

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



Church of St. Matthew
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•celebrate the resurrection•



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April 9, 2023 • Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Clergy

Rev. Douglas Crawford.....*Pastor*
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.

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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, APRIL 8 - Easter Vigil

8:30 pm Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:30 am Misa Pro Populo

11:30 am Misa Pro Populo

MONDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 am Beatrice Murphy †

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 am James Haubold †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

9:00 am Holy Souls

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

9:00 am Tom Hartman †

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

9:00 am Mario Galli †

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 am Special Intentions of
Christine Baldoni

4:00 pm Genevieve & Frank Tarant †

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

8:30 am Special Intentions of
Genevieve Crawford

11:30 am Lino Innocenzi †

REQUESTED BY:

Maureen Ribeiro

Joan Haubold

Joanna Sygnarska

The Neubauer Family

Fr. Crawford

Daughter Gene

Fr. Crawford

Lillian & Family

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 am Denis O'Connor †

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 am Misa Pro Populo

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

8:00 am Special Intentions of
Patricia Macancela

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

8:00 am Nicholas Macri, Sr. †

5:30 pm Antonio Ybay †

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

10:00 am Trentacoste & Spagnuolo Families

REQUESTED BY:

His Family

Joanna Sygnarska

Marie Doyle

Rosa

Family

Family

Linda Spagnuolo



**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.

Church of St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Dear Parishioners, and Guests:

Since last Easter, more of us have returned to Sunday Mass, the sacraments, and other activities. Most of us have restored our lives to pre-pandemic routines and behavior. Despite the more recent sources of anxiety that our nation and the world face, the Church joyfully proclaims the immutable truth of Easter: Our Lord has been gloriously raised from the dead; He is victorious over both sin and death.

Most faithful Catholics regret missing Sunday Mass at any time. To be absent from Easter Mass would have been unthinkable in the past. In that regard, I recently was reminded of something concerning that first Easter Sunday that offers us an opportunity to reflect.

The very first Easter was not a heavily attended occasion by an adoring faithful. The first Easter found the disciples locked in their homes. It was dangerous for them to be out and about, which was echoed in some of the extreme measures embraced by some during the pandemic. People were afraid. The disciples wanted to believe the Good News they had heard from the women, that Our Lord had been raised. It sounded too good to be true. They were living in a time of despair and fear. If they left their homes they and those they love might be put at risk. Could a miracle really have occurred? Isolated, they dared to believe that hope was possible, and that God's love was the most powerful force of all, even though it didn't yet seem quite real. Eventually, they mustered the courage to leave their homes when discernible danger had subsided. They went about celebrating and sharing the Good News that Christ had been raised and that love was indeed the most potent force on earth. Likewise, for ourselves. We should be eager to celebrate with our Parish family not just the joy of Easter Sunday, but every week, in accordance with the Third Commandment. Today we have an opportunity to embrace Easter in a new and fuller way. I ask you to discover something new about Easter in light of the events of the past few years. Take it to heart, and share it with others when the time is right. Bring Our Lord's light into the world through your faithful witness.

Finally, your prayers and support are always needed. We need you and those close to you to return to Mass and to the Sacraments. While many of us have been confounded or wounded by events or circumstances, bring those burdens to the empty tomb, as it were. Together with the women, embrace the glory of the Resurrection and let your heart rejoice in God's merciful love. Entrust yourselves, our Parish, our nation, and our world to Our Lord and his saving power. Be steadfast.

With heartfelt gratitude, I am -

Respectfully yours in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Douglas Crawford, Pastor



April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday

Reading I: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

St. Peter's sermon amounts to a summary of Jesus' earthly life, followed by the definite proclamation that "this man God raised on the third day." He will be the judge of everyone.

Reading II: Colossians 3: 1-4

St. Paul's reference to Christ as "seated at the right hand of God" was often used in the early church to point out how the Old Testament promises about the coming Messiah had been fulfilled.

The Gospel: John 20: 1-9

John not only describes here the miracle of "the first day of the week" but also insists that Jesus "had to rise from the dead." The very core of our faith.

READING FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



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St. Matthew &

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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



COLLECTION REPORT:

March 26th Weekend Summary:

Sunday 4/2: \$

Parish Giving 4/2: \$

Total for Weekend: \$

Not available due to early Press Deadline

Contributions:

4/2 - Easter Flowers

4/7 - Holy Land

4/9 - Easter Collection

4/30 - Maintenance & Repair

PLEASE NOTE: If you are making your contribution monthly, or even making up a missed offering, you only need to make out *one check* to the parish. There is no need to make a separate check for each envelope.



Thankyou 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.

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

EASTERTIDE MISSION

APRIL 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 at 7:00pm

"THE HOLY EUCHARIST"

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



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



Please join us NEXT weekend, April 15, 2023 to hear Rev. Ryszard Polek speak at all the Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Father Polek will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Polek was born in Krakow, Poland. He helped in the Polish Ministry in Orchard Lake MI and served as Formation Advisor for new students from Poland. He was transferred to Worcester, MA and incardinated in the Diocese of Worcester. He now serves as a pastor there.

Please join me in welcoming Father Polek.



CANDLE DEDICATIONS

St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle
Special Intentions for Sgt. Sean D. Roth, USA
req. by Great-Grandmother Phyllis

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle
In Memory of Ronin Kmeta-Suarez
req. by Family

OLPH Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Patrick Curtin
req. by his family

Candle dedications can be reserved online. You can scan the QR code or visit the parish website for a direct link.



Classes will resume this week:

**Wednesday, April 12th and
Sunday, April 16th**

Please remember to return your Rice Bowls to either your teacher or to the rectory.



You now have the option of booking your Masses and Candles online!

To book 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*

When You Need to See How Much You Belong to Jesus.

