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SUNDAY MASS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

8:30 a.m.
Monday*Wednesday
Friday*Saturday
at St. Francis Xavier Church
Tuesday*Thursday
at Our Lady of the Lakes Church

CONFESSIONS

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
at St. Francis Xavier Church
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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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26

10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Janice Sullivan+
req. by Suzanne Kozak

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 1

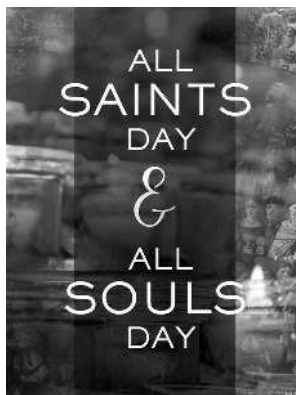
All Saints Day
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 2

All Souls Day

10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Marie Anne Ponzillo+
req. by her husband, Frank Travisano



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?

MINISTER OF THE WORD

Brenda Crossley

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP COLLECTION

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Collection	1,164.
Online Giving	<u>550.</u>
Total	1,714.

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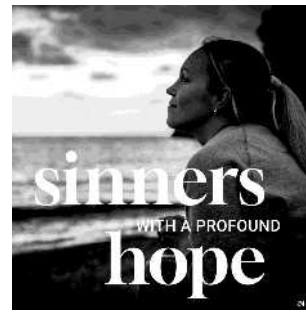
May God bless you in your generosity.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships which last a lifetime.

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October 26, 2025
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Luke 18:9-14

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I

find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified." There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— Father John Muir

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Family Catechesis (Pre-K - Grade 5)

Saturday, November 8th

5 - 6 p.m.

Christine Kersten ckersten71@gmail.com

First Holy Communion (Grade 2 or up)

Sunday, November 9th

8:45 - 9:45 a.m.

Annie Haddad anniehaddad@sbcglobal.net

Life Teen (Grades 6-8)

This weekend, Saturday, November 15th

5 - 6 p.m.

Shannon Kozak shamako4@yahoo.com

Confirmation (Grades 9-12)

Sunday, November 9th

11 a.m. - 12 Noon

Marcella McVay mcvaymarcella@gmail.com

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QUESTIONS?

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

Tunnel Vision

There are some parents on the playground I really can't stand.

You know them, probably, if you're a parent, or if you're not, you know a different version of them. They'll tell you about how their little Brayden is a bilingual violin prodigy who sleeps through the night and only ever asks to snack on vegetables. But as soon as Brayden starts to chase your screaming kid with a stick, they're conveniently scrolling on their phone, unaware.

You're not irritated that their kid is smarter than yours and likes veggies (well, maybe you are, a little). You're irritated that they have tunnel vision. In striving for perfection, they have become unable to acknowledge imperfections.

If you're reading this, you're probably in church. If you're in church, you're probably someone who is concerned with what is right and what is wrong. I've got news for you: that might just make you (and me) more at risk of being like Brayden's parent than the people who stayed home today.

Unclutch your pearls! It was good of you to come to Mass. Definitely keep doing that. That's the right choice. Just don't forget that in making the right choice, we don't *become righteous*.

Look, I'm not going to lie to you. Sometimes, it's my kids who are doing the chasing with the stick. They're kids, and kids do dumb things, just like everyone else. And maybe it's because they hate vegetables and sleep terribly that I'm less reluctant than Brayden's mom to admit their mistakes. It's a hard fall from the pedestal.

If we're churchgoing followers of Christ, we are hopefully people who earnestly want to do the right thing. Maybe, sometimes, we do exactly that. The Pharisee did the right thing sometimes. He fasted. He tithed. But he gazed so long at his own holiness that he became blinded by it. He stood before God, and he could only think of what he had done right.

We need to stay vigilant, folks. Just when you look away, that's when Brayden grabs the stick.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we kneel at Mass?

Answer:

Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts.

Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture of reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.

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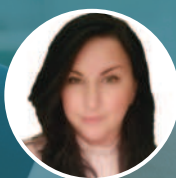
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