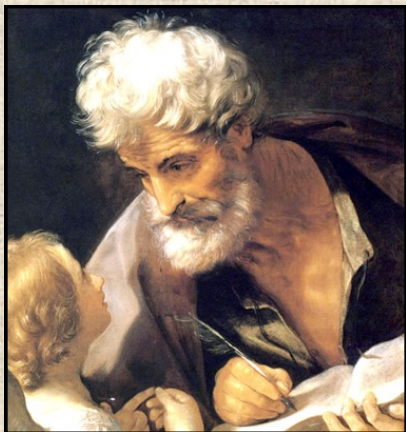


THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

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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: religious@stmolph.com

Parish Emails

Fr. Crawford.....fr.dycrawford@yahoo.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

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, MAY 27

4:00 pm John Wilantowicz †

SUNDAY, MAY 28

8:30 am Anthony Ravinsky, Sr. †

11:30 am Jim Pasanello, Sr. †

MONDAY, MAY 29

9:00 am Joseph DeBenedetto †

TUESDAY, MAY 30

9:00 am Audrey & Harry Bloomer †

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

9:00 am Carol Krtil †

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

9:00 am Special Intentions of Fioriti Family

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 am Laura LiCausi †

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 am Laura LiCausi †

4:00 pm Ksenia Pecylak †

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

8:30 am Special Intentions for Judy & Maria

11:30 am Diane Walsh †

REQUESTED BY:

Gene Tarant

Ravinsky Family

Don & Irene Wemer

Sister Phyllis

The Texas Bloomers

Virginia

J. Fioriti

Katherine DiFrisco

Katherine DiFrisco

Nancy Maleska, John Galayda & Joey

Rosa

George Febles & Family

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

SATURDAY, MAY 27

5:30 pm James McGuinness †

SUNDAY, MAY 28

10:00 am Special Intentions of Nicholas Scorza

MONDAY, MAY 29

8:00 am Maria Marino †

TUESDAY, MAY 30

8:00 am Misa Pro Populo

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

8:00 am Special Intentions for
Marie Sognonvi & Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

8:00 am Joseph Trentacoste †

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

8:00 am In Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 am Special Intentions

5:30 pm Michael Imbarrato, Jr. †

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †

REQUESTED BY:

Barbara & Bob Mare

Spadaccini Family

Angela Pavone

Marie

Linda Spagnuolo

Kathleen Groth

Clara Imbarrato

Camille Gutierrez

May 28, 2023 - Pentecost

Reading I: Acts 2: 1-11

The vivid Pentecost scene describes a very special visitation of the Holy Spirit into the human story, and with it, the Church is born.

Reading II: I Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

Paul fights against any elitism in the community by declaring that everyone receives the same Holy Spirit. This despite the fact that each person has his/her individual gifts and talents that benefit the group.

The Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Jesus makes His promised return to the disciples, showing them His now glorified body, complete with the scars of His crucifixion. He then wishes them peace and sends them out on mission.

READING FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

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.

Don't forget to remember your Father in the Masses on Father's Day. Cards & Envelopes are available on the tables in the back of the church. Envelopes can be dropped into any collection basket or returned to the rectory.

Father's Day Mass Remembrance

Name _____ ☐ Living ☐ Deceased
Name _____ ☐ Living ☐ Deceased

Requested by: _____ Offering \$ _____

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COLLECTION REPORT:

May 14th Weekend Summary:

Mail: \$275

Sunday 5/14: \$2,417

Parish Giving 5/14: \$1,750

Total for Weekend: \$4,442

Repairs & Maintenance: \$803

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

Father's Day envelopes can be dropped into any collection basket or returned to the rectory

6/4 - Latin America

6/11 - Maintenance & Repairs

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.



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

And for those who have died marked by the sign of faith, especially: *Janet P. Mahler*

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.



Thank you to those make up their missed collections. Your dedication to the parish is greatly appreciated.



REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year began on May 1st. Families who are already in the RE program received an email from **PARISH GIVING** with directions on how to register. If you did not see the email, please check your junk mail/spam folders. If you need a new email sent, please contact the rectory.

NEW FAMILIES: For children entering the 1st grade, please use the link graphic below, which can also be found on our website.

