

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

The Week of December 9, 2018 - Second Sunday of Advent

<u>SATURDAY,</u>	<u>DECEMBER 8</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY:</u>
5:00 pm (A)	Michael Pagano	M/M Mark Salore
5:00 pm (H)	Jeremiah P. Breen	The Delvin Family
<u>SUNDAY,</u>	<u>DECEMBER 9</u>	
8:30 am (H)	Charles Murray	Murray Family
8:30 am (A)	Spec. Int. For Harkin Family	Harkin Family
10:30 am (A)	Carol Ann Kealy	Kevin Kealy
11:00 am (H)	De Rocco, Collins & Rooney Family	Diane & Family
<u>MONDAY,</u>	<u>DECEMBER 10</u>	
8:00 am (A)	Spec. Int. For Harkin Family	Harkin Family
9:00 am (H)	Peter Roach	Virginia
<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 11</u>	
8:00 am (A)	Spec. Int. For Mari Beth Groth	Kathleen Groth
9:00 am (H)	Ann Mitchell	Family
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>DECEMBER 12</u>	
8:00 am (A)	Romeo Constantino	Family
9:00 am (H)	Charles & Beatrice Smith	Michael P. Smith
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	<u>DECEMBER 13</u>	
8:00 am (A)	Ante Babaja	Family
9:00 am (H)	Randy Caruso	Peter Belefant
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	<u>DECEMBER 14</u>	
8:00 am (A)	Spec. Int. For Harkin Family	Harkin Family
9:00 am (H)	Holy Souls of Purgatory	
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	<u>DECEMBER 15</u>	
8:00 am (A)	Spec. Int. For Harkin Family	Harkin Family
9:00 am (H)	Randy Caruso	Byran Healy
5:00 pm (A)	Michael Mancuso	Amelia & Sylvia Cantatore
5:00 pm (H)	Edward & Pauline Illmensee	Walter & Joan Haubold
<u>SUNDAY,</u>	<u>DECEMBER 16</u>	
8:30 am (H)	Sonia Lotz	Grascia Family
8:30 am (A)	Spec. Int. for Harkin Family	Harkin Family
10:30 am (A)	Louise Ciancio	Family
11:00 am (H)	John G. Ciborowski	Val & Paulette Landry

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.



First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Baruch tells Jerusalem to rejoice because of God's plan to bring his exiled people back to Jerusalem. He emphasizes God's power and describes his plan to lower mountains and fill gorges to make their journey easier.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Paul encourages the Philippians to love each other completely. He hopes that their love and understanding will continue to grow so that they are prepared for the return of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Luke describes the work John the Baptist carried out to help people prepare for the birth of Jesus. Luke also discusses who was in power at the time, which helped historians to figure out the exact dates of certain events, including Jesus' birth.



A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
"Prepare the way for the Lord"
Luke 3:4



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Advent - December 9, 2018

"In every prayer I utter, I rejoice as I plead on your behalf at the way you all have continually helped promote the gospel from the very first day. I am sure of this much, that he who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus....My prayer is that your love may more and more abound...that you may learn to value the things that really matter up to the very day of Christ."

How many are busy writing greeting cards to relatives, friends and acquaintances. The thoughts expressed, speak of a deep, deep concern for the joy of Christ's presence to touch their lives. At times we might not think twice about the reason for sending a card.

Consider the reasons St. Paul referred to as he wrote the Philippians. He wrote about his prayer for this new Christian community. He offered encouragement for them to grow in their lives as disciples of the Lord. That prayer motivates us as we begin this second week of Advent. Advent reminds of the past coming, but directs us to today and tomorrow where the Lord is leading us. May we find a quiet moment to reflect upon Paul's wish for us today as we anticipate the coming of Christ with His grace and peace. May we seek out the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of our advent.

Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially: Kristin Harkin, Susan Sullivan Manuel, Mary Elizabeth Groth, Nora Lennon, Fred Wolff, Tom Donohoe, Richard Ryan Sr., & Dan Devoy



And for those who have died marked by the sign of faith, especially: **Michael Sanford, Michael Murphy, Edmond Mulaire**

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



St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Dave Treacy
req. by Family

Sacred Heart Candle
Special Intentions
req. by Mom & Dad

Blessed Mother Candle
In Memory of Dave Treacy
req. by Usher Family

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tabernacle Candle
Special Intention for Amelia Cantatore

ARE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES CANCELLED?



