

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF  
**St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help**



**Church of St. Matthew**  
 616 Warburton Avenue  
 Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706  
 Rectory.....914-478-2822



**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
 535 Ashford Avenue  
 Ardsley, NY 10502  
 www.stmolph.com

**July 17, 2022 • 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Clergy**

Rev. Douglas Y. Crawford.....*Pastor*  
 Rev. Alex Ansu Ebo.....*Parochial Vicar*  
 Rev. Nicholas Nwagwu.....Chaplain, St. John Riverside Hospital

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Catechetical Instruction for the parents is required. The date for baptism should be scheduled in advance. Please contact the Rectory.

**Sacrament of Matrimony**

Arranged 6 months in advance. Please contact the rectory and speak with a Priest before any deposit is made for the wedding reception.

**Anointing & Last Rites**

Call the rectory at any time.

**Religious Education Program**

Maria Crisafi, *Religious Education Director*  
 Office: OLPH School: 1 Cross Rd., Ardsley, New York 10502  
 Phone: 914-693-0030 • e-mail: religioused@stmolph.com

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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 .....5:30 pm

**Sunday**

St. Matthew.....8:30 am & 11:30 am  
 OLPH.....10:00 am

**Holy Day Mass**

Check the Parish Bulletin for schedule.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday**

OLPH ..... 4:30 - 5:15 pm  
 St. Matthew..... 3:00 - 3:45 pm

**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



# Mass Intentions

## ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

### SATURDAY, JULY 16

4:00pm The William B. Walzer Sr. Family †

### SUNDAY, JULY 17

8:30am Raymond Farrelly †

11:30am Tom Donohoe †

### MONDAY, JULY 18

9:00 am Kevin G. Hyland †

### TUESDAY, JULY 19

9:00 am Carol Krtil †

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

9:00 am Alice Korenko †

### THURSDAY, JULY 21

9:00am William Waryha †

### FRIDAY, JULY 22

9:00am Beatrice C. Smith †

### SATURDAY, JULY 23

9:00am Patrick J. O'Brien †

4:00pm Special Intention

### SUNDAY, JULY 24

8:30am Tom Donohoe †

11:30am Dolores Nehrbauer †

### REQUESTED BY:

Carol

Agnes & Hugh Dynes

Janet & Marty Roos

Andy Hayden

Dorothy & Chris Costello

His Daughter Joan

Michael P. Smith

Powers Family

Agnes & Hugh Dynes

Nancy & Joey

MaryAnn Ernst



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, JULY 16

5:30pm James A. Moore †

### SUNDAY, JULY 17

10:00am Edison Blanco & Angelica Perez †

### MONDAY, JULY 18

8:00 am Liang Zhu †

### TUESDAY, JULY 19

8:00 am Trentacoste & Spagnuolo Families †

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

8:00 am

### THURSDAY, JULY 21

8:00am Misa Pro Populo

### FRIDAY, JULY 22

8:00am Melendez, Mercado, Gonzales Families †

### SATURDAY, JULY 23

8:00am Sister Margaret Ann Martin †

5:30pm Elizabeth DeSantis †

### SUNDAY, JULY 24

10:00am Roy Gutierrez †

### REQUESTED BY:

Andrew Craig

Lourdes Blanco

Family

Linda

Linda

Maureen & Joseph Gunn

Barbara & Bob Mare

Camille Gutierrez



## July 17, 2022 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading I: Genesis 18: 1-10a

Abraham, "our father in faith" graciously hosts three visitors to his encampment. They actually represent the Lord. In accepting the favor, they prophesy that Abraham's wife Sarah, barren up 'til now, will soon bear a son.

### Reading II: Colossians 1: 24-28

Part of the mystery of Christ is that He reaches us ordinarily through one another. Because of his stewardship of Christ, St. Paul rejoices even in his sufferings.

### The Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

Martha and Mary host Jesus. He tells them of "the one thing necessary," which is openness to His person and message. He cites Mary to her sister Martha for her having chosen "the better part" while He is present.

## READING FOR THE WEEK



**Monday:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17; Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Saturday:** Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

**Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

## Support Our Parish: Remember St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help

We rely on the generosity of parishioners and visitors in order for our Parish to thrive. We would not be able to fulfill our mission without your financial support.

Also, please remember St. Matthew-Our Lady of Perpetual Help in your Will or Living Trust.

Kindly contact the rectory office with your inquiries.

## COLLECTION REPORT:

### July 3rd & 10th Weekend Summary:

**Mailed Contributions: \$2,925**

**Sunday 7/3: \$2,419**

**Sunday 7/10: \$2,495**

**Parish Giving 7/3: \$1,980**

**7/10: \$2,119**

**Black & Indian Missions: \$897**

*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.



