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SAINT PATRICK

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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.

HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

See Bulletin

CONFESSIONS

Monday - 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SATURDAY** **MARCH 23**
 SUNDAY VIGIL
 5:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Linda Liberty Koch+
 req. by a friend, Dawn
- SUNDAY** **MARCH 24**
 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
Anna & Francis Antonelli+
 req. by Charles & Isabel Puckhaber
- 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Raymond Kozak - 5th Anniversary
 req. by his wife, Suzanne, & family
- TUESDAY** **MARCH 26**
 9:00 a.m. **Deacon Michael Masulli**
 req. by Lori Carusillo
- WEDNESDAY** **MARCH 27**
 9:00 a.m. **Grace & Henry Konopka**
 req. by Lori Carusillo
- THURSDAY** **MARCH 28**
 HOLY THURSDAY
 OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
 7:00 p.m. All Parishioners
- FRIDAY** **MARCH 29** (*A Day of Fast & Abstinence**)
 GOOD FRIDAY
 OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
 3:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- SATURDAY** **MARCH 30**
 No Morning Mass
- HOLY SATURDAY
 EASTER VIGIL
 7:30 p.m. All Parishioners
- SUNDAY** **MARCH 31**
 EASTER SUNDAY
 OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
 All Parishioners
- 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
William & Elizabeth Janega+,
Ann & Mike Datillo+ & All Family & Extended
Family Members, Living & Deceased
 req. by Bill & Dale Janega



March 24, 2024
 Palm Sunday
 of the Passion of the Lord

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of His *marital* purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon He will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: His one body, His Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares His bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

- Saturday at 5:00 p.m. - Greg Ruthven
 Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Carleen Falconer
 Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Brenda Crossley

PARISH COLLECTIONS
Weekend of March 16 / 17

Weekend Collection	2,063.
Online Giving	<u>1,027.</u>
Total	3,090.

May God bless you in your generosity.

***Good Friday**

A Day of Fast and Abstinence

Abstinence - eating no meat for all aged 14 and up.
Fasting - 1 full meal and 2 light meals for those aged 18 to 59. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids are permitted.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Family Catechesis (Grades K-5)

Next class Saturday, April 6,
following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.
Christine Kersten at ckersten71@gmail.com

First Holy Communion (Grade 2 or up)

Next class Sunday, April 7, at 9:15 a.m.
Annie Haddad at anniehaddad@sbcglobal.net

Life Teen (Grades 6-8)

Next class this weekend, Saturday, May 11,
following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.
Shannon Kozak at shamako4@yahoo.com

Confirmation (Grades 9 & 10 and up)

Next class Thursday, April 11,
6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Mary Jane & Greg Ruthven at gruthven@aol.com



The PRAYER CHAIN is an opportunity for members of the parish to pray for one another and, thus, grow as a faith community. As prayer intentions are sent in, members of the chain are notified by email and asked to pray for those intentions. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain, please email Marcella McVay at mcvay-marcella@gmail.com. If you have an intention for the Prayer Chain, you may email Marcella or call Suzanne at the rectory at 860-868-2600.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Monday, March 25 - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 30 - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY - MARCH 28

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29

3:00 p.m. - The Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30

7:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass at Our Lady

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31

8:30 a.m. at St. Patrick
10:30 a.m. at Our Lady

CABRINI

A powerful biopic movie was recently released nationally about the life and ministry of St. Frances Cabrini, the first American citizen to be named a saint and the Patron Saint of immigrants. Over the course of 34 years, she established an astonishing 67 hospital, orphanages, and schools. Her energy was fueled by an intense focus on serving Jesus in whatever

He asked of her.

"The World Is Too Small For What I Intend To Do."



**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 Progresso soups, canned
fruit, mayo, pasta and pasta sauces (all varieties),
sugar and flour, canned vegetables (NOT
canned green bean, corn or potatoes), peanut
butter, jelly, coffee (regular and decaf), dish
soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper and paper
towels. 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.**



**Shroud of Turin
Saturday, April 13, 2024**

The New England Catholic Biblical School invites you to join Shroud of Turin experts: Dr. Cheryl White and Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D as they discuss the theological, historical, scientific, and forensic issues surrounding a cloth that bears the mysterious image of a man who has been scourged, crucified, capped with thorns, and pierced in the right side. Seating is limited. To register visit <https://www.catholicedaohct.org/catholic-biblical-school/events> or call 860-242-5573.

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