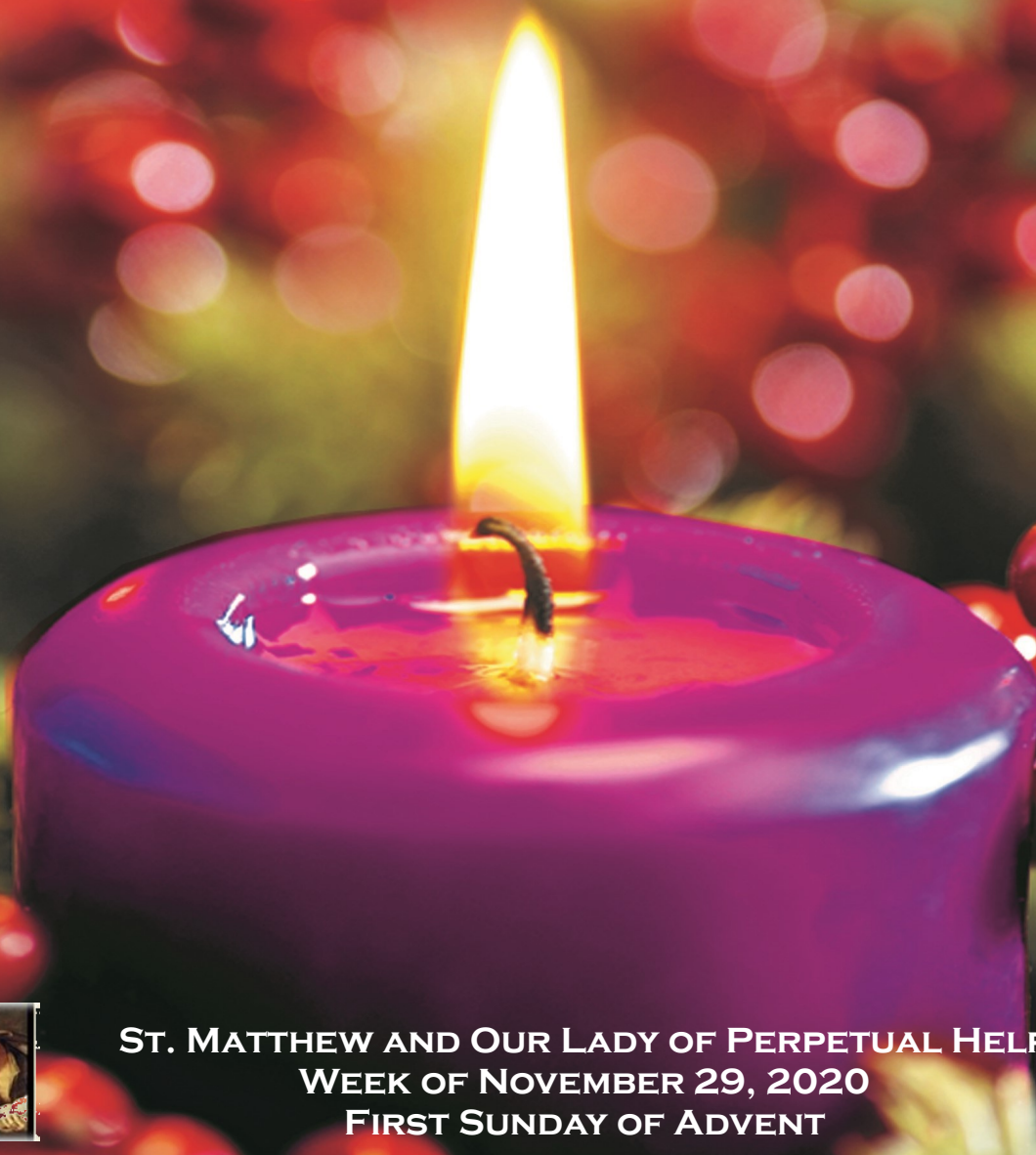


1st Sunday OF ADVENT



ST. MATTHEW AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Join Us for Sunday Mass
LIVE STREAMED at 10:30 a.m.

