

# 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

**August 27, 2023 • 21st 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*  
Office Location: St. Matthew Church  
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## Parish Emails

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[facebook.com/stmolph](https://facebook.com/stmolph)



[Instagram.com/stmolph](https://Instagram.com/stmolph)

## 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  
OLPH .....4:00 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

OLPH .....3:00 - 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 26

5:30 pm Mario Martinez †

### REQUESTED BY:

Sherry Family

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

8:30 am Special Intentions for Kevin Cajas

11:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

Janet Lokay

### MONDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 am Misa Pro Populo

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 am Lorraine Bruno †

Virginia

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

9:00 am Richard Kohrmann †

Barbara & Tommy

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 am Thomas Lee †

George Febles & Family

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:00 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

James & Andrea Condon

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 am Anna & Andrew Vanek †

Rose Utchel

5:30 pm Richard & Maureen Potter †

The Henry Family

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 am Yung Yee Ho †

Ling Ho

11:30 am Gessy Nau †

Marie Nau-Fort

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

4:00 pm Sal Campoli †

### REQUESTED BY:

Wife Dora

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00 am Carlos R. Santiago †

Bill

### MONDAY, AUGUST 28

8:00 am Catherine McCarthy †

McCarthy Family

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

8:00 am John McDermott †

Jon & Kate Fiato

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00 am Sarah Higgins †

Linda

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

8:00 am Bishop Gregory Obinna Ochiagha †

Spagnuolo Family

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 am Emilia & Felice Cantatore †

Sylvia Melina

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:00 am Trentacoste & Spagnuolo Families

4:00 pm Special Intentions for Fr. Nicholas on the Occasion of his 25th Anniversary

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:00 am Special Intentions for Fr. Nicholas on the Occasion of his 25th Anniversary

Friends



## August 27, 2023 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading I: Isaiah 22: 19-23

Eliakim is named by Yahweh to replace Shane as master of the palace. As a result, it becomes a hereditary position for his family.

### Reading II: Romans 11: 33-36

This is a hymn to the merciful wisdom of God, as expressed by Paul in gratitude. He writes that God is nobody's debtor.

### The Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

This is a pivotal passage and Peter's identification is the correct one for Our Lord. Peter in turn receives a compliment and then a commission to leadership.

## READING FOR THE WEEK



**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

## 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.

## BULLETIN REQUESTS

If you wish to submit an item for publication in the Parish Bulletin, kindly contact the Rectory at [office@stmolph.com](mailto:office@stmolph.com)

We ask that you submit the text as early as possible to obtain approval and to meet the printer's deadline.

## COLLECTION REPORT:

### August 20th Weekend Summary:

Mail: \$495

Sunday 8/20: \$2,264

Parish Giving 8/20: \$1,560

Total for Weekend: \$4,319

Prop. Of the Faith: \$1,064

The Assumption: \$842

### Upcoming 2nd Collections:

9/17 - Maintenance & Repair

9/24 - St. Joseph Seminary

**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 Agepong, 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 is now CLOSED.

**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,  
under the Religious Education tab, and on the  
adjacent page of this bulletin.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** We are still 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 Anna DeBenedetto*  
req. by daughter Phyllis

**St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle**  
*Holy Souls in Purgatory*  
req. by Jael Vargas

**OLPH Tabernacle Candle**  
*Special Intentions*  
req. by Sylvia

*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

## A Special Collection for the Maui Wildfire Victims

Be gracious  
to us, O Lord,  
for we are  
in distress.

PSALM 31:9

God, bring  
consolation  
and relief

*to Maui.*

## This weekend: August 26-27

This weekend, August 26-27, we are joining other  
parishes in our diocese and taking up a special  
collection to support the relief efforts for the Maui  
wildfires. Please keep the Maui community in your  
prayers. In our collective prayers, we ask for strength,  
resilience, and healing for the fire victims.

