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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

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

CONFESSIONS

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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KICKOFF WEEKEND: MARCH 1-2, 2025 2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



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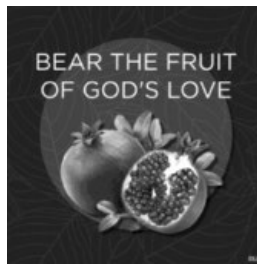
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LORD

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SATURDAY** **MARCH 1**
 SUNDAY VIGIL
 4:00 p.m. **Deceased of the Parish+**
- SUNDAY** **MARCH 2**
 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
Souls in Purgatory+
 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Helen Spenard+
Anniversary Remembrance
 req. by her daughter, Suzanne Kozak
- TUESDAY** **MARCH 4**
St. Casimir
 9:00 a.m. **Roland, Brian & Dolores Belanger+**
 req. by Marie-Ange Belanger & family
- WEDNESDAY** **MARCH 5**

ASH WEDNESDAY
(A Day of Fast & Abstinence)
 9:00 a.m. **Souls in Purgatory+**
 5:00 p.m. **Souls in Purgatory+**
- THURSDAY** **MARCH 6**
 9:00 a.m. **John Taylor+**
- FRIDAY** **MARCH 7**
St. Felicity & Perpetua, Martyrs
 9:00 a.m. **Fr. Raymond Ryland+**
Birthday Remembrance
 req. by Erica Ryland
 7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross**
- SATURDAY** **MARCH 8**
St. John of God, Religious
 9:00 a.m. **Sheehy Family+**

 SUNDAY VIGIL
 4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Deceased of the Parish+
- SUNDAY** **MARCH 9**
1st Sunday of Lent
 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
Sick & Elderly of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Deceased Clergy of the Parish+



March 2, 2025
 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Luke 6:39-45

One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, "For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles" (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer *and* service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray *and* serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

- Saturday at 4:00 p.m. - Jim Hirschfield
 Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Barbara Henry
 Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Steve Calcagni



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?

PARISH COLLECTIONS
Weekend of February 22 / 23

Weekend Collection	2,279.
Online Giving	<u>827.</u>
Total	3,106.

May God bless you in your generosity.

2024 DONATIONS

If you use our parish envelope system and would like a statement of your donations for 2024, please email Suzanne at churchofourlady@att.net or call the parish office during business hours, Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you donate online, you may generate your own tax statement by going to your account.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Confessions will be heard every Monday during Lent from 6 - 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Catholics are obligated to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Communion at least once a year, especially during the Easter season.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Family Catechesis (Grades K-5)

Saturday, March 15th - 4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Christine Kersten at ckersten71@gmail.com

First Holy Communion (Grade 2 or up)

Sunday, March 16th - 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Annie Haddad at anniehaddad@sbcglobal.net

Life Teen (Grades 6-8)

This weekend, Saturday, March 1st
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Shannon Kozak at shamako4@yahoo.com

Confirmation (Grades 9 & 10 and up)

(2-year program)
Thursday, March 20th - 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Mary Jane & Greg Ruthven at gruthven@aol.com



**This Wednesday, March 5th, is
ASH WEDNESDAY,
marking the beginning of the
Lenten Season. Ash Wednesday is a
day of FAST and ABSTINENCE.
Masses will be celebrated at Our Lady
at 9:00 a.m. and at 5:00 p.m.
Ashes will be distributed during each Mass.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS,
FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION,
WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY
DURING LENT AT 7:00 P.M.**

**AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
CHURCH.**



**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF
FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

**2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
TRUST IN THE LORD.....**

This weekend marks the start of the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal in our parish. If you haven't already, you will soon receive a letter from Archbishop Coyne seeking your support. As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we can have a profound impact on our local communities not only spiritually, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services and many charities and outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church. We hope you can help us meet our parish goal. If you would like to make a gift, please mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>
No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.



**Beginning this Friday, March 7th,
LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**
will be held every Friday during Lent from 6 to 7 p.m. in Msgr. Carnicke Hall. This event is open to all - bring your friends and neighbors for a warm winter gathering. Several choices of soup will be offered, along with bread, beverages, snacks and dessert. Supper will be followed at 7 p.m. by Stations of the Cross and Benediction. The Women's Guild of Our Lady Parish is sponsoring these events. If you would like to offer your assistance in any way, please call
Jean at 860-868-2522 or Isabel at 860-355-3238.

The fourth annual
CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE
will be held in Hartford on Wednesday, March 19th

12:00 p.m.: Rally at the State Capitol, with speakers
1:00 p.m.: March for Life begins at the Capitol
and goes around Bushnell Park

Please come and participate in this peaceful march to protect the life of unborn babies. For more information visit CTMarchforlife.org for up-to-date information on the event. Any questions contact Deacon David Reynolds at dreynolds@ctcatholic.org.


**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH
HAS A NEW PRAYER LINE ADDRESS.....**

olphprayerline@yahoo.com

We encourage anyone who knows someone who is in need of prayers to submit them. Our prayer chain is very powerful and each request is considered very important. If you would like to join us in our prayer worship, please send your email address to the above email. When we get a request, you will receive an email advising you of the request.

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