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**MASS & CONFESSION
SCHEDULE**

OLPH Schedule:

Daily Mass:

Monday - Saturday: 8:00am

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 10:30am

**Confessions: Saturday:
4:00pm - 4:45pm**

STM Schedule:

Daily Mass:

Monday-Saturday: 9:00am

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am

**Confessions: Saturday:
3:00pm - 3:45pm**



The seating capacity in the church is at 33%.

There are approx. 133 seats at St. Matthew's and 66 with overflow in the downstairs at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Please remember that the signs are there to help guide you where to sit and to use your best judgment keeping social distancing.

And please remember that masks are required at all times while in the church.

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November 22, 2020

Dear Parishioners, Neighbors and Friends,

As our church year of 2020 is ending, our new year of 2021 begins with the first Sunday of Advent, November 29th. The Mass readings for the end of the church year challenge us to think of the final reckoning and whether we will be with the “Lovers” or “Haters” at the end time.

This past year has not been an easy one. Daily we hear of the continuing growth of the devastating Covid-19 virus. The campaign and election brought about great tensions, anger, anxieties, fights, broken friendships and broken families that have not yet healed. It sure feels like the forces of darkness are winning and unleashing great chaos upon us.

Those feelings are the same that people felt before Christ came into the world. The world seemed on the verge of collapse without much hope for a better future. It was into that world that the Christ child was born to bring hope to the world that the power of love would triumph over the forces of hate.

It is with that spirit of hope and love that we move towards the feast of the Incarnation, celebrating God’s becoming one of us as an innocent vulnerable infant in Bethlehem. That spirit can enable us to be grateful for all the blessings that we do have this year at Christmas.

Like all things “covid”, we will need to make sacrifices this year. This is especially true of our Christmas Masses. We cannot afford to have anyone afflicted with the virus as a result of coming to Christmas Mass. We will make sure to enforce all the guidelines to have a safe space for our parish family, including children and elderly.

As a very special exception, Rome has allowed that **for this year only** we will be permitted to celebrate Mass on Christmas Eve as early as 2:00 p.m. Included with this letter is a schedule of the Masses we intend to have for Christmas. In order to have a handle on the number of people who can fit into the churches in accordance with the guidelines, we must limit the number of people to those with tickets.

We expect to have a fair process of registration for tickets so that all parishioners who want to attend Mass may do so. In addition to the schedule you will find a registration form included. This form may be submitted by email, Flocknote, or dropped off in the rectory mailbox, or in the Sunday collection basket. Because of Christmas mails we request that you do not send registrations through the US Mail. Once the whole registration process is complete, there will be instructions on when the tickets may be picked up at the rectory. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE REASON FOR TICKETS IS FOR SAFETY AND FAIRNESS.

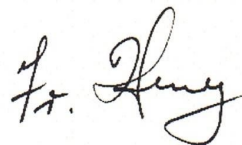
For the same reasons, regretfully, we will not have a Christmas Pageant nor choir this year. If it can be worked out there might be a parish Christmas sing-a-long via zoom.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO OR SHOW SYMPTOMS OF COVID, **PLEASE**, DO NOT COME TO CHURCH. THERE WILL BE A STREAMED LIVE MASS FOR CHRISTMAS. THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR.

Finally, each year we rely heavily on your generosity in the Christmas Flower, and Christmas collections for support. I know some of you are facing financial hardship due to the virus. God and I understand. For those of you who are able, please be your generous selves in giving your donation to the parish this Christmas.

As a parish family, let us give thanks to God for our blessings, and do what we can for those in need, remember those who have died, be kind to all, patient in the seasonal rush, understanding of those who annoy us, maintain a sense of humor and joy and pray for the whole human race. If we do then we will truly celebrate the joyous feast of God's love for all.

