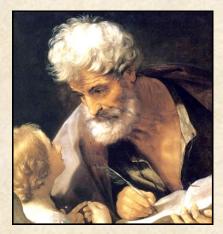
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF

St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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Clergy

Rev. Douglas Crawford	or
Rev. Nicholas NwagwuChaplain, St. John Riverside Hospit	tal
Rev. Thomas KellyWeekend Associa	te

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.

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Mass Schedule

Daily	Mass:	Monda	y - Satı	ırday
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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	ma

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, JANUARY 7

REQUESTED BY:

4:00 pm

Paul Cucciniello †

David Bloomer

SUNDAY, 8:30 am

JANUARY 8

In Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Jael Vargas

11:30 am

Eleanor Dalton †

Connie & Anthony Pollina

MONDAY,

JANUARY 9

Basilio Coalizi †

Angelo Bobak

9:00 am TUESDAY.

JANUARY 10

9:00 am

Manuel D'Albuquerque †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Eileen Sutter

9:00 am

John Costello Jr. †

Pete & Betsy Westrell

9:00 am

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 Geoffrey Burke †

Anya

FRIDAY.

JANUARY 13

9:00 am

Holy Souls

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 am

Elizabeth Mary O'Flynn †

Joseph A. & Joanne Baecher-DiSalvo Kids & Grand Kids Audrey & Harry Bloomer †

4:00 pm SUNDAY,

JANUARY 15

8:30 am

Theresa Virga †

Bryan Healy

11:30 am Theresa Virga † Janet Murphy & Marty Roos

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

REQUSTED BY:

5:30 pm

Catherine Sabatini †

Karen Martin

SUNDAY, 10:00 am

JANUARY 8

MONDAY.

Ray Gutierrez †

Camille Gutierrez

8:00 am

JANUARY 9

Pope Benedict †

Parish

TUESDAY.

JANUARY 10

8:00 am

Pope Benedict †

Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00 am

Ignatius Xavier †

Mary Kalathara

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00 am

FRIDAY, **JANUARY 13**

8:00 am

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 am

5:30 pm SUNDAY,

JANUARY 15

10:00 am

Ronald Chang †

His Sister



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.

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Reading I: Isaiah 60: 1-6

This is a song about the glory of the New Zion. God's light will shine anew. All the nations, including those from Arabia, will come together to rebuild Jerusalem.

Reading II: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

The author assumes that his readers already know about Paul's role in God's plan: to evangelize the Gentile nations.

The Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

The Magi, a caste of wise men associated with astrology and magic, represent the coming of the Christ to the Gentile world. Jesus is here designated as royal. King Herod represents political duplicity at its worst.

READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps

29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28 **Wednesday**: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-

39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45 **Friday**: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12 **Saturday**: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17 **Sunday**: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn

1:29-34



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

To book your Masses online please visit our website: 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

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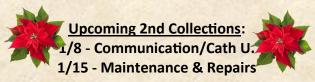
December 25th Weekend Summary:

Mailed Christmas: \$1,718 Christmas 12/25: \$11,444 Parish Giving 12/25: \$1,325 Total for Weekend: \$14,487

January 1, 2023 Weekend Summary

Mail: \$945 Sunday 1/01: \$3,441 Parish Giving 1/01: \$2,875 Total for Weekend: \$7,261 Additional Christmas: \$4,002

Christmas To Date: \$20,180 (Christmas last year: \$21,580) Christmas Flowers to Date: \$4,035 (Flowers last year: \$3,010)



MONTHLY SUMMARY - NOVEMBER 2022

Income:

Collections and Candles: \$31,770 Rental \$30,330 Fundraising \$18,100 Total: \$80,200

Expenses: \$ 57,864 November Net Income: \$ 22,336

Thank you to 116 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.





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:

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, Michael Germain-USN, Michael Parton-USN.

Peter Dillon-USCG, Chris Minozzi-USMC, Sean Roth-USA, Mike Gibbons-USMC Nick Lumalcuri - USN



A special Thank You to Sheri Marchi for organizing the Children's Christmas Pageant this year and to her volunteers Aileen Riordan, Aisling Hannah and Aimee Bamberger.

Also, thank you to all those who volunteered for the "Hanging of the Greens": Packy Murray, Joseph Muldoon, Nancy Gagliardi, Pat Rodriguez, Virginia Markman, Maureen Barry, Tim Sansverie, and Greg Bassmann.





CANDLE DEDICATIONS

St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Joseph Richter Sr.
req. by His Wife

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle
OLPH Tabernacle Candle

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

To reserve a candle online, scan the OR code.





Religious Education Classes will resume on: Wednesday, January 11th and Sunday, January 15th

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





In the event of a weather related cancellation (Mass, Religious Education), we will do our best to notify all through Flocknote. If you have not yet signed up for Flocknote, please visit: www.flocknote.com/stmolph

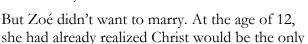
Also note: If the weather is bad (snow, ice) for driving, the 8am Mass at OLPH will automatically be cancelled for the safety of all.

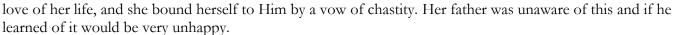
The Surprising Vocation Story of the Saint of the Miraculous Medal.

by Anne Bernet

Haunted by a vivid dream, St. Catherine Labouré waited patiently until her path was made clear.

The year 1824 was a difficult one for Zoé. (That's what her family called her, preferring this name to the one she received at baptism). At 19 years old and the daughter of a wealthy farmer — Pierre Labouré of Fain-les-Moutiers in the Côte d'Or department of France — she knew that her father had marriage plans for her that would add to the family estate.





