



ST. MATTHEW AND OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MY HEART REJOICES IN THE LORD.

JOY

-1 SAMUEL 2:1

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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**



SEATING CAPACITY

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.



ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH	OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
CHRISTMAS MASSES	CHRISTMAS MASSES
CHRISTMAS EVE:	CHRISTMAS EVE:
2:00 pm	3:00 pm
4:00 pm	5:00 pm
6:00 pm	7:00 pm
CHRISTMAS DAY:	CHRISTMAS DAY:
8:30 am	10:30 am
12:00 Noon	

**TICKETS FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES MUST BE PICKED UP FROM THE RECTORY:
616 Warburton Avenue, Hastings on Hudson**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Because changes can happen at any time, please remember to keep checking the parish website, www.stmolph.com for any Covid-19 updates.

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

The Week of December 13, 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

SATURDAY,	DECEMBER 12	REQUESTED BY:
5:00 pm	Edward and Pauline Illmensee	Walter and Joan Haubold
SUNDAY,	DECEMBER 13	
8:30 am	Special Intentions for Helen Horvitz	George Febles
11:00 am	Special Intentions for Deana Kerns	Maria Kelly
MONDAY,	DECEMBER 14	
9:00 am	Special Intentions for Manuel Cajas	Family
TUESDAY,	DECEMBER 15	
9:00 am	Edward Santini	Christine Kelly-Santini
WEDNESDAY,	DECEMBER 16	
9:00 am	George Zahurak Sr.	His Family
THURSDAY,	DECEMBER 17	
9:00 am	Carol Fertil	Virginia
FRIDAY,	DECEMBER 18	
9:00 am	Mary Kelbel	Susan & Vincent Gordon
SATURDAY,	DECEMBER 19	
9:00 am	Special Intentions for Jeremy Kerns	Maria Kelly
5:00 pm	Billy DiRocco	Mother
SUNDAY,	DECEMBER 20	
8:30 am	Michael Rubillo	George Febles & Family

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.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

SATURDAY,	DECEMBER 12	REQUESTED BY:
5:00 pm	Florence Questo & The Buckley Family	Jackie Questo & Family
SUNDAY,	DECEMBER 13	
10:30 am	Louise Ciano	Family
MONDAY,	DECEMBER 14	
8:00 am	Theresa Honse	McNerney Family
TUESDAY,	DECEMBER 15	
8:00 am	Special Int. for Dymrna Smith & Family	Agnes & Hugh Dynes
WEDNESDAY,	DECEMBER 16	
8:00 am	Maribeth Groth	Kathleen
THURSDAY,	DECEMBER 17	
8:00 am	Kathy & Marty Stricks	
FRIDAY,	DECEMBER 18	
8:00 am	Maribeth Groth	Kathleen
SATURDAY,	DECEMBER 19	
8:00 am	Catherine McCarthy	McCarthy Family
5:00 pm	Fr. Thomas O'Keefe	Ybay Family
SUNDAY,	DECEMBER 20	
10:30 am	William Dinaso	Oberlander Family

****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.****

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

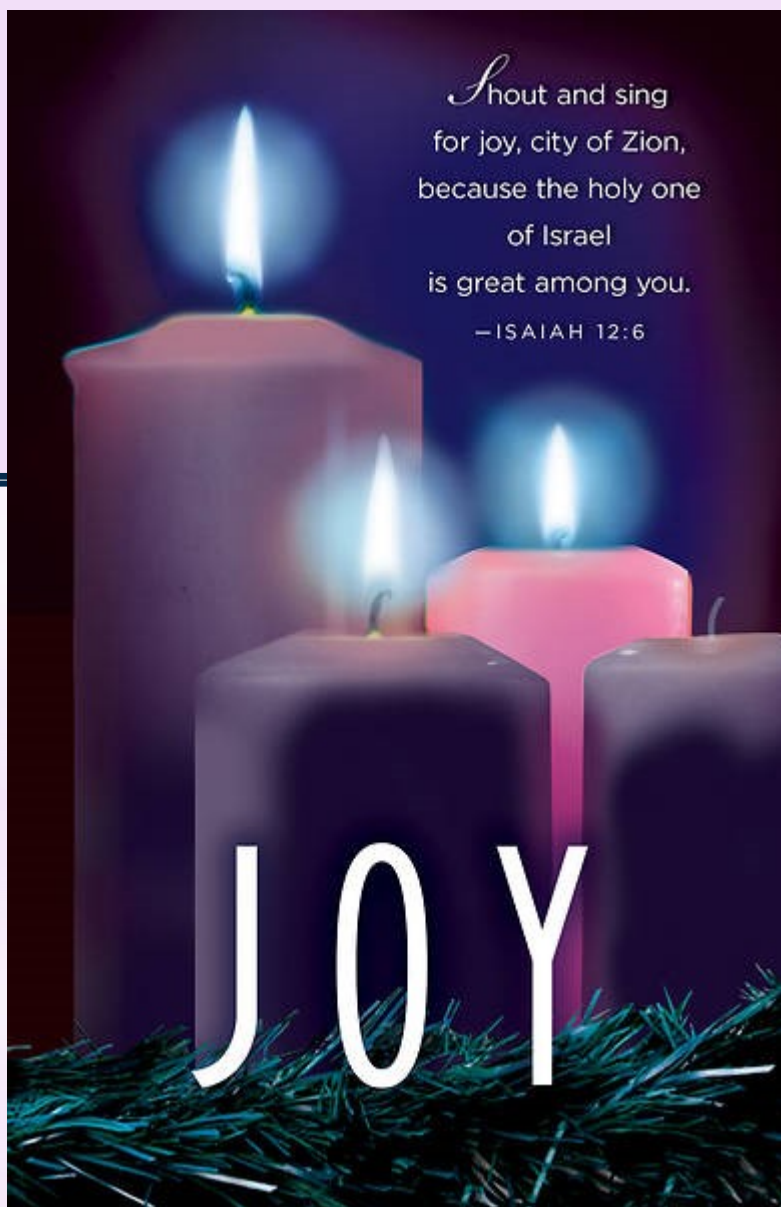
**Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020**

"Rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks: such is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not stifle the spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test everything, retain what is good. Avoid any semblance of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. He who calls you is trustworthy, therefore he will do it."

Midway through this holy season, we are provided great encouragement. Find the joy which comes from the presence of the Lord. Use these days as days of prayer. Paul tells his readers that this is God's will.

How often do we reflect on the words we pray, 'Thy will be done.' We are called to conform our will to His. What is His will for me, now, at this moment? The prophets have spoken, the church supports and encourages us. Paul told his followers that the will of God is that all be saved and come to knowledge of the truth.

During the past year we have heard and learned much about testing. People were tested to see if they were infected, had antibodies. People waited on lines to be tested and anxiously awaited results. We are told today to test everything and retain what is good. There are but two short weeks for us to take and pass the test. 'Come, Lord Jesus.'



Shout and sing
for joy, city of Zion,
because the holy one
of Israel
is great among you.
—ISAIAH 12:6



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COLLECTION REPORT:

LAST WEEKS SUMMARY:

Mailed Contributions: \$2,570

12/6 Weekend: \$1,228

Parish Giving: \$2,012

Total for last weekend: \$5,810

Christmas Flowers (to date): \$1,132

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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:

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.

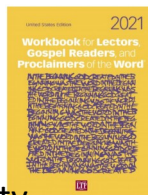
Please keep our troops in your prayers, especially: **Brian Dunne-Navy, Christopher Gaulin-Army, George Moore-Navy, Nicholas Sestito-Marine, Michael Germain-Navy, Brandon King-Army, Michael Parton-Navy, Peter Dillon-Coast Guard, Chris Minozzi-Marines, Sean Roth-Army, Mike Gibbons-Marines, Donald Wemer Jr.-Marines**

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

LECTORS

Please pick up your
2021 Workbook for Lectors

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



NO 2021 CALENDARS

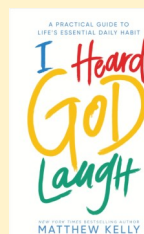
We have been notified that due to Covid-19, the production of the calendars had to be stopped this year.

Therefore we will not have calendars to hand out to parishioners.

ADVENT RETREAT: We would like to express our thanks to Father Thomas and Father Gabriel, along with the Liturgy committee members, Jim Cullen, Carolyn Pagani, Alexandria Stroud, and Genevieve Tarant for a job well done on the Advent retreat.

Special thanks to Bryan Healy for all of his help.

The Advent Retreat was recorded and is available to view on the parish's YouTube channel.

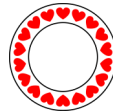


2021 MASS BOOK:

The Mass Book for 2021 is open from January 1 - February 16



Candles are also available at both churches. If you are interested in having a Mass or the Tabernacle Candle burn in memory of a special someone, please call Theresa in the rectory: 914-478-2822



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.



This weekend's Second Collection is the Archdiocesan Collection for the Retirement fund for Religious.



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

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:
THIS MONDAY: December 14



DECEMBER 21ST

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

4-6pm at St. Matthew's • 6-8pm at OLPH

Visit any Catholic church in the Archdiocese of New York or the Diocese of Brooklyn where priests will be available to hear confessions.