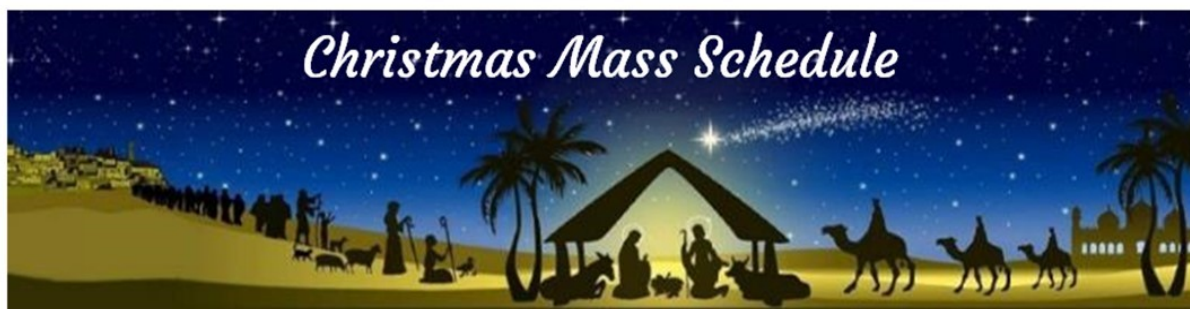
May God Bless you for all the good that you do and will do, and on behalf of Fr. Thomas, Fr. Gabriel, Fr. Nicholas and myself we wish you a very Sacred and Happy Christmas.



Fr. Henry

Christmas Eve Sign Up with Flocknote:
<https://stmolph.flocknote.com/signups/28743>

Christmas Day Sign Up with Flocknote:
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ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH
CHRISTMAS MASSES
CHRISTMAS EVE:
2:00 pm
4:00 pm
6:00 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY:
8:30 am
12:00 Noon

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
CHRISTMAS MASSES
CHRISTMAS EVE:
3:00 pm
5:00 pm
7:00 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY:
10:30 am

Find Peace through Forgiveness on
Reconciliation Monday

Confessions available in churches in the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn.

December 21st
4:00pm - 8:00pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
 archny.org

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN
 dioceseofbrooklyn.org

Confession Times:
 St. Matthew's Church: 4pm - 6pm
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 6pm - 8pm

Registration for tickets must be returned by: Tuesday, December 8th

Registrations can be dropped in a collection basket, brought to the rectory mailbox, Flocknote, or emailed to: office@stmolph.com

Tickets can be picked up:

Wednesday, December 16: 10:00am - 4:30pm

Thursday, December 17: 10:00am - 8:30pm

Friday, December 18: 10:00am - 4:30pm

Monday, December 21: 10:00am - 4:30pm

Tuesday, December 22: 10:00am - 8:30pm

Wednesday, December 23: 10:00am - 4:30pm

**Because COVID may change everything,
 please check the parish website: www.stmolph.com
 for up to date information.**



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Christmas Mass Ticket Registration Form

Deadline for Registration: December 8th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE PLACE AN "X" NEXT TO THE MASS YOU WISH TO ATTEND:

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

CHRISTMAS EVE:

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3:00pm

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5:00pm

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7:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY:

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10:30am

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH:

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CHRISTMAS DAY:

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8:30am

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12 Noon

Number of tickets needed: _____

Names of people attending:

TO SIGN UP VIA FLOCKNOTE, PLEASE CLICK ON ONE OF THE LINKS BELOW:

Christmas Eve Sign Up with Flocknote:

<https://stmolph.flocknote.com/signups/28743>

Christmas Day Sign Up with Flocknote:

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

The Week of November 29, 2020 - First Sunday of Advent

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

While we are still on a shortened Mass schedule, all of these Masses are still being offered privately by the Priests of our parish for these intentions.

