## **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH**



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SAINT PATRICK Roxbury, CT

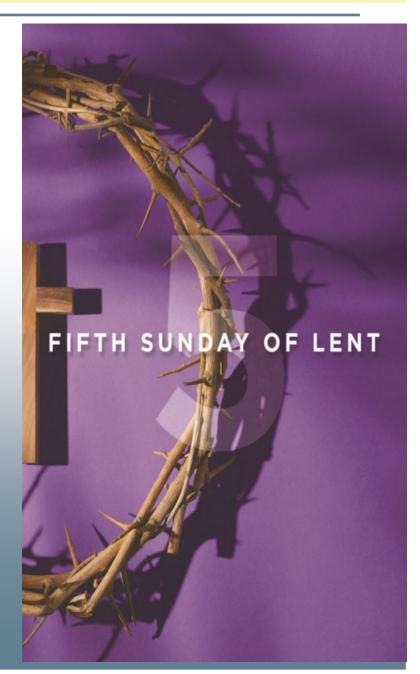
SUNDAY MASSES Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Roxbury 8:30 a.m. DAILY MASSES Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS Monday 6 - 7 p.m. & Saturday 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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## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP / ST. PATRICK WASHINGTON DEPOT / ROXBURY

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

<u>SATURDAY</u>	APRIL 5 SUNDAY VIGIL Our Lady of Perpetual Help
5:00 p.m.	Margaret R. Cook+ & Margaret C. Cook+
<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<u>APRIL 6</u> St. Patrick, Roxbury Deceased of the Parish+ Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10.50 <b>d</b> .m.	Sheehy Family+
<u>TUESDAY</u> 9:00 a.m.	<u>APRIL 8</u> John Taylor+
WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m.	<u>APRIL 9</u> Margaret R. Cook+ & Margaret C. Cook+
<u>THURSDAY</u> 9:00 a.m.	APRIL 10 Kenneth & Barbara Brinton+ req. by their family
<u>FRIDAY</u>	APRIL 11 (A Day of Abstinence) St. Stanislaus, Bishop/Martyr
9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Sheehy Family+ STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m.	<u>APRIL 12</u> James Clarke+
5:00 p.m.	SUNDAY VIGIL Our Lady of Perpetual Help William & Denise Bader+
<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30 a.m.	<u>APRIL 13</u> St. Patrick, Roxbury

Sheehy Family+10:30 a.m.Our Lady of Perpetual HelpRoland, Brian and Dolores Belanger+req. by Marie-Ange Belanger & family

#### CONFESSIONS

This week Confessions will be held on Monday, April 7 from 6 - 7 p.m. and on Saturday, April 12 at 4:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Catholics are obligated to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Communion at least once a year, especially during the Easter season.

#### 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



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?

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.



April 6, 2025 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent John 8:1-11

"The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle" (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is some-

thing that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community's identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you'll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is "left alone before him." A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ's forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. - Jim Hirschfield

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. -

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Pat Corvello

#### PARISH COLLECTIONS Weekend of March 29 / 30

Weekend Collection	1,820.
Online Giving	<u>828.</u>
Total	2,648.
Catholic Relief Collection	767.

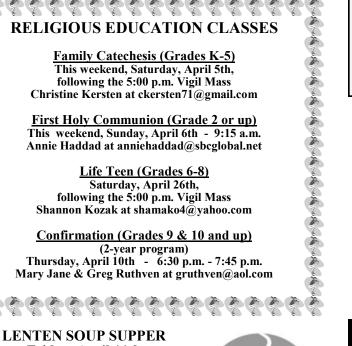
May God bless you in your generosity.

#### 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.

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

## APRIL 6, 2025



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Friday, April 11th 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Msgr. Carnicke Hall. This event is open to all - bring your

friends and neighbors for a warm winter gathering. Several choices of

soup are offered, along with bread, beverages, snacks and dessert. Supper will be followed at 6:00 p.m. by Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Thank you to the women of Our Lady Women's Guild which has sponsored these events during the Lenten

season. If you would like to offer your assistance in any way, please call Jean at 860-868-2522

or Isabel at 860-355-3238.



#### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS Followed by Benediction**

FRIDAY AT 6:00 P.M.

**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 canned fruit, mayo, cooking oil, sugar, coffee, pasta sauce, cereal, jelly/jam and canned chicken. Canned beans and canned soups are not needed at this time. 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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, namecalling and put-downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!





CONFESSIONS Monday, April 14 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturday, April 19 - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 17 7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

**GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18** 3:00 p.m. - The Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 19 8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass at Our Lady

> EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20 8:30 a.m. at St. Patrick 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady

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

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports many important ministries and programs in the Archdiocese. Gifts are allocated towards religious education programs, youth ministries, local charities, the education of our seminarians, support for our retired clergy, our Catholic schools, and the many ministries provided daily by the Archdiocese. If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge or one-time gift. Join us, your parish community, and Trust in the Lord, by sharing your blessings with the less fortunate. 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 ever used for legal fees or settlements.



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