

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

**September 3, 2023 • 22nd 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  
 Phone: 914-478-2822 • e-mail: [religioused@stmolph.com](mailto:religioused@stmolph.com)

### Parish Emails

Fr. Crawford.....[fr.dycrawford@yahoo.com](mailto:fr.dycrawford@yahoo.com)  
 Rectory Office.....[office@stmolph.com](mailto:office@stmolph.com)



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



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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  
 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, SEPTEMBER 2

5:30 pm Richard & Maureen Potter †

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 am Yung Yee Ho †

11:30 am Gessy Nau †

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00 am Augustine Zhao-Wang †

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 am Isabel Y. Crawford †

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:00 am Marge & Nick Cook †

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 am Special Intentions for Ann McPhail

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 am Michael Markman †

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 am Mildred & Catherine Oslica †

5:30 pm Peter Connolly †

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

11:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

### REQUESTED BY:

The Henry Family

Ling Ho

Marie Nau-Fort

Wang Family

Fr. Crawford

Ruth McShane

Agnes & Hugh Dynes

Wife

Rose Utchel

Sherry Family

Bryan Healy

Joan & Mario Toggia

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 am Patrick & Catherine McCarthy †

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 am Jule Ferguson †

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 am Misa Pro Populo

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 am Gary Rupert †

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 am Barbara Herbold †

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 am Gerard O'Connor †

4:00 pm Gerard "Gerald" O'Connor †

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00 am Nicholas Scorza †

### REQUESTED BY:

Friends

McCarthy Family

Spagnuolo Family

Hector Jimenez

Family

Marie Doyle

Doyle Family

Spadaccini Family



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### Reading I: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Feeling a touch of despair, the prophet accuses Yahweh of being a deceiver. He has faced derision and scorn doing his job, and wants to stop. Yet when he does, he faces "a fire burning within his heart" that compels him to resume his calling.

### Reading II: Romans 12: 1-2

The offering to God that we must make of our lives will inevitably lead us to be "non conformers" to the prevailing culture.

### The Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

Here we have the first of Jesus' predictions of His passion. We also have a key element involved in being His true disciple, to "deny oneself and take up his/her cross."

## READING FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20



## 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.

### Announcement on the Protection of Children

*"To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or [victimsassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimsassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure."*

## COLLECTION REPORT:

### August 27th Weekend Summary:

Mail: \$150

Sunday 8/27: \$2,386

Parish Giving 8/27: \$1,320

Total for Weekend: \$3,856

Maui Relief: \$3,177

### 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 Agyepong, Ava DiBenedetto, Catherine Paretto, 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.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you have not yet registered your child, please call the rectory and speak to Jay or Christine to make arrangements for class.

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.



**TEACHERS NEEDED** Teachers are needed for the 3rd, 7th and 8th Grades on Sunday mornings at St. Matthew's School. Volunteers will receive a tuition discount. If you can help, please contact Jay at 914-478-2822.



## CANDLE DEDICATIONS

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

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle  
*Special Intentions*  
req. by Rosa

OLPH Tabernacle Candle  
*In Memory of Hector Martinez*  
req. by Sonia Martinez

*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

Congratulations to  
Eric & Caroleann  
Radoman  
on the Baptism  
of their Son:  
Nicholas Michael







**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  
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.



## **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 you can click on the graphic above).

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

## **⚓ OFFICE ON VACATION ⚓**

The Rectory Office will be **CLOSED** from  
**Friday, September 15 - Monday, September 24.**

If you would like to reserve Masses, Candles  
or Altar Flowers in person, please come to  
the rectory ahead of time.

Masses, as well as Candles & Altar Flowers, will still be  
available to be reserved via our online platform.

There is a direct link on our website:

**[www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com)**

or you can click on the **"Request a Mass Intention"**  
graphic on the left.





# Why Growing Older May Be The Greatest Blessing Of All.

by Xavier Patier

*Old age is a time of giving, when there's nothing left to prove. It's also a time of conversion of heart.*

Old age is the moment when the truth of our lives resurfaces. We become truly ourselves. We come up against our physical limitations like never before, and at the same time we enjoy the freedom of not having to prove anything. To stop trying to prove and to start giving: that's the basic idea.

We move from the age of proving ourselves to the age of giving: less energy, but also less waste. In his first satire, Horace Flacus compares our earthly lives to a meal.

Retirement, then, is the time for that dessert the Romans called *tragemata*, the last delicacy. When the dessert arrives, we speak less loudly and we contemplate in perspective the banquet that is drawing to a close. We no longer meditate on what is missing. We're finally focused on what we're doing. We savor the sweetness, and *carpe diem* literally becomes *carpe tragemata*. As a dessert for our lives, God offers us a time of service. Let's not miss it! Let's live it like monks.

## The age of conversion of heart

Were you an engineer, teacher, cook, or farmer? Now you're a community activist, gardener, cyclist, catechist, local councilor, husband, and/or grandfather. You already were, but what was secondary has become the main thing. Your life is no longer reduced to a profession: it becomes the sum of your passions. And these passions become service.

It's time to give thanks for this paradox: you become unique at the very moment when you fall into the neat category of old-timer. "Old" is a sufficient definition of you for society, but not yet enough to keep you busy. How can you make good use of the last gasp of moribund youth? By meditating on this: that old age is the most open age of all, the age of conversion of heart. By giving up a little of our leisure time each day to prepare for the great adventure — death — that leads us to Life.



***There comes a time in our lives when it's no longer a question of doing, but of being.***

This joyful and vigilant preparation for imminent death isn't always easy to explain. For me, when people ask me what I do for a living now that I've retired, I answer, "I'm a writer." It's as good a way as any to announce the change. I say "writer" because society doesn't recognize the status of grandfather and doesn't like to hear about death.

I remember a French politician, Jacques Attali, explaining a good 10 years ago that he preferred to write books rather than stand for election. The reason was because the future of a politician is to one day become a former something — a former government minister — whereas the future of the writer is to become a writer. Despite

his narcissistic and dandyish side, Attali's reflection is profound, because it shows that there comes a moment in our lives when it's no longer a question of doing, but of being.

For some, this moment comes very early; for others it never comes at all. But this moment when being finally finds its place is a blessing from God. It's never too late to live it with all your heart before leaving everything behind. There are no former writers, perhaps, and no former artists, certainly, but above all there are no former baptized people.

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# 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 \_\_\_\_\_