

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
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November 5, 2023 • 31st 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
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, NOVEMBER 4

5:30 pm Msgr. Edward McCorry †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

11:30 am Thomas Michael Grealish †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:00 am Charles Masiello †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:00 am Antoinette & Gina Sarfaty †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00 am Debbie Tuite †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00 am Dr. Mario Spagnuolo †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00 am Special Intentions for Cheryl Ballantine

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:00 am Decd Members of Farragut Post 1195 †

5:30 pm Genevieve Tarant †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:30 am Edward Illmensee Sr. †

11:30 am Gessy Nau †

REQUESTED BY:

Janet Lokay

Nancy Maleska

Toglia Family

Ann Marie Chinnery

Sarfaty Family

Virginia Markman

Meredith Fox

Bryan Healy

Sons of the American Legion

Daughter Gene

Joan Haubold

Marie Nau-Fort

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

4:00 pm Edward Machowski †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00 am Dr. Mario Spagnuolo †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 am Fran & Nick Macri †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:00 am Maria DiMatteo †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 am Misa Pro Popolo

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

8:00 am Lucy Johnson †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00 am William Zappolo †

4:00 pm Denis O'Connor "Pa" †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:00 am William Patrick Nolan †

REQUESTED BY:

Bernadette Machowski

Padraic & Meagan Murray

Janet Lokay

Family

Mirella & Rocco Maiorano

Family

Mulholland & Ashford Families

The Doyle Family

Marilyn Nolan

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Reading I: Malachi 1: 14b-2:2b, 8-10

The prophet accuses the priests of disregarding God's ways, thereby leading the people astray. They had forgotten that Israel is God's extended family,

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 2: 7b-9, 13

Paul urges the community to consider the conduct of the apostles among them as self-supporting men. He also offers thanks that they were receptive of God's word preached by those same apostles.

The Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Jesus strongly criticizes the scribes and Pharisees for not practicing what they preach. He then reinforces His position by His teaching on humility.

READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

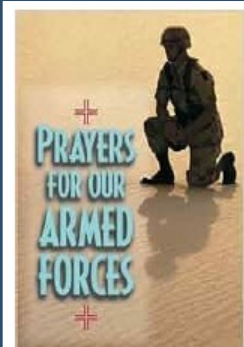
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13



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: \$3,771

Parish Giving 10/22: \$1,635

Total for Weekend: \$5,406

Mission Sunday: \$1,182

October 29th:

Sunday 10/29: \$3,901

Parish Giving 10/29: \$1,880

Total for Weekend: \$5,781

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

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

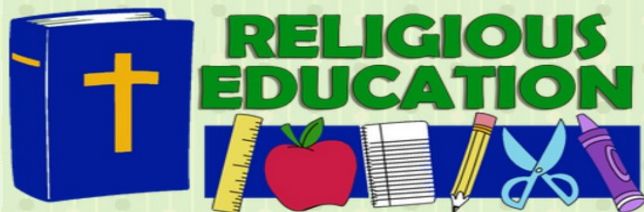


St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle
In Memory of Harry J. Bloomer
req. by Children & Grandchildren

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

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 8th and
Sunday, November 12th.**

**Please take note: The Religious
Education phone number is
914-693-0030**



**CPR/AED Training
Classes** have been
scheduled for Thursday,
November 30 and
Wednesday, December 6
from 7:00pm-9:00pm at Our
Lady of Perpetual Help Church Meeting Room.

There is No Charge for the classes, but if you would like a certificate there is a nominal fee. To sign up for either session, please contact the rectory.

Feeling Lucky?

Prizes Totaling \$10,000!

Take a chance in our

Christmas Stocking Stuffer



RAFFLE PRIZE SCHEDULE

1st PRIZE - \$6,500

2nd Prize - \$1,000

3rd Prize - \$500 4th Prize - \$500

5th Prize - \$500 6th Prize - \$200

7th Prize - \$200 8th Prize - \$200

9th Prize - \$200 10th Prize - \$200

• Only 200 Tickets Available •

Ticket Cost \$100

DRAWING HELD: December 15th



BULLETIN PRINTING DEADLINES

If you wish to submit an item for publication in the
Parish Bulletin, kindly contact the Rectory at
office@stmolph.com

Due to the upcoming holidays, the bulletin deadlines
have change to accommodate the printing process.

Bulletin for:	Deadline for articles:
November 19	November 13
November 26	November 13
December 3	November 20
December 10	November 27
December 17	December 4
December 24	December 11
December 31	December 18
January 7, 2024	December 22

If you would like to join our **Christmas Stocking Stuffer
Raffle**, please return this form with Payment to:
St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
616 Warburton Avenue • Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706
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Telephone _____

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Number of Tickets Wanted: _____ Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

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Jerusalem Cardinal Calls for Security for Palestinians.

by Kathleen N. Hattrup

In letter to diocese, Cardinal Pizzaballa condemns both October 7 attack and response in Gaza. "It is time to stop this war, this senseless violence."

