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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

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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PARISH COUNCIL

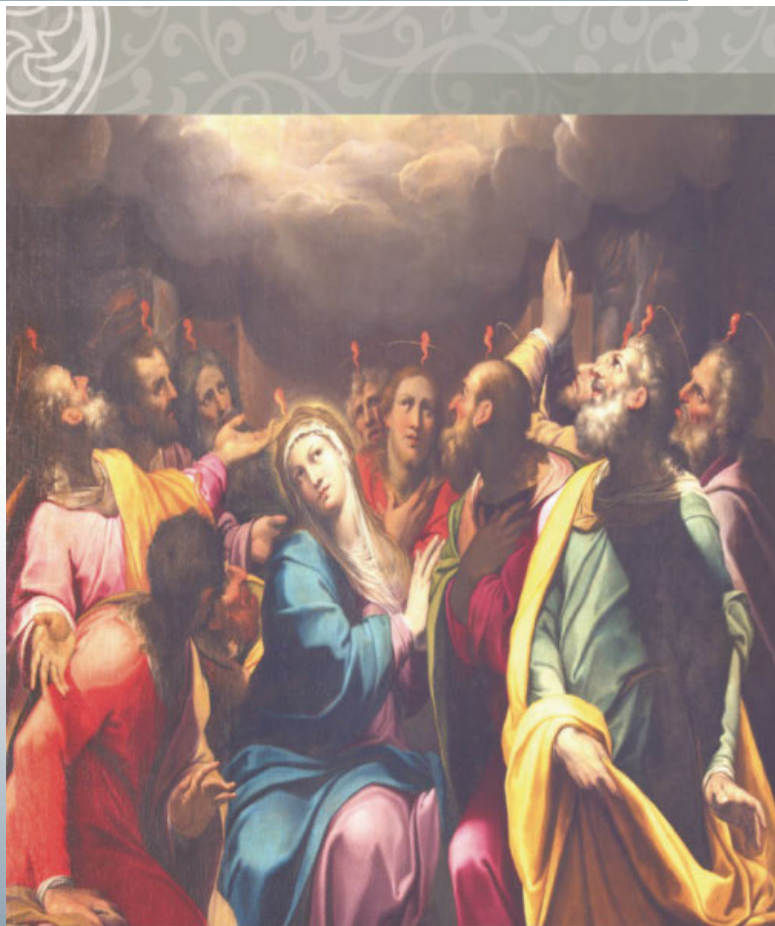
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:22-23

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY

JUNE 7

SUNDAY VIGIL

5:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
James Clarke+

SUNDAY

JUNE 8

St. Patrick, Roxbury

Margaret R. Cook+ & Margaret C. Cook+

8:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Kenneth & Barbara Brinton+
10:30 a.m. req. by their family

TUESDAY

JUNE 10

9:00 a.m. Sheehy Family+

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 11

St. Barnabas, Apostle

Souls in Purgatory+

9:00 a.m. req. by Lori Carusillo

THURSDAY

JUNE 12

William H. McDonald+ &

William S. McDonald+

9:00 a.m. req. by Jay McDonald

FRIDAY

JUNE 13

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest/Doctor of Church

Father's Day Intentions+

9:00 a.m. req. by Diane Locke

SATURDAY

JUNE 14

9:00 a.m. Sheehy Family+

SUNDAY VIGIL

5:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Angela Mary Travisano+
req. by her brother, Frank Travisano

SUNDAY

JUNE 15

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

St. Patrick, Roxbury

William & Denise Bader+

8:30 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Armand Spenard+ - Birthday Remembrance
10:30 a.m. req. by his daughter, Suzanne Kozak

**STARTING SUNDAY, JULY 6TH
SUNDAY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
AT 10:00 A.M.**

AT OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH.

COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS

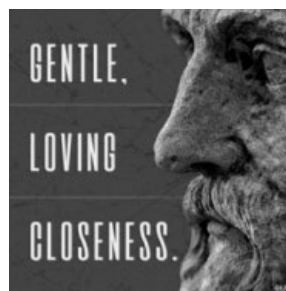
If you, or someone you know, would like to receive
Communion at home, please let us know, and we would be
happy to make arrangements.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. - Phyllis Allen

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. - Tim Skinski

Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - Carolyn Hartman



June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday
John 20:19-23

When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, "Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn't bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?" We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23). Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word "sin" comes from an ancient word that means "to split" or "render asunder." Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual "breath" leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

— Father John Muir

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**PARISH COLLECTIONS
Weekend of May 31 / June 1**

Weekend Collection	2,192.
Online Giving	617.
Total	2,809.

Holy Day Collection	334.
Catholic Communication Camp.	813.

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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.



Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Apostles and other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached. This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks (or "Pentecost" in Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the celebration.

It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples. As he burst out onto the balcony above the multinational crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples — and every baptized person — receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God. ©LPi

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY: PARABLES OF JESUS

The parables of Jesus are designed to shake us up, to shock, confront, provoke and indict us. Each parable works differently and each must be studied separately to determine its significance, how it functions and how it calls its readers to respond. Explore a variety of parables in this Threshold Bible Study offering - each empowering us to think, teach and act like Jesus did, to accept his new vision of the world and to participate wholeheartedly in the new life he offers. Maura Pauli will be the instructor for this six-week study beginning on Wed., July 9th from 9:30 - 11 am and run through Wed., Aug. 12th. This will be held at the St. Francis Xavier Church hall (we have air conditioning). Sign ups are in the St. Francis Xavier Church hall, the Our Lady of the Lakes vestibule and you may also call the Parish office at 860-354-2202.

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

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Please continue to pray for an increase of vocations, and, especially, for the two men being ordained this month to the priesthood.

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2025 Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Be assured every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone's life. All funds contributed to the 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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel tells us God actually wants to take up residence in your family. "We will continue to make our home with you." Every family is called to be a tabernacle where God dwells. Is Jesus a permanent member of your family or a temporary guest? Today the promise is given. The choice is ours.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 A.M. MASS
AT THE PAVILION
IN WASHINGTON DEPOT**



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PLEASE REGISTER WITH US**

NAME: _____

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TOWN: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHECK:

- ☐ NEW REGISTRATION
- ☐ CHANGE OF ADDRESS
- ☐ MOVING OUT OF PARISH

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. A registration form may be obtained by filling out this form and dropping it in the collection basket or mailing it to the rectory. Or you may call Suzanne at the parish office at 860-868-2600, and we will send you a registration form. If you move or change parish, please call the parish office so that we may update our files. Business hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thank you.

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