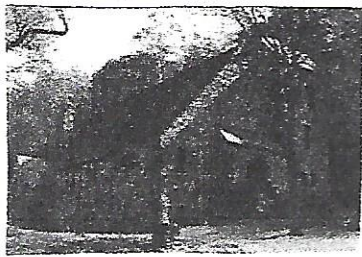
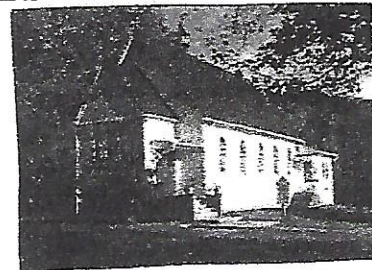


OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH



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St. Patrick, Roxbury, CT

March 10, 2018

Dear Parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish,

As you have undoubtedly noticed, our churches have undergone many positive renovations and upgrades in the past months. The parish community has continued the work of our previous pastors in maintaining and upgrading the churches and their functions. The new boiler at St. Patrick's is surely keeping everyone warm during this long and cold winter, while the altar area at Our Lady of Perpetual Help has undergone refurbishing that has brightened the whole church. Early Mass on Sundays will begin again in the spring, breakfast gatherings are routinely held monthly after Mass, and our Choir sounds wonderful under the supervision of a new choir director.

On December 30, 2017, our organ stopped functioning. This is a true gem, a valuable organ that could not be replaced. It has historic value, not only for our parish, but also for the community. Our Angelis bells, which can be heard throughout the community, have stopped functioning properly as well.

We would like to restore both of these. This is a large and costly project. The outside estimate work on restoration of the organ (including a new blower) and repair of the bells should not exceed \$80,000. The estimate of the organ restoration is \$60,000 and the bells should cost about \$20,000. The organ work will be done by the reputable and well-known Austin Organ Company, the creators of our historic organ.

Therefore, in order to raise the needed money for this project, we are beginning a capital campaign. All checks will go to the "Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Organ Fund." We will accept any donation, but there may be a targeted piece of the organ or bells that you would like to have dedicated. Names of donors for these items will be inscribed on a plaque. The list

includes:

- Pedal donor---\$100
- Pipe donor--\$200
- Swell (upper keyboard) donor--\$500
- Great (lower keyboard) donor--\$1000
- FanFare donor--\$2500
- Bells Donor--\$5000

Donors of any amount will be invited to a parish/community event in the fall and all dedicated donors will be given a courtesy ticket to the May 10, 2018, discussion by Dominick Albano from the Dynamic Catholic Organization.

More information will follow in the church bulletins and local publications. Enclosed are self-addressed envelopes for your convenience. They may be mailed or put in the offertory basket at any Mass.

Thank you for your support and generosity,

Rev. Philip Schulze