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa has written a ["letter to the entire diocese,"](#) released this October 24, in which he urges Christians to turn to God in the midst of the Holy Land war, particularly on the [Day of Prayer set by Pope Francis](#) for Friday: "Perhaps the main thing we Christians can do at this time: pray, do penance, intercede."

Cardinal Pizzaballa condemns both sides of the conflict:

My conscience and moral duty require me to state clearly that what happened on October 7th in southern Israel is in no way permissible and we cannot but condemn it. There is no reason for such an atrocity. Yes, we have a duty to state this and to denounce it. The use of violence is not compatible with the Gospel, and it does not lead to peace. The life of every human person has equal dignity before God, who created us all in His image.

The same conscience, however, with a great burden on my heart, leads me to state with equal clarity today that this new cycle of violence has brought to Gaza over five thousand deaths, including many women and children, tens of thousands of wounded, neighborhoods razed to the ground, lack of medicine, lack of water and of basic necessities for over two million people. These are tragedies that cannot be understood and which we have a duty to denounce and condemn unreservedly. The continuous heavy bombardment that has been pounding Gaza for days will only cause more death and destruction and will only increase hatred and resentment. It will not solve any problem, but rather create new ones. It is time to stop this war, this senseless violence.

It is only by ending decades of occupation and its tragic consequences, as well as giving a clear and secure national perspective to the Palestinian people that a serious peace process can begin. Unless this problem is solved at its root, there will never be the stability we all hope for. The tragedy of these days must lead us all, religious, political, civil society, international community, to a more serious commitment in this regard than what has been done so far. This is the only way to avoid other tragedies like the one we are experiencing now. We owe it to the many victims of these days and to those of years past. We do not have the right to leave this task to others.

Looking up

The Catholic pastor of Jerusalem invites the faithful to consider a "word from the Gospel to help us live this tragic moment by uniting our feelings with those of Jesus." We need a Word to accompany us, to comfort and encourage us. We need it like the air we breathe. *"I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have tribulations, but take courage, I have conquered the world."* (Jn. 16:33).

The cardinal notes that this Scripture verse he has chosen comes from the eve of Jesus' passion. Thus the last word Jesus gives is encouragement.

He does not say that He shall win, but that He has already won. Even in the turmoil to come, the disciples will be able to have peace. This is not a matter of theoretical irenic peace, nor of resignation to the fact that the world is evil, and we can do nothing to change it. Instead it is about having the assurance that precisely within all this evil, Jesus has already won. Despite the evil ravaging the world, Jesus has achieved a victory, and established a new reality, a new order, which after the resurrection will be assumed by the disciples who were reborn in the Spirit.

The cardinal invites the faithful to this peace given by God. "The peace He speaks of has nothing to do with victory over others. He won the world by loving it." And he takes up Jesus' answer to the suffering of innocents: "God's answer to the question of why the righteous suffer, is not an explanation, but a Presence. It is Christ on the cross."



Kathleen N. Hattrup is the Executive Editor of Aleteia's English edition. Her career in Catholic media has had a particular focus on the pope and news from Rome. She is also a Spanish translator and children's book author, and along with her husband and four children, lives in Spain.

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Courage of love

Cardinal Pizzaballa urges the faithful to have “the courage of love and peace” and spells out what that means in the current context: “Not allowing hatred, revenge, anger and pain to occupy all the space of our hearts, of our speech, of our thinking. [...] It means being committed, being convinced that it is still worthwhile to do all we can for peace, justice, equality and reconciliation. Our speech must not be about death and closed doors. On the contrary, our words must be creative, lifegiving, they must give perspective and open horizons.”

Finally, the cardinal recalls the October 25 celebration of the Queen of Palestine, the patroness of the diocese.

The shrine was erected during another time of war, and was chosen as a special place to pray for peace. In these days we will once again reconsecrate our Church and our land to the Queen of Palestine! I ask all churches around the world to join the Holy Father and to join us in prayer, and in the search for justice and peace.

Read the whole letter below...



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the Lord give you peace!

We are going through one of the most difficult and painful periods in our recent times and history. For over two weeks now, we have been inundated with images of horrors, which have reawakened ancient traumas, opened new wounds, and made pain, frustration and anger explode within all of us. Much seems to speak of death and endless hatred. So many ‘whys’ overlap in our minds, adding to our sense of bewilderment.



The whole world views this Holy Land of ours as a place that is a constant cause of wars and divisions. That is precisely why it was good that a few days ago, the whole world joined us with a day of prayer and fasting for peace. It was a beautiful view of the Holy Land and an important moment of unity with our Church. And that view is still there. Next October 27th, the Pope has called for a second day of prayer and fasting, so that our intercession may continue. It will be a day that we will celebrate with conviction. It is perhaps the main thing we Christians can do at this time: pray, do penance, intercede. For this, we thank the Holy Father from the bottom of our hearts.

In all this uproar where the deafening noise of the bombs is mixed with the many voices of sorrow and the many conflicting feelings, I feel the need to share with you a word that has its origin in the Gospel of Jesus. That is the starting point which we set out from, and return to, time and time again: a word from the Gospel to help us live this tragic moment by uniting our feelings with those of Jesus.

