THE PARISH OF SAINT MATTHEW/OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
November 29, 2015 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAINT MATTHEW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
5:00 pm Edward Illmensee, Sr. (decd)
req. by Walter & Joan Haubold

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
8:00 am Florence Maleska (decd)
req. by Nancy Maleska & John Galayda
9:00 am Tony Grascia (decd)
req. by The Grascia Family
12:00 pm Elizabeth Kiddon (decd)
req. by Her Sister Eleanor

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
6:45 am Bridget Leddy (decd)
req. by Jim Leddy
9:00 am Jason Dabenigno Special Intention
req. by Aunt Joy & Uncle Nelson

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
6:45 am Stephen Childs (liv) Birthday Int.
req. by The Family
9:00 am David A. Utchel (decd)
req. by Rose Utchel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
6:45 am Paul Zurbuch (decd)
req. by His Sister
9:00 am Dorothy Turchinsky (decd)
req. by Tom Donohoe

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
6:45 am Carol Mastrangelo (liv)
req. by Gina
9:00 am Sean Callahan (decd)
req. by George Febles & Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
6:45 am Marie Elizabeth Sellenthin (decd)
req. by Andrew Grascia & Family
9:00 am Special Intention
req. by James Lee

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
9:00 am Eddie Lawless (decd)
req. by Fr. Fernan
5:00 pm Mabel Pollock (decd)
req. by Daughter Claudia

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:00 am Charles Murray (decd)
req. by The Murray Family
9:00 am Tony Grascia (decd)
req. by Albert Tino & Family
12:00 pm Marie & August Arruda (decd)
req. by Sister Mildred Hufnagel

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
5:00 pm Charity Manley (decd)
req. by Alice & Robert Shapiro

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
8:30 am Michael Moran (decd)
req. by Mary & Kevin Smith
10:30 am Carol Ann Kealy (decd)
req. by Kevin Kealy

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req. by The Ybay Family
5:00 pm Rene Verna & Rita Pierre
req. by their Daughter

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:30 am Florence Jane Questo (decd)
req. by Jacqueline & Tony Questo
10:30 am Josie & Anthony Gagliano (decd)
req. by Camille Gutierrez & Family

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First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - Thank You!

SAINT MATTHEW

November 8th	2015	2014
Weekly Collection……..	$	
Human Development……..	$	
Adult Attendance		

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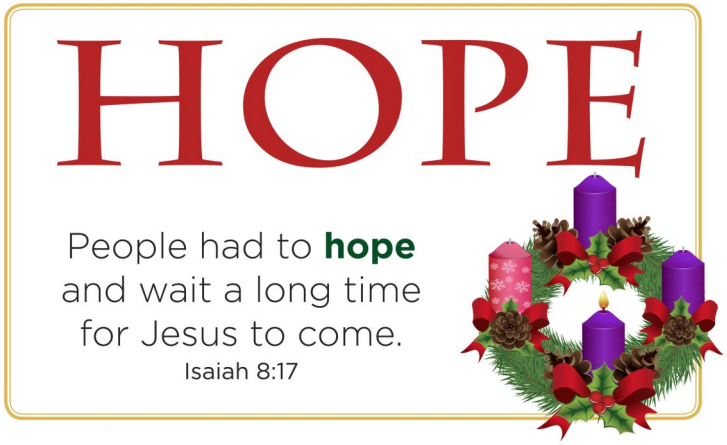

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

"May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the holy ones."

We end a month and begin a new season of prayer. The advent season rushes upon us, and in the coming weeks we will be filled with activity, busyness and excitement, recalling the birth of Christ and anticipating His coming to us each and every day.

The words of instruction of the scripture can be the word of greeting on the cards you write and receive, as it reflects a wish, not just for Christmas, but our task for every day of advent. Words like 'overflow' or 'strengthen,' 'blameless' and 'holy' mark our approach to this season of joy and peace.

May the first gift you receive or give be for yourself, to take a few minutes each day in quiet prayer, telling the Lord what your desire is for this season of preparation. Those few minutes can be the source of internal peace and the comfort we need, in order to recognize the presence of the One who is to come.

Don't let advent become a 'lost season' but a great opportunity to reflect on the Incarnation and our need for Christ's coming today.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME with CARDINAL DOLAN

Cardinal Dolan will be leading an 8 day Pilgrimage to Rome April 1-8, 2016 to celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Father Henry will be joining the Cardinal on the Pilgrimage. Any parishioner who is interested in joining the Pilgrimage should contact Peter's Way Tours at 516-605-1551 or visit www.petersway.com. Flyers are available on the ushers tables in the rear of the church.

Reconciliation Monday - December 14th

Cardinal Dolan designated Monday, December 14, 2015 as Reconciliation Monday for Lent. All parishes in the archdiocese will have priests available to hear confessions from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM. This includes all the parishes of the Archdiocese of New York, as well as the parishes of the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Diocese of Rockville Center.

