

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH



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SAINT PATRICK

Roxbury, CT

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.

CCD

Annie Haddad at anniehaddad@sbcglobal.net

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FACILITY



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 7

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

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 14

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

Pat Corvello

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP COLLECTION
Sunday, August, 31, 2025**

Collection	1,106.
Online Giving	<u>550.</u>
Total	1,656.

May God bless you in your generosity.

**EMERGENCY SECOND COLLECTION
FOR GAZA**

Archbishop Coyne is requesting, out of great pastoral concern for the ongoing crisis in Gaza, 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 NEXT Sunday, September 14, 2025. The funds collected 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.

Thank you so very much for your continued prayers for those in need and participating in helping them by giving generously to next Sunday's second collection.

**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

Today's gospel is clear: commitment to another involves sacrifice. Before we accept a commitment such as marriage or parenting, we must plan carefully like the king in today's gospel. These are serious commitments which demand complete self-giving and are not for the faint hearted or selfish.



September 7, 2025
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 14:25-33

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through. — *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.

**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.**

ONLINE GIVING....

Schools are back in session, and we are all adjusting to a new normal this autumn. The ability to support and participate online is more important than ever. That is why our church offers Online Giving as an option to support our continued mission and ministries. Our church is a spiritual home for all of us. Our church relies on our time, talent, and treasure in order to fulfill its mission. It is time to come together now and, moving forward, to keep our faith, so that we can continue to offer hope and healing to those around us. Online Giving allows you to make donations via your mobile phone, smart device or computer to our church. Visit our parish website today, www.ourlady-stpatrick.org, to sign up and get started.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REGISTRATION**

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 OLPH or dropped off at the rectory with all of the required documentation ASAP.

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or
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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 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.
Any questions? Call Diane Witkoski at 860-491-5564 or Suzanne Kozak at 860-868-2600..**

MOST IMPORTANTLY, PLEASE ATTEND!

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 **THIS 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. 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



BABY SHOWER

(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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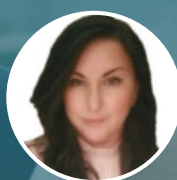
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