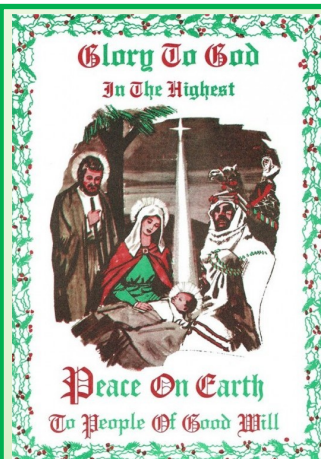
Experience the light of His forgiveness through the sacrament of penance this Advent.



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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.



St. Matthew &
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Presents

A Virtual
Christmas Concert

with

*Alice Smyth
&
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Sunday, December 20
at 3 pm

Listen to traditional Christmas carols and hymns from the comfort of your home. The concert will be shown live on our Facebook page as well as on Zoom. Visit the parish website, stmolph.com, for details on joining the concert live as well as to download a songbook to follow along.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Advent | John 1:6-8, 19-28

BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE!

John the Baptist denies being the Christ. He is sent to testify to the light, the coming of Christ, light of the world.

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THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Rose Candle

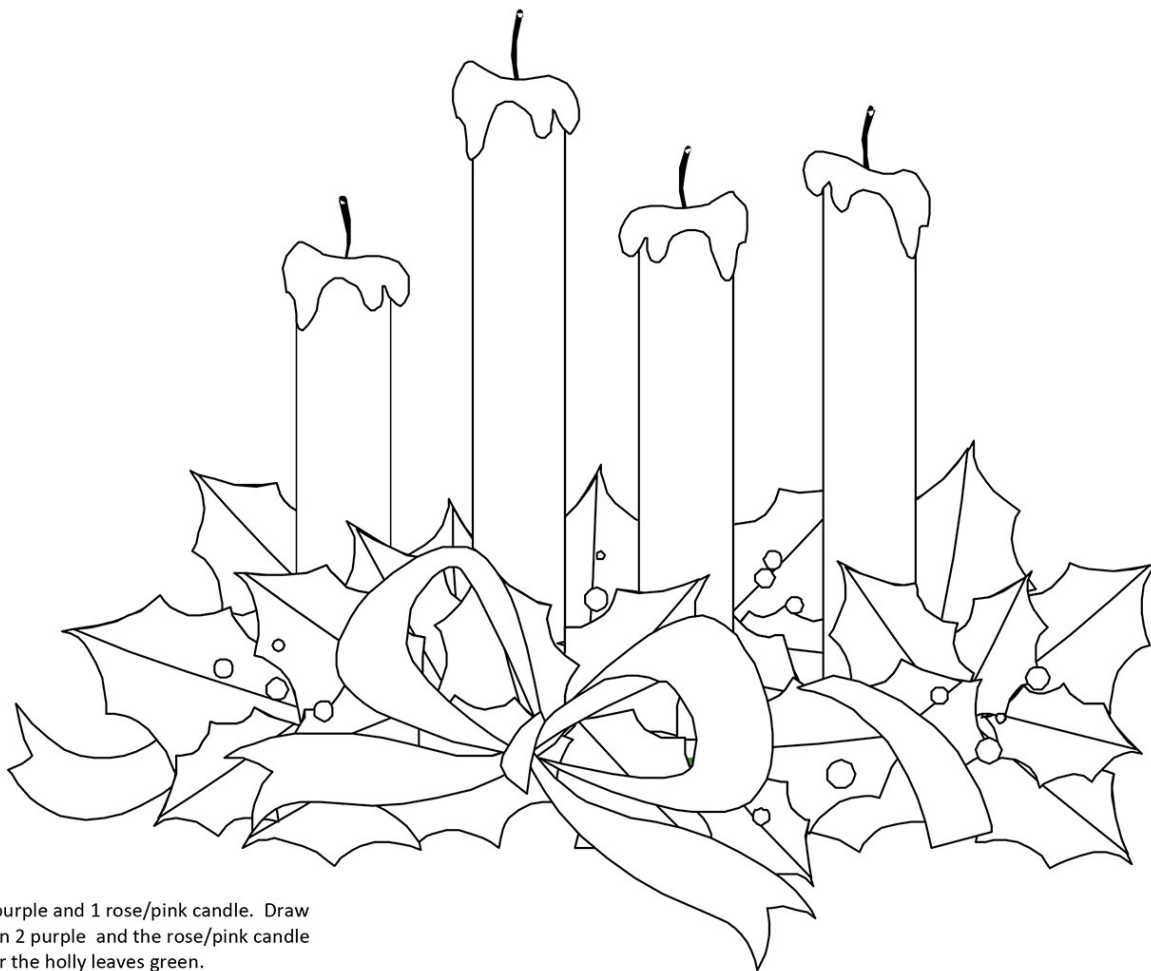
The rose/pink candle represents hope and joy. Rejoice! We are halfway through Advent and Christmas is near. Christ, light of the world, is coming soon.

WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 2 purple and the rose/pink candle and color the holly leaves green.

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