

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH



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SUNDAY MASS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

8:30 a.m.
Monday * Wednesday
Friday * Saturday
at St. Francis Xavier Church
Tuesday * Thursday
at Our Lady of the Lakes Church

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
at St. Francis Xavier Church
Anytime by appointment. Call 860-354-2202.

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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Annie Haddad at anniehaddad@sbcglobal.net

PARISH COUNCIL

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FACILITY



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

AUGUST 31

10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
James & Priscilla Humphry+
req. by the Fitch family

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 7

10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Russell & Dorothy Fitch+
req. by the Fitch family



**A ROSARY FOR PEACE IS SAID EVERY
SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M. AT OUR LADY.
NOW, MORE THAN EVER,
WON'T YOU COME AND PRAY WITH US?**

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Christine Kersten

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP COLLECTION

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Collection	1,477.
Online Giving	550.
	<u>2,027.</u>

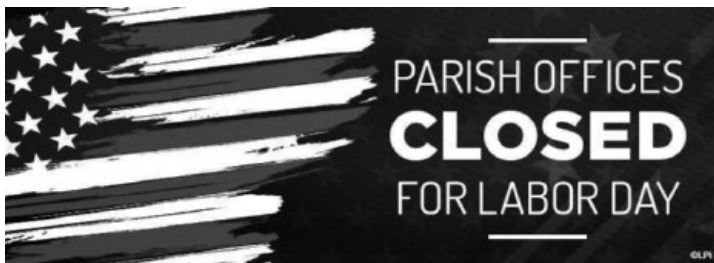
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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH
AND ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE
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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Family life well lived confirms the words of Jesus in today's gospel, "those who humble themselves will be exalted." Commitment, intimacy, loyalty and love are the rewards of humble service and care for one another.



August 31, 2025
22nd Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my pa-

ralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: "When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table" (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

GODPARENT / SPONSOR AFFIRMATION

A person wishing to be a godparent or sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation must be a practicing Catholic, at least 16 years of age, fully initiated (i.e., has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) and registered in the parish where he/she prays and worships regularly. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. Anyone requesting a Godparent/Sponsor Affirmation from this parish must meet these requirements. The person who has been asked to be a sponsor should, himself/herself, call the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This Sacrament, as its name indicates, is administered to those who are seriously sick. The oil symbolizes Christ as a source of strength...physically, to recuperate or, spiritually, to accept the will of God. It may be administered for each new sickness or for the same illness, after a month or so. Please call Father Carlos at the rectory and he would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Also, 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is now open at Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Religious Education classes for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Please go to OPLH website and print out and complete a registration form for each child today. The cost is \$30 per child or \$50 per family. Registration forms can be mailed back to OPLH or dropped off at the rectory with all of the required documentation ASAP.

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or
Rectory Office Hours
Monday - Thursday * 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Family Catechesis - Pre-K - 5th grade
First Class Saturday, September 27th - 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
First Holy Communion - 2nd grade and older
First Class Sunday, September 28th - 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Life Teen - 6th - 8th grade
First Class TBD
Confirmation Prep - 9th - 10th grade
First Class TBD

REGISTRATION FORMS CAN ALSO BE
FOUND AT THE BACK OF OUR LADY CHURCH.

NEW STUDENTS ONLY:

Please provide a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and (if applicable) First Communion Certificate.

Any questions, please email
Annie Haddad anniehaddad2411@gmail.com
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**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH
ANNUAL WOMEN'S GUILD BAZAAR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
9:00 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

This Bazaar is the only fund-raiser we have with the proceeds going to local charities and our own parish. A lot of time and preparation go into its planning but, more importantly, for its success, we need all the assistance we can get from fellow parishioners. We realize not everyone can give their time, but donations would be greatly appreciated. One of the biggest draws is the **FOOD TABLE** for which there is always a bigger demand than supply.

We are in need of items for the following:
SILENT AUCTION TABLE
WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE
JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES TABLE
LINENS & THINGS TABLE
SMALL FURNITURE ONLY

Those wishing to leave donations for the bazaar may do so by leaving items in the church hall, starting Monday, September 15th.

Thank you for all your help.
Any questions? Call Diane Witkoski at 860-491-5564 or Suzanne Kozak at 860-868-2600..

MOST IMPORTANTLY, PLEASE ATTEND!

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Dear Lord,

Bless and protect the men and women whose hard work provides food and shelter for themselves and their families, services to our communities, and care to our world. Be with them as they work, but also as they rest and recreate in Your care. Amen.

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All men and women of our churches are invited to a

RETREAT AT LOURDES OF LITCHFIELD

**Tuesday, September 23, 2025
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

10:00 a.m. - Refreshments
Jean Suddaby will tell her faith story
11:00 a.m. - Mass will be celebrated
by Msgr. Thomas Barry
12 Noon - Lunch (soup, sandwiches, dessert)
1:00 p.m. - Msgr. Barry will share his life story as a priest

The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is sponsoring this event. Space is limited.
Confirm your reservation by calling Jean at 860-868-2522.
The cost is \$20.00 which must be received by September 14th. Make checks payable to OPLH Women's Guild (non-refundable).

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild will hold a
POT-LUCK SUPPER / BABY SHOWER
to benefit CAROLYN'S PLACE,
a pregnancy care center in Waterbury, on
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

in our church hall. Women of St. Francis Xavier Church and Our Lady of the Lakes Church are invited. Our friends at Salem Covenant Church will be joining us and Trudy Higgins, a representative from Carolyn's Place, will join us for an update. Please bring a favorite food and an unwrapped baby gift or a financial gift. Contact Diane Witkoski at 860-491-5564 or email Suzanne at churchofourlady@att.net to let us know if you are attending **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th**. We welcome all gifts, which can be left in the church hall if you are unable to attend.

Wish list includes: towels, wash cloths, diapers (sizes newborn, 1, 2, 3), pacifiers 0-3 months, clothing (newborn to 6 months), baby shampoo and lotion. Handmade gifts are appreciated. Thank you for helping us provide a good start for these special children.



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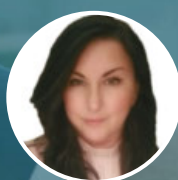
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