

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

January 15, 2023 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Parish Emails

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 Rectory Office.....office@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
 OLPH5:30 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, JANUARY 14

4:00 pm Audrey & Harry Bloomer †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 am Theresa Virga †

11:30 am Theresa Virga †

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 am Msgr. Edward McCorry †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 am James Haubold †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 am Special Intention

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 am Pope Benedict †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 am Souheil Kandalaft †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 am Misa Pro Populo

4:00 pm Decd Mem. of the William B. Walzer Sr.

Family & Christine †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 am Theresa Virga †

11:30 am Stanley Tauber †

REQUESTED BY:

Kids & Grand Kids

Bryan Healy

Janet Murphy & Marty Roos

Parish

Joan Haubold

Parish

Susan & John Seligman

Carol

John Galayda & Nancy Maleska

Janet Murphy & Marty Roos

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:30 pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

10:00 am Ronald Chang †

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00 am Special Intentions for

Linda Spagnuolo (L)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 am Emelinda Melendez & Family †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 am Matthew Chiaverini †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 am Misa Pro Populo

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00 am Giulio Conciatori †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 am

5:30 pm Michael Palij †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

10:00 am

REQUESTED BY:

His Sister

Ann Dosin

Linda Spagnuolo

His Mom

Parish

Palij Family



**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.

January 15, 2023 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

The prophet is also a servant, with God as his strength. His former mission to Jacob and Israel has been changed. Now he is to be a "light to the nations" as well.

Reading II: I Corinthians 1: 1-3

Here is Paul's greeting to the Church in Corinth, which he insists is called to be holy, like all other Christians. He calls for grace to be upon them and the peace of God as well.

The Gospel: John 1: 29-34

John the Baptist offers double testimony to Jesus. He is both the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, who abides in Him.

READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



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*

COLLECTION REPORT:

January 8th Weekend Summary:

Mailed: \$837

Sunday 1/08: \$3,131

Parish Giving 1/08: \$4,350

Total for Weekend: \$8,318

Christmas To Date: \$21,640

(Christmas last year: \$21,580)

Christmas Flowers to Date: \$4,035

(Flowers last year: \$3,010)



Upcoming 2nd Collections:

1/15 - Maintenance & Repairs

2/12 - Peter's Pence

2/19 - Fuel Offering

2/26 - Maintenance & Repairs

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.



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.



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: **Giulio Conciatori**

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

2021 CHARITABLE
DONATION FORMS



2022 Contribution Statements Available

If you would like a 2020 Contributions form for tax purposes, please email the rectory: office@stmolph.com with your name, address, and **Envelope Number**, or return this form to the rectory.

Name: _____

Envelope #: _____

Phone: _____

If you are using Parish Giving, your statement will be mailed to you. *Please remember, Charitable Donations statements are for collections only and do not include Mass Cards, Cardinal's Appeal or Renew+Rebuild donations*

Questions, please call the rectory: 914-478-2822

CANDLE DEDICATIONS



St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Joseph Richter Jr.
req. by His Mom

OLPH Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Pietro DiMatteo
req. by Mirella & Rocco Maiorano

*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 QR code.*



Religious Education Classes
will resume on:
Wednesday, January 18th
and
Sunday, January 22nd

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

WANTED

Four (4) gently used, traditionally styled, preferably in Mahogany, bedroom sets.

Full-Sized bed frame
(No Mattress or Box Spring); two dressers,
two nightstands, per set, please.

Lamps, bookcases, cedar chests, armoires
will also be considered.

Contact the rectory: 914-478-2822



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.



SPAM EMAILS FROM THE PARISH or PASTOR

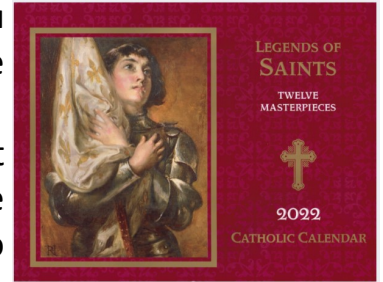
We have been notified that parishioners are receiving emails claiming to be from Fr. Crawford asking to contact him asap. The emails then ask to purchase gift cards.

**THESE EMAILS ARE NOT FROM
FR. CRAWFORD AND
ARE FROM SCAMMERS.**

If you receive an email from the Parish or a priest asking for money or help, please delete the message right away. A priest or the parish will NEVER email you asking for money, gift cards, or help of any kind. We have no control over this and there is no way we can stop it. *If you have questions about an email you receive, call the rectory.*

NO 2023 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS

In case you missed the announcement at Mass last weekend, there will be no calendars for this



year. The company that produced the beautiful religious art calendars is no longer in business.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPONSOR LETTER

Are you going to be a Godparent or a Sponsor for Confirmation...you will need a SPONSOR LETTER.

