

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

The Week of March 25, 2018 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

5:00 pm (A) Anna Vellone
5:00 pm (H) Peter Rasulo

REQUESTED BY:

Ann & Linda
Gloria Capuano

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 am (H) George & Elizabeth Bates
8:30 am (A) Kathryn Ann Walsh
9:00 am (H) Jacqueline Therese Donohue-Schmitz
10:30 am (A) Ana Mensink
12 Noon (H) Daniel Armand

Daughter Leola
Parishioners of STMOLPH
Family
Finnerty Family
Armand Family

MONDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 am (A) Sal Campoli
9:00 am (H) Kylee Ragsdale

Wife Dora
Christina Cleary

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 am (A) Mary Ellen Saunders
9:00 am (H) Kay Valenti

Teri DeSouza

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

8:00 am (A) Special Intention Harkin family
9:00 am (H) Special Intention Evelyn Waters

Harkin Family
Aine Cafferty

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1



HOLY WEEK

MARCH 25, 2018: PALM SUNDAY

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul exalts Christ's great sacrifice of humbling himself to become human and die on the cross. He explains that this is why we should now realize the importance of honoring both his name and memory.

Gospel: Mark 14:1- 15:47

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (Council) is detailed.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 25, 2018

"The Lord has given me a well trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. The Lord God is my help therefore I am not disgraced. I have set my face like flint knowing that I will not be put to shame....Because of this God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend."

May the words of Isaiah and Paul help set the stage for our Holy Week. The gospel of Mark provides details of the passion not just to provide information but to rouse us to break from routine and ordinariness and appreciate the saving mystery of salvation.

We may read and reflect upon the scriptures and find great meaning as we live in 2018. The suffering servants are those displaced by war and the natural disasters. Those trying Christ are the oppressors, attacking Christians in various parts of the world as the Sudan, Syria and Nigeria. The passion of Christ continues today when wars rage, poverty grows, exploitation reigns, and worst of all, indifference to suffering continues.

We are called this week to die and rise with the Christ. Pope Francis has asked that we not be robbed of our missionary enthusiasm. He tells us not to look the other way but to address the cause, as well as the effects, out of concern for those who are marginalized and suffering. May this be a new approach to Holy Week.



Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially: Mary Michna, John Kelly, Kristin Harkin, Juliana Ramirez, Dee Bronk, Louis Cillo, Susan Sullivan Manuel, Mary Elizabeth Groth, Julian Marino, Nora Lennon, Oscar C. Boretta, Bonnie Taylor, & Patricia Basini

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - Thank You!

| ST. MATTHEW & OLPH | 2018 | 2017 |
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| March 18 | \$6,179 | \$6,592 |
| Maintenance & Repair | \$2,040 | \$2,138 |

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES: Can be dropped into any collection basket. Easter Flower & Easter Envelopes can be found in the back of the churches.



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, Michael Parton-Navy.**

If you would like to add a name to our Military List, please call the rectory office.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes will be held on:

Sunday, March 25 and Wednesday, March 28

There will be No Classes on Easter Sunday, April 1st and Wednesday, April 4th for Spring Break.

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.

Recitation of The Rosary: St. Matthew's on the 1st Saturday of each month following the 9:00 am Mass.



St. Stanislaus Kostka Society will be having their Coffee Hour on Sundays, following the 9:00am Mass in the Rectory meeting room. All are welcome.

Have you skipped over important aspects of our Catholic Faith?



Would you like to meet with our RCIA team to prepare for your sacraments? Call Maureen at 914-478-2062 for more information.

CANDLE & FLOWER DEDICATIONS



St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle
In Memory of Henry Nehrbauser
req. by Dolores & Family

OLPH Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Sal Campoli
req. by wife Dora

Easter EGG HUNT



We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt following the Easter Sunday family Masses at both **St. Matthew's Church in Hastings on Hudson** following the 9:00am Mass and at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Ardsley** following the 10:30am Mass at OLPH School, **1 Cross Road, Ardsley.**

RECONCILIATION MONDAY — MARCH 26

Confessions available at all Catholic churches in the Archdiocese of New York.

