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SAINT PATRICK Roxbury, CT

SUNDAY MASS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Daily Masses at 8:30 a.m. at
St. Francis Xavier Church or
Our Lady of the Lakes Church
in New Milford.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
at St. Francis Xavier Church in New Milford.
Anytime by appointment. Call 860-354-2202.

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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FACILITY



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." - Lk 12:50-52

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY AUGUST 17

10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Pasquale Parisi+
req. by Bob & Pat Corvello

SUNDAY AUGUST 24

10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
John Skrapits+
req. by his wife, Maryann

A ROSARY FOR PEACE IS SAID EVERY
SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M. AT OUR LADY. NOW, MORE THAN
EVER, WON'T YOU COME AND PRAY WITH US?

OUR LADY WOMEN'S GUILD
WILL MEET ON
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH
AT 4:00 P.M.
IN MSGR. CARNICKE HALL.

**EACH WEEK THE BULLETINS FOR
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH
AND ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE
OLPH WEBSITE,
OURLADY-STPATRICK.ORG**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration is now open at Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Religious Education classes for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Please go to OPLH website and print out and complete a registration form for each child today. The cost is \$30 per child or \$50 per family. Registration forms can be mailed back to OLPH or dropped off at the rectory with all of the required documentation by August 22, 2025. Classes will start in September. Beginning dates TBD.

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OR

Rectory Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Family Catechesis	Pre-K - 5th grade
First Holy Communion	2nd grade and older
Life Teen	6th - 8th grade
Confirmation Prep	9th - 10th grade

REGISTRATION FORMS CAN ALSO BE
FOUND AT THE BACK OF OUR LADY CHURCH.

FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY:

Please provide a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate
and (if applicable) First Communion Certificate.

Any questions, please email
Annie Haddad anniehaddad2411@gmail.com
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August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 12:49-53

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

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Saturday, August 23rd at 6:30 p.m.
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Call John McDougall at 860-355-3462
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2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
Trust in the Lord.....

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much needed assistance to the un and under-employed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2025 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need. *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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
by Bud Ozar

Today Jesus warns us His Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday:

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/
Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7,
8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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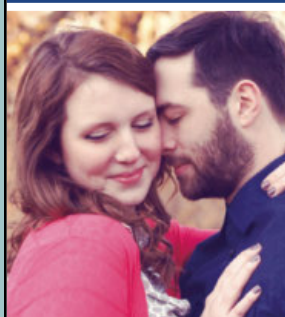
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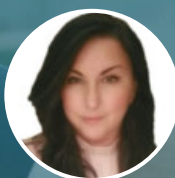
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