In order to receive a sponsor certification letter from the Parish of St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help, you must be an **ACTIVE, REGISTERED PARISHIONER**. To obtain a letter, please call the rectory to set up an apt. with a Priest.

The role of a sponsor is to lead a Christian life in a manner that faithfully fulfills the obligations of the Catholic faith. A sponsor must be living the Catholic faith and be able to be part of the sponsored person's life after the Baptism/Confirmation, who can guide him/her spiritually.

A sponsor must also:

- Be at least 16 years of age & have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation.
- If married, must be married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.
- Attend Mass weekly and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Live within the boundaries of the Parish.
- The person needing the Sponsor letter must contact and meet with the parish priest themselves.

Are You "SURE" You're a Registered Parishioner?

Many times we meet people at church who attend mass, take part in events, have received their sacraments here, or even have children in the Religious Education program. We're so very glad you're with us and part of our community. But that alone does not make you a REGISTERED parishioner.

To be a member of the parish you have to REGISTER. Registering is very easy. You can fill out a registration form online at www.stmolph.com or at the parish office. It only takes a few minutes.

Everyone over the age of 18 is encouraged to register. Even if you're an adult who received all your sacraments here as a child and still attend mass here, you need to register.

Why register? First and foremost, it's very important to register so we can serve your needs when, for example, you need a sponsor letter for Baptism or Confirmation. Also, to receive an acknowledgement of your donations for your income tax filing, you need to be registered so we have an official record of your giving over the year.

So, please join us officially and register with the parish so we can meet all your needs now and in the future!

Benedict XVI's Legacy: Theology Rooted in the Logos

by Roland Millare



During the time of the Church Fathers, to serve the Church as an intellectual and to answer the call to holiness were not mutually exclusive. The desert monk Evagrius (c. 346–399) exhorts us to remember that “the one who is a theologian, prays.” Over time, to be both an intellectual and saint was the norm for certain men and women such as St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure, St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross, and St. John Paul II.

In his writings and through the witness of his life, Benedict XVI demonstrated how we should answer the exhortation of the Swiss theologian, Hans Urs von Balthasar to begin and end our theology “on one’s knees.” In other words, the vocation of the academic and the call to sanctity should never be mutually exclusive.

In his reflections on the history and development of theology in Church history, Benedict XVI carefully distinguished between two distinct theological methods: *scholastic* and *monastic* theology.

Monastic theology, which was obviously represented by monks (typically abbots), is dedicated essentially to inspiring and nourishing God’s loving design. Whereas scholastic theology is interested in demonstrating the close relationship between faith and reason. Scholastic theologians are interested in a systematic explanation of the reasonableness of faith and the unity of divine revelation.

Now and at all times, Christianity is expected to offer to the world a reason for its hope. (1 Peter 3:15) All believers must be able to offer a reason or an apology (*apo-logia*) for their hope to anyone who asks for it in this world. The monastic theology or the scholastic theology of the medieval period are not fully capable on their own of penetrating the hardened hearts of modern women and men.

The theologian in the modern world must drink deeply from wisdom of both methods in study, prayer, faith, and contemplation. If the theologian wants to make the *logos* reasonable, then he or she must be rooted deeply in a life nourished regularly with the Incarnate *Logos* through the prayerful reading of Scripture, consistent mental prayer, and the celebration of the liturgy.

When it comes to the truth, we are faced with two different paths: a truth (*logos*) that we have received or one that we have made for ourselves. In the course of his work, Ratzinger has highlighted the insight of Giambattista Vico (1668-1774), who distinguished between a truth that is exclusively produced (*verum quia factum*) vs. a truth that is prior to our own making (*verum est ens*). These stark choices led Ratzinger to appropriate the thesis of Romano Guardini: the primacy of *logos* over *ethos*.

The distinct threat of post-modernity is that society has opted for the choice that the truth is only the product of our own efforts. Truth becomes subject to the caprice of the autonomous individual or the will of the mob. The anti-philosopher king, Justice Anthony Kennedy, became the spokesperson for this mentality in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992): “At the heart of liberty is the right to define one’s own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life.” The *logos* becomes subordinated to *ethos* via liberalism and every form of materialist philosophy.

The current refrain in the media has been that the greatest contribution of Benedict XVI’s pontificate has been his abdication of the papal office. Yet history may demonstrate that he has reminded the Church how we can effectively engage the modern world – and particularly the modern State – with a consistent message that reason, natural law, the *logos* is capable, with the assent of faith, to greater heights than the modern person’s narrow conception of reason. As James V. Schall, S.J. has written, Benedict has laid the foundation for a truly Christian theology of politics or [political philosophy](#) [1]. In speeches at the University of [Regensburg](#) [2], the German [Bundestag](#) [3], [Westminster](#) [4] Hall in the United Kingdom, and in a great speech he was blocked from delivering at [La Sapienza University](#) [5] in Rome, Benedict XVI explained to people who were willing to listen and read carefully that society can only fully flourish with the free exercise, in tandem, of faith and reason.

