

Special Online Bulletin  
for  
St. Matthew and  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Week of  
March 22, 2020

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Dear Parishioners,

In response to the challenge we face because of the Coronavirus and the ban on celebrating public Masses, we at St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help have been praying fervently for all of you. Every day, Fr. Thomas, Fr. Gabriel, Fr. Nicholas and I celebrate Holy Mass daily, praying for you, your families, and our world in this time of great need. The Mass intentions scheduled for these days are offered privately as planned. Though we cannot be united physically at Mass physically, we can be spiritually.



I encourage you to pray a daily **Spiritual Communion** in place of the celebration of Holy Mass. A simple one is:

***My Jesus, I believe  
that you are truly present  
in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I adore you! I love you!  
Please, come into my heart, I pray!***

***In order to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community***, Cardinal Dolan, in collaboration with the leadership of the Archdiocese of NY and local health officials, has put the following mandates in place:

1. The public celebration of Holy Mass is suspended pending the decision of the Cardinal and health officials.
2. Dispensation has been granted to all Catholics in our Archdiocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. It continues until the crisis is over.
3. All public celebrations of the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Hours, Exposition & Adoration, Stations of the Cross, and all other group activities are to cease.
4. Weddings, funerals, and baptisms will continue but will be celebrated in a simplified manner and scope at the discretion of the parish priests.
5. The latest public statements and information from the Archdiocese regarding COVID-19 can be found at <https://archny.org>.
6. In light of the new mandates, the following will occur here at St. Matthew & OLPH, effective immediately:

**Our churches are open for personal prayer and private devotion at these times.**

- **St. Matthew's Church** will be open from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm each day
- **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** will be open from 8:00 am– 7:00 pm each day

***All are welcome, but for safety sake, please practice social distancing.***

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** is offered by appointment only. All regular schedules have been suspended. Call the Parish Office to schedule a time for Confession.

**The Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion** will continue to be celebrated with the extremely sick and the dying. Please contact the parish office if you or a loved one needs these Sacraments. They are of great importance, especially for the dying.

**The Weekly Collection** remains absolutely essential to our parish operations. Even though we will not gather physically for Mass, please continue to give via Parish Giving (go to [www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com) and find PARISH GIVING: [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org)) or by bringing or mailing your contribution to the Churches or Parish Office.

These are truly unprecedented times for us all, but we, in faith, will make it through this period of trial by continuing to trust in the Lord and turn to Him in prayer. I will continue to keep you updated via our parish connection points: Flocknote, the parish website ([www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com)) and our Facebook page: [facebook.com/stmolph](https://facebook.com/stmolph)

Mary, Health of the Sick and our Mother, pray for us. God's blessings upon you and your family,

Fr. Tierney

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

The Week of March 22, 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

## ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 21</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY:</b>
5:00 pm	Edward Illmensee Jr.	Walter & Joan Haubold
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 22</b>	
8:30 am	Kathleen Stricks	CYO
11:00 am	Zornida Dougherty	Teri DeSouza
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 23</b>	
9:00 am	Special Intention Annie Tucker & Family	Lucy Tucker
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 24</b>	
9:00 am	Ann Mitchell	Family
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 25</b>	
9:00 am	Father Donald Keefe S.J.	Lucy Tucker
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 26</b>	
9:00 am	Inger Hagen	Lucy Tucker
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 27</b>	
9:00 am	Special Intention	
<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 28</b>	
9:00 am	Stella Plunkett	Mary Anne
5:00 pm	Ann Mitchell	Family
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 29</b>	
8:30 am	Frances Cozzolino	Bryan Healy
11:00 am	Russell Von Glahn	Theresa

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 21</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY:</b>
5:00 pm	Patsy Cilurso	Salvatore & Antonietta Denardo
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 22</b>	
8:30 am	Special Intention Harkin Family	Harkin Family
10:30 am	Pietro DiMatteo	Rocco Maiorano
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 23</b>	
8:00 am	Special Intentions for Brian J. Knecht	Christine
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 24</b>	
8:00 am		
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 25</b>	
8:00 am		
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 26</b>	
8:00 am	Sal Campoli	Wife Dora
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 27</b>	
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<b>SATURDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 28</b>	
8:00 am		
5:00 pm	Special Intentions for Brian J. Knecht	Christine
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>MARCH 29</b>	
8:30 am	Lillian Di Rico	Patrick & Joann Trautmann
10:30 am	Carol Ann Kealy	Kevi Kealy





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[CLICK HERE TO ENROLL IN ONLINE GIVING](#)  
[OR TO ACCESS ACCOUNT](#)

During this time while Mass cannot be celebrated publicly, the bills do not stop coming in and needing to be paid. We ask all who are able to do so to please register for online giving with [PARISH GIVING](#) during this time. Alternatively, your weekly contribution envelopes can be mailed to the rectory (checks only - please do not send cash in the mail!).

