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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

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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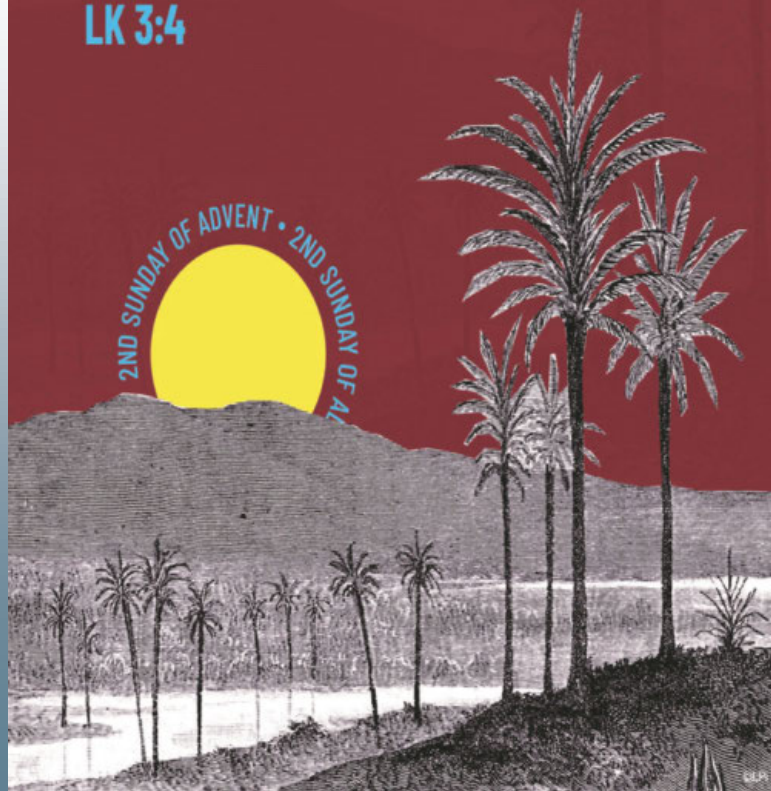
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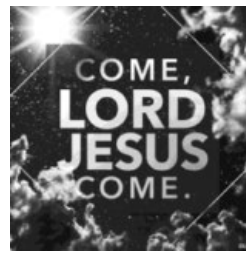
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SATURDAY** **DECEMBER 7**
 SUNDAY VIGIL
 4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Frank Habbas+
 req. by his wife, Ginny, & daughter, Amy
- SUNDAY** **DECEMBER 8**
 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
Anella & George Boate+
 req. by M/M Robert Falconer
 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
William & Denise Bader+
- TUESDAY** **DECEMBER 10**
 9:00 a.m. **John Taylor+**
- WEDNESDAY** **DECEMBER 11**
St. Damascus I, Pope
 9:00 a.m. **Sheehy Family+**
- THURSDAY** **DECEMBER 12**
Our Lady of Guadalupe
 9:00 a.m. **Catherine & Victor Iacono+**
 req. by Suzanne Kozak
- FRIDAY** **DECEMBER 13**
St. Lucy, Martyr
 9:00 a.m. **Margaret R. Cook+ & Margaret C. Cook+**
- SATURDAY** **DECEMBER 14**
St. John of the Cross, Priest/Doctor of the Church
 9:00 a.m. **Roland, Brian & Dolores Belanger+**
 req. by Marie-Ange Belanger & family
- 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+



December 8, 2024
 2nd Sunday of Advent

In the year 1995, in the seven-teenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our *history*, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come." — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please support those who have given a lifetime.

Women and men religious have dedicated their lives to service - praying, teaching, and caring for those in need - usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously in today's second collection. Thank you.

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 November 30 / December 1

Weekend Collection	2,421.
Online Giving	<u>882.</u>
Total	3,303.

May God bless you in your generosity.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

- Saturday at 4:00 p.m. - Mary Jane Ruthven
 Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Jim Hirschfield
 Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Steve Calcagni

IN SYMPATHY

We offer our condolences to Kevin O'Keefe and his family on the death of their mother,
MARTHA O'KEEFE.

We offer our condolences to the Reelick family on the death of their mother,
HENDRIKA REELICK.

May they rest in peace with the Lord.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Family Catechesis (Grades K-5)

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

First Holy Communion (Grade 2 or up)

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

Life Teen (Grades 6-8)

This weekend, Saturday, December 7 - 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Shannon Kozak at shamako4@yahoo.com

Confirmation (Grades 9 & 10 and up)
(2-year program)

Next class, Thursday, December 12 - 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Mary Jane & Greg Ruthven at gruthven@aol.com



ADVENT WREATH

We light another candle
this second week of Advent.

Let us ask God to bless our family.
God of new messengers, this Sunday
you tell us in your gospel "I am sending
my messenger" ahead of you.

Help us to be your messengers of peace and
reconciliation as we journey through this second
week of Advent.

When we light this second candle on our wreath,
let us bring Your light to our friends and neighbors
this week. We ask this through Christ, who is the
light of the world. Amen.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have
similar vocations. Like the Baptist, his parents are asked to
make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the
Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life
hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"

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
CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUR
NEXT SUNDAY

The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to a
coffee and donuts/danish reception in the Parish Hall
immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass
NEXT SUNDAY, December 15th. This event is in
celebration of the Christmas Season. Children are welcome
and appropriate beverages will be available for them as well.

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 Monday, December 16. Thank you for
remembering our neighbors who are struggling during
this holy season.

SAINT PATRICK CHURCH


The Giving Tree will again be at the rear of St. Patrick
Church 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM
CHRISTMAS EXHIBIT

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 show, which opened
November 9, 2024, continues 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 Pil-
grimage 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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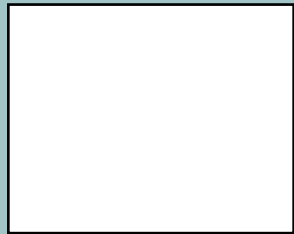


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