

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



**ST. MATTHEW CHURCH**  
616 Warburton Avenue  
Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706  
Rectory.....914-478-2822



**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH**  
535 Ashford Avenue  
Ardsley, NY 10502  
[www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com)

December 5, 2021 • Second Sunday of Advent

## Served By

Rev. Robert P. Henry .....*Pastor*  
Rev. Gabriel Kofi Dente.....*Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Nicholas Nwagwu.....*In Residence*

## Baptisms

Arranged in advance. Instruction is necessary. Please call the rectory and speak with one of the priests.

## Marriages

Arranged 6 months in advance. Please call the rectory and speak with Fr. Henry before any deposit is made on a reception hall.

## Sacrament of the Sick

Call the rectory at any time.

## Religious Education Program

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## Mass Schedule

### Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday

St. Matthew.....9:00 am  
OLPH.....8:00 am

### Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

St. Matthew ..... 4:00 pm  
OLPH .....5:00 pm

### Sunday

St. Matthew.....8:30 am  
OLPH.....10:30 am

### Holy Day Mass

Check the bulletin for schedule.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday

OLPH ..... 4:00 - 4:45 pm  
St. Matthew..... 3:00 - 3:45pm

## Prayers & Novena

### Miraculous Medal Novena

(St. Matthew) Monday after the 9:00 am Mass

**Rosary** (OLPH): First Saturday of the month immediately following the Mass

### Holy Hour & Exposition

(St. Matthew) Friday mornings after the 9:00 am Mass

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The Week of December 5, 2021 - Second Sunday of Advent

## ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

4:00 pm Joan Liva

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:30 am Beatrice C. Smith

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 am Florence Questo & Buckley Family

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 am Lisa deCazotte

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 am Helen Burke

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am Billy DiRocco

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 am Michael Markman

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 am Msgr. Patrick Barry

4:00 pm Audrey & Harry Bloomer

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:30 am Gerard Micera

### REQUESTED BY:

Ushers

Michael P. Smith

Jackie Questo & Family

Michael P. Smith

Family

His Mother

Wife

Robert & Sandra Coreth

Kids & Grandkids

Doherty Family



If you would like to bring the gifts up during the offertory procession,  
please see an usher before Mass begins.



## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:00 pm Gerard O'Connor

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:30 am Florence Jane Questo

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 am Intentions for Sidney Hofhine

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 am Aurora Beckett

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 am Catherine McCarthy

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 am Intentions for Rosemary Recine

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 am Carmen Menesses

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 am John O'Brien

5:00 pm Maria Melina

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:30 am John McCarthy

### REQUESTED BY:

Doyle Family

Mom & Family

Hugh & Agnes Dynes

Beckett Family

Family

Mitchell Family

Mitchell Family

Agnes & Hugh Dynes

Sylvia

Jerry McCarthy



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## COLLECTION REPORT:

### NOVEMBER 21st SUMMARY:

Mailed Contributions: \$1,535

11/21 Weekend: \$2,351

11/21 Parish Giving: \$1,480

Total for weekends: \$5,366

Maintenance & Repairs: \$961

*PLEASE: When writing checks, use only  
BLACK or BLUE ink pens.*

The check scanner does not pick up other colors:  
Green, Red, Turquoise, Purple, Orange, etc.

**Thank you to 96 parishioners  
who regularly give monthly  
via Parish Giving!**

Please help your parish and sign up for  
Parish Giving. There is no cost to you,  
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below to get started.

Questions, email Christine at  
office@stmolph.com

**THIS WEEKEND**

Come Join us for Our  
*Advent Retreat*

December 5th - 3pm St. Matthew's

*St. Joseph:  
Father of Jesus*



### **Religious Education**

to [religioused@stmolph.com](mailto:religioused@stmolph.com).

**Home School** should continue to send the end of session  
review to: [religioused@stmolph.com](mailto:religioused@stmolph.com).

Instructions for access to the digital books is available on the  
Parish website, under the Religious Education tab, [https://  
stmolph.com/faith-formation](https://stmolph.com/faith-formation)

**Hastings:** Sunday classes will  
meet this weekend, Sunday, 12/5

**Ardsey** classes will begin to  
meet when the school repairs are  
completed. In the meantime,  
please work with the digital book  
online and send quizzes

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# Christmas Mass Schedule

## CHRISTMAS EVE:

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

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

## CHRISTMAS DAY:

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 10:00am

There will be **NO VIGIL MASSES** on  
Saturday 12/25 for Sunday 12/26.



## GIVING FOR CHRISTMAS

All Donations MUST be brought to the  
churches/rectory by

Wednesday, December 15th



Unwrapped Toy  
& Clothing  
Donations  
should be  
returned to the  
church by  
December 15th.

