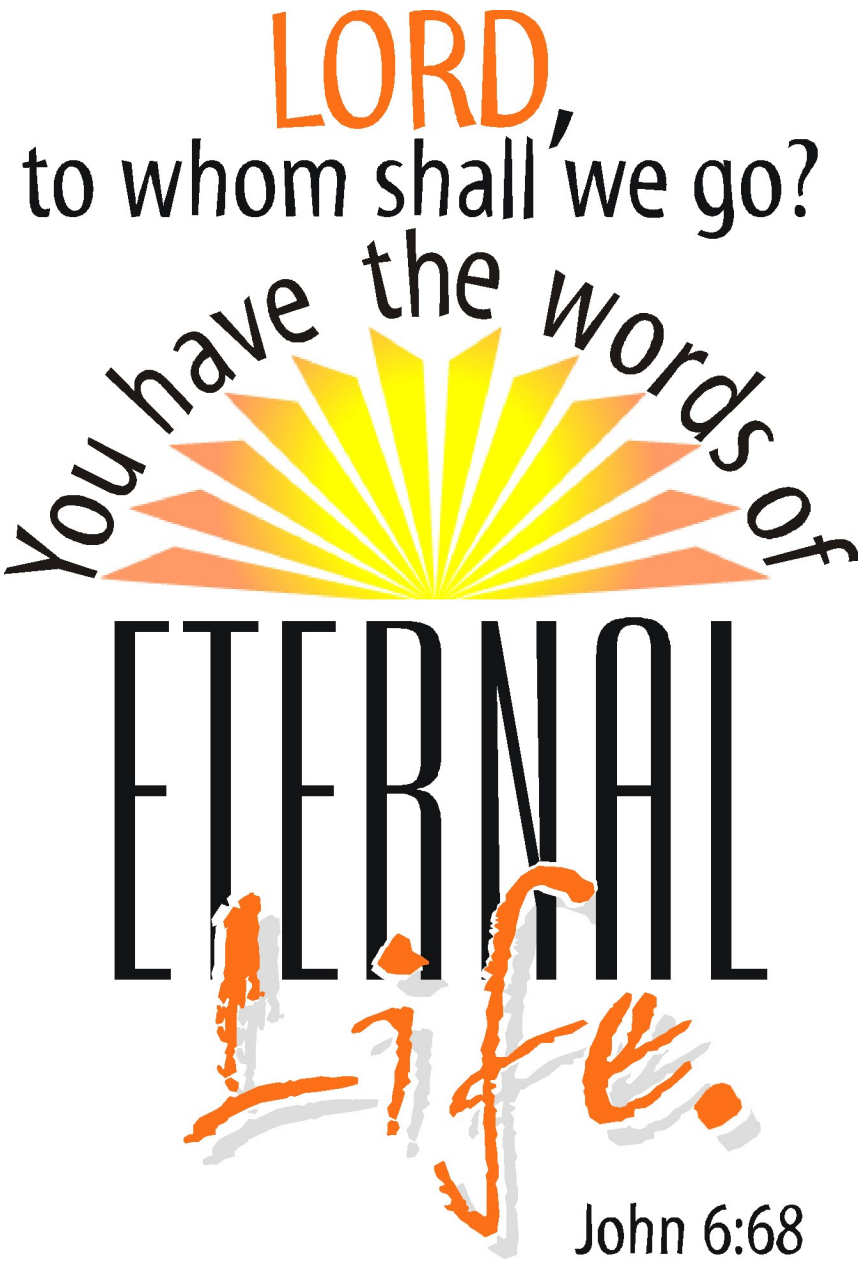
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SAINT MATTHEW & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Week of August 26, 2018 - 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY,	**AUGUST 25**	**REQUESTED BY:**
5:00 pm (A)	George Phillips	Catherine & Jerry McCarthy
5:00 pm (H)	Vincent G. Lisanti	Choir Members
SUNDAY,	**AUGUST 26**	
8:30 am (H)	Joe Bassmann	Bassmann Family
8:30 am (A)	Stanley Piotrowski	Stroud Family
10:30 am (A)	Sal Campoli	Wife Dora
12 Noon (H)	Theresa Spagone	Annette Jermyn
MONDAY,	**AUGUST 27**	
8:00 am (A)	Spec. Int. for Harkin Family	Harkin Family
9:00 am (H)	Spec. Int. for George Mac Donald	Lennon Family
TUESDAY	**AUGUST 28**	
8:00 am (A)	Denis Riva	
9:00 am (H)	Ian Christopher Christie	Mom Ling Ho
WEDNESDAY	**AUGUST 29**	
8:00 am (A)	George Phillips	Liz Mitchell
9:00 am (H)	George Wilson	Teri DeSouza
THURSDAY,	**AUGUST 30**	
8:00 am (A)	George Phillips	Emily, Joe & Chris Presbyto
9:00 am (H)	Monique Lee	Ling Ho
FRIDAY,	**AUGUST 31**	
8:00 am (A)	Spec. Int. for Harkin Family	Harkin Family
9:00 am (H)	Rosa Buonsante	Regina Keller
SATURDAY,	**SEPTEMBER 1**	
8:00 am (A)	Yung Yee Ho	Ling Ho
9:00 am (H)	Mario Salvi	Stella & Vincent Rotiroti
5:00 pm (A)	Rajko Maric	His Brother & Family
5:00 pm (H)	Reno A. Lenci	George Febles & Family
SUNDAY,	**SEPTEMBER 2**	
8:30 am (H)	Robert Siconolfi	Maria & Neil DiBenedetto
8:30 am (A)	John Patrick, Brigid & Sean Maguire	Mc Glynn Family
10:30 am (A)	George A. Phillips	Arlene Reden
12 Noon (H)	Clementina Yaboni	Chris & Sandra DiBenedetto

