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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

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

Monday, December 23 - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 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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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.

- Jn 1:14

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY **DECEMBER 21**
SUNDAY VIGIL
4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Dick Kaylor+
 req. by his wife, Connie, & the girls

SUNDAY **DECEMBER 22**
8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
 Souls in Purgatory+
10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 William & Denise Bader+

TUESDAY **DECEMBER 24**
NO MORNING MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Raymond Kozak+
 req. by his wife, Suzanne, & family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
 All Parishioners of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 William & Elizabeth Janega+ &
 Michael & Ann Dattilo+
 req. by Bill & Dale Janega

THURSDAY **DECEMBER 26**
9:00 a.m. **Sheehy Family+**

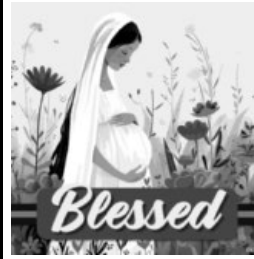
FRIDAY **DECEMBER 27**
9:00 a.m. **All Souls Day Intentions+**
 req. by M/M John Mahoney

SATURDAY **DECEMBER 28**
9:00 a.m. **Bruce Carusillo+ - Birthday Remembrance**
 req. by Lori Carusillo

4:00 p.m. SUNDAY VIGIL
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 John Gormley, Jr.+
 req. by his sister, Dawn Young

SUNDAY **DECEMBER 29**
8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
 Parishioners of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Dolores Belanger+
 req. by Marie Rainville

December 22, 2024
4th Sunday of Advent



The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary “blessed” for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady’s belief that “there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord” (Luke 1:45). Mary is “blessed” entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our “motherly” contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus’ presence. Pray: “Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her.” — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

- Saturday at 4:00 p.m. - Jim Hirschfield
- Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Mary Jackson
- Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Carolyn Hartman
- Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. - Steve Calcagni
- Christmas Day at 8:30 a.m. - Dan / Harriet Carew
- Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m. - Carolyn Hartman

SANCTUARY CANDLE

THIS WEEK THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
AT OUR LADY WILL BURN FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF MARTHA O’KEEFE.

REQUESTED BY
MR. & MRS. ROBERT FALCONER

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Family Catechesis (Grades K-5)

Saturday, January 11th - 4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Christine Kersten at ckersten71@gmail.com

First Holy Communion (Grade 2 or up)

Sunday, January 12th - 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Annie Haddad at anniehaddad@sbcglobal.net

Life Teen (Grades 6-8)

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

Confirmation (Grades 9 & 10 and up)

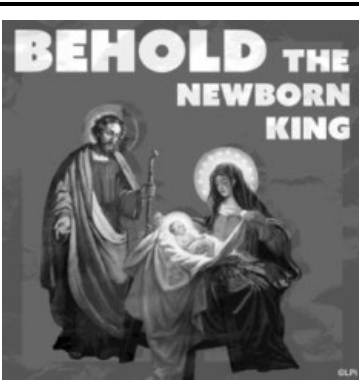
(2-year program)
Thursday, January 16th - 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Mary Jane & Greg Ruthven at gruthven@aol.com

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
by Bud Ozar
Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly, children are often seen as a liability, “another mouth to feed” or an “obstacle to my career.” It is said “Christmas is for children.” It is more accurate to say “Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children.”

**WISHING YOU ALL A JOYOUS AND
BLESSED CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY
NEW YEAR 2025.**

FATHER JOSEPH

**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?**



**December 25, 2024
The Nativity
of the Lord**

In one of my assignments as a priest I was asked to provide administrative oversight to a rather large Church operation with massive financial, legal, and personnel challenges. When I began, I felt overwhelmed and unqualified. Someone said to me, “You are totally unqualified for this work.” The unfeeling truth of it stung. Reeling and upset, I reached out to my predecessor, who said, “Your job is to bring Jesus into every situation. Let everyone else be the experts in all the other stuff.” It was so liberating. My lack of qualifications actually became an asset because it grounded me in the truth of Jesus alone and not in my own skill.

Do you ever feel unqualified to be a messenger of Jesus to the world? The shepherds in the Gospel account of Jesus’ birth were part of a scorned and despised class in those days, not unlike prostitutes and tax collectors. They were not competent and respected citizens. And *they* are the ones who are approached by angels and invited to see Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. They ignore their lack of qualifications and announce what they’ve seen and heard about the newborn king.

So, it goes with us. When it comes to the things of God and angels, we are as incompetent and unlikely as shifty shepherds. Until, that is, we behold the glory of the newborn king, which we do in the Christmas liturgy. May the revelation to us of Christ’s birth this Christmas overwhelm our insecurities and make the likes of us the most unlikely heralds of our king. —Father John Muir ©LPi



ADVENT WREATH

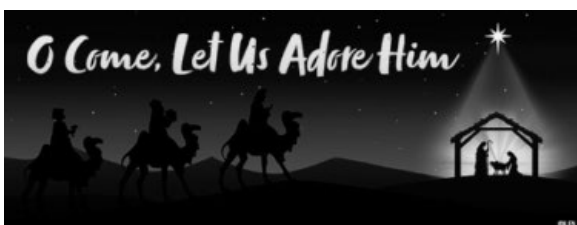
Today we bless the fourth and last candle on our wreath. Let us ask God to bless our family on this final Sunday in Advent.

God of surprises, today we hear about the surprise that Mary experienced. She is pregnant with your Son! Help our family to be obedient to your surprises, however they may spring up in our lives. All of your gifts work for the benefit of your people. When we light this final candle on our wreath, let us bring your surprise gift of love to our neighbors and friends. We ask this through Christ, who is the ultimate surprise gift to the world. Amen.

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

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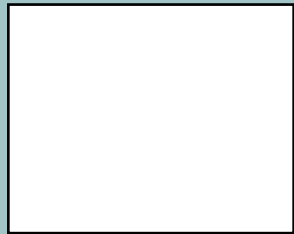


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