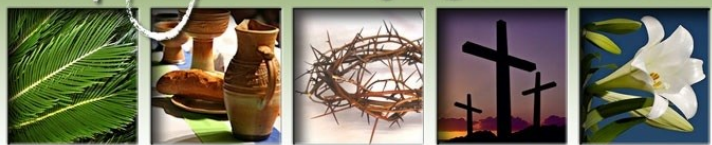
- *St. Matthew's (Hastings) from 4pm to 6pm*
- *Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Ardsley) from 6pm to 8pm.*

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... "Oh, I am a great sinner!" All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things! He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more"

(Jn 8:11). — Pope Francis



Holy Week Schedule



March 26 – Reconciliation Monday

(Last confession before Easter)

STM: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

OLPH: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Regular Daily Mass Schedule

NO Daily Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday, March 29

STM: 10:00 am – Tenebrae

OLPH: 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession

Good Friday, March 30

STM: 10:00 am – Tenebrae

STM: 3:00 pm – Passion, Veneration of the Cross & Communion

OLPH: 7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, Veneration of the Cross & Communion

Holy Saturday, March 31

STM: 10:00 am – Tenebrae

STM: 11:00 am – Blessing of Easter Baskets in the Church

8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass (at both locations)

Easter Sunday, April 1

St. Matthew: 8:00 am, 9:00 am, & 12 noon

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



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March 30, 2018
Good Friday

Dear friends in the Lord:

On Good Friday, a special collection is taken up in all parishes throughout the Catholic world to help support the Church in the Holy Land.

Sometimes, it is identified as a collection to support the "holy places". In actually, through the good works of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land and the Holy Father's Congregation for Eastern Churches, support is given not only to the holy sites of our faith, but also to every aspect in the life of the Church in that beleaguered part of the world.

For example, the contributions of the Good Friday Collection help to sustain Catholic primary and secondary schools in the Holy Land, the Catholic University in Bethlehem, and a whole network of clinics and health care facilities in the Holy Land. Even special projects for social development are assisted by the collection.

Right now, the Christians of the Holy Land are a small minority. They very much need our help, especially in these difficult days. Please be as generous as you can be to this year's *Good Friday Collection*.

With prayerful best wishes, may I remain,

Faithfully in Christ,

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 3 at 2:15pm. **Pre-Registration is required.** Please contact the rectory office at 914-478-2822 to register.

***The closing date to register for the Mass is
Monday, May 14th, 2018.***

It's
**just a
RABBIT**



A trio of rabbits from Heifer International is a low-cost, high-yield gift that helps impoverished families increase their protein intake and income.

Rabbits are easy to care for; they eat simple foods, such as carrot tops, sweet potato vines and grasses. Rabbit manure can be applied directly on gardens without composting.

And because rabbits have so many offspring, the process of passing on the gift multiplies each gift quickly and helps many other impoverished families better their lives.

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YOUR HELP NEEDED TO OPPOSE ABORTION EXPANSION IN NEW YORK

In his recent Budget proposal, Governor Cuomo included a radical bill (S.7511) that would expand late-term abortions in New York State. The bill would eliminate New York's ban on late-term abortions allowing abortion for any reason in all nine months of pregnancy, empower non-doctors to perform abortions, and permit a baby born alive after an abortion to die of neglect and starvation. The enacted state budget requires three-way negotiation and must be finalized by April 1. The State Senate is our only hope to stop this tragedy. Please let your State Senator know that they must not allow the state budget to be used as a vehicle for expanding late-term abortion.

For ease of communication in contacting your Senator, go to www.nyscatholic.org and click on "Take Action", which will provide a message you can send directly to your Senator. If you prefer to call Rep. Senator John Flanagan (Majority Leader), who will be part of the three-way negotiation, he can be reached at (631) 361-2154.

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Gospel Today

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In Jesus' last days, He was scented with perfume, blessed the bread of the First Eucharist, was arrested and denied, suffered and died.

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- INGREDIENTS -

EASTER BREAD (6 single servings)

1 cup milk (*scalded*)
1/3 cup butter
(*melted in milk*)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water
1 package yeast
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup sugar
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit
about 15 minutes, add
to flour - mix well

3 3/4 cups flour

large bowl

- DIRECTIONS -

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil & place in oiled bowl. Cover and put in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Punch dough and cut into 6 equal parts (do not flour surface). Roll each piece into a strip about 15-18" long, place raw, colored egg* in center, bring ends together and twist. Place on flat baking tray. Brush with egg white and dust with colored sprinkles or sugar. Cover and let rise, bake at 350° 20-25 minutes until golden brown.

**Colored eggs - use food coloring dye to color 6 raw in-the-shell eggs. 1 cup warm water, 1 tbsp. white vinegar, 5-6 drops food color. Egg will cook while bread bakes.*



GETTING READY FOR EASTER...

It is a tradition to wear something **NEW** next week for Easter. New shoelaces, hairclips, socks, tie, a new "Easter bonnet" or new clothes reminds us of our new lives in Christ, through the resurrection.

The egg in our Easter bread is also a symbol of our new life!