Registration will be open from May 1st through July 31st. Registrations after July 31st will incur a \$100 late fee.

**REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
AFTER AUGUST 15, 2023.**

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW

This Registration Link for
NEW FAMILIES ONLY

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2023-2024
SCHOOL
YEAR

RETURNING STUDENTS:
You **MUST USE** the link sent to you from Parish Giving
If you did not receive the email from Parish Giving, please check your spam & junk mail folders. Parish Giving can be reached at 1-866-307-7140

**Classes for the 2023-2024 School Year will
begin on Sunday, September 10th &
Wednesday, September 13th**

**The calendar can be found on the parish website:
www.stmolph.com**



CANDLE DEDICATIONS

OLPH Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Margaret Wilmoth
req. by Family

St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Anna DeBenedetto
req. by daughter Phyllis

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

*If you would like a candle to burn in memory of a loved one, please
contact the rectory. Candle dedications can be reserved online.
Visit the parish website for a direct link.*



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

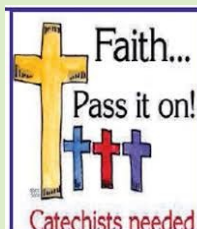
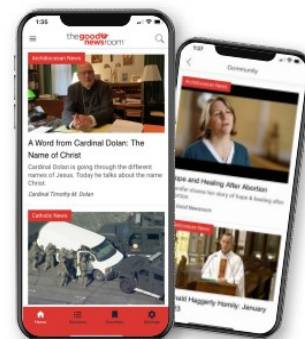
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**We are in need of Catechist
(Teachers), Substitute
Teachers, Classroom
Helpers and Hall Monitors
for both the Wednesday program as well
as the Sunday program. There is a
discount available for those who
volunteer. If you can help, please contact
Jay at 914-478-2822.**

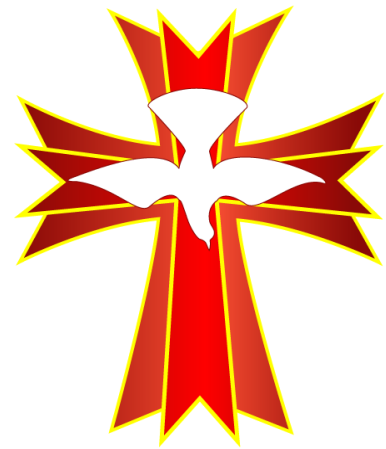
WISDOM
understanding
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Confirmation
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Rebecca Ahn
Dustin Aitcheson
Renzo Apsarton
Eliana Behrbom
Siena Bennett
Thomas Bennett
Jayden Bower
Ryan Bracchitta
Whitney Butler
Jacob Calkins
Fiamma Cioffi
Laila Colombos
Kali Colombos
Andrew Constantine
Angelina Costomiris
Tyler Decosta
Daniella DiGiorno
Serena Emanuele
Liam Finn
Angelina Fiordimalva
Alexa Frusciante
Sofia Gagliano
Charles Gordon
Casey Harsany
Lillian Higgins

Eva Ippolito
Ian Johns
Riley Kandalaft
Khloe Knoesel
Paige Lepore
Morgan Macri
Maura McCormack
Madeline McGoey
Josie McLaughlin
Michael McLaughlin
Ethan Menezes
Max Menon
Cole Michelini
Anthony Moore
Bennett Perzanowski
Edward Ponagai
Sofia Ramirez
Tristen Roberts
Ava Santavicca
Lucas Seelye
Sophie Smith
Mia Stanton
Adrienne Tapia
Kayla Tardibono

Congratulations to the
young adults of our parish
who received the
Sacrament of Confirmation
this past week by
Most Rev.
Bishop Edmund Whalen



Bestow upon us:

Knowledge
Wisdom
Fortitude
Fear of the Lord
Piety
Counsel
Understanding

God is Good

by Stephen P. White

My eldest daughter was Confirmed this spring. She took as her patron Pope St. John Paul II, a choice she made on her own but of which I could not be more approving. The bishop came to the parish and sealed her with the Holy Spirit. Afterward, her head smelled of chrism just as it did at her baptism. She has grown so much, as children do, to the never-ending joy and sorrow of her parents.

