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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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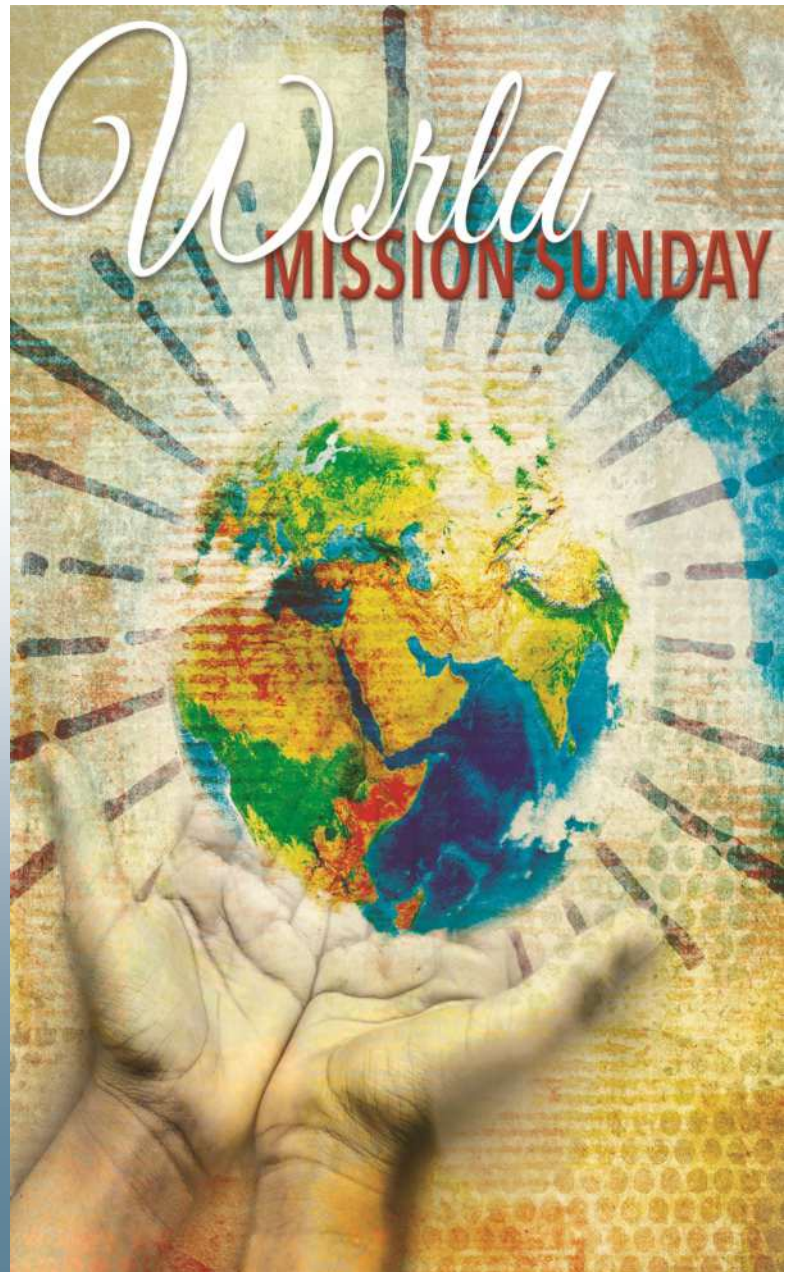
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FACILITY



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 19

10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Roland, Brian & Dolores Belanger+
req. by Marie-Ange Belanger & family

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26

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

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

Pat Corvello

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP COLLECTION
Sunday, October 12, 2025

Collection	973.
Online Giving	<u>615.</u>
Total	1,588.

May God bless you in your generosity.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY!

Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only *worldwide collection* mandated by Canon Law - **World Mission Sunday**. Your generosity today supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year's theme - "*Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples*" - is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates - through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

ANOIDTING 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. Call Father Carlos at the rectory and he will 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.



October 19, 2025
Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Luke 18:1-8

A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing

changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is *already* answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done. — *Father John Muir*

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**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH
HAS A NEW PRAYER LINE ADDRESS.....**

olphprayerline@yahoo.com

We encourage anyone who knows someone who is in need of prayers to submit them. Our prayer chain is very powerful and each request is considered very important. If you would like to join us in our prayer worship, please send your email address to the above email. When we get a request, you will receive an email advising you of the request.

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, October 18th

5 - 6 p.m.

Shannon Kozak shamako4@yahoo.com

Confirmation (Grades 9-12)

Sunday, November 9th

11 a.m. - 12 Noon

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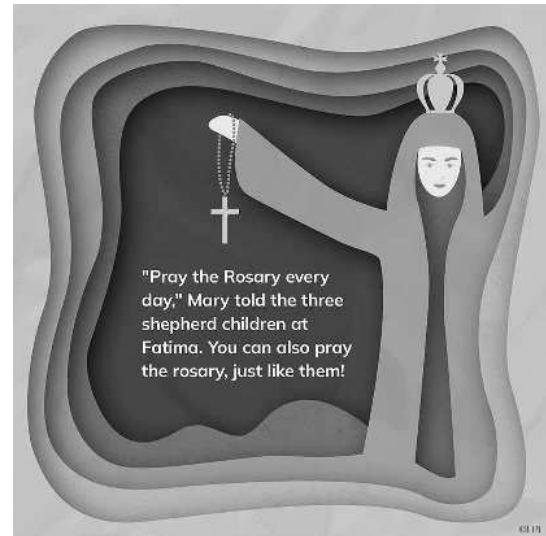
**Please provide a copy of your child's
Baptismal Certificate and
(if applicable) First Communion Certificate.**

**ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE EMAIL OUR TEACHERS.**

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

The widow in today's gospel is praised for her PERSEVERANCE. In our homes perseverance is a critical ingredient to resolving differences and teaching lessons and skills to children. Perseverance is always an act of faith in the goodness of the other person.



YOU ALONE are my HOPE!

WOMEN'S GATHERING

at Salem Covenant Church

Saturday, November 1, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Refreshments and a light lunch will be served.

This event is free,

but any donation will be accepted.

Please call for a reservation 860-868-2794.

EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST FOR SENIORS

The Washington Senior Center is creating an *Emergency Contact List* for our senior residents. This list would help the Center to quickly check in, share important updates and connect people with assistance when conditions become difficult. They are asking seniors themselves or their families, neighbors or caregivers to submit contact information for seniors who may need extra support. Participation is voluntary but strongly encouraged as a way to provide peace of mind for both seniors and their loved ones.

Information that is needed:

- *Name of the senior resident**
- *Primary phone number and address**
- *Emergency contact person and phone number**

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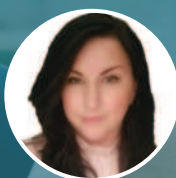
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