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SAINT PATRICK

Roxbury, CT

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.

DAILY MASSES

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

No Morning Masses

This Week

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:15 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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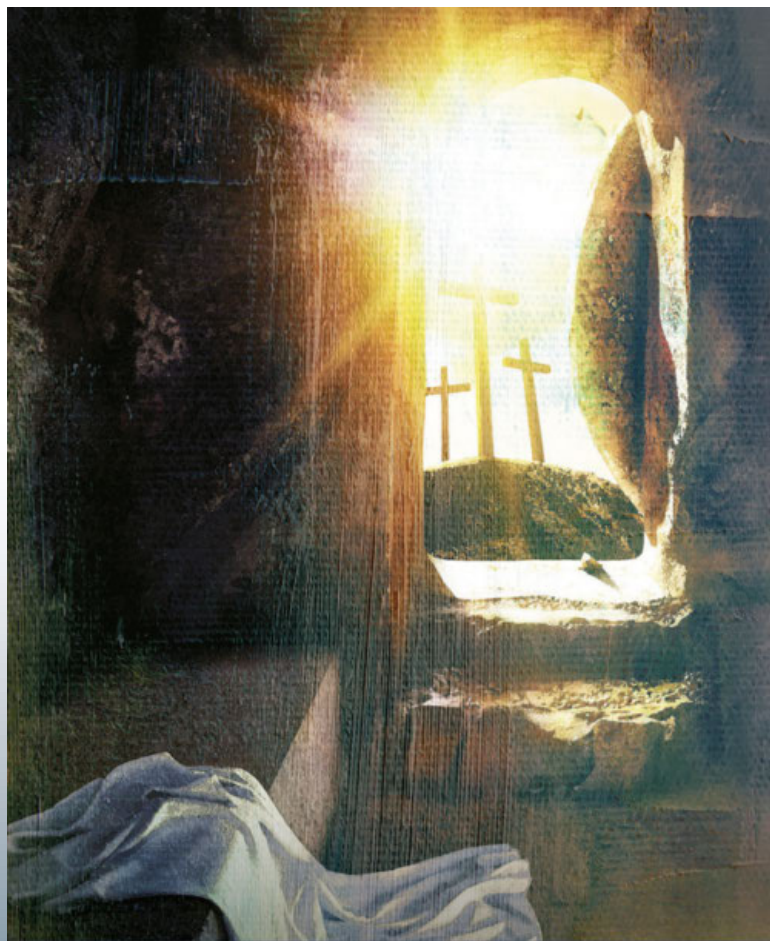
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EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY **MARCH 30**
HOLY SATURDAY
EASTER VIGIL
7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 All Parishioners of the Parish

SUNDAY **MARCH 31**
8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
 All Parishioners of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 William & Elizabeth Janega+,
 Ann & Mike Datillo+ & All Family & Extended
 Family Members, Living & Deceased
 req. by Dale & Bill Janega

TUESDAY **APRIL 2**
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY **APRIL 3**
NO MASS

THURSDAY **APRIL 4**
NO MASS

FRIDAY **APRIL 5**
NO MASS

SATURDAY **APRIL 6**
NO MORNING MASS

5:00 p.m. SUNDAY VIGIL
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Souls in Purgatory+
 req. by Lori Carusillo

SUNDAY **APRIL 7**
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
 Robyn Smith+
 req. by Frank Travisano

IMPORTANT NOTICE
As Father Joseph will be away this week,
weekday Masses will not be celebrated,
including Saturday morning.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD
Saturday at 5:00 p.m. - Aubrey Fitch
Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Tim Skinski
Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Carolyn Hartman

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?



March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday
of the Resurrection of the Lord

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that He was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare! — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



PARISH COLLECTIONS	
Weekend of March 23 / 24	
Weekend Collection	1,721.
Online Giving	<u>807.</u>
Total	2,528.

May God bless you in your generosity.



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, Saturday, May 11,
following the 4:00 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



**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.

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 Joseph 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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

The first Easter morning was confusing. Jesus was missing and Mary Magdalene, Peter and John “did not know” what to do. In family life there are confusing moments when “we don’t know” what to do. Like the apostles we are Easter people when we believe and trust in each other even when all seems lost.

CABRINI

“The world is too small for what I intend to do.”

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 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 mcvaymarcella@gmail.com. If you have an intention for the Prayer Chain, you may email Marcella or call Suzanne at the rectory.

NEW TO THE PARISH OR MOVING AWAY.....?

If you attend our parish on a regular basis, please consider registering with us. It is helpful, especially when the need arises for special sacraments, sponsor certificates, etc. Please call the office at 860-868-2600 or email Suzanne at churchofourlady@att.net, and we will send you a registration form. If you move or change parishes, please call the office so that we may update our files. Business hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.....

The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided daily by the Archdiocese. Thank you to the parish families who have already made a gift or pledge to this year’s Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and *Do This in Memory of Me*, by sharing your blessings with the less fortunate.

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