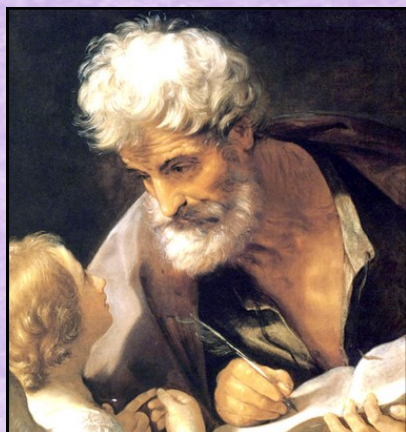


THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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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March 5, 2023 • Second Sunday of Lent

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

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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

OLPH4:30 - 5:15pm
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, MARCH 4

4:00 pm Bernard McLaughlin †

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:30 am John Costello Jr. †

11:30 am Edward Bonsignore †

MONDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 am Special Intentions

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

9:00 am Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 am Frank DeSouza, Sr.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

9:00 am Eileen James †

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 am Holy Souls

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

9:00 am Rev. Patrick Curley †

4:00 pm Fr. Francis Cosgrove †

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:30 am Amelia Gagliardi †

11:30 am Mario Ribeiro Neto †

REQUESTED BY:

Mike McCarroll

Nancy Maleska

Janet Murphy & Marty Roos

Family

Family

Wife & Family

Eileen & John Sutter

Sherry Family

Family

Lino & Lina Casparriello

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

5:30 pm The Beckett Family †

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

10:00 am Henry Ostheim †

MONDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 am Catherine McNerney †

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

8:00 am

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 am Rev. Patrick Curley †

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

8:00 am Misa Pro Populo

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 am

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 am Rev. Patrick Curley †

5:30 pm Rivera Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

10:00 am Karen Columbo †

REQUESTED BY:

Annette Beckett

Annette Beckett

McNerney Family

Bernadette Machowski

Ann Fiola



**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.

March 5, 2023 - Second Sunday in Lent

Reading I: Genesis 12: 1-4a

Abram gets a direct order from Yahweh to leave his native land, which he obeyed. Thus does Abram (later Abraham) become a blessing for all peoples and "our Father in Faith."

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1: 8b-10

God's salvation of us leads to a new holiness of life, "according to His design." As our Savior, Jesus has destroyed death and restored life.

The Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Peter, James and John witness Jesus' complete transfiguration, as He becomes a being of light. This frightens and enchants the trio, and Peter recovers enough to say "It is good to be here." Jesus' touch overcomes their fear.

READING FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-4

COLLECTION REPORT:

February 26th Weekend Summary:

Mailed: \$401

Sunday 2/26 \$2,536

Parish Giving 2/26: \$1,305

Total for Weekend: \$4,242

2/26 - Maintenance & Repairs: 1,022

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

3/12 - Maintenance & Repairs

3/19 - Catholic Relief Services

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.



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the Archdiocese of New York*



St. Matthew &

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 2023

Scan the QR Code above to make your donation online, or you can send a check via: mail/collection basket/or bring it to the rectory.

Our Goal: \$50,600



Classes will continue
this week:

**Wednesday, March 8
and Sunday, March 12**

If your child has not yet received their Rice Bowl for Lent, please see your child's teacher or Jay Conklin following class.

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,

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

Recently we upgraded the lighting in St. Matthew Church, the first such in a generation. The new LED bulbs are a warmer “color,” thereby reducing glare while improving the aesthetics. The lighting in the sanctuary was also improved to provide even illumination. Similar such modifications will be made at OLPH, Ardsley, in the near future.



CANDLE DEDICATIONS



St. Matthew Blessed Mother

In Memory of Michael DeBenedetto

req. by Daughter Phyllis

OLPH Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of Salvatore Giunta

req. by Wife Jo Ann



Stations of the Cross
Fridays During Lent

St. Matthew: 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 7:00 pm



GOLDEN JUBILEE WEDDING MASS at ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

Couples celebrating their **Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary** anytime during 2023 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 5 at 2:30 PM. Each couple may bring up to four (4) additional guests. **Pre-registration is required.** Please contact the parish office to register.