### Upcoming Collections:

**7/17: Maintenance & Repair**



Maintenance & Repair

Thank you to **104** parishioners  
who regularly give monthly  
via Parish Giving!  
**Won't you join too?**

**Parish Giving**

simple. secure. convenient.

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

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 below to get started.



You can click on the Parish Giving Link above or scan the QR code to take you directly to our Parish Giving page.

Questions, email Christine at [office@stmolph.com](mailto:office@stmolph.com)



Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially: Kristin Harkin, Eleanor Dalton, Rev. Alexander Agyepong, Ava DiBenedetto, Catherine Parette

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**

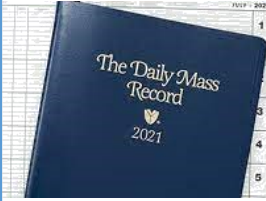
### SPAM EMAILS FROM THE PARISH or PRIESTS & PHONE SCAM CALLS



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



**2022 MASS BOOK: The Mass Book is open through the end of 2022**



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

*In Memory of Joseph Richter Jr.*

req. by his Mom

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tabernacle Candle

*In Memory of Anna Clevenson*

req. by daughter Joan



Parishioners who are homebound and or ill and would like to receive a visit from a Priest, please call the rectory and let us know. We can arrange to have Father visit you on Fridays when he make house calls. 914-478-2822



The rectory will close on Fridays at 2pm for July & August.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:**

**WE'RE FIRING UP THE GRILL!**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

**CHURCH PICNIC**  
**SUNDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 11th**

**1:00 PM**



# RELIGIOUS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

# EDUCATION

Click Here to Register Now

This Registration Link for  
**NEW FAMILIES ONLY**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
2022 - 2023  
SCHOOL YEAR

**RETURNING STUDENTS:**  
You MUST USE the link sent to you from Parish Giving

If you did not receive the email from Parish Giving, please check your spam & junk mail folders. Parish Giving can be reached at 1-866-307-7140

## 2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

### ARDSLEY:

#### **Location:**

OLPH School - 1 Cross Road, Ardsley, NY 10502

#### **Schedule By Grade:**

Grades 1-4 : Wednesday: 3:15 to 4:45pm

Grades 5-8 : Wednesday: 6:30 to 8:00pm

### HASTINGS ON HUDSON:

#### **Location:**

St. Matthew School - 16 Villard Avenue, Hastings on Hudson, NY

#### **Schedule By Grade:**

Grades 1-8: Sunday: 9:15 to 10:45am

After the 8:30am Mass in the Church, followed by instruction in the school.

## **2022-2023 St. Matthew & OLPH Religious Education Program**

Our Parish Religious Education Program provides instruction for students in Grades 1-8. The mission of our program is to provide children with a deeper understanding of their faith and its beliefs. We are thankful to the volunteer teachers (catechists) who offer age-appropriate and meaningful instruction for students each week. Our Pastor, Fr. Crawford, and the parish priests, provide guidance and support.

We will offer in-person instruction for students in Grades 1-8 on Wednesdays in Ardsley and on Sundays in Hastings-on-Hudson. Home schooling will not be an option this year, although students will have access to a digital book, as well as the print book.

**Please register by August 15, 2022, and indicate which location you would like.**

### Registration will be online with Parish Giving:

*For returning families, Parish Giving will email you the link for online registration. It will include your username and password. If you do not receive this, please check your spam/junk email folder.*

For new families, please register using the following link:

**NEW FAMILY [CLICK HERE](#) FOR REGISTRATION**

At the time of registration, a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate should be emailed to [religioused@stmolph.com](mailto:religioused@stmolph.com).

Class schedules:

Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 14 and Sunday, September 18 and end on Wednesday, May 10 and Sunday, May 14.

### Fees:

#### **Fees reflect an increase this year:**

\$300 for one child;

\$425 for two children;

\$525 for three,

\$625.00 for 4+ children.

Sacrament fees remain the same:

First Communion \$150 and Confirmation \$150.

Late fee of \$100 after August 15.

Questions, please contact Religious Ed. Director Maria Crisafi at [religioused@stmolph.com](mailto:religioused@stmolph.com) or 914-693-0030

# Torn Apart by Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

*by Margaret Harper McCarthy, S.T.D*

When churches and crisis pregnancy centers have to ramp up security, and Supreme Court justices have to repair to undisclosed locations in anticipation of the “Summer of Rage,” it is clear that “we the people” have no common understanding of the three things that were supposed to unite us: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

According to the predominant understanding of these things, there is also no way to hold on to them in common, together, at the same time. For the life and liberty of the child are allegedly “incompatible” with the liberty and happiness of the mother (and the father). We must choose one or the other.