Donations will  
benefit the  
outreach programs  
of the  
James Harmon  
Community Center

**December 5, 2021 -  
Second Sunday of Advent**

### **Reading I: Baruch 5: 1-9**

The prophet addresses Jerusalem, first telling her to remove her mourning clothes and take on those of the Lord's light. The procession of the exiled Israelites going home from captivity in Babylon is blessed with comforting miracles.

### **Reading II: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11**

Joy pervades this letter. The Philippians have supported Paul, and they have been faithful witnesses for the Lord. He in turn prays for them as the end times (he believed) were approaching.

### **The Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6**

This elegant beginning is like a drum roll to the story of the Word coming to John the Baptist and how that will affect world history.

## **READING FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3, 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps

98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



## *Christmas Gift Drive* Benefiting the

residents of the



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR  
JEANNE JUGAN RESIDENCE

All gifts should be purchased NEW, wrapped and returned to the Rectory by December 15th. Gifts should have the residents name on it. Questions call Christine 914-478-5822





Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially: Kristin Harkin, Tom Donohoe, Eleanor Dalton, Logan Dempsey, Dennis Murphy, Rev. Alexander Agyepong, Joseph Richter Jr., Ava DiBenedetto, Catherine Paretti

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.



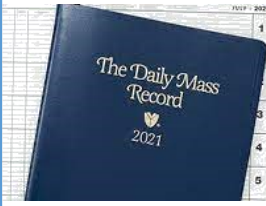
We are very grateful to those in the military who have dedicated themselves to protect our liberty and freedom. Please keep our troops in your prayers, especially: **Brian Dunne-Navy, Christopher Gaulin-Army, George Moore-Navy, Nicholas Sestito-Marine, Michael Germain-Navy, Brandon King-Army, Michael Parton-Navy, Peter Dillon-Coast Guard, Chris Minozzi-Marines, Sean Roth-Army, Mike Gibbons-Marines**

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



The parish received \$274.99 for the month of September from the Foodtown Gives Back program! Thank you to the 151 parishioners who have signed up to participate in the program. Sign up to participate in the program by emailing the 10 or 12 digit number from your Foodtown keychain card or paper receipt to [office@stmolph.com](mailto:office@stmolph.com).

**2021 MASS BOOK: The Mass Book is open through December 2021**



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

## CANDLE DEDICATIONS



### St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle

*Special Intentions*

req. by STK

### St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

*In Memory of Charles & Mary Lokay*

### St. Matthew Sacred Heart Candle

*In Memory of Sal Ciafone*

req. by Janet Murphy & Marty Roos

*If you would like to have a candle burn in memory of a loved one, please call Theresa in the rectory.*

Join us for

## **Choir Practice**

*JOIN US THIS WEEK*

**Tuesdays, December 7th, 14th & 21st**

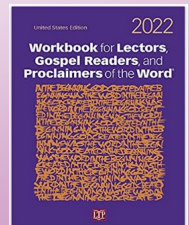
**7:00pm**

## LECTORS

Please pick up your

**2022 Workbook for Lectors.**

Copies can be found in the sacristy or at the rectory.





## Immaculate Conception of the *Blessed Virgin Mary* December 8

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

#### Tuesday, December 7th

St. Matthew at 5:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 7:00pm

#### Wednesday, December 8th

Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 8:00am

St. Matthew Church at 9:00am

### 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.



**Sunday,  
December 19th**

Following our very successful virtual event last year, St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is proud to present our second annual Christmas concert with parish musicians Alice Smyth and Danny Gray. The concert with traditional Christmas carols and contemporary songs will take place on December 19th at 3 p.m. at St. Matthew Church.

### 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 19th.**



### **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.



After much deliberation, the Parish Council and Pastor have decided upon a provisional Mass schedule to go into effect in 2022.

The below schedule will be effective the weekend of January 1-2.



# MASS SCHEDULE

This new schedule is being implemented to accomplish one of the goals of the parish merger - avoid overlapping Mass times at our two churches. This schedule provides five separate opportunities for our parishioners to fulfill their solemn obligation to attend Sunday Mass. The schedule also allows for our music ministry team and priests to travel between Churches without being late for the next Mass.

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers are needed for the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew. Please contact Christine at the rectory office if you are interested and willing to serve. New volunteers are most welcome!

The Choir will also be returning to the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Matthew! Returning choir members should contact organist Danny Gray for information on upcoming practices. New choir members are also most welcome!



## *Mass Schedule Change as of January 2022*

St. Matthew:      Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
                                 Sunday: 8:30am & 11:30am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help:  
                                 Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm  
                                 Sunday: 10:00am