Looking to Jesus, of course, does not mean feeling exempt from the duty to speak, to denounce, to call out, as well as to console and encourage. As we heard in last Sunday’s Gospel, it is necessary to render “to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” (Matt. 22:21). Looking to God, we therefore want, first of all, to render to Caesar what is his.

My conscience and moral duty require me to state clearly that what happened on October 7th in southern Israel is in no way permissible and we cannot but condemn it. There is no reason for such an atrocity. Yes, we have a duty to state this and to denounce it. The use of violence is not compatible with the Gospel, and it does not lead to peace. The life of every human person has equal dignity before God, who created us all in His image.

The same conscience, however, with a great burden on my heart, leads me to state with equal clarity today that this new cycle of violence has brought to Gaza over five thousand deaths, including many women and children, tens of thousands of wounded, neighborhoods razed to the ground, lack of medicine, lack of water and of basic necessities for over two million people. These are tragedies that cannot be understood and which we have a duty to denounce and condemn unreservedly. The continuous heavy bombardment that has been pounding Gaza for days will only cause more death and destruction and will only increase hatred and resentment. It will not solve any problem, but rather create new ones. It is time to stop this war, this senseless violence.

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Yet, I cannot live this extremely painful time without looking upward, without looking to Christ, without the faith that enlightens my view and yours on what we are experiencing, without turning our thoughts to God. We need a Word to accompany us, to comfort and encourage us. We need it like the air we breathe.

"I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have tribulations, but take courage, I have conquered the world." (Jn. 16:33).

We find ourselves on the eve of Jesus' Passion. He addresses these words to His disciples, who will shortly be tossed about, as if in a storm, before His death. They will panic, scatter and flee, like sheep without a shepherd.

Yet, this last word of Jesus is an encouragement. He does not say that He shall win, but that He has already won. Even in the turmoil to come, the disciples will be able to have peace. This is not a matter of theoretical irenic peace, nor of resignation to the fact that the world is evil, and we can do nothing to change it. Instead it is about having the assurance that precisely within all this evil, Jesus has already won. Despite the evil ravaging the world, Jesus has achieved a victory, and established a new reality, a new order, which after the resurrection will be assumed by the disciples who were reborn in the Spirit.

It was on the cross that Jesus won: not with weapons, not with political power, not by great means, nor by imposing himself. The peace He speaks of has nothing to do with victory over others. He won the world by loving it. It is true that a new reality and a new order begin on the cross. The order and the reality of the one who gives his life out of love. With the Resurrection and the gift of the Spirit, that reality and that order belong to His disciples. To us. God's answer to the question of why the righteous suffer, is not an explanation, but a Presence. It is Christ on the cross.

It is on this that we stake our faith today. Jesus in that verse rightly speaks of courage. Such peace, such love, require great courage.

To have the courage of love and peace here, today, means not allowing hatred, revenge, anger and pain to occupy all the space of our hearts, of our speech, of our thinking. It means making a personal commitment to justice, being able to affirm and denounce the painful truth of injustice and evil that surrounds us, without letting it pollute our relationships. It means being committed, being convinced that it is still worthwhile to do all we can for peace, justice, equality and reconciliation. Our speech must not be about death and closed doors. On the contrary, our words must be creative, lifegiving, they must give perspective and open horizons.

It takes courage to be able to demand justice without spreading hatred. It takes courage to ask for mercy, to reject oppression, to promote equality without demanding uniformity, while remaining free. It takes courage today, even in our diocese and our communities, to maintain unity, to feel united to one another, even in the diversity of our opinions, sensitivities and visions.

I want, and we want, to be part of this new order inaugurated by Christ. We want to ask God for that courage. We want to be victorious over the world, taking upon ourselves that same Cross, which is also ours, made of pain and love, of truth and fear, of injustice and gift, of cries and forgiveness.

I pray for us all, and in particular for the small community of Gaza, which is suffering most of all. In particular, our thoughts go out to the 18 brothers and sisters who perished recently, and to their families whom we know personally. Their pain is great, and yet with every passing day, I realize that they are at peace. They are scared, shaken, upset, but with peace in their hearts. We are all with them, in prayer and concrete solidarity, thanking them for their beautiful witness.

Finally, let us pray for all innocent victims. The suffering of the innocent before God has a precious and redemptive value because it is united with the redemptive suffering of Christ. May their suffering bring peace ever closer!

We are approaching the solemnity of the Queen of Palestine, the patroness of our diocese. The shrine was erected during another time of war, and was chosen as a special place to pray for peace. In these days we will once again reconsecrate our Church and our land to the Queen of Palestine! I ask all churches around the world to join the Holy Father and to join us in prayer, and in the search for justice and peace.

We will not be able to gather all together this year, because the situation does not allow it. But I am sure that the whole diocese will be united on that day in prayer and in solidarity for peace, not worldly peace, but the peace which Christ gives us.

With sincere prayers for all,

+Pierbattista Card. Pizzaballa

Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem