

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  
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**December 4, 2022 • Second Sunday of Advent**

### Clergy

Rev. Douglas Crawford.....*Pastor*  
Rev. Nicholas Nwagwu.....*Chaplain, St. John Riverside Hospital*  
Rev. Thomas Kelly.....*Weekend Associate*

### 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

Office: St. Matthew Church  
Phone: 914-478-2822 • e-mail: [religioused@stmolph.com](mailto:religioused@stmolph.com)

### Parish Emails

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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 Penance: 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 between 9:30 am - 10:30 am

# Mass Intentions

## ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:00 pm Florence Jane Questo †

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:30 am Mary Healy †

11:30 am Patrick Grannan †

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 am Beatrice C. Smith †

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 am Michael Markman †

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 am Lisa deCazzotte †

5:00 pm For The Unborn

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 - Immaculate Conception

9:00 am Mabel Pollock †

7:00 pm Misa Pro Populo

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am Thomas D. Pierce †

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 am Michael Russo †

4:00 pm Billy DiRocco †

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30 am Charles Murray †

11:30 am Guido Capuano †

### REQUESTED BY:

Mom & Family

Christine Lundgren

Nora, Maureen & Michael Lennon

Michael P. Smith

Wife

Michael P. Smith

Daughter Claudia

Maureen Barry

The Campson Family

His Mother

Murray Family

Paul & Loreta Capuano

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:30 pm Serafina & Nicola Cilurzo †

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:00 am Anthony DiFlippo †

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 am Donal John O'Brien †

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 am Misa Pro Populo

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 am Michael DeBenedetto †

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 - Immaculate Conception

8:00 am Margaret Wilmoth †

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 am Special Intentions for Manuel Cajas

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 am Catherine McCarthy †

5:30 pm Nicola Barbieri, Agnese &

Antonietta Lombardo

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:00 am Anthony DiFlippo †

### REQUESTED BY:

Lina Cilurzo

Phelan Family

Anastasia O'Brien

Daughter Phyllis

Family

Family

McCarthy Family

Linda Cilurzo

Claire & Gene Purvin



**Don't Forget a  
Loved One:**

**The Mass Book  
and Mass  
Intentions Online  
is open for 2023.**

If you are interested  
in having a Mass or  
the Tabernacle  
Candle burn in  
memory of a special  
someone, please call  
the rectory.

## December 4, 2022 - Second Sunday of Advent

### Reading I: Isaiah 11: 1-10

A beautiful description of a future king, who would also be the Messiah. His 'knowledge of the Lord' would equip him, so to speak, to bring about a new world of justice and peace.

### Reading II: Romans 15: 4-9

Paul writes out his thoughts about the encouragement the Holy Scriptures provide to bolster our hope and the willingness to live harmoniously with each other. No longer are the Gentiles excluded from the community.

### The Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

Matthew moves abruptly away from Jesus' infancy to His adult ministry, with His cousin John the Baptist acting as His precursor. Both John and Jesus relate to each other naturally, but also supernaturally by way of John's prophetic preaching, poor lifestyle and practice of baptism. For him, good works flow from true repentance.

## READING FOR THE WEEK



**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 5:17-26

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

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3bc-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**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:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



The Mass Book for 2023 & Mass Intentions Online is now open.

To book your Masses online please visit our website:  
[www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com) for directions OR scan the QR Code .



**IMPORTANT NOTE:** When requesting a Mass Online for someone that is LIVING, please include "Special Intention" before the persons name.  
ie: *Special Intention for Mary Jane*

## COLLECTION REPORT:

### November 27th Weekend Summary:

**Mailed Contributions: \$215**

**Sunday 11/27: \$3,075**

**Parish Giving 11/27: \$1,325**

**Total for Weekend: \$4,615**

**Maintenance & Repairs: \$911**

### Upcoming 2nd Collections:

**12/4 - Christmas Flower Collection**

**12/11 - Retired Religious**

**12/18 - Maintenance & Repairs**

Thank you to **112** parishioners who regularly give monthly via Parish Giving!  
**Won't you join too?**



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



## Support Our Parish

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.

