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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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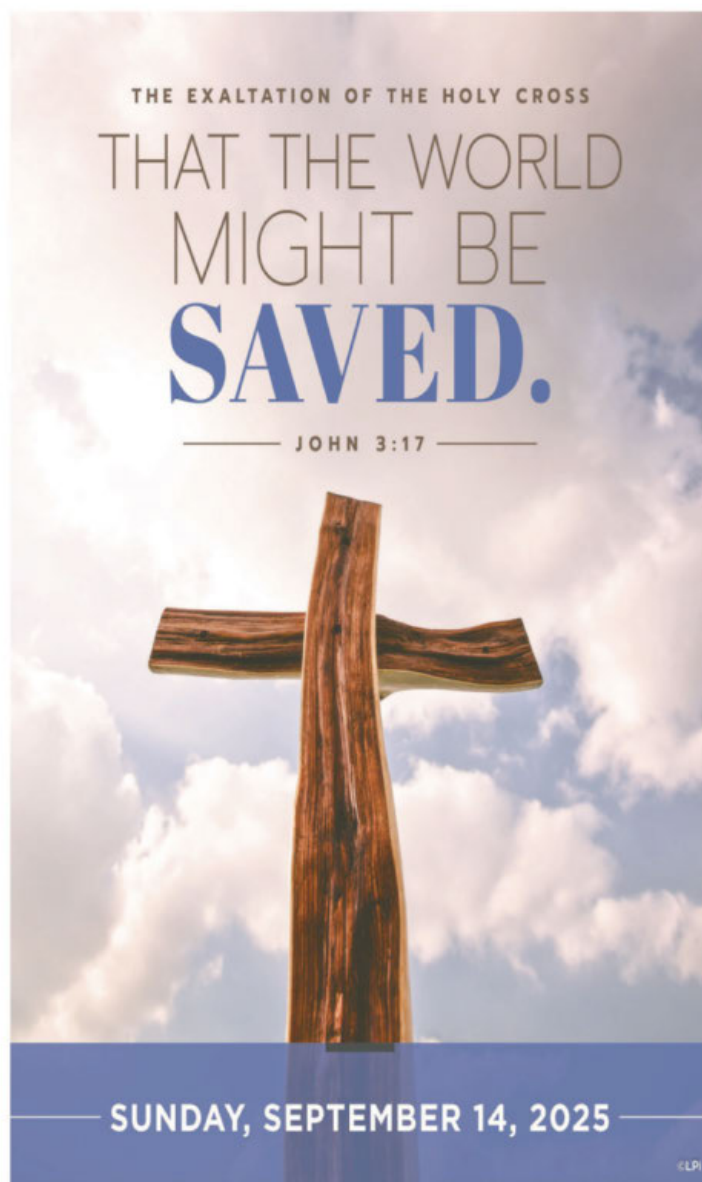
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FACILITY



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Roland, Brian & Dolores Belanger+
req. by Marie-Ange Belanger & family

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 21

Catechetical Sunday

10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Marilyn Sheehy+

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

Brenda Crossley

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP COLLECTION

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Collection	898.
Online Giving	550.
Total	1,448.

May God bless you in your generosity.

TODAY

SECOND COLLECTION FOR GAZA

Out of great pastoral concern for the ongoing crisis in Gaza, Archbishop Coyne is requesting that all parishes take up a special second collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East. The funds collected today will be distributed between The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). CNEWA is in Gaza providing emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded and CRS is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies for the people's emotional well-being. Your continued prayers for those in need and helping them by giving generously to this collection is so greatly appreciated. THANK YOU.

**EACH WEEK THE BULLETINS FOR
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH
AND ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE
OLPH WEBSITE,
OURLADY-STPATRICK.ORG**

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Parents are like that shepherd in today's gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a window to the Divine.



September 14, 2025
The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross
John 3:13-17

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy What About Bob? Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is para-

lyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

**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.

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

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2025 Appeal literature, such as the Washington Community Fund and the Washington-Warren Food Bank, right here in our own towns, received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program making a difference in the lives of our local neighbors. Please visit the Appeal website at <https://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/> to learn more and make your gift today. 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://www.archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>.

No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes are starting soon. If you have not done so already, please register your child/children for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. We need to order books NOW. 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. Confirmation class is \$30 per child.

Registration forms can be mailed back to OLPH or dropped off at the rectory with all of the required documentation.

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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 Saturday, September 20th - 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Confirmation - 9th - 12th 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

Christine Kersten ckersten71@gmail.com

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.

All men and women of our churches are invited to a

**RETREAT AT
OUR LADY OF 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 OLPH Women's Guild (non-refundable).

**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.

Questions? Call Diane Witkoski at 860-491-5564 or Suzanne Kozak at 860-868-2600.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, PLEASE ATTEND!

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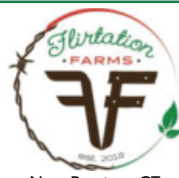


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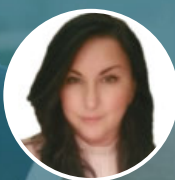
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