As a church that seeks to serve, we wanted to provide you the convenience of being able to give the way you want. [Parish Giving](#) offers you the opportunity to make secure, automatic contributions from your bank account to our church. [Parish Giving](#) costs you nothing and provides many advantages to you and the church:

#### Is Parish Giving Safe?

[Parish Giving](#) meets the highest banking-level security standards set forth by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) to ensure safe and confidential transactions. In fact, your banking information is encrypted in the system and is not accessible to any users or administrators of the Parish Giving system. When you manage your own account information, your church never needs to handle checks or worry about locking up documents containing your account information. And you'll always be certain that your gifts are direct-deposited into your church's account.

#### Benefits For You

- ◆ No check writing or ATM stops before church
- ◆ Safe, secure, and confidential
- ◆ Use your checking or savings
- ◆ Schedule recurring or one-time donations
- ◆ Change a gift or account any time you like
- ◆ Choose regular offering or special collections

#### Benefits For The Church

- ◆ Reduces check processing fees
- ◆ Allows staff more time to focus on ministries
- ◆ Creates peace in knowing your data and auto-deposited gifts are secure
- ◆ Accommodates special collections
- ◆ Provides giving history for tax statements
- ◆ Reduces costs of mailing collection envelopes



#### Outreach to Parishioners in Need

Any parishioner who is in need of groceries, prescription medication, a trip to the bank/post office, etc., is asked to please get in touch with the rectory by phone (478-2822) or email ([office@stmolph.com](mailto:office@stmolph.com)).

We are gathering a list of volunteers who are ready, willing and able to assist those who need help.

#### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

We are now on both  
**FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM!**



You can find us on Facebook at:  
[www.facebook.com/stmolph](http://www.facebook.com/stmolph)

and on Instagram at:  
[@stmolph](https://www.instagram.com/stmolph)



**Parish Office:** The parish office is closed, but email and messages will be checked regularly. Please call 914-478-2822 or email [office@stmolph.com](mailto:office@stmolph.com) and someone will get back to you.

## March 22, 2020 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

### First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

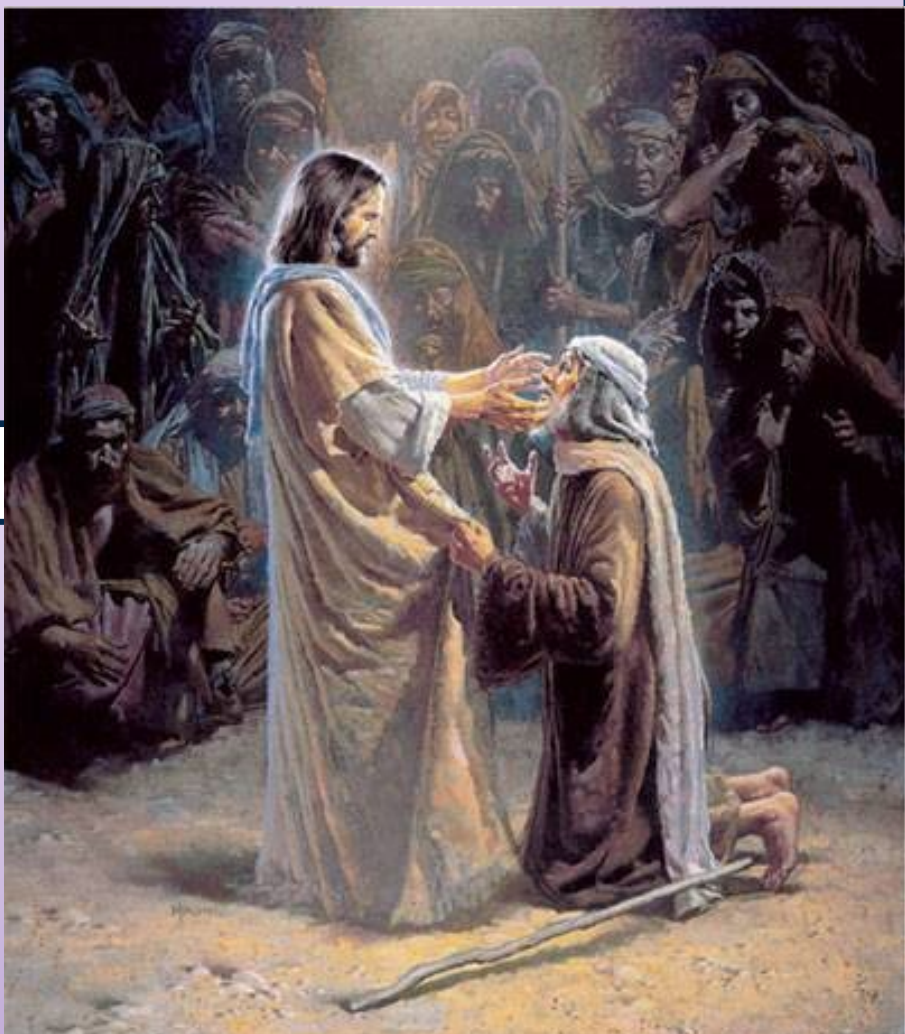
In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as “children of light” in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds “done in darkness.”

### Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a “sinner,” but the blind man said, “He is a prophet.” Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.



### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

### Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2020

**“Surely the Lord’s anointed is here before him. But the Lord said to Samuel: ‘Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart... Then**

**Samuel, with the horn of oil in his hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the Spirit of the Lord rushed on David.”**

Midway through the holy season, preparing to celebrate the Paschal mystery and live Holy Week, today is a fine time to pause, look into our hearts, and ask what else needs to be done. Our journey through prayer, devotion and good works has been quite good. Maybe we can make it better. But let’s reflect on the words of the Book of Samuel.

We judge by appearance, but ‘God looks into the heart’. What He sees is probably quite good, but we know there might be some shadow to be removed, or mess to be cleaned up. The Sacrament of Reconciliation perhaps has been put on a back burner, but today becomes the source for our improvement and growth. Decide today to use this gift of Jesus to His church and make a good confession. ‘Be reconciled to God.’



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

Kristin Harkin, Susan Sullivan  
Manuel, Maribeth Groth, Fred Wolff,  
Tom Donohoe, John Wazeter,  
Edison Blanco Perez, Brian Yozzo, Jerry Daigle,  
Eleanor Dalton, Maureen McLaughlin, Margaret  
Bates, Brian J. Knecht

**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. 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, Michael Germain-Navy, Brandon King-Army, Michael Parton-Navy, Peter Dillon-Coast Guard, Chris Minozzi-Marines, Sean Roth-Army, Mike Gibbons-Marines, Donald Wemer Jr.-Marines**

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



St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help is using **Parish Giving** for online donations.

This Program can be utilized for your **Sunday Contributions** as well as any Holy Day Collection and all Archdiocesan collections. It can also be used for the **Religious Education (CCD)** tuition payments. There is no fee for you to use this service, it is easy to use and you set up once and your set until you wish to make changes.

To Sign Up for Parish Giving, please visit: [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) or log onto the church website for a direct link: [www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com).

**Your continued support of your parish is greatly appreciated!**

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - Thank You!

**WEEKEND**

**2020**

**PARISH GIVING**

**2019**

**Due to no Masses, there is no Collection Report.**

*Please see page 4 for information on how to sign up for Parish Giving. During these hard times, we depend on your contributions even more. Please give what you can. Thank you!*

*Please remember: When writing a check, please use only **BLUE or BLACK** ink. The check scanner can not pick up any other colors, ie: **Red, Aqua, Turquoise, Green, Pink***



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



Dear Families,

Our Religious Education Program has cancelled classes on Wednesdays and Sundays through April 20 (See message from the Archdiocese below). The First Reconciliation Service planned for Saturday, March 28 is postponed to a later date.