Following our very successful concert last year, St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is proud to present our Third Annual Christmas concert with parish musicians Alice Smyth and Danny Gray. The concert with traditional Christmas carols and contemporary songs will take place on **Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Matthew Church**



Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially: Kristin Harkin, Rev. Alexander Agyepong, Ava DiBenedetto, Catherine Paretti, Antoinette Beckett

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

*If you know of any parishioner 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.*



Brian Dunne-USN,  
Christopher Gaulin-USA,  
George Moore-USN,  
Nicholas Sestito-USMC,  
Michael Germain-USN,  
Brandon King-USA, Michael Parton-USN,  
Peter Dillon-USCG, Chris Minozzi-USMC,  
Sean Roth-USA, Mike Gibbons-USMC  
Nick Lumalcuri - USN



Immaculate  
Conception  
of the  
Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
December 8

*A Holy Day of Obligation*

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 7th

St. Matthew at 5:00pm

Thursday, December 8th

Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 8:00am  
St. Matthew Church at 9:00am & 7:00pm



## CANDLE DEDICATIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tabernacle Candle  
*In Memory of Anna Clevenson*  
by daughter Jo-Ann

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle  
*Special Intentions*  
by Mom & Dad



*To reserve a candle online, click on the QR code.*



Religious Education Classes  
will resume on:  
**Wednesday, December 7th and**  
**Sunday, December 11th**

### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

**Wednesday afternoon: 3:15pm to 4:30pm**

**Wednesday evenings: 6:30pm to 7:30pm**

### ST. MATTHEW:

**Sunday mornings: 9:30am to 10:45am**

## CHRISTMAS SOCK DONATIONS

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



Donations should be returned to your child's Religious Ed Class or to the boxes in the rear of the churches by **December 18th.**



## *Christmas Flowers*

If you would like to make a donation towards Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please use the Christmas Flower Envelope that came in your monthly packets. Extra envelopes can be found on the tables in the rear of the churches. Envelopes can go into any collection basket.



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## Christmas Stocking Stuffer



**DRAWING - MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022**

St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
616 Warburton Avenue • Hastings on Hudson

**DONATIONS: \$100 • LIMIT to 300**

**181 TICKETS SOLD!**  
**Let's try to get to 200!**

**Already purchased your ticket?**  
**Maybe a family member, neighbor or friend**  
**would like to join! We have till December 11 to**  
**sell the remaining tickets!**

*Prizes will have to be adjusted  
because all 300 have not been sold.*

## Feeling Lucky?

You could win \$10,000 just in time for Christmas!

We are excited to bring to you our  
**300 Club Christmas Stocking Stuffer Raffle**  
**with a Grand Prize of**  
**\$10,000!**

There will be 9 other prizes, ranging from \$200 - \$1,000

Tickets are limited to 300 \* Cost of each ticket is \$100

Tickets will be sold on a first come basis.

If you would like a ticket, please return with payment.

Ticket will be mailed to you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## GIFT GIVING



We will be collecting TOYS & GIFTS for the less fortunate in the Rivertowns from birth to age 99!

We will also be collecting NEW CLOTHES, such as  
Sweat shirts, Sweat pants, Socks, Long Sleeve Shirts,  
Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Mittens, Slipper Socks,  
for both Men & Women.

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

**Donation Deadline: December 15th**

## Christmas Gift Drive



**Benefiting the residents of**

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**  
**JEANNE JUGAN RESIDENCE**

We have been provided with a list of names of  
those who reside at the Little Sisters of the Poor  
Jeanne Jugan Residence in the Bronx.

Each resident has provide an item that they would  
like to receive for Christmas.

### Want to help make someone's Christmas Special?

- ◆ Call Christine in the rectory: 914-478-2822
- ◆ You will receive a persons name & their gift wish
  - ◆ Purchase the gift (new items only)
- ◆ Wrap & label the gift with the persons name
- ◆ Return the wrapped gifts to the rectory no later than  
December 15th