Benedict XVI has described his own theology as “unfinished” or “fragmentary,” yet when as we continue to mine the treasures found in his books, articles, sermons, and speeches, we discover a rich theology that is rooted in the Word of God as it has been unveiled in Scripture and Tradition and interpreted faithfully by the Fathers of the Church, especially [St. Augustine](#) [6].

While various parts of his theological symphony remain incomplete, he developed the contours of a theological method that reemphasizes the unity between faith and reason, East and West, Scripture and Tradition, ancients and moderns, and much more. He developed a completely open theology that enters into a fruitful *dia-logos* with others.

Benedict XVI also bequeaths to the Church a new missionary theology that has the potential to reach modern humanity *via* both faith and reason. Benedict’s description of [monastic theology](#) [7] is an apt description of his own theological approach:

Faith and reason, in reciprocal dialogue, are vibrant with joy when they are both inspired by the search for intimate union with God. When love enlivens the prayerful dimension of theology, knowledge, acquired by reason, is broadened. Truth is sought with humility, received with wonder and gratitude: in a word, knowledge only grows if one loves truth. Love becomes intelligence and authentic theology wisdom of the heart, which directs and sustains the faith and life of believers.

We no longer “wait for a new and no doubt quite different St. Benedict” (Alasdair MacIntyre’s famous phrase) because Benedict XVI has drawn upon the wellspring of [God’s Word](#) [8] and the [celebration of the sacred liturgy](#) [9] to give theology its definitive path towards [renewal and sanctity](#) [10]: the face of Jesus Christ – the eternal *Logos*.

ST. MATTHEW OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
FISCAL YEAR 2022 (SEPTEMBER 1, 2021-AUGUST 31, 2022)

REVENUE		FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020
Collections (including candles)	1)	\$ 336,312.00	\$ 322,823.00	\$ 334,538.00
Other Income		\$ 16,085.00	\$ 14,298.00	\$ 12,228.00
Rental Income		\$ 304,274.00	\$ 352,354.00	\$ 408,655.00
CCD Income (includes Bus Transportation)		\$ 65,488.00	\$ 82,179.00	\$ 96,600.00
Donations		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,300.00
Interest Income		\$ 192,708.00	\$ 208,319.00	\$ 191,872.00
CYO		\$ 56,445.00	\$ -	\$ 65,576.00
Proceed from Insurance	3)	\$ 343,054.00		
Fundraising		\$ 1,968.00	\$ 2,219.00	\$ 3,443.00
PPP 2 Forgiveness	2)	\$ 72,685.00	\$ 89,400.00	
Total Operating Income		\$ 1,394,019.00	\$ 1,081,592.00	\$ 1,114,212.00

EXPENSE				
Salaries and Benefits (Clergy and Lay)	4)	\$ 480,832.00	\$ 436,306.00	\$ 501,271.00
Office and Clerical Support		\$ 71,670.00	\$ 59,407.00	\$ 56,750.00
Church and Chapel Expenses (includes Choir expense)		\$ 115,980.00	\$ 144,491.00	\$ 143,958.00
CCD Expense	5)	\$ 53,363.00	\$ 17,047.00	\$ 16,382.00
Utilities		\$ 75,614.00	\$ 64,123.00	\$ 75,529.00
Repairs and Maintenance	6)	\$ 131,538.00	\$ 172,115.00	\$ 64,501.00
Other Plant Costs		\$ 42,906.00	\$ 38,424.00	\$ 39,239.00
Food and Household Expense		\$ 25,707.00	\$ 20,561.00	\$ 25,427.00
Cathedralicium and Regional School Tax		\$ 103,513.00	\$ 106,784.00	\$ 111,857.00
CYO		\$ 33,089.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 54,852.00
Other Program Expense		\$ 5,108.00	\$ 2,029.00	\$ 6,996.00
Expense Totals		\$ 1,139,320.00	\$ 1,061,087.00	\$ 1,096,762.00
Net Operating Income (Loss)		\$ 254,699.00	\$ 20,505.00	\$ 17,450.00

Temporary Restricted Funds

Bank Balance as of 9/1/2021	\$ 110,643.38
Renew and Rebuild	\$ 35,416.13
Transfer to operating account	\$ (30,392.00)
Payment to JAN Construction Service	\$ (34,600.00)
Bank Balance as of 8/31/2022	\$ 81,067.51

- 1) FY 2022 Total includes \$85,940 electronic giving
2) FY 2022 PPP2 Forgiveness is the PPP 2 loan from the SBA in FY 2021
3) FY 2022 Insurance proceeds based on various claims made to Catholic Mutual
4) FY 2022 Salaries and benefits-Increase due to salary increases, and increases in medical and pension expenses
5) FY 2022 CCD expense increase due to FY 2021 adjustments made in FY 2022
6) FY 2022 Upgrades to both churches paid to D.P Wolff, \$100,000