By Fr. Peter John Cameron, OP

I am what I saw shining in the gaze of that man as he looked intently at me ...

Some years ago, I read a powerful book about a professor who went blind in his 40s. In *Touching the Rock: An Experience of Blindness*, the author John M. Hull (+2015) wrote: “What matters is not that I am blind, but that I am known and that I am led by the hand, and that my life, whether sighted or blind, is full of praise.” Such incredible faith and conviction!

One of the “great” Gospels we will hear this Lent—the healing of the man born blind (Jn 9:1-41)—offers an apt occasion for us to take stock of our need to be healed of our own spiritual blindness.

Spiritual blindness

Servant of God Romano Guardini, reflecting on spiritual blindness, comments that the spiritually blind are “those who realize that with all their earthly insight and knowledge they stand in the dark before the divine, utterly incapable of comprehending the essential.” They are “those who in God’s presence still cling to their earthly point of view, their earthly knowledge, earthly conception of justice, naively attempting to measure even the divine by their own standards.”

So many things can make us blind: wounds from the past that occlude a clear perception of facts in the present ... inattentiveness to prayer ... being in league with lies of the world about how worthless we are, how we don’t matter. St. Thomas Aquinas notes that “the firstborn daughter of unchastity is the blindness of spirit.” The spiritually blind cannot see Jesus and how he is reaching out to us, his eyes glowing with tenderness and mercy. Bereft of hope as well as vision, the spiritually blind cleave to a sad line from the Psalms: My one companion is darkness (Ps 88:18).

Yet, darkness is never the end—it is just a beginning: “Nothing has ever borne fruit in the Church without emerging from the darkness of a long period of loneliness into the light of the community” (Von Balthasar). Jesus is always passing by, seeing us when we are without sight, and proclaiming, While I am in the world, I am the light of the world. And he will leave no one in the abyss of darkness.

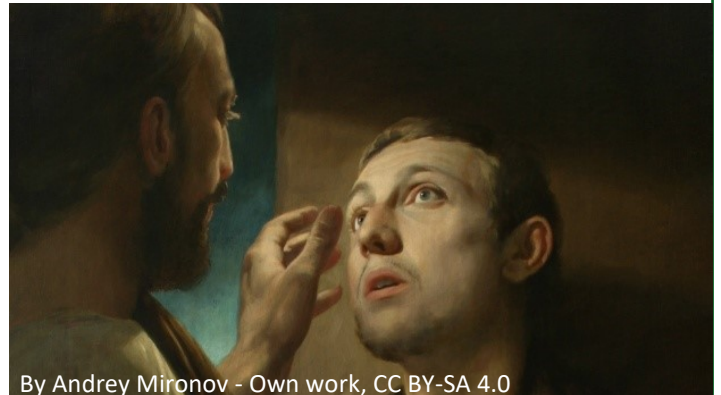
“Seeing”

When Jesus had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes. Why such an elaborate procedure? Because Jesus is not about simply restoring sight to the blind/spiritually blind. Rather, he longs to make us a new creation. And so he replicates the actions by which “the Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground” (Gn 2:7). In Jesus, seeing is a way of being.

Monsignor Guardini comments:

He who admits this truth to himself, the more he sees, the more “seeing” he grows, comprehending the things of God’s Kingdom more and more deeply and fully. Thus the inner eye feeds on what it sees, and the greater its strength, the greater the abundance that is revealed to it. Seeing is more than indifferently reflecting (as a mirror reflects all that passes within range). It is a vital process that directly affects our lives. To see, perceive, means to receive into oneself, to submit to the influence of things, to place oneself within their grasp.

Fr. Julián Carrón imagines the man born blind saying: “I only know that before I couldn’t see and now I see. I see reality, not only physical reality, but I see the truth of myself, of what I am. I am not what you say I am. I am what I saw shining in the gaze of that man as he looked intently at me, looked at me, the nothing I am, looked at me with friendship.” As St. Ambrose says, “He whom Jesus touches sees more.”



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Christ and the pauper. Healing of the blind man. 2009. Canvas, oil. 100 x 55. Artist A.N. Mironov, detail.

Believing and belief

Christ asks his new creation, Do you believe in the Son of Man? And the once-blind man responds, I do believe, Lord. Why does Jesus solicit from the man this profession of faith?

Bishop Robert Barron would answer that to believe, as Jesus uses the term, signals not so much a way of knowing as a way of being known. Jesus intends for the seeing man to see how much he belongs to Jesus.

“Belief,” wrote Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, “is certainty that God has shown himself and has opened up for us the view of truth itself. We are able to give the assent of faith because the will—the heart—has been touched by God, ‘affected’ by him.” Jesus wants all those formerly afflicted with blindness to possess that certainty and the glorious view of the truth. We are known! We are led by the hand! And our life is full of praise for the one who has searched for us in the darkness and plunged us into unending light!

The re-created blind man could well be the one described by Monsignor Guardini in these beautiful words:

Believing is a process which takes hold of our being, the invasion of divine love or of divine life from which a new existence comes to be. In the last resort, becoming a believer always means the same thing: another reality looms before the person who was formerly enclosed in their own being, in their own world. Believing is the decision to entrust one's own existence to the strange reality that surpasses it.

Let me end by sharing with you a poem by a very dear friend, Fr. Harry Cronin, C.S.C., who died in 2022:

“...He spat on the ground,
and made clay of the spittle,
and applied the clay to his eyes,” John 9:6

Spit of God
dirt of earth.
Becomes filth
You scrape
from your shoe.

Let this mud stay
For it heals
brings life
redeems from pain
And wounds
torn open
By anger and wrath

Don't scream
Don't back away
Let this mud
Stay In your hands
On your eyes
In your heart

Only then
Can you have
Desperate beauty

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