SATURDAY,	NOVEMBER 28	<u>REQUESTED BY:</u>
5:00 pm	Ann Mitchell	Family
SUNDAY,	NOVEMBER 29	
8:30 am	Warren Schmidt	Nancy Maleska
MONDAY,	NOVEMBER 30	
9:00 am	Mary Rinaldi	Bannon & DeSouza Fam.
TUESDAY,	DECEMBER 1	
9:00 am	Daniel Dineen	Mary Rice
WEDNESDAY,	DECEMBER 2	
9:00 am	Agnes Grabowski	Nancy Maleska & John Galayda
THURSDAY,	DECEMBER 3	
9:00 am	Raul Ramos	Maria Kelly
FRIDAY,	DECEMBER 4	
9:00 am	Special Intentions for Patti & Jeff Lipman	John Galayda
SATURDAY,	DECEMBER 5	
9:00 am	Beatrice C. Smith	Michael P. Smith
5:00 pm	George Nehrbauer	Family
SUNDAY,	DECEMBER 6	
8:30 am	Charles Murray	Family
11:00 am	Michael Markman	Wife

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

****Note that the Sunday Mass Intentions will be celebrated according to our new temporary Mass schedule: 4 PM Saturday at St. Matthew, 5 PM Saturday at OLPH, 8:30 AM Sunday at St. Matthew and 10:30 AM at OLPH.****

SATURDAY,	NOVEMBER 28	<u>REQUESTED BY:</u>
5:00 pm	Mary Tierney & Patrick Reilly	Reilly & Tierney Families
SUNDAY,	NOVEMBER 29	
10:30 am	Edison Blanco	Daughter Lourdes
MONDAY,	NOVEMBER 30	
8:00 am	Maribeth Groth	Kathleen
TUESDAY,	DECEMBER 1	
8:00 am	Maribeth Groth	McCarthy Family
WEDNESDAY,	DECEMBER 2	
8:00 am	Maribeth Groth	Kathleen
THURSDAY,	DECEMBER 3	
8:00 am	Patrick Reilly	Tierney & Murtagh Fam.
FRIDAY,	DECEMBER 4	
8:00 am	Maribeth Groth	Kathleen
SATURDAY,	DECEMBER 5	
8:00 am	Maribeth Groth	Theresa
5:00 pm	Troadio Ybay	Ybay Family
SUNDAY,	DECEMBER 6	
10:30 am	Sean Maguire & Deceased Family Members	Rita McGlynn

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.



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

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

"You, Lord, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down... would that you might meet us as doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!"

A new and special time of prayer has begun. Silently and sneakily, an enemy has redirected our lives since early March. Our lives have been altered and we were summoned to consider what is of real importance – our family, our health, including our spiritual life. This is our advent infected by the virus.

As we begin the period of hope and expectation, may we look to the Word of God, find a time for prayer and reflection each day. We ask, why is this advent to be different? The answer is found in the events of the past months. We need the Lord more than ever. We cannot afford to wander, we need fear, that is, respect for the Lord who saves. We come as beggars, asking that the Lord come down to support and abide with us. Our mantra, the final words of the bible 'Come, Lord Jesus.'

"You, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay, the work of your hands." Remake us during this advent.



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Since we are still on a temporary Mass schedule, your support at this time is greatly needed. The bills do not stop coming in and need 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.

As a church that seeks to serve, we wanted to provide you the convenience of being able to give the way you want.

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COLLECTION REPORT:

LAST WEEKS SUMMARY:

Mailed Contributions: \$1,490

11/22 Weekend: \$2,866

Parish Giving: \$1,277

Total for last weekend: \$5,633

Charity & Justice: \$365

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who regularly give via
Parish Giving!**

Please help your parish and sign up for Parish Giving. There is no cost to you, it's safe & easy! Just click on the links to the left to get started.

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

Kristin Harkin, Susan Sullivan
Manuel, Fred Wolff, Tom
Donohoe, John Wazeter, Eleanor
Dalton, Laura McCarthy, Trevor
McKay, Rev. Alexander Agyepong

And for those who have died marked by the sign of faith, especially: *Phyllis Paynter*

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.

