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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.

DAILY MASSES

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
9:00 a.m.

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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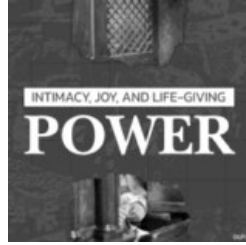
MAY THE SOULS *of*
the FAITHFUL DEPARTED,
THROUGH *the* MERCY
of GOD, REST IN PEACE.



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- SATURDAY** **APRIL 26**
 SUNDAY VIGIL
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 5:00 p.m. **Kaylor & Palmisano Families+**
 req. by Connie & the girls
- SUNDAY** **APRIL 27**
 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
John Taylor+
 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
S/4 Brian Tierney+
 req. by his family
- TUESDAY** **APRIL 29**
 9:00 a.m. *St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church*
William & Denise Bader+
- WEDNESDAY** **APRIL 30**
 9:00 a.m. *St. Pius V, Pope*
Margaret R. Cook+ & Margaret C. Cook+
- THURSDAY** **MAY 1**
 9:00 a.m. *St. Joseph the Worker*
Roland, Brian & Dolores Belanger+
 req. by Marie-Ange Belanger & family
- FRIDAY** **MAY 2**
 9:00 a.m. *St. Athanasius, Bishop/Doctor of Church*
Sheehy Family+
- SATURDAY** **MAY 3**
 9:00 a.m. *Sts. Philip & James, Apostles*
Special Intention
- SUNDAY VIGIL
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 5:00 p.m. **Dewey Young, Jr.+**
 req. by his wife, Dawn
- SUNDAY** **MAY 4**
 8:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury
James Clarke+
 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
William & Elizabeth Janega+
Michael & Anne Dattilo+
& All Family Members, Living & Deceased+
 req. by Dale & Bill Janega



April 27, 2025
 2nd Sunday of Easter
 John 20:19-31

It's common for Catholics to hear the question, "Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?" I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones), but it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



PARISH COLLECTIONS	
<u>Weekend of April 19 /20</u>	
Weekend Collection	2,222.
Online Giving	<u>828.</u>
Total	3,050.
Easter Collection	3,549.

May God bless you in your generosity.

- MINISTERS OF THE WORD**
- Saturday at 5:00 p.m. - Mary Jane Ruthven
 Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Barbara Henry
 Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Carolyn Hartman

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 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?

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

KEEP INFORMED ABOUT YOUR PARISH
 Don't forget to check out our parish website occasionally.
www.ourlady-stpatrick.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Family Catechesis
Saturday, May 17th
following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Christine Kersten at ckersten71@gmail.com

First Holy Communion Sunday
May 18th
Annie Haddad at anniehaddad@sbcglobal.net

Life Teen
This weekend Saturday, April 26th
following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Shannon Kozak at shamako4@yahoo.com

Confirmation Class
This weekend, Saturday, April 26th
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Mary Jane & Greg Ruthven at gruthven@aol.com

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Our Confirmation candidates will be participating in the Vigil Mass this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford on May 10th.



OUR LADY WOMEN’S GUILD

will meet on
Tuesday, May 6th
at 4:00 p.m.
in Msgr. Carnicke Hall.
All women of the parish are invited.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Jesus connects PEACE and FORGIVENESS in today’s gospel. In our families we will only experience peace to the extent we forgive one another. Peace is purchased with the currency of forgiveness. When we allow our anger and pride to lock out others, we also lock out peace and harmony.

BIBLE STUDY ** OPEN TO ALL**

All men and women of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish are invited to participate in a Bible Study Program.

- *Title of Study: “Sharing Your Catholic Faith”
Living as Disciples to Help Spread the Good News
- *By: Rev. Frank P. DeSiano, CSP
- *4-Week Program Begins: Tuesday, May 13th
10:30 a.m.
- *Place: Home of Jean Suddaby

Bible study offers opportunity for spiritual and faith development. Come join us as we learn together in this rewarding adventure. To register or if you have any questions, contact Jean Suddaby at 860-868-2522.

Pope Francis Biography

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to lead the Catholic Church. Before his election as pope on March 13, 2013, he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and dedication to the poor. Raised in a family of Italian immigrants, he studied chemistry before entering the seminary and joining the Jesuits. Ordained a priest in 1969, he later became the Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina and played a key role in guiding the Church during a period of economic and social crises in the country. When he was appointed bishop in 1992 and archbishop in 1998, he prioritized evangelization, social justice, and pastoral outreach. As pope, Francis emphasized mercy, care for the marginalized, and environmental stewardship. His papacy was marked by a call for a “poor Church for the poor,” interfaith dialogue, and reform within the Vatican. His teachings focused on compassion, the dignity of every person, and the need for a missionary Church. On April 21, 2025, Pope Francis passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love, humility, and service.

2025 ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

TRUST IN THE LORD.....

If you have not yet made your gift to this year’s Appeal, please consider doing so in the days ahead. Your gift to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal will help continue the vital services, ministries and programs that help so many throughout our Archdiocese. 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://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>.
No Appeal funds are every used for legal fees or settlements.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from? If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers - the Divine Mercy Chaplet - and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.” ©LPi


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