# *A Widower's Inspiring Reflection on Being the Spouse Left Behind.*

by Cerith Garidner

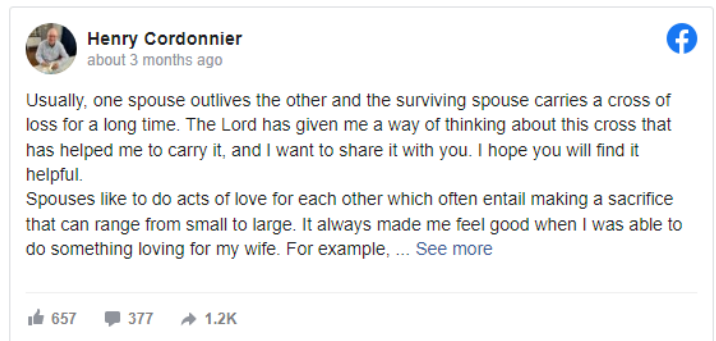
*A poignant post on Facebook reveals how Henry Cordonnier was able to view the burden of being a widower in a new light.*

Henry Cordonnier is a man of great faith. He has devoted much of his adult life to [instructing others in the Catholic faith](#). And it is thanks to his depth of faith that he has been able to find comfort in the time since his beloved wife of 42-and-a-half years, Ann, passed away from ovarian cancer at the age of 68.

The author, teacher, and father to seven living children, and three who died before their birth, embraced social media in his retirement, and used it as a tool to share his inspiring faith-based thoughts.

I spoke with Cordonnier recently to discuss a post he'd [shared on Facebook](#), and how a perspective he embraced thanks to the Lord has helped him cope with being a widower. His outlook was so refreshing that it garnered a number of likes that shocked the 69-year-old. He kindly agreed to having us share it with you here:

The words "I'm happy to take care of it for us, dear!" seem to echo after you read the passage. Love demands constant sacrifice, as Cordonnier points out in his post. It's how we use our overriding love to cope with the pain of this sacrifice that will help us in the toughest of times.



While the grandfather of 27 — with another due soon — wrote this post to bring comfort to other widows and widowers, it's also valuable to those feeling overwhelmed in their marriages. When sacrifices are necessary, we need to see the greater picture. If we could learn to see our sacrifices as a gift, and not a burden, then we get to live in a union of love and not resentment.

Cordonnier was shocked to see such a hugely positive response to his post by so many people, but his poignant message is so refreshing that it's no surprise it proved hugely popular.

As well as the post, the loving husband also shared with me the role he played in Anne's last months. He retired from a full-time job that he loved in order to give her hospice care at home, for which he is thankful to God:

*"We were together through it all and it was a great privilege to help her through it and she was so faithful to the end. She was in a coma for most of the last nine days. Two days before she died the priest gave her the last rites. When he asked her the questions, 'Do you believe in God the Father Almighty,' from her coma she answered forcefully, 'I do.' She did the same for belief in the Son and belief in the Holy Spirit. Those were the last words she ever spoke."*

The Facebook post is just one example of Cordonnier's faith-inspired writings. His books, [My Gospel](#) and [More Gospel](#) have also proved popular with readers. And that's not all. The family man continues to form others in the faith in his parish, on Zoom, and in talks given in his local restaurant. It seems God certainly did have a plan for the Cordonnier family. They have lived a life so full of love that it could be used in service to others.

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*Cerith teaches English to art students at Penninghen in Paris, France. She has been writing for Aleteia for four years, relying on her experiences as a mom of four, and a sister to eight to help guide her along the way.*





# Advent Mission

## “iMercy: The Divine Hotspot

A parish mission directed  
by Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P.

Sunday, December 18th  
Monday, December 19th  
Tuesday, December 20th  
at St. Matthew Church

7pm Each Evening with the Rosary at 6:30pm



Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Dominican Friars have been proclaiming the truth of God’s Word for over 800 years in order to bring Catholics and those who have drifted from the Faith into a personal encounter with living Christ Who reveals the unconditional love of our heavenly Father. The iMercy mission is a unique, grace-filled evangelical moment in the life of parish led by the Dominican Friars which aims to help parishioners enter more deeply into the love of the Holy Trinity and experience God’s merciful touch through the Sacraments.

Fr. Bill Garrott was born and raised in Hagerstown, Maryland. He is the youngest of eight children. He received a bachelor of science in chemistry from Mount St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, MD. Fr. Bill entered the Order of Preachers in 1988 and was ordained for the Dominicans in 1994. He is a member of the Province of St. Joseph based in New York City. He has a master’s degree in spiritual theology from the Angelicum in Rome. He has served as a parochial vicar, campus minister and director of vocations, and has preached over 200 parish missions throughout the United States and Canada using his musical abilities. His home base is St. Dominic’s Priory in Washington, DC.