Thank you.  
Maria

### **From the Archdiocese of New York:**

#### **COVID-19 Update**

*In consultation with Archdiocesan officials and informed by current CDC guidelines, parishes are asked to cancel all in-person religious education and youth ministry programs, gatherings, retreats, and events until April 20, 2020.*

**PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR  
RESOURCES FROM LOYOLA PRESS FOR  
MATERIAL THAT CAN BE USED AT HOME.**



Dear Religious Education Families,

You may want to access resources from Loyola Press to use at home; it is the publisher of the books we use (Christ Our Life series) in our classes. Please see email below. If an access code is needed, use COL-2016.

## Christ Our Life



From all of us at Loyola Press, our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by the COVID-19 virus. As a Catholic publisher, our mission is to provide you with the resources you need to facilitate transformative experiences of God for the children and families you serve.

In light of the current situation, we would like to remind you that as a Christ Our Life customer, you have numerous, free, at-home family resources available, including at-home, parent-led lesson plans.

We understand that interruptions in faith formation due to unanticipated events such as school or parish closures can impact children's spiritual development as well as their need for stability and consistency. Our resources can help children stay engaged in their faith journey, provide them valuable learning experiences, and offer continuity in Christ during this challenging time.

Parents can always access at-home resources at [\*\*www.christourlife.com/family\*\*](http://www.christourlife.com/family)

**At-Home Editions:** These guides allow parents to conduct catechesis with their children in the home.

**Interactive Chapter Reviews:** Chapter reviews allow children, parents, and instructors to gauge learning objectives. Results can be emailed to a teacher or catechist along with student questions.

**Study Guides:** Single page study guides outline important faith topics in each chapter.

**Faith-Filled Games:** Games such as Stump the Shepherd, Jesus' Jigsaw, and Seek the Word allow children to continue to explore their faith no matter where they are.

Please join us in praying for all those affected by the coronavirus and all those working to contain it.

God bless you,  
Loyola Press

[\*\*AT-HOME RESOURCES\*\*](#)

**MASS STREAMED LIVE on our FACEBOOK PAGE:** <https://www.facebook.com/stmolph/>



We are diligently working to set up a Livestream of the celebration of Mass from our Church for Sundays. So, even though you cannot physically come to Mass, you will still participate spiritually in the Mass. If this is successful, then to support you in this time of crisis, daily prayers, devotions, talks and updates will also be available in our Parish via livestreaming.

More information on this is forthcoming. Please go to our website –[www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com) - or to our Facebook page to stay in touch with the Parish.

**Check out our Live Streamed Rosary & Adoration from earlier this week:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaIeHztMLBqDzYkH7pip1Jw>



## Watch Mass at Home

Below are a few links to watch Mass at home:

**EWTN** - Mass is shown live daily at 8 AM, with encores at noon and 7 PM. EWTN can be found on channel 135 on Optimum and channel 285 on Verizon FiOS.

**St. Patrick's Cathedral** - Mass is streamed live Monday-Saturday at 7 AM and Sunday at 10:15 AM. Masses are archived to be viewed at a later date.

**Basilica of the Immaculate Conception** - Mass is streamed live Sundays at noon.



**The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)**  
Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

### St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET  
Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

### St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET  
Sunday at 3:30 pm ET

### La Santa Misa, New York, NY

Sunday at 6 pm ET

**The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)** is available throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area on: Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296 and Spectrum channel 162/471

**The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)** is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream at <https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/>

You can also watch CFN on **Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android**, or by downloading the **CFN iOS mobile app** at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN"



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## Gospel Today Fourth Sunday of Lent / John 9:1-41

Year A

In today's gospel, Jesus and His disciples came upon a man who had been blind since birth. As Jesus smeared clay into the man's eyes, He **lent** His healing powers to the blind man, and sent him to the Pool of Siloam to wash. When the man returned, his eyes were able to see, but more importantly his heart was open to believe in Jesus. Not as a sinner, as many believed, but truly the Son of God.

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### Lent

The season of being sorry for sin, asking forgiveness and helping others.

### lend / lent

The act of giving assistance or support to helping others.

WEEK  
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Dear God,  
This week I...

LEND  
for  
LENT

Love,

### Examples

- Help look for and find a lost item.
- Find the reading glasses a senior might have misplaced.
- If traveling, read the directions for an adult driver.
- Donate used eyeglasses.

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Jesus told His disciples the man was born blind so the works of God could be made visible (seen) through him. Jesus also knew being blind was not easy, and the man had to depend on others at times.

Help someone understand and "see" the love of God by **lending** your services to help others. Write your lend/lent action on the cross. Color in the cross.



# Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.



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