

# 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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535 Ashford Avenue  
Ardsley, NY 10502  
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**October 29, 2023 • 30th Sunday of 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

Mrs. Stephanie Bonney.....*Coordinator*  
Mr. Jay A. Conklin.....*Assistant*  
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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, OCTOBER 28

5:30 pm Don Harold †

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

8:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

11:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00 am Dr. Mario Spagnuolo †

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00 am Denise Palley †

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

7:00 pm Misa Pro Populo

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00 am Michael Markman †

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00 am Harry J. Bloomer †

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00 am Dr. Mario Spagnuolo †

5:30 pm Msgr. Edward McCorry †

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

11:30 am Thomas Michael Grealish †

### REQUESTED BY:

Sherry Family

The Bassmann Family

The Bannon & DeSouza Families

Ann Dosin

Frank Palley

Connie Pollina

Wife

Children & Grandchildren

Laura Maushardt

Janet Lokay

Nancy Maleska

Toglia Family

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

4:00 pm Patrick Joseph Doyle †

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 am Special Intentions for Rivera Boys

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00 am Antonio Sunga †

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 am Clara Heinzl †

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:00 am Milagros Trentacoste & Family †

7:00 pm Misa Pro Populo

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

8:00 am Misa Pro Popolo

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 am Edward J. Scott †

4:00 pm Edward Machowski †

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

10:00 am Dec'd Members of the O'Toole,  
Nekoloff, Murray & Lindgren Families †

### REQUESTED BY:

Doyle Family

Bernadette Machowski

Ybay Family

daughter Eleanor Rice

Linda Spagnuolo

Mary Kalathara

Mulholland Family

Bernadette Machowski

Padraic & Meagan Murray



## October 29, 2023 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading I: Exodus 22: 20-26

Here we have a group of laws, prohibitions, directions and commands. They acknowledge not only that Yahweh as God but also that He is the sole authoritative lawgiver.

### Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10

There is a stress shown here on the fact that the Apostles' lifestyle are an important witness to the authenticity of their message.

### The Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

The Pharisee questioner was interested in the education of the people and a desire to have a summary of Israel's law. He knew that he and his fellow Pharisees had developed many minor laws that obscured the main foundation.

## READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

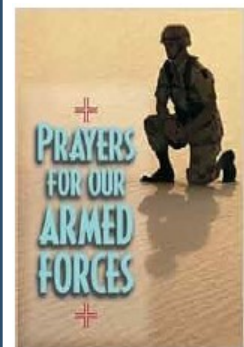
Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12



## 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.



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

## COLLECTION REPORT:

### Weekend Summary:

October 22nd:

Sunday 10/22/23

Not available at Press Time

Weekend: \$  
Repairs & Maintenance: \$

### Upcoming 2nd Collections:

Nov. 1 - All Saints Day

Nov. 5 - Military Services

Nov. 12 - Fuel Offering

Nov. 26 - Charity & Justice

**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 **120** 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.

## CANDLE DEDICATIONS

### St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle

*Special Intentions for*

*Jean & John Cannon*

req. by Bryan Healy



### St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

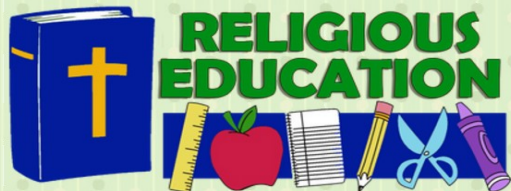
*In Memory of Lisa deCazotte*

req. by Michael P. Smith

### OLPH Tabernacle 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.*





**Classes continue this week:  
Wednesday, November 1st and  
Sunday, November 5th.**

**From Our New Coordinator  
of Religious Education:**

*I am writing to introduce myself.  
My name is Stephanie Bonney  
and I am the new  
Coordinator of Religious Education.  
I am a former Religious Education  
teacher and a long-time parishioner of  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help.  
I am looking forward to managing the  
Religious Education program. If you  
have any questions, I can be reached  
at 914-693-0030 or  
ReligiousEd@stmolph.com*



## **All Saints Day** **November 1<sup>st</sup>** **A Holy Day of Obligation**

**Wednesday, November 1st**  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EVENING**  
**CLASSES, GRADES 5-8,**  
**WILL MEET IN OLPH CHURCH**

Please arrive at 6:45pm at Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help Church to attend the 7pm Mass  
for All Saints Day.

Attendance will be taken by your teachers.

Parents are expected to remain for Mass  
with your child/children to fulfill the  
*Holy Day Obligation.*

## **URGENT APPEAL**

**We are Responding to Humanitarian  
Needs in the Middle East**

### **EMERGENCY AID FOR ISRAEL**

The Archdiocese of New York is collecting donations for Emergency Aid for Israel. If you would like to contribute, you can make a check payable to the Archdiocese of New York with Israel in the memo section. Checks should be placed in an envelope marked ISRAEL AID and can be dropped into any collection basket or mailed to the rectory.

## **Coffee Hour**

**TODAY**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH**



**FOLLOWING THE 8:30AM MASS**  
**IN THE LOWER MEETING ROOM OF THE**  
**RECTORY. PLEASE USE THE FIRST DOOR**  
**AS YOU WALK UP THE DRIVEWAY**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**







# All Saints Day

## November 1<sup>st</sup>

# A Holy Day of Obligation

**St. Matthew Church:**

Wednesday, November 1: 9:00am & 7:00pm

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help:**

Tuesday, November 1: 8:00am & 7:00pm



### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The Parish Council met on October 19, 2023. Finance Council chairman Tom Milton provided an update on the parish's financial situation, as well as the soon-to-be completed Renew and Rebuild campaign.

