

THE PARISH OF SAINT MATTHEW/ ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA / OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
December 20, 2015 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

SAINT MATTHEW

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00 pm Pauline Illmensee (decd)
req. by Walter & Joan Haubold

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 am Tony Grascia (decd)
req. by Grascia Family
9:00 am Lorraine Moen (decd)
req. by Roger & Linda Manley & Family
12:00 pm Marie & August Arruda (decd)
req. by her Sister Mildred Hufnagel

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:45 am Henry Bettke (decd)
req. by Leola Specht
9:00 am Inez Picani (decd)
req. by Braig Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:45 am Angela Graziano (decd)
req. by Gina & Denis Delia
9:00 am Donald McGinn
req. by Ribeiro Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:45 am Sharon Aguayo (decd)
req. by George Febles & Family
9:00 am Sadie Usher (decd)
req. by Fr. Fernan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

6:45 am Special Intentions for Bonnie Taylor
9:00 am Frank Mastrangelo Jr. (decd)
req. by Gina Mastrangelo

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00 am Maria Rose Ruggero (decd)
req. by Rose Frusciante
5:00 pm Helen & John Wargo (decd)
req. by Daughter Mildred Hufnagel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 am Helen Syso (decd)
req. by Nancy Maleska & John Galayda
9:00 am Special Intention for Gregory Fernan
req. by Fr. Fernan
12:00 pm Deceased Members of Halloran & Fitzgerald Families
req. by Anne Marie Vignola

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00 pm Sister Jane Frances Smith (decd)
req. by Lorraine Easty

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:30 am The La Rochelle Family (decd)
req. by Lorraine Easty
10:30 am Decd. Members of the Braun Family
req. by the Fister Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00 am The Cilinski Family (decd)
req. by Lorraine Easty

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 am Special Intentions for Bonnie Taylor

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 am The Buonanno Family (decd)
req. by Lorraine Easty

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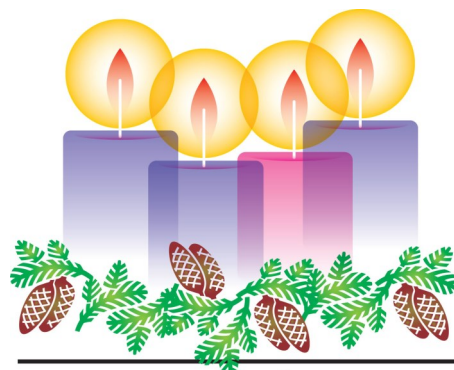


SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 am Special Intentions for Bonnie Taylor
5:00 pm Sal Campoli (decd)
req. by Dora Campoli

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30 am Special Intentions for Bonnie Taylor
10:30 am Margaret & Rocco Corasiniti (decd)
req. by Carolyn & Frank Pagani



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

DECEMBER 20, 2015 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah speaks of the ruler who will come from Bethlehem. He discusses how the people of Israel will be saved from corruption and live in peace.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Paul describes to the Hebrews how Jesus came into the world and offered to do God's will. We were saved through his sacrifice, the only offering sufficient for the sins of the world.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mary paid a visit to Elizabeth, whose baby stirred in her womb upon hearing Mary's greeting. Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was deeply overjoyed that the words God had spoken to Mary had now been fulfilled.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - Thank You!

SAINT MATTHEW	2015	2014
December 13.....	\$4605	\$4911
Retired Religious.....	\$1719	\$2041
Adult Attendance	450	512

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP	2015	2014
December 13.....	\$3098	\$3866
Retired Religious.....	\$1096	\$1622
Adult Attendance	364	395

PEACE

Jesus is called the
Prince of **Peace**.
Isaiah 9:6

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 20, 2015

"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, but who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me? The moment your greeting sounded in my ears, the baby stirred in my womb for joy. Blessed is she who trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled."

At this time of the year people fill the airports, travel the highways, and spend time visiting relatives and friends. It is a time to come together to share special moments, life and love.