Confessions will be held at the following times:

St. Matthew Church (Hastings):
4:00pm - 6:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Ardsley):
6:00pm - 8:00pm

(Please note the time change in Ardsley from the time printed in the Christmas Folder)

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially: Peter Rasulo, Christopher Liva, Richard Dosin Sr., John Evans, Susan Sullivan Manuele, Julia Rae, Mary Michna, Richard Ryan Sr., Paula Piluso, John Trevor Dabenigno, and Luisa Lopez

And for those who have died marked by the sign of faith, especially:

If you know of any parishioners who are ill and would like to be visited by a priest, please contact the rectory at 914-478-2822.

Names will be left on the sick list for 4 weeks. Please feel free to call the rectory to add names of immediate family members at any time.

This Week's Candle Memorials :

St. Mathew Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of Olga Armento

req by Phyllis Richter

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of the Pagano Family

CHRISTMAS WREATHS
Hastings
Boy Scout Troop 2

Will be selling **CHRISTMAS WREATHS** outside of St. Matthew Church following the Masses this weekend, November 28 & 29.

- Natural, fresh evergreen wreaths
- Hand decorated by our Scouts with a ribbon & bells
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- Supports the programs of your local Scouts. 100% of proceeds stay local.
- $20 per wreath (same price as last year!)

Like To Sing? Why not consider joining the St. Matthew Choir. Practices are held on Thursday nights in the Church. Contact Danny or Alice in the Choir Loft if interested.

The **CHRISTMAS TOY BOX** will once again be in the back of St. Matthew's Church beginning this weekend. We will be collecting toys for children of all ages as well as new winter clothing (sweat shirts, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, etc.).

If you would like to help the less fortunate in our area, please purchase a new gift and return it to the box unwrapped. All toys/gifts must be returned to the box by Sunday, December 20th.

Don't forget to register your child for the Christmas Pageant.

<u>St. Matthew Christmas Pageant</u> will be held on Sunday, December 20th at 12 noon. Two mandatory rehearsals: December 6th & 13th, 10am - 11:15am with the final rehearsal on December 20th at 10am. All rehearsals are in St. Matthew's Church.

<u>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Christmas Pageant</u> will be held on Saturday, December 19th at 5:00pm. Two mandatory rehearsals: December 9th & 16th, 4:30pm - 6:30pm at OLPH School. The final rehearsal will be at 4:00pm at OLPH Church on Saturday, December 19th.

If your child would like to participate, please email the Religious Education Office at: religioused@stmolph.com, call the rectory, or fill out the info below and return to the rectory. Deadline to register is Monday, November 30th.

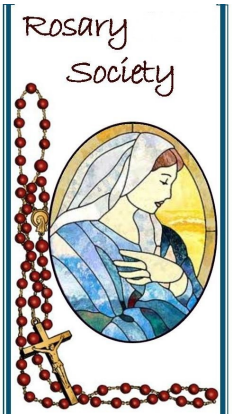
Which Church Pageant: (Circle one):

St. Matthew Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent's Name: _____



The St. Stanislaus Holy Rosary Society is holding their annual Christmas luncheon on Sunday, December 13 at 2:00pm at Sam's Restaurant, 126 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry. Cost is $35 per person. All parishioners are invited.

For reservations please call Ann Quillen at 914-478-3264 by Wednesday, December 9th. A collection will be taken up in memory of our deceased members and donated to Rosary Hill Nursing Home.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Scarsdale will present a "Messiah Sing Along" on Friday, December 11th at 7pm in the Church at 8 Carman Road.

Dr. Justin Bischof will conduct the Canadian Chamber Orchestra with the IHM Parish Choir under the direction of Dr. Laurie Adamo. Tickets are $20 each and available at the parish office or by mail. For questions call 914-723-0276.

The Mass Book for 2016 is open through March 18th.

If you would like to request a Mass for a loved one, please contact the rectory. There are still Masses available for 2015 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. If you would like to reserve a Mass in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office at 914-478-2822.

<u>ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA COFFEE HOUR</u> will continue every Sunday after the 9:00 AM Family Mass. The **St. Stanislaus Kostka Society** welcomes all parishioners to join them.

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KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent | Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Jesus tells us to be on guard, and be watchful for His coming.

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WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

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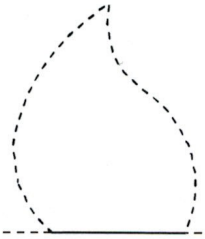


--- **COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES** ---

ROLL & OVERLAP EDGES & GLUE OR TAPE TOGETHER

OVERLAP WITH OPPOSITE SIDE

COLOR PURPLE

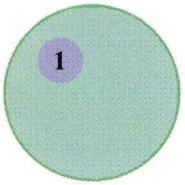
FOLD

COLOR GREEN

CUT BASE

This is what the finished candle should look like

WEEK 1 Cut, color and fold our first advent candle - tape or glue to a 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that has been colored green. Place as shown on the diagram at right.



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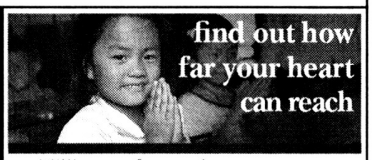

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