Catherine Labouré et saint Vincent de Paul.

Promised to the priesthood by his parents, Pierre Labouré — a Burgundian of high standing who didn't have a vocation to ordained ministry — took advantage of the Revolution, which closed the seminaries, to escape the priesthood and to start a career as a local politician. These events also allowed him to marry a young girl from a much higher background than his own, whose family — a royalist one — had accepted the mismatch in order to secure a protector in republican circles.

Mr. Labouré became mayor of his village, a position he lost in 1815, just before his wife died, exhausted by 17 childbirths and the work with which her husband overburdened her.

Too heavy a burden.

In such a case, it was the responsibility of the eldest daughter of the family to take over her mother's place until her marriage. However, Marie-Louise, to whom this role belonged, refused to assume it for long. Raised in a bourgeois household by one of her maternal aunts, who had no children of her own and had practically adopted her, she hardly knew the family farm, nor her father and younger siblings. Above all, she had decided early on to enter the Daughters of Charity. She made no secret of the fact that, as soon as one of her sisters was old enough to run the house, she would leave.

This is how Zoé, the second daughter among the siblings, found herself at the age of 11 in charge of a vast farm, its numerous staff, the education of her younger brothers and sisters (of whom the youngest, Auguste, was disabled due an accident), and a tyrannical father whom she idolized.

Her habits of prayer, attending Mass (where she managed to go every day at dawn, undeterred by miles she had to walk because there was no longer a priest in her town), and the fasting she practiced in secret gave her the strength to carry a burden much too heavy for a little girl and fostered her religious vocation.

She never dared to speak about it to her agnostic father, who proclaimed from the rooftops that he had done enough by giving Marie-Louise to God. She knew that he wouldn't let her go in turn. Her only hope was to wait until she came of age at 21, when she would be able to receive her share of her mother's inheritance. With that, she would be able to afford the dowry demanded by religious congregations. In her mind – wrongly in fact – her problems seemed to be solved.

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A bad idea.

There were two other, more embarrassing problems. Pierre Labouré was too stingy to pay for his daughters' education. He never considered it worthwhile to send his children to school and as a result Zoé could neither read nor write. She was even more ashamed of this because she had been told that no congregation would accept illiterate postulants. She had to remedy this deficit.

In addition, she didn't know where God was calling her and, in spite of her prayers, had not received any sign that would enlighten her. Actually, this was not quite true. A few months earlier, she had had a strange dream. She saw herself at Mass at the church in Fain, which was closed. When the celebrant, an old man unknown to her, turned around, he looked at her with a smile of astonishing gentleness. His gaze sparkled with kindness and intelligence, and she was overwhelmed. In the next part of the dream, she saw herself at the bedside of a sick person, and the mysterious priest came in and said to her: "My daughter, it is good to look after the sick. Today you run away from me, but one day you'll be happy to come to me. God has plans for you; don't forget that."

This dream continued to haunt her. Had it come from Heaven? Should she try to decipher it? But how? In the meantime, playing on her father's snobbery and the fear of what people would say if they found out in the country that the little Labouré girls couldn't read, Zoé got her father to enroll her with a cousin who was the director of a boarding school for young girls in Châtillon-sur-Seine.

This turned out to be a bad idea. The establishment educated the heiresses of the local high society, little girls much younger than Zoé who were very full of themselves. It didn't take them long to choose "this peasant girl," encumbered with a strong Burgundian accent and too gentle to defend herself, as the target of their bullying. Zoé's daily life turned into an ordeal, and for nothing – because, in this hostile environment, she found herself incapable of learning anything.

The portrait of a priest.

Once again, she found her only consolation in the church, in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The parish priest was an 83-year-old survivor of the persecutions of the Terror — Fr. Gailhac, formerly chaplain to the Daughters of Charity. When Zoé, who took him as a spiritual director, decided to tell him about her strange dream, he had no hesitation; he told her that St. Vincent de Paul was calling her.

The young girl opposed these words with polite reluctance. She knew the Daughters of Charity, and even had friends there, but felt no attraction to their charism. Besides, they had already received her sister Marie-Louise and she didn't want to appear to be imitating her elder sister.

Fr. Gailhac was mistaken, she thought; or, like many former chaplains of women's communities, he was directing the vocations he discovered to his favorite community. Zoé dismissed this possibility and didn't mention it again. Months passed, bringing her closer to returning home and to reaching the age of independence.

One day, her cousin, to distract her from the nastiness of the other students, took her to visit the Daughters of Charity and there, in the parlor, was hanging the portrait of a priest. And not just any priest, but the one from her dream. Turning to the nun who had just entered, Zoé asked, "Sister, who is this priest?" And she replied, "Miss, he's our father, St. Vincent de Paul!"

The house was in possession of one of the very few portraits painted during the founder's lifetime. Zoé contemplated it. There was no doubt: it was he whom she had seen in her dream. He was waiting for her. And, since God had plans for her, that was where she had to go. It wouldn't be easy, but young Catherine Labouré was stubborn. Grace would do the rest.

Our Advent Mission: "iMercy: The Divine Hotspot"





Our very successful Advent Parish
Mission came to a close on
December 20th. Our sincere
thanks to Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P., for
preaching the three evenings.
The last night concluded with
veneration of a first-class relic of
Pope St. John Paul II, which was
reposed on the altar of
St. Stanislaus Kostka.