AVAILABLE MASSES:



The Mass book for 2020 is now full.
The 2021 book will not open until the end of November/beginning of December.



If you would like, we do have candles available at both churches. If you are interested in having the Tabernacle Candle burn in memory of a special someone, please call Theresa in the rectory: 914-478-2822

CANDLES DEDICATIONS



St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Catherine Lundgren

Blessed Mother Candle
In Memory of Phyllis Paynter
req. by Janet & Marty

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Philip Lagrasta
req. by Irene Newman

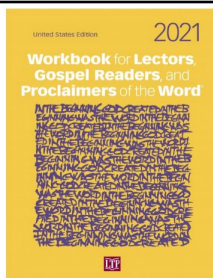
CIRCLE OF LOVE PRAYER GROUP TO CONTINUE WITH ZOOM

We will continue our Circle of Love prayer group on Monday's at 7:45pm through the Zoom app. Meeting id is 456-044-682
People should connect at 7:30pm. More info call 914-693-2959.

LECTORS

Please pick up your
2021 Workbook for Lectors

Copies can be found in the sacristy or at the rectory at St. Matthew's.



Due to the current situation with Covid-19, we are unable to offer a Christmas Pageant this year.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



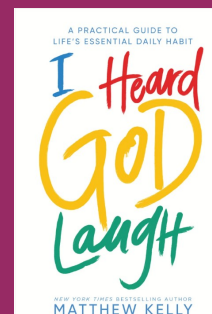
Advent Retreat

December 6th at 3pm

The retreat will be held at St. Matthew Church and will also be live-streamed on Zoom.

Books can be pick up after Masses from the Ushers or at the rectory.

"I Heard God Laugh"



CHRISTMAS JESUS STOCKING DONATIONS

Once again, we will be collecting "Jesus Socks" for the homeless. Donations of **NEW SOCKS** for both **Men & Woman** are needed as well as **TOILETRIES**. The Jesus Stocks will be delivered to Midnight Run.

Donations should be returned to the boxes in the rear of the churches by December 20th.



CHRISTMAS GIFT/TOY DONATIONS...A Little Different This Year

Due to the current health crisis, we are unable to accept donated toys this year. Instead of Toys, we will be collecting **GIFT CARDS** to hand out to families so they can purchase what is needed for their children.

We will be coordinating with **SPRING COMMUNITY PARTNERS** in Dobbs Ferry as well as the **JAMES HARMON COMMUNITY CENTER** in Hastings. Gift Cards can be from any of the following as well as **LOCAL BUSINESSES**.

Gift Cards can be dropped into any collection basket or brought to the rectory. Cards may be mailed to the rectory as well.

Deadline to donate cards:
Sunday, December 13

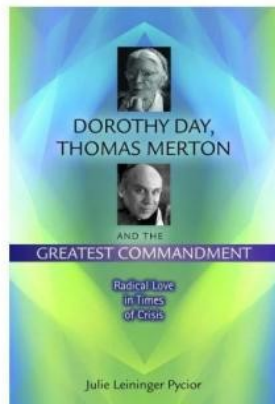


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Bearing Witness in a
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Hard-Earned
Insights from Two
Visionaries of the 1960s

**LOCAL AUTHOR TALK
PRESENTED BY
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Wednesday | Dec. 2 | 7:30-8:30 pm via Zoom

Listen in as historian **Julie Leininger Pycior** and her friend **Betty Sue Flowers**, former director of the LBJ Presidential Library, explore how the 1960s insights of Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton still “touch the soul and fire the mind” — Bill Moyers. Also, the author will reveal how she was instrumental in Pope Francis showcasing Day and Merton to Congress — an ironic back story with regard to the Church hierarchy.