The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 15, 2023 at 3:00 PM

How I'm Learning to Keep My Opinions to Myself.

By Fr. Michael Rennie

Practicing the fine art of being quiet is a virtue for the modern Christian.

I have lots of opinions. About pretty much everything. Most of the opinions I so confidently hold are on subjects that are actually well beyond my competency. For instance, I don't have a medical degree. I have no geo-political experience. I've never played professional sports or been a referee. I've never been the Pope. And yet, opinions bounteously flow from me on all of the above topics. I have so many thoughts and am so desperate to share them.

The problem is, sometimes I'm wrong and I have no clue what I'm talking about. Over the years, I've freely offered unwanted advice to others, judged them in my mind, or outright gossiped about their decisions. I've had the opinion — also wrong, of course — that if I could simply run the world and help everyone make decisions, everything would be perfect.

This is why, for the past decade or so, I've been actively practicing the fine art of being quiet. It was time to stop giving unsolicited advice and blurt out opinions — a tiresome habit that needed to disappear.

Further, I came to realize that I don't need to run to social media and furiously share my uneducated thoughts about every current event in the world. The fewer of my opinions that are floating around in the world, the better the place will be.

The big revelation — the aha moment — was the realization that I always have the option of not forming an opinion. I don't need a response to absolutely everything. I don't have to pretend to have an answer, or talk just to hear myself talk. People aren't begging for my wise judgment so they can finally understand how to live their lives. I can leave it alone and the world continues to spin just fine.

There are a few basic revelations that helped me understand better the virtue of expressing fewer opinions.

I'm often wrong

I've always been bad at group work because I've never had the patience to listen to anyone else. I form opinions quickly and tend to hold onto the misconception that my way is the only way. Looking back over the years, though, I notice that many of my strongly held opinions from the past have drastically changed. Why? Because I was wrong. I never would have admitted it at the time, though, so I wasted years continuing to be wrong.

Maybe it was toiling in frustration because I thought my boss's way was incorrect, or a political opinion that turned out to be totally false, or a strongly-held religious commitment that was narrow and hasty. I've also been wrong plenty of times about smaller matters like the healthiest food to eat, the best way to raise children, or how to handle simple inter-personal issues.

Often, I don't even have all the relevant information to form an opinion, let alone share it. At the very least, it has turned out that there are multiple ways to live our lives and make decisions — and they're all fine. It was never worth blurting out my opinion and holding it so strongly.

Even if I'm right, people don't need to hear about it

There's something about being offered unsolicited advice that's off-putting — particularly if the advice is offered with an air of superiority from a person who hasn't earned the required trust.

When a friend confides about a difficult situation, my first instinct used to be to jump in and try to fix it by telling them what to do or how to think. I now know that this was a feature of my personality that was annoying. Most of us don't communicate with our friends because we want to then be told what to do. We share because we're looking for empathy and support. So now, I only offer advice if someone specifically asks for it and I always preface it by reminding them how wrong I may be.

I practice detachment

This is why I now practice detachment from my opinions. I hold them lightly and modify them quickly when new information comes to light. Proper detachment doesn't mean ceasing to care. It isn't the same as apathy. Rather, it means keeping a healthy distance from anything that takes on disproportionate importance, including personal opinions. If, in the past, my identity has been built around being a person who thinks he always has the correct opinion to share, that's not good. I would much rather build my identity around being a friend who is kind and supportive.

It's time to leave ego behind

I've asked myself exactly why my personal opinions are so precious to me. The only possible explanation isn't flattering — it's because they boost my ego. The one doing the advising is, allegedly, the one with superior insight. I've preferred to be the one doing the advising because it has helped me avoid my own shortcomings and maintain a sense of control. I would meddle and weigh in other people's business, which made me feel good. It was a way to feel like I was in charge.