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.



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First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel and told them if it did not please them to serve God, then they must decide who they would serve. The people claimed that God had brought them out of slavery and protected them on their journey. Therefore, they would serve, the Lord their God, and no one else.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loved the Church. They should nourish and care for each other as Christ cared for the church. Through the union between the two, they become one.

Gospel: John 6:60-69
Many of Jesus' followers were still disturbed by his teaching of the living bread, which they could not yet fully understand. Jesus explained that the Spirit gives life, and flesh is unimportant. Some of the disciples decided to leave. Jesus asked if the Twelve also wanted to leave. Although they do not completely understand yet, they have enough faith in Jesus to stay because they believe he is God's holy one.

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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 26, 2018

"Joshua addressed all the people, 'If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve… as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'…But the people answered, 'Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods…He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey…Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'"

Not a day goes by when we fail to make decisions. Some are important, others of little value. Many we do not 'give a second thought to.' As I read the instruction of Joshua, the chosen successor of Moses, I find him challenging the people – decide, and decide today. Like the people he spoke to, I probably can affirm the choice I have already made to follow and serve the Lord. But let's take it a step further. Do I only pay lip service or do I act? Do I try to make a difference in the lives of others? What is the quality of my service?

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially: Mary Michna, John Kelly, Kristin Harkin, Susan Sullivan Manuel, Mary Elizabeth Groth, Nora Lennon, James Leddy Sr., Lila Trask, Bill Gunther, Chris, Dee & Kids, & Louis Cillo

And for those who have died marked by the sign of faith, especially: ***Rosemarie Distelhurst, Thomas Donatone***

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. Please feel free to call the rectory to add names of immediate family members at any time.

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, Peter Dillon - Coast Guard, Chris Minozzi-Marines**

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

Candle & Flower Dedications

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

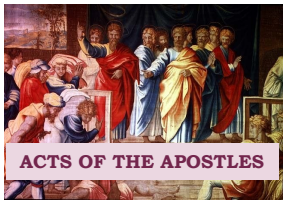
Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of Sal Campoli

req. by wife Dora

BIBLE STUDY CLASS with FR. THOMAS:

"The Acts of The Apostles"



Bible Study Classes will be held on Sunday's and begin on Sunday, September 16 at 4pm in St. Matthew Church. We will be exploring **"The Acts of the Apostles".** Interested in joining our group, please call the rectory to reserve your spot: 914-478-2822

Banns of Marriage

Week II:

Roger Molinaro & Theresa Manley

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - Thank You!

ST. MATTHEW & OLPH	2018	2017
August 19 Collection	$4,187	$5,181

There is only one collection this weekend. Next weekends second collection is for Maintenance & Repairs.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION DEADLINE MONDAY, AUGUST 27

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 2018-2019 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTER Online

To Register Online:

https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-2608116/

Or visit our parish website **www.stmolph.com** for a direct link.

If you are new to our Religious Education program, please sign up for FLOCKNOTE.

WWW.FLOCKNOTE.ORG or TEXT STMOLPH to 84576

All important notices will be sent through Flocknote.

Date & Start Time for Classes

Hastings:

Begins on Sunday, September 16, 2018

New time: 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. because the Sunday Mass time has been changed from 9:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Ardsley:

Begins on Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Time: Grades 1-4: 3:00 – 4:30p.m.

Grades 5-8: 7:00 – 8:30p.m.

New: Grade 5 will meet in the evening.

The full calendars can be found on the website: www.stmolph.com

THIS WEEKEND Msgr. Gorman will celebrate his last Sunday Mass at St. Matthew's. We will have a reception for him following the 8:30 am mass. The reception will be an opportunity to thank him and say goodbyes.

MASS TIME CHANGE at ST. MATTHEW: Since the Archdiocese has asked us to reduce the number of Sunday Masses this is opportune time to adjust our mass schedule. For two years now over the Summer we have combined the 8:00 am & the 9:00 am into the 8:30 am Mass. As we will now have one less priest we will extend the summer schedule throughout the year.

<u>St. Matthew Sunday Mass Schedule:</u>

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm, Sunday: 8:30 am & 12 noon

<u>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sunday Mass Schedule (NO CHANGE)</u>

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm, Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

In the fall of 1916, the Angel of Portugal appears to Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta a third time. The three children have recited the rosary, and the prayer the angel taught them during the first apparition, when suddenly the angel appears before them. He teaches them another prayer which is much longer than the first but which the children have no difficulty remembering. The angel is caring a chalice in his hand and above it he is holding a host. From the host drops of blood fall into the chalice. Leaving the chalice and host suspended in the air, the angel prostrates himself on the ground and repeats three times the prayer he has just taught the children:

"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly and offer you the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the earth in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He Himself is offended. And by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred heart and those of the Immaculate heart of Mary, I beg of you the conversion of poor sinners."

September 1 is the next First Saturday. Please join fellow parishioners for the 8:00am Mass, followed by the rosary with meditations on the mysteries, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Discover the Incredible Story of Our Lady of Fatima!

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima, Portugal, were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, and many thousands of independent eye-witness accounts, *The 13th Day* dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady between May and October 1917, which culminated in the final prophesied Miracle of the Sun on October 13. Abducted from their homes, thrown into prison, and interrogated under the threat of death in the government's attempt to silence them, the children remained true to their story about the crucial messages from Mary of prayer, repentance, and conversion for the world.

Our Lady gave a secret to the children told in three parts, from a harrowing vision of hell, to prophetic warnings of future events including the advent and timing of the Second World War, the spread of Communism, and the attempted assassination of the Pope.

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GOOD FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS
GREAT FUN!

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chicken, Kielbasa,
Corn, Salad, Water, Soda, Ice Cream

GAMES - BOUNCY HOUSE - MUSIC - 50/50 RAFFLE

DONATIONS to defray the cost GREATLY APPRECIATED:
Adult $12 • Senior $10 • Child $8 • Family $35

PLEASE R.S.V.P. to the rectory if you plan to attend. This will help us estimate how much food & beverages to order: **914-478-2822**

LOCATION:
OLPH SCHOOL FIELD
1 Cross Road, Ardsley
Following the
12 noon Mass

Parish Giving

—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help has enlisted Parish Giving to provide its parishioners with the opportunity to use Electronic Funds Transfer as an alternative method for giving.

The Program is **FREE** for parishioners. Parish Giving allows participants to donate a recurring contribution that is automatically transferred from your checking or savings account, or even credit card, on a monthly basis, and you select your own billing date.

This Program can be utilized for your **Sunday Contributions** as well as any Holy Day Collection and all Archdiocesan collections. It can also be utilized for the **Religious Education (CCD)** tuition payments.

Parish Giving, please visit: **www.parishgiving.org**
or log onto the church website for a direct link:
www.stmolph.com

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.

NON PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS:

Donations of nonperishable food items are collected in the back of St. Matthew's Church and are picked up and delivered after the 12 O'clock mass on Sunday to St. Peter's Food Pantry in Yonkers. Non perishable food donations can be dropped off at any Mass. Your donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

PLEASE: ***Do not leave clothing in the church***. We are unable to accept donations of clothes. Any clothing that is left in the church has to be discarded. Thank you for your understanding.

TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

August 15, 2018
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Member of the Family of the Archdiocese,

Yesterday's report of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury that investigated cases of the sexual abuse of minors committed by priests and deacons once again brought forward the pain and suffering of those who experienced that abuse, and the shameful way that those in positions of authority, including bishops, responded – or failed to respond – when informed of the abuse, and in many cases permitted it to continue and new victims to be harmed. I am sure that everyone, particularly victim-survivors and their families, but also the laity, good and faithful priests and deacons, and, yes, even bishops and cardinals, is feeling nauseous, hurt, and betrayed by the details contained in the report.

Although the report focused on six dioceses in Pennsylvania, we have thus far found three clerics from this archdiocese mentioned in the report. In case you have not seen the report itself, I wanted to share with you what the report contains, and let you know the status of each of these cases.

1. Fr. James McLucas was alleged to have sexually abused a 14 year old girl. However, we have an affidavit from the woman involved who states that a sexual relationship did not begin until she was in her 20's and in college. This does not excuse the behavior in any way, which is unquestionably and categorically wrong, but it is not a case of abuse of a minor. McLucas has not had an assignment since this came to our attention.

2. Deacon James Rush was alleged to have had an inappropriate relationship with a 14 year old girl. He was ordained a deacon for the Archdiocese of New York in 1979, but has not served here since 2002. He has been living and working in the Diocese of Harrisburg since that time. The Diocese of Harrisburg determined that there was no sexual abuse, but that grooming had taken place. Rush was suspended canonically by the Diocese of Harrisburg in 2016, and the Diocese then alerted the Archdiocese of New York to the suspension. The archdiocese immediately suspended him as well.

3. Ed Parrakow was a priest of this archdiocese who, in the 1980's, was found to have committed multiple acts of abuse of minors. He was sent away for treatment, and then given an assignment in the Diocese of Greenburg, where he continued to abuse. As much as it pains us to admit it, this is clearly an example of the wrong way that these cases were handled in the past. Parrakow was eventually suspended, and then laicized.

While I have not had time to read the entire report, it clearly lays out the pain experienced by victim-survivors, pain which continues to this day, and the terribly wrong way that these incidents were usually handled by the Church in the past which contributed to their suffering. While it is true that the abuse of minors was badly handled by all segments of society, if there is one segment that ***should*** have done a better job, it is the Church. And while the Church in the past may have been an example of what not to do, today I believe it is a model of what to do to prevent sexual abuse, and how to respond when an accusation comes to light.

Although the situation in the Church is very different today, especially since the Charter *for the Protection of Children and Young People* in 2002, that does not mean that we can become complacent or think this is all behind us. We must continue to do all that we can to address the pain and suffering that victim-survivors continue to feel. That is the reason that the archdiocese instituted the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP), as way to help bring a sense of healing for those who were harmed. We must also continue to be ever rigorous in performing background checks and safe environment training, so that, as much as possible, we can prevent abuse from happening again in the future.

I believe that the recent case involving Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, as gut-wrenching as it was, exemplifies the progress that has been made in dealing with such cases. When the Archdiocese of New York received the complaint, we followed our normal protocol as we would for any priest, and everyone involved – from the Vatican on down – agreed that we must deal with the case openly and honestly. It is hard to imagine that such would have been the case 30 years ago.

Let me close by not only offering an apology to those who were harmed by such abuse and the response they may have received when coming forward, but also my gratitude that they did come forward, especially those who testified before the grand jury, participated in our IRCP process, or otherwise made their voices heard. And I would invite other victim-survivors in this archdiocese to come forward, to notify law enforcement, and contact our victim assistance coordinator (victimsassistance@archny.org). I assure them that they will be met with respect, compassion, and understanding.

Our God can make good out of evil. He proved that most dramatically on that first Good Friday. It surely feels as if we are experiencing another Good Friday today. Fortunately, we know that the darkness of Good Friday did not have the last word, and that the light of Easter Sunday was not far behind.

Faithfully in Christ,

+ T. Card. Dolan

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York