In the case of inclement weather a **FLOCKNOTE** will be sent out notifying parents of cancelled classes. We will also post the notification on radio station WHUD 100.7FM.

Sign up for Flocknote at: www.flocknote.org

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - Thank You!

ST. MATTHEW & OLPH	2018	2017
December 2	\$6,691	\$6,856
Christmas Flowers (to date)	\$2,181	\$3,325 (total)

Christmas Flower envelopes can be dropped into any collection basket or sent to the rectory at any time.



Upcoming Classes

Ardley: Wednesday, December 12

Time: Grades 1-4: 3:00 – 4:30p.m.

Grades 5-8: 7:00 – 8:30p.m.

Hastings: Sunday, December 16

New time: 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. because the Sunday

Mass time has been changed from 9:00 to 8:30 a.m.

****CHRISTMAS PAGEANT****
PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE TO
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23



Our Lady of Perpetual Help: There will be THREE mandatory rehearsals on Wednesdays:

December 5th - December 12th - December 19th
4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at OLPH School.

The Pageant will be on December 23rd at the 10:30am Mass.

St. Matthew: There will be THREE mandatory rehearsals during class time on Sundays:

December 2nd - December 9th - December 16th
9:30-10:45 a.m. in St. Matthew Church.

The Pageant will be on December 23rd at the 8:30am Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Children's Christmas Pageants December 23rd:

St. Matthew's: 8:30 am Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 10:30 am Mass

Christmas Eve

St. Matthew's: 4:30 pm & 8:00 pm

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

Christmas Day

St. Matthew's: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

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

New Year's Day

St. Matthew's: 9:00 am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 10:30 am

Reconciliation Monday: December 17th



Cardinal Dolan designated Monday, December 17th as Reconciliation Monday for advent. All parishes in the Archdiocese will have priests available to hear confessions from 5:00 pm - 9:00 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):

5pm - 7pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

(Ardsley):

8pm - 9pm



RENEW + REBUILD is a \$200 million capital campaign. All of the parishes in the Archdiocese will raise a minimum of \$177 million of the total goal with a primary focus on the renewal of our faith communities.

Our Parish Campaign Priorities are:

- **Replace the school roofs at both St. Matthew school and Our Lady of Perpetual Help School**
- **Upgrade the Air Conditioning at Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
- **Paint the Interior of St. Matthew**
- **Install Security Cameras at Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
- **Refurbish the Gym's heating system at Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
- **Refurbish Church Steps of St. Matthew Church & Rectory**
- **2018 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal - \$81,000**

Our parish goal is \$518,500 and we are pleased to announce that \$428,365 has been pledged by 77 gifts (6% of our parish family). This is 83% of our goal! We have \$90,135 of our goal to go. With the help of a few more parish families and individuals, we should be able to reach our goal. Pledges can be made now with payments beginning in the new year.

To Make a Pledge through the Archdiocesan website please visit: www.renewrebuild.org/donate. It is VERY important to select **ST. MATTHEW AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, HASTINGS ON HUDSON** where it asks for the DESIGNATION for your gift. This way 74% of your donation will go towards our parish. You can also call the parish rectory for a pledge form to be mailed to you. You can also visit the parish website for a link/form: www.stmolph.com

CHRISTMAS TOY

DONATIONS:

In **EACH CHURCH** you will find a **CHRISTMAS TOY DONATION BOX** in the back of the church. We will be collecting toys for children of all ages as well as new winter clothing for adults & children (sweat shirts, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. in all sizes). 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 **UNWRAPPED** to the boxes by **December 16th**.



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.

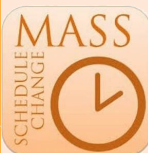
The Christmas Flower Envelope and the Christmas Offering Envelope can be dropped into any collection on any weekend.

CHRISTMAS/OPLATKI BREAD WAFERS

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.



The Christmas/Oplatki Bread can be found on the tables in the back of the churches. A donation of \$2.00 per packet is appreciated.