Please RSVP by email to HastingsLibraryEvent@gmail.com to receive the Zoom invite



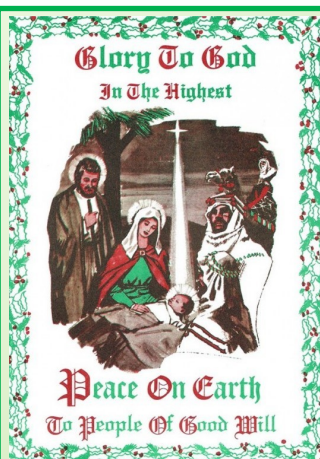
The Parish Council Turkey Bingo was held on November 21st and a great time was had by all!

Congratulations to all our winners from the evening: Mary Ellen Ballantine, Christine Utchel, Christine Lundgren, Peter Biviano,

Theresa DeSouza, George Febles and the Perzanowski Family!

Thank you to a special parishioner who donated money to purchase Penny Lick Ice Cream gift cards which were provided to each winner! Winners were also gifted a Thanksgiving dinner-themed item, which they could accept or donate to the parish's food pantry partners.

Stay tuned for our next fun event on Zoom in the near future!



**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.

Packages are available at the rectory this year. We only have 100 packets which are available on a first come/first served basis.

A donation of \$2.00 per packet is appreciated.



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. If you need a Christmas Flower Envelope (or a Christmas Envelope) Please call the rectory and we can mail one to you.

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

Are You "SURE" You're a Registered Parishioner?

Many times we meet people at church who attend mass, take part in events, or perhaps even have received their sacraments here. We're so very glad you're with us and part of our community. But that alone does not make you a parishioner. To be a member of the parish you have to REGISTER. Registering is very easy. You can fill out a registration form online at www.stmolph.com or at the parish office. It only takes a few minutes.

Everyone over the age of 18 is encouraged to register. Even if you're an adult who received all your sacraments here as a child and still attend mass here, you need to register.

Why register? First and foremost, it's very important to register so we can serve your needs when, for example, you need a sponsor letter for Baptism or Confirmation. Also, to receive an acknowledgement of your donations for your income tax filing, you need to be registered so we have an official record of your giving over the year.

So, please join us officially and register with the parish so we can meet all your needs now and in the future!

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPONSOR CERTIFICATION LETTER

In order to receive a sponsor certification letter from the Parish of St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help, you must be an **ACTIVE, REGISTERED PARISHIONER**. If you are not officially registered and do not attend mass, you will not receive a letter.

The role of a sponsor is to lead a Christian life in a manner that faithfully fulfills the obligations of the Catholic faith. A sponsor must be living the Catholic faith and be able to be part of the sponsored person's life after the Baptism/Confirmation, who can guide him/her spiritually.

A sponsor must also:

- Be at least 16 years of age
- Have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation
- If married, must be married according to the laws of the Catholic Church
- Attend Mass weekly and on Holy Days of Obligation
- The person needing the Sponsor letter must contact and meet with the parish priest themselves.

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SPAM EMAILS FROM THE PARISH or PRIESTS & PHONE SCAM CALLS

If you receive an email from the Parish or from one of the Parish Priests asking for money or some kind of help, please delete the message right away.

NEVER will a Priest or the Parish email you asking for money, gift cards, or help of any kind.

We have also found out that Scammers are also using the church phone number to solicit lower mortgage rates, etc. We have no control over this and there is no way we can stop it.

If you have any questions about an email or phone call you receive, please call the rectory: 914-478-2822

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Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent | Mark 13:33-37

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BE AWARE & KEEP WATCH!

Always be ready for the day and hour when God comes again. No one knows when, not even Jesus or the Angels in Heaven.