How true it was with the visitation of Mary to the house of Zechariah and the meeting of the two pregnant women. A special moment takes place with the encounter of John and the unborn Christ. We continually recite the recorded words of Elizabeth when we pray the Hail Mary. We honor her with a scripture quote. Her question of awe and wonder follows... 'But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'

Pope Francis insists that to be a disciple, we must, like John, encounter Jesus. We find Him in history, but He lives history with us today. We too turn to him, learn more about Him, and then we too go out to announce our experience to others.

This is the joy of the gospel which we will celebrate before this week ends. Go back to the home of Elizabeth, listen to the conversation, reflect on its meaning in our present day, in your home, and make this fourth week of advent memorable.

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, Luisa

Lopez, Rosemary Distelhurst, Kay LaBella, &
Bonnie Taylor

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

*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. Matthew Tabernacle Candle:

In Memory of Adele Cartwright

Req. by Family

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle:

In Memory of Steffani Selvaggio

req. by Borowitz Family

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of Sal Campoli

req. by wife Dora



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Altar Flowers

In Memory of Sal Campoli

Requested by his wife Dora

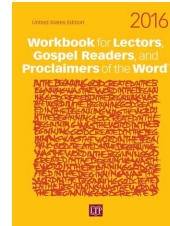


**All are welcome to join in
song by singing
in the Sunday 12pm Choir.
Choir members practice at
11:15am on Sunday, before
the 12pm Mass.**



**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.



Lectors Workbooks for 2016 are
available and can be picked up in
the Sacristy.



ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA
COFFEE HOUR takes place
every Sunday after the 9:00 AM
Family Mass. The **St. Stanislaus**
Kostka Society welcomes all
parishioners to join them.

CHRISTMAS BREAD/OPLATKI BREAD



The breaking of the Christmas
wafer is a custom that began in
Poland in the 10th century and is
practiced by people of Polish
ancestry around the world. It is
considered the most ancient and
beloved of Polish traditions. The
Christmas wafer symbolizes the
unity of the family, which many
consider to be the main pillar of society. According
to beliefs, the bond of unity should exist between
family members. The father is seen as the link in
the unbroken chain of One Body, One Bread, One
Christ, and One Church, while other family
members join him in this eternal procession. The
wafer also symbolizes forgiveness and
reconciliation.

The Christmas/Oplatki Bread can be found on the
tables in the back of St. Matthew Church.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2015



HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

Christmas Eve

4:30 pm

Family Mass

8:00 pm

Christmas Day

10:00 am

12:00 Noon

New Year's Day

10:00 am

12:00 Noon

ARDSLEY

6:00 pm

10:00 pm

8:30 am

10:30 am

8:30 am

10:30 am





CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES & CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please use the Christmas Flower Envelope that you can find in your monthly envelope packet. There are also extra Christmas Flower Envelopes on the tables in the rear of the churches.

The Christmas Flower Envelope and the Christmas Offering Envelope can be dropped into any collection on any weekend.

Please note: We WILL NOT be using the solid green Christmas Mass Remembrance Envelopes.



All donations of **CHRISTMAS TOYS/ CLOTHES** should be returned to the box by today, **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th.**

We are 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.



A very special **THANK YOU** to James M. Dowdle of the Edwards Dowdle Funeral Home for providing, once again, the beautiful Church Calendar for 2016.

Calendars can be found on the tables in the rear of the churches.



The church office will be closing at 12 Noon on Christmas Eve and will re-open on Monday, December 28th.

We hope everyone has a very blessed Christmas.



