

# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

## The Week of March 19, 2017 - Third Sunday of Lent

<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 18</b>		<b>REQUESTED BY:</b>
5:00 pm (A)	Robert De Beauvernet	M&M Faust Venturino
5:00 pm (H)	Edward Illmensee Jr.	Walter & Joan Haubold
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 19</b>		
8:00 am (H)	Michael Dominelli	Maleska Family
8:30 am (A)	Sr. Patrice Weber	Lorraine Easty
9:00 am (H)	John Peter Orban	Mary Grace & Bruce Berger
10:30 am (A)	Patrick Bohan	Noeleen McGovern & Family
12 Noon (H)	Irene Testa	
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 20</b>		
8:00 am (A)		
9:00 am (H)	Frank DeSouza Sr.	Wife & Family
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 21</b>		
8:00 am (A)	Johnson Family	Easty Family
9:00 am (H)	Judy McGinn & Kellie McGinn Goff	Mary Grace & Bruce Berger
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22</b>		
8:00 am (A)	Sr. Patrice Weber	Lorraine Easty
9:00 am (H)	Tom Kilgallen	Beatrice Murphy
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 23</b>		
8:00 am (A)	Guy Trepanier	Parishioners
9:00 am (H)	Adelina Fioriti	Joe Fioriti
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 24</b>		
8:00 am (A)	Richard Doheny	Clarissa Doheny
9:00 am (H)	Mary Walzer	Ella & Orla
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 25</b>		
8:00 am (A)	Guy Trepanier	Parishioners
9:00 am (H)	Special Intention Leonie Doyle	Ella & Orla
5:00 pm (A)	Maureen O'Connor	Marie Doyle
5:00 pm (H)	Henry Nehrbauer	Wife Dolores
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 26</b>		
8:00 am (H)	Edward Lotz & Virginia Montesione	Hastings Mothers Club
8:30 am (A)	Guy Trepanier	Parishioners
9:00 am (H)		
10:30 am (A)	Sal Campoli	Wife Dora
12 Noon (H)	Edmond Laprade	Lucy & Tom Tucker

Key: (A) = Ardsley (H) = Hastings



If you would like to bring the gifts up during the offertory procession, please see an Usher before Mass begins.



## MARCH 19, 2017: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

### Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

### Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.



Whoever  
believes in me  
streams of living  
water will flow  
from within him.

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

### Third Sunday of Lent - March 19, 2017

"How can you ask me, a Samaritan and a woman, for a drink? Jesus replied: 'If only you recognized God's gift, and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would have asked him instead, and he would have given you living water.'... Now that we have been justified by faith we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Remember the raging waters which roared through Houston and Baton Rouge last summer? Remember the arid conditions of the droughts in California and New Jersey at the same time? Too much water, or no water at all. Water gives life, sustains life. Without it, we die.

Jesus, as He conversed with the Samaritan woman brought her to new insights making her wonder if He might be the messiah. She opened her eyes and heart, acknowledging that He knew her need. How few of us would invite others to come and meet someone who told me everything I ever did." Could this be the Messiah?"

The lady took steps – a man, a Jew, a rabbi, a messiah, as she grew to accept Jesus. Cancer unfortunately is classified as being at certain stages. The spiritual life, like the Samaritan woman, happily finds us moving forward. As I begin this third week of Lent, I ask myself 'at what stage am I?' How ready am I to move forward. Are my eyes and heart open?



**Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially:**

Peter Rasulo, Christopher Liva, Mary Michna, John Trevor Dabenigno, John Kelly, Kristin Harkin, Susan

Sullivan Manuele, Ambrosio Maldonado, Aurea Cabanillas, Rita Stitham Gavin, William Bates, Louis Cillo, Beatrice Smith, Rosemarie Distelhurst, Juliana Ramirez, Gina Linss, Charlotte Bonne, Mary Ann Braig, Joseph Stach Jr. & Joseph Zahurak

**And for those who have died marked by the sign of faith, especially: F. Norman Dannen**

*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.*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - Thank You!

<b>ST. MATTHEW &amp; OLPH</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Collection:	\$6592	\$7243
Fuel Offering:	\$2212	\$1721

***Thank you for your generosity. It is much appreciated!***

***Second Collection NEXT weekend is the Archdiocesan collection for Catholic Relief Services.***



## EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES

***Easter Flower donation envelopes may be dropped into any collection basket on any weekend, or you can mail them or drop them off at the rectory.***



We are very grateful to those in the military who have dedicated themselves to protect our liberty and freedom.

Please keep our troops in your prayers,

especially: **Brian Dunne-Navy, Christopher Gaulin-Army, George Moore-Navy, Nicholas Sestito-Marine, Donald Wemer Jr. - Marine, Michael Germain-Navy, Brandon King - Army.**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:**



Classes will continue on  
Tuesday March 21, Wednesday, March 22  
and Sunday, March 26



## CANDLE DEDICATIONS :

**Blessed Mother Candle at St. Matthew**

***In Memory of Frank DeSouza Sr.***

req. by his Grandchildren

***Please Note: If you have a BLUE CANDLE in memory of a loved one at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, please contact the rectory for your 2017 renewal.***

Prayer  
Groups



**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Prayer Group** will meet

on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30pm at OLPH Church. All

are invited to come share in God's love. Please call Lourdes 914-693-2959 for more information or for prayer requests.

**Circle of Love Prayer Group** meets the 1st & 2nd Monday of the month to say the scripture rosary at the Atria Senior Living Residence at 1017 Saw Mill River Rd at 7:30pm. All are invited to join us.



## **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for couples married 50 years during 2017 will be celebrated on Sunday, June

11, at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 2 pm. His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan will be the principal celebrant.