NEW MASS TIME:

Change in St. Mathew's Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am

JESUS STOCKINGS

In order to prepare for Christmas this year, the Religious Education children will be reading the story of the Jesus Stocking, learning that when we give to those in need, we give to Jesus Himself.



Please help those in need by donating a "Jesus Stocking" for the homeless who are served by the Midnight Run. Purchase a pair of warm socks and fill them with toiletries, e.g., toothpaste and toothbrush, comb, soap, small deodorant, etc.

Bring the stuffed socks on the last day of Religious Education Class on Dec. 16th in Hastings and Dec. 19th in Ardsley. Or, you can drop them off at the Church at the Christmas Pageant Mass on December 23rd: 8:30 a.m. at St. Matthew or 10:30 a.m. at OLPH.

Everyone is welcome to donate a "Jesus Stocking" for the homeless.



Come Join us for our Advent Retreat Advent: A Journey of Hope & Joy

Speaker Father Augustine Dada

Associate at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Elmsford, NY

St. Matthews – Sunday, December 9th – 3:00pm

OLPH – Monday, December 10th – 7:00pm

Father Augustine DADA was born in Nigeria and was ordained for the Catholic Ondo Diocese, where he had served as Pastor and Diocesan Chancellor. Fr. Augustine was appointed a Missionary of Mercy by Pope Francis in February 2016 during the Jubilee Year of Mercy 2015 – 2016.

Currently, he is on a five years mission in the Archdiocese of New York and serves at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Elmsford. Fr. Augustine loves to share missionaries experience.

Together let us prepare our hearts as we get ready to encounter Jesus at Christmas.

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Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:1-6

As written in Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Luke 3:4

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WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for
Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we
may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

ROLL & OVERLAP
EDGES & GLUE OR
TAPE TOGETHER

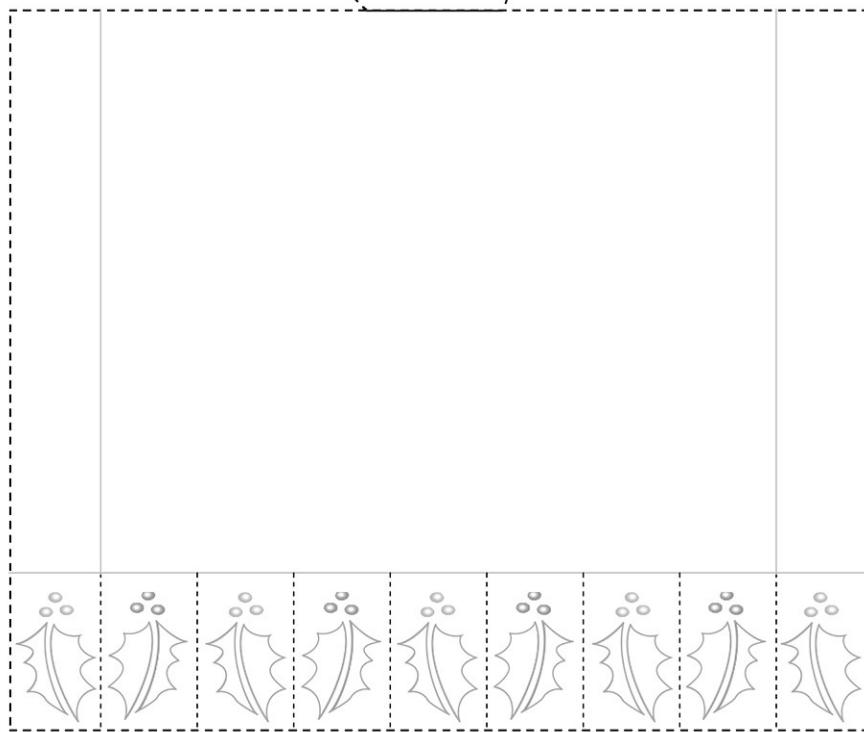
COLOR PURPLE →

FOLD →

COLOR GREEN →

OVERLAP WITH
OPPOSITE SIDE

CUT BASE ↑



*This is what the
finished candle
should look like*

WEEK 2 Cut, color and fold our second advent candle - tape or glue to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first candle. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

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