CORRECTED CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:



Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ardsley: 6:00 pm & 10:00 pm

St. Matthew, Hastings-On-Hudson: 4:30 pm & 8:00 pm

Friday, December 25: Christmas Day

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ardsley: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

St. Matthew, Hastings-On-Hudson: 10:00 am & 12:00 Noon

Friday, January 1, 2016 : New Year's Day

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ardsley: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

St. Matthew, Hastings-On-Hudson: 10:00 am & 12:00 Noon

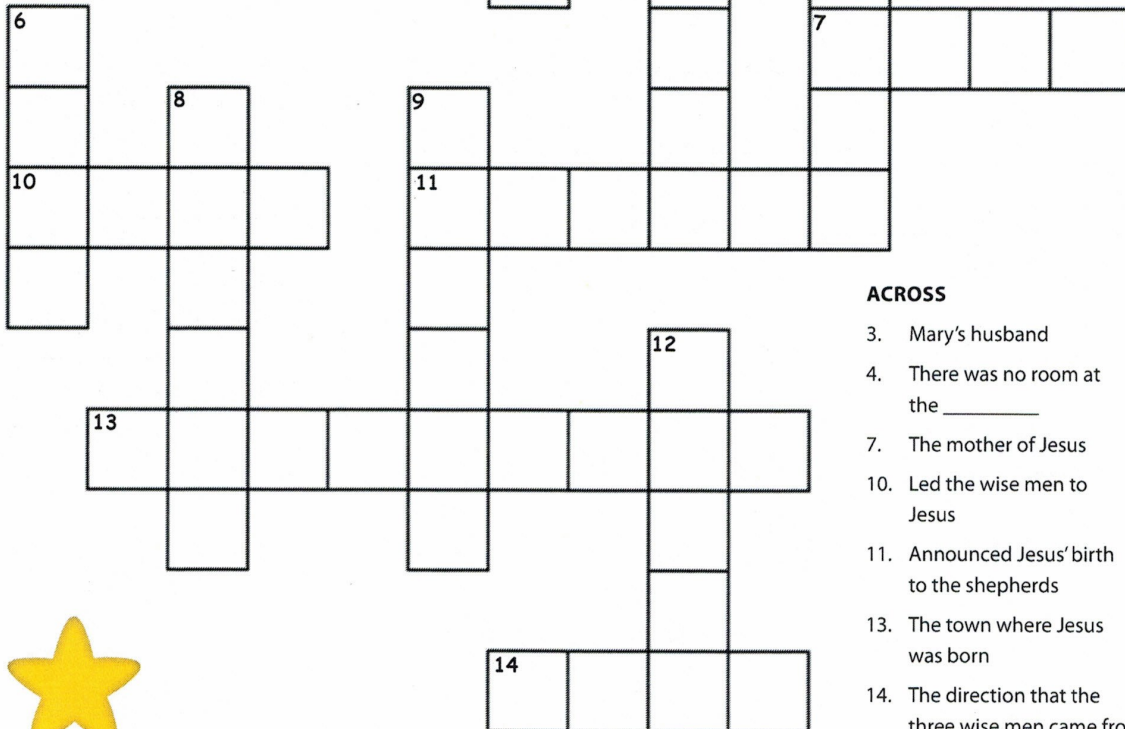


Christmas Crossword Puzzle



DOWN

1. Animal that Mary rode to Bethlehem
2. The night before Christmas
5. The book where the Christmas story is found
6. These three _____ men brought gifts
8. An animal's feeding trough
9. Mary, Joseph and Jesus were a _____
12. Christmas is the celebration of the birth of _____



ACROSS

3. Mary's husband
4. There was no room at the _____
7. The mother of Jesus
10. Led the wise men to Jesus
11. Announced Jesus' birth to the shepherds
13. The town where Jesus was born
14. The direction that the three wise men came from



Answers- Down: 1. Donkey 2. Christmas Eve 5. Bible 6. Wise 8. Manger 9. Family 12. Jesus
Across: 3. Joseph 4. Inn 7. Mary 10. Star 11. Angels 13. Bethlehem 14. East

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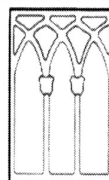
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