But of course, all this opinionated advice-giving slowly cannibalizes relationships and creates an ongoing sense of personal discontent. It's a way of placing the blame on everyone else. There are many virtues in the world other than accurate opinions that are important — peace-making, acceptance, compromise, humility, prudence, and most of all, love. Here's the secret that I've come to understand: If I talk less, I listen more. The more I listen, the more I learn, and the more accurate my opinions become. I think. I still have a lot of learning and listening to do.

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Palm Cross Fundraiser

March 25th & 26th and
April 2nd & 3rd:
24" Palm Crosses
decorated with lilies and
bow in a variety of colors
will be available at
all Masses for \$12.



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EASTERTIDE MISSION
APRIL 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Led by Dominican Friar
Fr. Stephen Dominic
Hayes, O.P

2023 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

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Total Pledge Amount: (over 5 months)

- ☐ \$1,000 (\$200 per month) ☐ \$500 (\$100 per month) ☐ \$150 (\$30 per month)
☐ \$750 (\$150 per month) ☐ \$250 (\$50 per month) ☐ \$ _____

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\$50,600
Our Parish Goal

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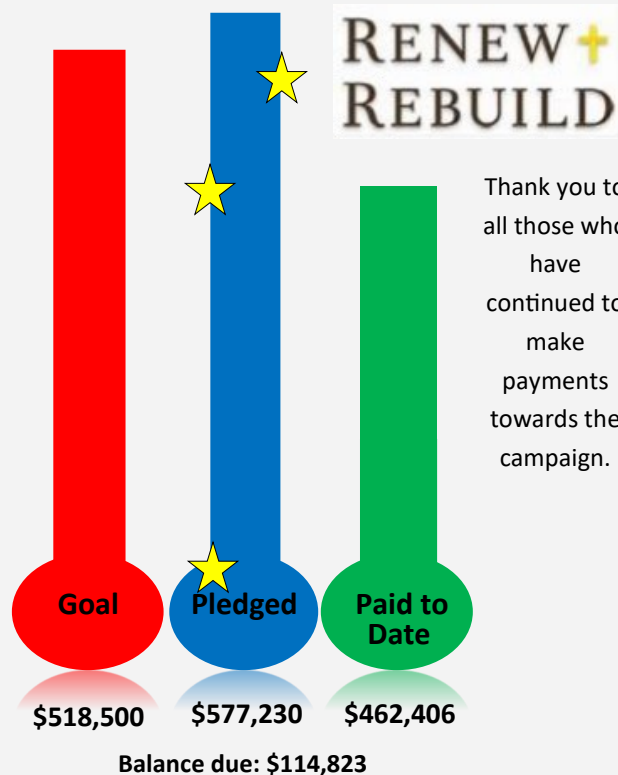
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To date we have raised 35.21 % of our goal.
42 parishioners/families have pledged.

To date, 164 Gifts have been received for
the Renew+Rebuild Campaign



St. Patrick's Party - March 19th

We will be having our St. Patrick's Party and look forward to celebrating with everyone.
Join us and celebrate the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese.

When: Sunday, March 19th from 2:00 - 6:00pm
Where: Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Gym
1 Cross Road • Ardsley

Reservations and Payment are Required in Advance

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MARCH 14th

\$25 per Adult • \$60 per Family (up to 4)
\$20 each additional Family Member

Sign Up with Flocknote: (click link below):
<https://stmolph.flocknote.com/signup/113299>

Reservation Options:

Sign up via Flocknote (link above),
fill out the form below and return it to the rectory,
email: office@stmolph.com
or call the rectory: 914-478-2822



RESERVATION FORM for ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Total Number Attending: _____

\$25 per adult

\$60 for a Family up to 4 people

\$20 each additional family member

Adults: _____ # Family Members: _____

Payments should be sent to the rectory by March 14th

Names of those attending:
