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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.

CONFESSIONS

DAILY MASSES

Our Lady of

Perpetual Help

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Saturday at 3:15 p.m. or call the rectory 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.

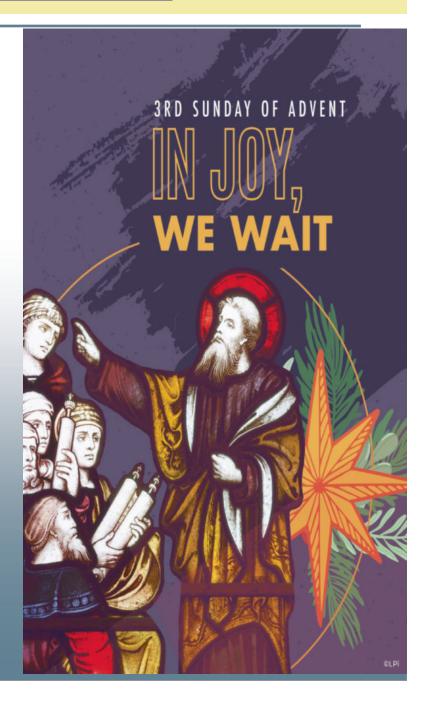
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14

SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Children+ & Families of Sandy Hook

req. by Bob & Pat Corvello

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

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

Souls in Purgatory+

10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Deceased of the Parish+

TUESDAY DECEMBER 17

9:00 a.m. **John Taylor**+

WEDNESDAY DECMBER 18

9:00 a.m. Lucy Travisano+

req. by her son, Frank Travisano

THURSDAY DECEMBER 19

9:00 a.m. Gia Carusillo - Birthday Celebration

req. by Lori Carusillo

FRIDAY DECEMBER 20

9:00 a.m. Sheehy Family+

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21

St. Peter Canisius, Priest/Doctor of Church

9:00 a.m. Margaret R. Cook+ & Margaret C. Cook+

SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Dick Kaylor+

req. by his wife, Connie, & the girls

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Souls In Purgatory+

10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help

William & Denise Bader+

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?

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a Mass offered for someone, living or deceased, on a weekday or on a weekend, contact the rectory office Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Weekday Masses - \$15 * Weekend Masses - \$25

COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS
IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, WOULD LIKE TO
RECEIVE COMMUNION AT HOME, PLEASE LET US
KNOW, AND WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAKE
ARRANGEMENTS.



December 15, 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?"

The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans."

Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

— Father John Muir

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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. - Janet Bloch

PARISH COLLECTIONS Weekend of December 7 / 8

Weekend Collection 1,795.
Online Giving 882.
Total 2,677.

Retirement Fund for Religious 1,264.

May God bless you in your generosity.

THE 2025 CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED!

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******* RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Family Catechesis (Grades K-5)

This weekend, Saturday, December 14 - 4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Christine Kersten at ckersten71@gmail.com

First Holy Communion (Grade 2 or up)

This weekend, Sunday, December 15 - 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Annie Haddad at anniehaddad@sbcglobal.net

Life Teen (Grades 6-8)

Saturday, January 4 - 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Shannon Kozak at shamako4@yahoo.com

Confirmation (Grades 9 & 10 and up)

(2-year program)

Thursday, January 16 - 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Mary Jane & Greg Ruthven at gruthven@aol.com



ADVENT WREATH

We light another candle this third week of Advent. Let us ask God to bless our family. God of rejoicing, this week we hear in our second reading that we are called

to "rejoice always."Help our family to be joyful in the midst of whatever happens this week When we light the third candle on our wreath, let us bring Your joy to our friends and neighbors this week. We ask this through Christ, who is the ultimate joyful gift to the world. Amen.

************ **GIVING TREES**

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

The Town of Washington is requesting a variety of gift cards and certificates for our local children, families and seniors who are in need this Christmas. As winter takes hold, more senior residents require support from the Washington Seniors' Fuel Fund. Tags on the Giving Tree offer suggestions for gift cards and certificates or recommend a check for the Seniors' Fuel Fund. Please choose a tag and place your donation in the basket next to the tree by this Monday, December 16. Thank you for remembering our neighbors who are struggling during this holy season.

SAINT PATRICK CHURCH

The Giving Tree may be found at the rear of St. Patrick Church again this year. Please take an angel from the tree and return it with a gift Card (Grocery Stores, Gas Stations, Department Stores, Home Depot, Roxbury Market are a few suggestions). Please drop the gift card in the "Angel Box" under the tree. All cards will be given to Roxbury First Selectman for distribution to families in need. Thank you for your generosity.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us to SHARE!

This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NECESSITIES to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we have missed the point of Christmas.



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AFTER THE 10:30 A.M. MASS AT OUR LADY TODAY. THIS EVENT IS IN CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND IS SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. PLEASE JOIN US.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

VIGIL SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 24 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1 9:00 a.m. at Our Lady ****

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM **CHRISTMAS EXHIBIT**

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For the 19th consecutive year, the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven is showcasing the art and traditions of Christmas as a feature exhibition.

This year's showcontinues until February 2, 2025, centers on Africa. Christmas in Africa features more than 50 works, representing 23 countries across the African continent. This exhibit also explores some of the traditions and festivities that have developed throughout Africa to celebrate the Season. The Pilgrimage Center's

Christmas Tree Festival displays twenty trees showcasing the imagination and talent of Connecticut's elementary school children who created handmade ornaments and trim in their classrooms to decorate a tree in the theme of Christmas in Africa. The Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center is located at 1 State Street in New Haven and is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with free admission and parking. Any questions please contact Erica Gabrielsen at 203-752-4528.

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