

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



Church of St. Matthew
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Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706
Rectory.....914-478-2822



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August 13, 2023 • 19th 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

Mr. Michael Vicario.....*Director*
Mr. Jay A. Conklin.....*Assistant Director*
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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 5:30 pm
OLPH4:00 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

OLPH3:00 - 3:45 pm
St. Matthew.....4:30 - 5:15 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, AUGUST 12

5:30 pm Arthur Sherry †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:30 am Pauline Salamone †

11:30 am Marilyn Tillson †

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00 am Eleanor Dalton †

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 am Rex Syms & Family †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 am Anne B. Proia †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00 am George Zahurak, Jr. †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

9:00 am Special Intentions for
Jennifer Pesentez

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 am John W. Milton †

5:30 pm Denis Mahoney †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

8:30 am Randall S. Caruso †

11:30 am Thomas Ryan †

REQUESTED BY:

Sherry Family

Nancy Maleska

Marty Roos & Janet Murphy

Virginia Markman

J. Fioriti

Carmelita & Tim Cacace & Family

Zahurak Family

Rosa

Thomas & Marie Milton

Janet Lokay

Lieselotte K. DeConne

George Febles & Bishop Dubois Alumni

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

4:00 pm Nicholas Scorza †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

10:00 am Special Intentions for
Terry & Frank Spadaccini

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 am Special Intentions for Jeremy & Tara

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 am KerrieAnn Green †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

8:00 am Antonio Ybay †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 am Mary Drumm †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 am Special Intentions for Lina Vellone

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

8:00 am Ryan Morisseau & Jules Ferguson †

4:00 pm Special Intentions for Patricia Pesentez

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

10:00 am Josie & Tony Gagliano †

REQUESTED BY:

Agnes & Hugh Dynes

Rose & Danny Harnett

Friend

Carol Green

Ybay Family

Family

Marie & Steve Smith

Linda

Rosa

Camille Gutierrez

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Reading I: I Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a

Elijah, having fled to a mountain cave, hears the Lord order him to "go outside." The usual ways of the Lord's presence—wind, earthquake, and fire— are absent here, replaced by a "tiny whispering sound."

Reading II: Romans 9: 1-5

Paul wishes to harmonize the relationship between his people, the Jews, with the new way of salvation, i.e. in and through Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

In this famous scene, Peter's behavior seems not to make sense. It is a combination of impulsive action expressing love and faith and a weakness brought on by doubt.

READING FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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.



The parish received \$237.06 for the month of June from the Foodtown Gives Back program! Thank you to the 150 parishioners who have

signed up for this free program. Sign up to participate in the program by emailing the 10 or 12 digit number from your Foodtown keychain card or paper receipt to office@stmolph.com

COLLECTION REPORT:

August 6th Weekend Summary:

Mail: \$630

Sunday 8/6: \$2,665

Parish Giving 8/6: \$2,455

Total for Weekend: \$5,750

Pastoral Solidarity: \$861

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

8/13 - 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.



Thank you to **118** 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.



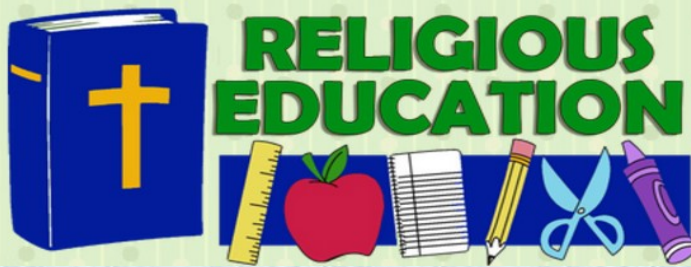
Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially: Kristin Harkin, Rev. Alexander Agyepong, Ava DiBenedetto, Catherine Paretta, Linda Vellone, Cheryl Ballantine,

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.



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



REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR will continue through August 15th.

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is underway. 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

Please use the link to the left to begin the registration process.



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

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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED We are in need of 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.

CANDLE DEDICATIONS

St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Lino Innocenzi
req. by Lillian & Family

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle
In Memory of Lino Innocenzi
req. by Lillian & Family

OLPH Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Lino Innocenzi
req. by Lillian & Family

*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



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15th
A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule
OLPH: 8am & 7pm
STM: 9am & 7pm

PARISH PICNIC – Sunday, October 1st

11:30am - Outdoor Mass at OLPH SCHOOL under the tent.

12:30pm - Food & Fun

Catering by: Three Little Pigs BBQ Food Truck



GOOD HUMOR
ICECREAM TRUCK



Bounce House & Slide

Reservations Required: \$20 per person/\$50 family (up to 4)

Please sign up at Flocknote: www.stmolph.flocknote.com/signup/129742
or fill out the form below and drop it in a collection basket with payment.

Reservation Deadline: September 26th



COMMUNITY DESSERT TABLE Please bring your favorite dessert to share with fellow parishioners.

RESERVATION RSVP for PARISH PICNIC

Name: _____

Names of those attending: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ \$20 Adults

_____ \$50 family (up to 4 people)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment can be made thru Flocknote or you can drop off payment in the form of cash/check to the rectory.