## The 2024 Mass Book Is Open



Masses can be requested online at  
[www.MassIntentions.com](http://www.MassIntentions.com)

(There is a direct link on the parish website: [www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com))

or stop by the rectory from  
10:00am - 5:00pm



## Welcome New Parishioners

We want to take a moment and welcome the following new parishioners and those parishioners who have officially registered:

**The Jose Family**  
**Daniel & Melissa Nieves**  
**Daniel & Kathleen Mitchell**

**Stela Mota & Rodrigo Larranaga**  
**Michael Reilly**

**Robert & GERALYNNE McKiernan**  
**Michael & Jessica Perillo**

Just because you have been attending Mass for years, or that your children attend Religious Education, this does not mean that you are registered with the parish. What are the benefits of registration? Glad you asked!

### Benefits of Parish Registration:

1. Registered parishioners can receive important communications from the parish throughout the year, including Christmas and Easter schedules.
2. Registered parishioners are able to participate in the parish's CYO Basketball and Religious Education programs.
3. Registered parishioners are able to receive a verification certificate to be a Confirmation sponsor or Godparent.
4. Registered parishioners have the option to receive offertory envelopes and track contributions for tax purposes.
5. The parish has your information for Communion calls, if you are ill or immobile, or for making hospital visits when requested.
6. The parish census numbers are a tool used by the Archdiocese to determine how many priests are assigned to the parish, what benefits accrue for the parish and what obligations are owed by the parish.

Registration forms can be found on the parish website: [www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com) or contact the rectory.



### SPECIAL INVITATION

## Silver Jubilee

With heart filled with gratitude  
Rev. Fr. Nicholas Nwagwu (Fr. Cupa)

Happily invites **YOU** to a  
Thanksgiving Mass to mark the  
25 years of his priestly ordination  
Sunday, September 3rd, 2023  
At

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
535 Ashford Avenue,  
Ardsley, NY 10502  
3:00 pm

Followed by reception at the School Hall  
1 Cross Road Ardsley, NY 10502

RSVP:  
[nichougo@yahoo.com](mailto:nichougo@yahoo.com)  
TEL: 347-208-3735

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### To Help with Set Up for the picnic.

If you can help, please  
contact Bryan Healy,  
Nancy Maleska or  
Christine in the rectory.



# Go “Back to School” with This Prayer by St. Clement of Alexandria.

*The prayer reminds us to follow Jesus,  
the Divine Teacher, and be like children  
when we strive to follow in his footsteps.*

Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3). Unfortunately, we often gloss over that passage, as our experience with children isn’t always pleasant and our memories of being a child remind us of our many mistakes.



However, one way to interpret this passage is to recall how young children are **often eager and willing to learn**. They want to soak up all the information they can get and ask countless questions (which often annoys many parents and teachers!). Yet, they have a profound capacity to receive knowledge and instruction, which later in life we often reject.

It is a tendency among adults to quit learning at a certain point, and never go any deeper, especially in one’s faith life. We end up trying to solve **65-year-old problems with a faith that has never passed elementary school**.

St. Clement of Alexandria wrote extensively on God being a “tutor” or “teacher,” from whom we should eagerly learn the essentials of life. **It requires a great deal of humility to go “back to school,”** and let God teach us how to live a moral life.

Below is a brief prayer from Clement’s book [\*The Paedagogus\*](#) that expresses this spirituality of being a student, with Christ as our benevolent teacher. Let us never grow too old to learn and “become like children” in our eagerness to learn about the faith.

*Feed us, the children, as sheep. Master, fill us with righteousness. O Instructor, feed us on your holy mountain the Church, which towers aloft, which is above the clouds, which touches heaven. Let us, O children of the good Father — nurslings of the good Instructor — fulfill the Father’s will, listen to t h e Word, and take on the impress of the truly saving life of our Savior; and meditating on the heavenly mode of life according to which we have been deified, let us anoint ourselves with the perennial immortal bloom of gladness— that ointment of sweet fragrance — having a clear example of immortality in the walk and conversation of the Lord; and following the footsteps of God, to whom alone it belongs to consider, and whose care it is to see to, the way and manner in which the life of men may be made more healthy.*



# 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](http://www.stmolph.flocknote.com/signup/129742)  
or fill out the form below and return it to the rectory 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.

Online: FLOCKNOTE RSVP: [CLICK HERE](#)

YES, I WILL BRING A DESSERT \_\_\_\_\_