And now, even after the invented “right” to abortion has been legally dislodged in Dobbs from somewhere between the lines of the Constitution, the choice between “incompatible” things will remain, legally and economically.

For with the return of the question to “democracy” in the states – and virtually nothing offered in Dobbs by way of legal reasoning to justify state laws that will protect the unborn child [1] – some states will give “liberty” and “happiness” to one (the mother) while others give life to the other (the child). The behemoth corporations will almost all align with the former and My Pillow with the latter. Life and “liberty” quite literally will not co-exist.

From a cultural point of view, of course, the “incompatibility” is deep-seated. How deep is a much-debated question. In any event, our current inability to live freely, happily, and in common, is owing to the fact that our lives, liberties, and pursuits are the sorts of things we now define for ourselves, rather than being dimensions of a given, common reality that defines us.

There was once a time when we all knew that we had life because we were conceived and born of a mother and a father, who then awakened our freedom and guided us in our pursuit of fulfilling lives. We understood that life, liberty, and the terms of our happiness were first given to us.

For that reason, we saw no incompatibility between our grown-up selves and becoming mothers and fathers, at least not in principle.

But now, according to the account of liberty that most shapes the common mentality, we must give birth to ourselves. Worse. We must first unbirth ourselves. We must be liberated from the basic fact of our human nature, namely that we come to be from and through and with another, namely as a child in the mother’s womb.

Joseph Ratzinger (later Benedict XVI) once wrote that the actual “fundamental figure of human existence itself” is now regarded as an “attack on freedom which assails it before any individual has a chance to live and act.” If we want the right to eliminate the child in the mother’s womb, he suggests, it is first and foremost because we want to eliminate the memory of our having been one. It is as though we had to abort ourselves in order to be free!

The common account of liberty was famously enshrined in Casey (1992): “Liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life.” It is that “right” – the “right” to “abort” ourselves – that justified and secured the “right,” guaranteed in Roe, almost 20 years earlier, to abort our children.

That those “rights” have just lost their constitutional moorings does not change the prevailing understanding of ourselves and our freedom, nor, of course, its fatal effects on ourselves and our children.

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A woman, of course, doesn't have to exercise the "right" she allegedly has. She has "choice." But since a child will, in absolutely every case, contradict the mother's autonomous "definition of existence," it is clear what the best "choice" is supposed to be, for right-thinking and well-behaved women.

Given the goals that have been established for modern women – though not necessarily by women themselves – i.e., equal numbers of women in high-paying careers, in C-Suites, and on corporate boards, it is not hard to guess which way the balance has to tip.

Indeed, just after the leak of the Alito draft, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellin expressed just such an apparent "contradiction." Overturning *Roe v Wade*, said Yellin, would eliminate the right of women to "to make the decision." What decision? The right one, of course.

The one that would "increase labor force participation" and "earning potential," as she put it. Not the other one, the one that would have "damaging effects on the economy." The life of the child and the liberty of the adults (and the economy) on this understanding cannot co-exist.

It's time to ask ourselves: what's wrong with our concept of "the economy" such that it can only run at the expense of the people in it, especially the ones with no "earning potential," and those with less, because they are busy participating maximally in the "labor force," – i.e., giving birth – and tend therefore to "lean out" of the other one. And what is wrong with our concept of the woman and her equality, such that she can only be "happy" at the expense of the child, and her distinct embodied relation to it?

The answers surely have something to do with our self-made definitions, and the society that embodies them. People who aren't born sons and daughters of mothers and fathers cannot help but be at war with their children, in principle.

Now that the Supreme Court has offered a possibility, however small, to turn our collective attention to the humanity of the child in the mother's womb, we can begin to reconsider these deeper questions. For, if we came to exist as distinct and free selves, by virtue of our mothers and fathers, then we can continue to live, freely and happily, as mothers and fathers.

We can co-exist, together with our children. A woman, of course, doesn't have to exercise the "right" she allegedly has. She has "choice." But since a child will, in absolutely every case, contradict the mother's autonomous "definition of existence," it is clear what the best "choice" is supposed to be, for right-thinking and well-behaved women. A woman, of course, doesn't have to exercise the "right" she allegedly has. She has "choice." But since a child will, in absolutely every case, contradict the mother's autonomous "definition of existence," it is clear what the best "choice" is supposed to be, for right-thinking and well-behaved women.

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