Fr. Crawford updated the council on the repairs to OLPH School following the flood on September 29th, the parish picnic and the St. Matthew School building. An Advent mission has been scheduled for December 17-19 (details to follow) and the Christmas Mass Schedule was discussed as Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year. More than 50 stocking stuffer raffle tickets have been sold. It was announced that Elizabeth Mullen has resigned from the council; the council wished her well and will miss her presence. A description of the Altar Society duties has been developed and Fr. Crawford will be reaching out to some parishioners to get the group started. A new coffee hour will begin at St. Matthew on October 29, like the one presently held at OLPH Church. Volunteers are needed! The Christmas Concert will return in December led by organist Danny Grey and cantor Alice Smyth; date to be announced.

The next parish council meeting is scheduled for November 16th. Parishioners are welcome to contact Fr. Crawford or Bryan Healy with any questions or concerns to address.

**eScrip**  
GIVING BACK!

*The parish received \$179.61 for the month of August 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](mailto:office@stmolph.com).*

**You shop,  
we give.**



# Amazing story of cancer cure through Anointing of the Sick.

by Theresa Civantos Barber

*What exactly is the point of calling a priest in a medical emergency? You'll see in this incredible story of healing from a Chicago hospital.*

It used to be common for Catholics to carry a card that said, "I'm Catholic. In an emergency, call a priest." Today, some Catholics add this detail to their medical information on their phones. But why might we want this directive made known? What exactly is the point of calling a priest in a medical emergency?

If you ever ask a priest about his experiences administering the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick (also called Extreme Unction or Last Rites), you'll see why. Many priests witness incredible moments of physical or spiritual healing through dispensing the sacraments.

One story from Fr. Bart Juncer truly shows the power of Anointing of the Sick. I had the chance to talk with Fr. Juncer, pastor of St. Odilo Parish and the National Shrine of the Poor Souls in Berwyn, Illinois. St. Odilo Church is the only parish in the United States dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, having been sanctioned as the Shrine of the Poor Souls in 1928.

## A call in the night

Nearly 15 years ago, on a cold January night in Chicago, Fr. Juncer got a phone call from a family at Rush University Medical Center. A 42-year-old cancer patient's father was urgently searching for a priest: The doctors had just said his son wouldn't make it through the night. "I remember it was snowing and slushy outside as I went in," he recalled. "This family was from out of town, so the dad called the nearest parish and asked if I would come down and give his son the Last Rites." Fr. Juncer administered the sacrament and left, sad for the young man who was dying. He never expected to hear from the family again.

## The second phone call

Instead, he received a shocking phone call about four months later, in April of that year. "I remember it was a nice sunny spring morning when I got a call at the rectory office," he said. The voice on the other end said, "Do you remember coming out in January and giving the Last Rites to a 42-year-old man who was dying of cancer? I remember that very well," Fr. Juncer replied. "I'm the man. I'm still alive," said the voice on the other end. "And here's the more amazing thing, Father. I just came back from the doctor and they said there's no more sign of the cancer. They can't explain how it's gone. But it's gone." The man went on to send Fr. Juncer a letter containing the details of the entire story so he could have a record of it.

## Healings are not uncommon

Fr. Juncer emphasized that this kind of miraculous healing is not uncommon with the sacraments, as in the story of a young woman who was healed while adoring the Eucharist. "I've seen similar things of people rebounding after receiving the sacraments, but that was the most dramatic one I can recall," he said. "We were even advised in the seminary when we were studying this particular sacrament, that sometimes there are miraculous healings and to be ready for that. And it's one thing when you're a seminarian, studying and hearing about it, but then it's wild to actually have it happen to you."

Fr. Juncer's story reveals exactly why Catholics call a priest in an emergency. Of course, in most cases, the sacraments will probably not bring about a dramatic physical healing. But the spiritual healing and emotional peace one receives from the sacrament is just as important.

## The importance of chaplains

When Fr. Juncer served as a chaplain at a Catholic hospital, he said that doctors would regularly stop to tell him, "Father, you're more important to this hospital than I am. We can't do it without your prayers." Even if these medical professionals were not Catholic or even religious, they recognized the importance of the chaplain's prayers and presence for the patients in their care. The power of the sacraments becomes clear in these dramatic life-and-death situations, in a way that we might forget in the course of our busy daily lives. But even if we forget, the sacraments are still there, always ready for us when we need them. Thanks be to God!

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She has worked as an editor for *Regnery Publishing*, *University of Chicago* and *Midwest Theological Forum*.



# What is the Origin of the St. Michael Prayer?

*by Father Ray Ryland*



On Oct. 1, 1884, Pope Leo XIII had a deeply disturbing mystical experience at Mass. He had just finished celebrating in his private chapel when he suddenly stood transfixed in front of the altar. For perhaps 10 minutes he stood there as if in a trance, his face drained of color. Then he went to his office and composed a prayer to St. Michael. He told his staff the prayer should be offered throughout the Church.

He explained that he had heard two voices in the vicinity of the tabernacle. He believed they were the voices of Our Lord and of Satan. Pope Leo heard Satan boast that he could destroy the Church in 75 or 100 years, if given the opportunity. Then he heard Our Lord give Satan permission to try. (This sounds somewhat similar to what we read in Job 1.)

The prayer which Pope Leo XIII composed was 10 times the length of the version we use today. Use of the prayer was discontinued in 1964. Thirty years later, in his Regina Coeli address, Pope John Paul II revived use of the prayer. He said, "Although the prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask every one not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of the world." The pope clearly intended that we should offer this prayer in our homes as well. The prayer, by the way, is as follows:

**St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**