Pre-registration is required. Each couple registered will receive a ticket good for entry for 3 people (couple plus 1 guest) which is needed for entry. Additional non-ticketed seating is available for families & guests. Please call the rectory to register. Closing date to register is May 12.

This event is sponsored by the Family Life / Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

**COFFEE HOUR:** The St. Stanislaus Kostka coffee

hour takes place every Sunday after the 9:00am Family Mass. They meet in the basement of the rectory. All parishioners are welcome to join them.

***Please Note: There will be no coffee hour on Sunday, April 9, and Sunday, April 16.***





**"The Two US Catholics Praised by  
Pope Francis:  
Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton"**

**Sunday, March 19th at 3:00 pm**

**St. Matthew's Church**  
Hastings On Hudson

This Lent the Peace and Justice Committee invites you to come discover why Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton inspire so many people, including Pope Francis, who spotlighted them both in his speech to Congress. Julie Leininger Pycior, Professor of History, Manhattan College, will share insights from her current book project, Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, and the Call to Bear Witness in Times of Crisis.

The event will take place in the downstairs meeting room of St. Matthew's rectory.

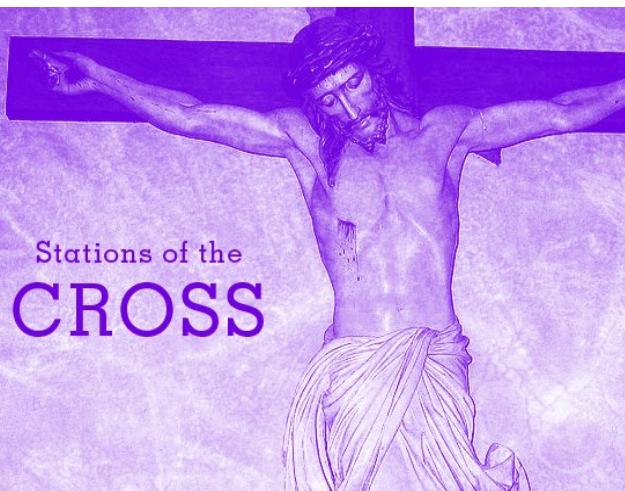
For more information: 914-330-4893 or 914-478-0384.



**ROSARY SOCIETY PALM SUNDAY  
LUNCHEON**

St. Stanislaus Kostka Holy Rosary Society is holding its annual Palm Sunday luncheon on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Maud's Tavern, 149 Southside Avenue, Hastings. Cost is \$35 per person for a three-course meal.

All parishioners are invited to join us. For reservations, please call Ann Quillen at 478-3264 by Wednesday, April 5th.



**JOIN US ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT  
for  
THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**at 7:00 pm**

**March 24, 31 and April 7**

**St. Matthew Church**

**Hastings On Hudson, NY**

St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Presents

A Lenten Reflection by

**Sister Danielle Marie Baran**

**Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00pm**

**St. Matthew's Church**

**Hastings On Hudson**

Sr. Danielle Marie Baran was principal of Maria Regina High in Hartsdale, NY for over twenty years; an elementary school principal of Immaculate Conception School in Watervliet, NY for five years; a teacher in the following dioceses: New York, Albany, Ogdensburg and Trenton; a retreat facilitator; a life transition counselor; and a Registered Nurse.

From Sister Danielle's Blog ...

Over the years, God has gifted me with a wide variety of ministries to give witness to the Gospel...sharing the Good News that God is vibrantly ALIVE...living and loving within us and among us! Indeed, God is with us 24/7! All we have to do is be open to the ways that **He chooses** to come to us each day! It sounds so easy...so simple! Yet, why do we so frequently 'fail' to recognize Him in the people and events of each day? May He gift us with His grace, patience and a sense of humor, as we continue our life journey



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**Church Step Repair**

As a result of this winter's snow storms the steps at St. Matthew's as well as the area in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School are in disrepair. We are waiting for the estimates for the repairs, from three different companies.

**Liturgy of Good Friday Seminar**

Join Fr. Matthew Ernest, S.T.D., Professor of Liturgy at St. Joseph's Seminary and Director of the archdiocesan Liturgy Office for an informative discussion of the history, theology, reforms, and pastoral implementation of the solemn celebration of the Friday of the Passion of the Lord during the Sacred Triduum.

Date: Friday, March 24

Time: 7:00pm Cost: Free

Location: St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers

More information: [nyliturgy.org/workshops](http://nyliturgy.org/workshops)

**Parish Giving**

St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is proud to introduce **PARISH**

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Log on the parish website: [www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com) and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy step by step registration instructions.

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Contact Christine at 914-478-2822 or by email: [office@stmolph.com](mailto:office@stmolph.com) if you have any questions.



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## Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Lent | John 4:5-42

The Samaritan woman shared her drinking water with Jesus, a stranger, and Jesus shared "living water" of the Holy Spirit with the woman. The woman and her neighbors believed in Jesus.

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# Believe... Share with others

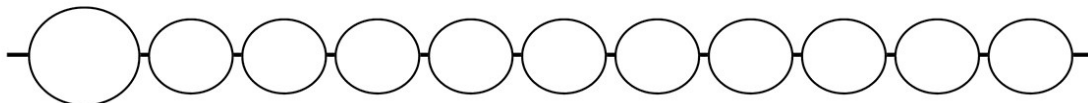
This week I can share my time, talents and treasure. What will I do?

Write down how you plan to share with others for each day of the week.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

## The Third Sorrowful Mystery - The Crowning of Thorns

Think about this mystery before praying.  
The Holy Spirit stayed with Jesus through  
His final days.



*Through our baptismal water the Holy Spirit came to stay with you and guide you. This third week of Lent, what can you do for others with help from the Holy Spirit?*

**This week:** Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with Glory Be to the Father.