellow parishioners. We realize not everyone can give their time but donations would be greatly appreciated. One of the biggest draws is the food table for which there is always a bigger demand than supply. We thank everyone who in the past has baked and ask that you continue. Last year we reached out to you for your help in baking and we were thrilled at the results. Once again, we implore anyone who has not to please *bake, bake, bake* so that we can make a bigger contribution to our community and parish!

We are in need of items for the Silent Auction, White Elephant Table, Jewelry and Accessories Table, and the Linen & Things Table.

Pick-up is available. Call Nelly Condon at 860-868-2014 or Jean Suddaby at (860) 868-2522.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, PLEASE ATTEND!!!! Anyone wanting to leave donations for the bazaar may do so by leaving items IN THE CHURCH HALL starting Friday, September 29th. No Books Please. Thank you for all your help.



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