It is First Communion season now. In our parish, as in parishes across the country, little boys and girls are receiving Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time. My own son made his first Communion this past weekend, along with many of his friends and classmates. It was a joyful occasion. Parents and grandparents flushed with pride, fawning over the innocence of the young ones.

We arrived half an hour before Mass began. My son leaned over to me to ask: “Dad, when it is time for Communion, will it have been more than an hour since I had breakfast?” I told him it will have been almost three hours; no reason to worry about that today. He and I both smiled, but for different reasons: he because he had kept his fast and I because of his innocence.

I told him that when he receives the Eucharist, he will be receiving God Himself – the God who created the universe, who made everything that is good, who created us. I told him that he would be receiving the same God who led his people out of slavery in Egypt and who cared for his people even when they sinned. I told him that he would be receiving the same Jesus who was born to Mary in Bethlehem, who worked at Joseph’s side, who healed the sick and raised the dead – who suffered, died, and rose again to free us from sin.

And I told him that when we receive Jesus’ own body and blood, when we are united to Him so closely, we are united also to all those who are united to him – to the great saints, our ancestors in heaven, our family and friends both far and near. I told him that I often thought of my own father, who died when my son was very young, and how I can always meet him with our Lord in the Mass. I told him that because of this I’m never alone, and that he, my son, will never be alone.

And I wonder: He knows all this, but does he understand? Does he really understand all that I wished he could? Does he really know what this all means? He’s so young.

But then I remember the look on my son’s face when he returned to the pew after Communion. Beaming. Radiant. And I could not help but wonder: Do I understand? Do I really understand what all this means? Or have I grown too sophisticated for my own good? “Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.” Thank God for the innocence of children.

It’s ordination season. In my home diocese, our bishop will ordain nine new priests this weekend. I know some of these men. They are good men; they will make fine priests. We are blessed.



*Image: Mother Teresa Tynan, PBVM with her first Holy Communion Class by an unknown photographer, 1880s [Presentation Convent, Crosshaven, Munster, Ireland]

Those nine men have been called by their bishop to serve the Church with their whole lives. In answering that call, they are no doubt giving up far more – and gaining far more – than they can fully comprehend. They will be changed forever, conformed through the sacrament of Holy Orders to the priesthood of the one High Priest.

Someone once said to me that any man who doesn't have at least some desire to be a priest simply doesn't know what a priest is. That's probably true. What man doesn't understand the desire to be set apart, to defend his flock, to guide and shepherd them, to lay down his life for them?

What man doesn't want the freedom of knowing what he's dying for? What man doesn't want to offer those entrusted to him a gift greater than any gift human hands can confer? What man is unmoved by the words of the psalm: "a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek"?

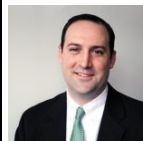
Matrimony is not like this. Marriage ends in death: "At the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like the angels in heaven." This used to sadden me. Not because I love my wife (though I do) nor because I imagine that Heaven will be diminished for lack of marriage. Rather, because we all wish all good things would endure, even beyond death. It saddened me simply that a gift so wonderful as marriage – a gift neither lost in the Fall nor washed away in the Flood – should not perdure in death.

But it does, in a way, for those of us blessed with children. The marriage bond may not endure beyond death. Matrimony may not affect an indelible, ontological change the way the Church tells us baptism or Holy Orders do. But my son will always be my son and my wife's son. My daughters will always be the daughters of us both. Fatherhood endures. Motherhood endures. Even beyond the grave.

Pentecost is almost upon us. This Easter Season, so overflowing with grace for our family and our parish, and our diocese will culminate in the great feast of the Holy Spirit. Our world is a broken one. Our Church is wounded, too. Sin and suffering abound. But it's not a different world – that "real world" out there – than the world shot through with the Church's rhythms of liturgy and sacrament and grace.

The Holy Spirit is moving in the world, make no mistake. And amidst all the seeming chaos he breathes richness and goodness and order: he makes all things new. It is wondrous to behold.

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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 a Registered Parishioner. (Registration form can be found on the parish website: www.stmolph.com)
- 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.