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FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

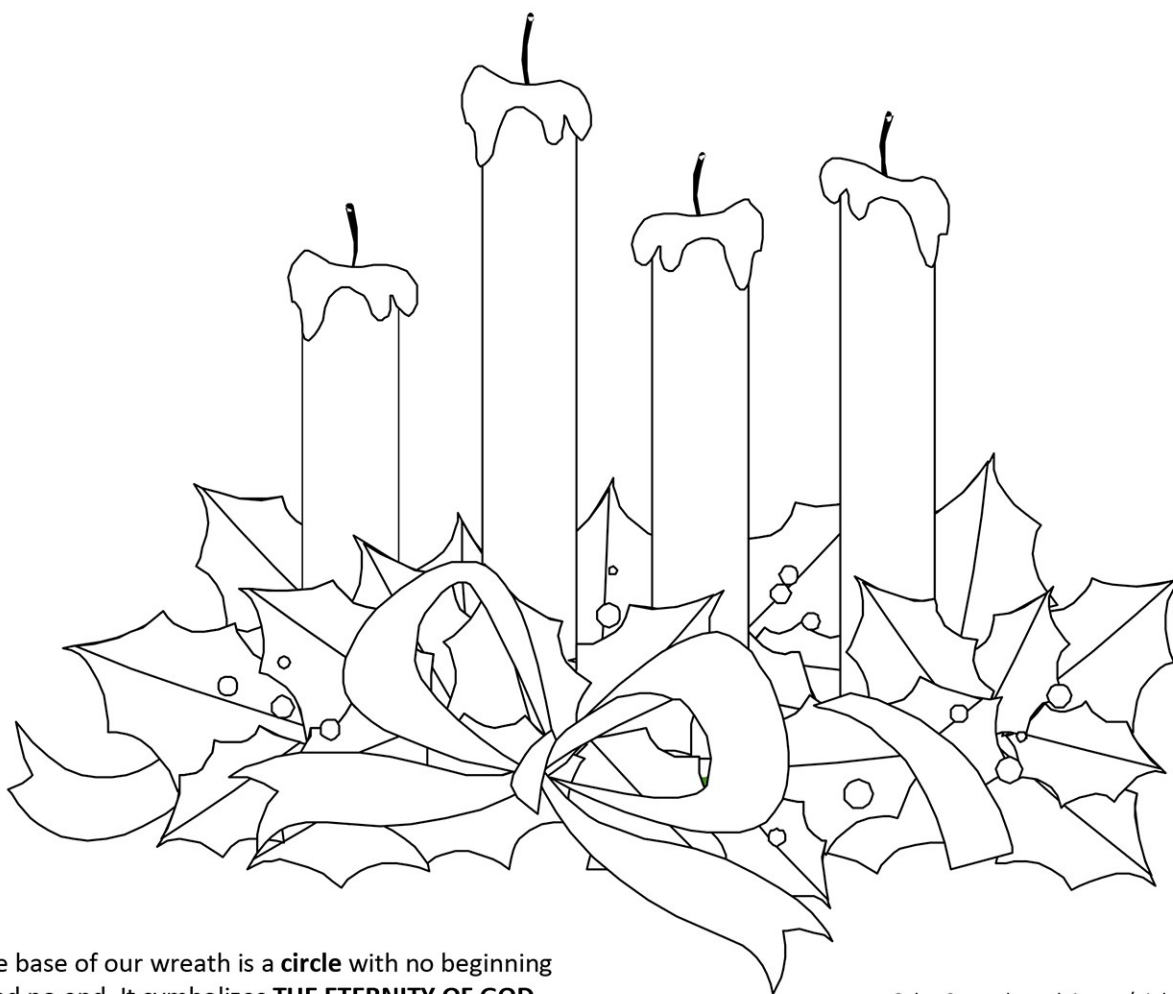
Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen". Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

BLESS THIS WREATH

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessings upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."



The base of our wreath is a **circle** with no beginning and no end. It symbolizes **THE ETERNITY OF GOD**.

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Draw a flame on 1 purple candle and
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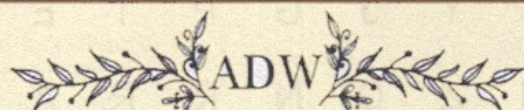
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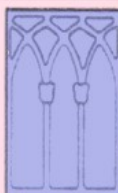
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