FLOCKNOTE RSVP: [CLICK HERE](#)

YES, I WILL BRING A DESSERT _____

The Mafia's Last Gasp Against the Catholic Church.

by Father Raymond J. de Souza

Thirty years ago, organized crime in Italy bombed the basilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the bishop of Rome.

Imagine that St. Patrick's Cathedral was bombed by the mafia in retaliation for the archbishop of New York denouncing them. Imagine Cardinal John O'Connor inspecting the damage, knowing the attack was directed personally at him. In 1993, it didn't happen in New York, the capital of the world, but it did happen in Rome, capital of the Church.

That year the mafia bombed St. John Lateran. The official cathedral of Rome. As the *cathedra*, or official seat, of the Holy Father as Bishop of Rome, it expresses the universal unity of the Church even more than St. Peter's Basilica. The latter is the world's parish church, while St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the universal Church. The inscription in the portico reads: "mother and head of the all the churches in the city and the world."



A firefighter, right, stands by a huge crater caused by a bomb explosion at St. John Lateran Basilica, the popes seat as bishop of Rome on July 28, 1993. Bombs ripped through Rome's ancient center just minutes after an explosion killed five people in Milan. Dozens were injured in the attacks. (photo: Massimo Sambucetti / AP)

Pope Francis last Thursday addressed a public letter to the faithful of his diocese on the 30th anniversary of that bombing. An overnight prayer vigil was held to mark the anniversary. The Holy Father recalled in his short letter the circumstances that led to the sacrilegious attack.

In the early 1990s, Italy was plagued by a series of mafia bombings in response to a national criminal justice campaign against organized crime and corruption. In 1990, a young judge, Rosario Livatino, was assassinated in Agrigento, Sicily. He was beatified as a martyr in 2021. In 1992, two more senior judges, Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, were also assassinated in Sicily.

In 1993, St. John Paul II made a visit to Sicily. Just before an outdoor Mass in the spectacular Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, the Holy Father met with the parents of Blessed Rosario. The encounter must have moved him, for at the end of the Mass, John Paul delivered an extemporaneous denunciation of the mafia's campaign of terror. "In the name of Christ, crucified and risen, of Christ who is the way, the truth and the life, I say to those responsible: Convert!" John Paul shouted, shaking with righteous anger. "The judgment of God will come!" The mafia took note. And added the Church to its list of terror targets.

Less than three months later, during the night of July 27-28, 1993, St. John Lateran was bombed, as well as a smaller church in Rome's historic center, San Giorgio in Velabro. The bombing of his cathedral seat was a direct response to John Paul. The back portico — the entrance closest to his cathedra — was damaged, and the all the windows of the nearby Lateran Palace, which houses the offices of the diocese of Rome, were blown out. At the same time, another bombing in Milan, not far from its historic cathedral, killed four people. John Paul visited the site on July 28, 1993, alongside the president of the Italy, revealing that, "I woke up at one o'clock the morning; now I know why."

The mafia response was not finished. In September 1993, mafiosi killed Sicily's most prominent anti-mafia priest, Father Pino Puglisi of Palermo. His last words to them: "I have been expecting you." The mafia made him pay with his blood for the Pope's words in Agrigento. He was beatified in 2013.

A pope's words can have life and death consequences. Thirteen years later, in September 2006, after Pope Benedict XVI's Regensburg Address, an Italian missionary nun in Somalia was killed at the children's hospital where she worked. Sister Leonella Sgorbati was beatified in 2018, a martyr to jihadist violence.

The bombing of the Lateran was a reminder that the Holy Father, his person and his office, comes under physical attack. The entire series of early popes were martyred. Pope Pius VI was kidnapped by Napoleon, taken to France and died imprisoned there in 1799. Napoleon also imprisoned Pope Pius VII, who was freed and returned to Rome when Napoleon was defeated in 1814. Blessed Pius XI was under siege at the Vatican in 1941, and had to escape Rome for the Italian coast. When he died in 1962, he was carried by night to his burial place in St. Lawrence Outside-the-Walls, for fear that a hostile Roman mob might throw his body into the Tiber.

Pope Pius XII could observe from his windows Nazi guards patrolling the perimeter of Vatican City. Pope St. Paul VI and Pope St. John Paul II both survived assassination attempts, the latter's much more serious. The bombing of the Lateran 30 years ago was, in retrospect, not a show of strength but a last gasp from the mafia. The assassinations and the bombing of Rome's cathedral turned public opinion decisively against organized crime, and gave Italian authorities the support they needed to move aggressively.

The Lateran cathedral and adjacent palace were the seat of the popes for a thousand years, from the early fourth to the early 14th centuries. When the popes returned to Rome in 1376, the Lateran complex was in disrepair after a great fire in 1361. Also, being close to the city wall, the Lateran was more exposed to invading forces.

Upon return from France, the pope first moved to the great Marian sites — Santa Maria in Trastevere and the St. Mary Major before settling at the Vatican. Yet the Lateran remained his official seat. In 1993, the mafia remembered that — even if many Catholics have forgotten it.

In recent years, Pope Francis has emphasized that by signing many more documents as "from the Lateran" as opposed to "from the Vatican." The Holy Father does not travel across town to sign the papers, but it reflects the ecclesial truth that a bishop is always spiritually present at his cathedral. And sometimes in person, as on the morning of July 28, 1993, when John Paul stood amongst the wreckage.

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