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SAINT PATRICK

Roxbury, CT

SUNDAY MASSES

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 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

Monday 6 p.m. & Saturday 4:15 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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4th Sunday OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY **MARCH 29**
 SUNDAY VIGIL
 5:00 p.m. Sick & Elderly of the Parish

SUNDAY **MARCH 30**
 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
 Deceased of the Parish+
 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Souls in Purgatory+

TUESDAY **APRIL 1**
 9:00 a.m. John Taylor+

WEDNESDAY **APRIL 2**
 9:00 a.m. St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
 James Clarke+

THURSDAY **APRIL 3**
 9:00 a.m. Special Intention
 req. by Lori Carusillo

FRIDAY **APRIL 4**
 (A Day of Abstinence)
 9:00 a.m. Sheehy Family+
 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross



SATURDAY **APRIL 5**
 9:00 a.m. St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
 William & Denise Bader+

5:00 p.m. SUNDAY VIGIL
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Souls in Purgatory+

SUNDAY **APRIL 6**
 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
 Sick & Elderly of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Deceased of the Parish+



March 30, 2025
 4th Sunday of Lent
 John 9:1-41

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it. *Father John Muir* ©LPi



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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. - Phyllis Allen
 Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Tim Skinski
 Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Pat Corvello

"CONFESSION DAY"

Confessions are 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.



PARISH COLLECTIONS
Weekend of March 22 / 23

Weekend Collection	1,537.
Online Giving	<u>828.</u>
Total	2,365.

May God bless you in your generosity.

The second collection this weekend is the **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**. The funds from this collection assist people worldwide who suffer from war, natural disasters, violent persecution, and extreme poverty. These funds benefit six Catholic agencies that offer aid to vulnerable people in the United States and overseas. To learn about projects supported by these funds in 2024, please visit: <https://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief>. Your participation in this collection is vital to the Catholic initiatives that reveal Christ's love to those in need. You can give at Mass or through our on-line giving platform.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Family Catechesis (Grades K-5)

Saturday, April 5th,
following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Christine Kersten at ckersten71@gmail.com

First Holy Communion (Grade 2 or up)

Sunday, April 6th - 9:15 a.m.
Annie Haddad at anniehaddad@sbcglobal.net

Life Teen (Grades 6-8)

This weekend Saturday, March 29th,
following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Shannon Kozak at shamako4@yahoo.com

Confirmation (Grades 9 & 10 and up)

(2-year program)
Thursday, April 10th - 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Mary Jane & Greg Ruthven at gruthven@aol.com

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent in Msgr. Carnicke Hall. This event is open to all - bring your friends and neighbors for a warm winter gathering. Several choices of soup are offered, along with bread, beverages, snacks and dessert. Supper will be followed at 6:00 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.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Followed by Benediction**

**EVERY FRIDAY
DURING LENT
6:00 P.M.**



ST. PATRICK CEMETERY

Individual burial plots are available in our parish's St. Patrick Cemetery in Roxbury. The price for a plot is \$1,000 or \$3,500 for a family plot of 4. Contact John Pieper at 203-223-0297 if you are interested.

**During this Lenten season,
our parish is again
gathering items for the**

**WASHINGTON / WARREN
and ROXBURY FOOD BANKS.**



Presently there is a great need for canned fruit, mayo, cooking oil, sugar, coffee, pasta sauce, cereal, jelly/jam and canned chicken. Canned beans and canned soups are not needed at this time. Please leave your donations in the Church Hall or at the back of the Church. THANK YOU for your continued generosity and support, which is so greatly appreciated by all who need food and other goods.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs your forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?



**Holy Week
Schedule**



CONFESSIONS

Monday, April 14 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 19 - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 17
7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18
3:00 p.m. - The Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 19
8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass at Our Lady

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20
8:30 a.m. at St. Patrick
10:30 a.m. at Our Lady

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

To view some of the wonderful things accomplished through your generosity, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is continuing the web-series called, *The Appeal at Work*. The season premiere will be airing on Thursday, April 3rd on all Archdiocesan Social Media sites as well as the Archbishop's Annual Appeal webpage.

New episodes will also air the first week of May and June. Episodes will highlight some of the wonderful ministries supported by the 2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Trust in the Lord*. By going to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal website, <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>, you will find a link for each episode. Please tune in Thursday, April 3rd for the season premiere.

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