

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

November 12, 2023 • 32nd 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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Rectory Office.....office@stmolph.com



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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 11

5:30 pm Genevieve Tarant †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:30 am Edward Illmensee Sr. †

11:30 am Gessy Nau †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00 am Augustine Zhao-Wang †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 am Louise Peeke & Elizabeth Barrett †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00 am Angelina & Alfred Biondi †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 am Isabel Y. Crawford †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

9:00 am Robert Tauber †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 am Dr. Mario Spagnuolo †

5:30 pm Fr. Albert Audette Jr. †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

11:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

REQUESTED BY:

Daughter Gene

Joan Haubold

Marie Nau-Fort

Wang Family

J. Fioriti

Virginia

Fr. Crawford

The Hanak Family

Rudolph Villanyi

Sherry Family

The Constantine Family

Bill & Alexandria Stroud

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

4:00 pm Denis O'Connor "Pa" †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:00 am William Patrick Nolan †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:00 am Special Intentions

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:00 am Antonio Ybay †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00 am Special Intentions

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:00 am Charles Corbett †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 am Catherine Akiya & Family †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00 am Vincenzia & Filippo Pavone †

4:00 pm John Hamill †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †

REQUESTED BY:

The Doyle Family

Marilyn Nolan

The Tierney Family

Ybay Family

Mullen Family

Paulette Damiano

Marie Sognonvi

Angela Pavone

Lawrence & Diane Tangredi

Camille Gutierrez

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Reading I: Wisdom 6: 12-16

The author acknowledges the "resplendent" attribute of wisdom as coming from God. To be close to God is to reign and be "free from care."

Reading-ii: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18, or 4: 13-14

We await Jesus' return in glory, when the dead and those still alive will meet the Lord and always be with Him.

The Gospel: Matthew: 25: 1-13

The ultimate wisdom is that of being awake and ready for the Lord's call to the next life. The Responsorial Psalm puts it clearly: "My soul thirsts for You, O Lord, and "I will bless You while I live."

READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

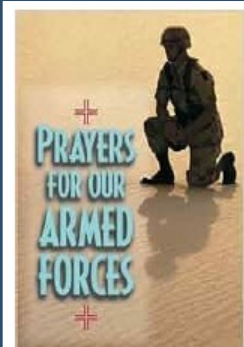
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]



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:

November 5:

Sunday 11/5: \$6,692

Parish Giving 11/5: \$3,280

Total for Weekend: \$9,972

Military Services: \$1,491

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

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

req. by Rosa

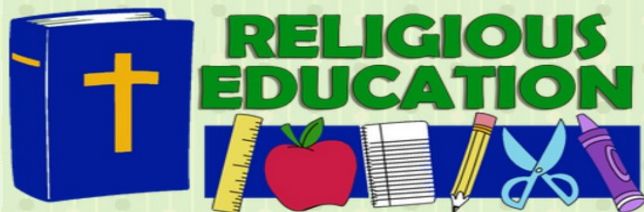
St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

Special Intention

req. by Mom & Dad

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

***Classes continue this week:
Wednesday, November 15th and
Sunday, November 19th.***

***Please Note: There will be NO CLASSES
on November 22 & 26 for the
Thanksgiving Holiday.***



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.

Coffee Hour

**TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
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**



Seeking 11:30 Choir Members. If you like to sing and can carry a tune, you now have an opportunity to share your God given gift with the parishioners of St. Matthew and OLPH. Please stop by the choir loft any Sunday between 11:15-11:25 or after the 11:30am Mass to hear what opportunities await you. The Christmas Season is around the corner and we'd like more voices to offer praise to God through song during the season.

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

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
Call: 914-478-2822 or email: office@stmolph.com**

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

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

\$100 per ticket

Thanksgiving Food Drives

ST. MATTHEW: NON PERISHABLE THANKSGIVING DONATIONS FOR JAMES HARMON COMMUNITY

CENTER: Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected in the back of St. Matthew's Church for the James Harmon Community Center Food Pantry in Hastings on Hudson to help with their Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Non perishable food donations should be placed in the back of the church.

Items in Need are: Canned Vegetables, Boxed Stuffing Mix, Canned: Gravy, Fruits, Cranberry Sauce, Pumpkin, Boxed Potatoes, Muffin/Cake Mixes, Pasta & Sauces, Soups, Macaroni & Cheese.

PLEASE: NO GLASS JARS/BOTTLES. Please bring donations only to the weekend Masses.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP THANKSGIVING FOOD

COLLECTION FOR LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR:



LITTLE SISTERS of the POOR

OLPH will collect non-perishable food items for Little Sisters of the Poor. Bins will be in the back of church for donations. (Items in **BOLD** are Most Needed)

Campbell's & Progresso Soups, Baked Beans, Sauerkraut, Cranberry Sauce, Applesauce, Quaker Oats, Cheerios, Rice Krispies, Special K, Corn Flakes, White Tuna in water, Peanut Butter, Pancake Mix, Sugar Free Cake & Brownie Mix, Coffee, Canned Fruit Juices (Prune, Cranberry or Apple) Canned Vegetables, Cream of Wheat, Farina, White/Brown Rice, Pasta, Canned Chicken, Sugar Free Pancake Syrup, Stuffing Mix, Biscuit, Cake & Brownie Mixes, Icing, Pudding, Jell-O, Crackers & Cookies, Lipton Tea Bags, Sugar, Flour, Mustard, Ketchup, Mayo, Salad Dressing, Pickles, Low Sodium Bouillon Cubes, Garlic powder, Jelly & Sugar Free Jelly. (Please No GLASS jars/bottles). **PLEASE BRING DONATIONS ONLY TO THE WEEKEND MASSES.**



Save The Date
**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**
St. Matthew Church: Thursday, December 21 at 7pm



Toys For Tots will be using St. Matthew's School again this year to conduct their Christmas Toy Drive. Volunteers will be collecting and distributing toys in the months of November & December.

Toys for Tots is looking for donation of gifts for Teenage Boys & Girls. If you would like to help, donations can be dropped into the Toys For Tots Box in the back of St. Matthew's Church. Suggested items: Footballs, Basketballs, Soccer Balls, Baseball Equipment, Electronic Games, Make-Up, Bath & Body Works, Jewelry, Ear phones/Ear Buds, Crocks, Amazon Tablets. Gifts for boy and girls ages 13-18 years old. If you have any questions, please contact Christine in the office

Give Boys “Impossible” Challenges and Watch Them Thrive.

by Fr. Michael Rennie

There is something about boys and accepting challenges. With a little guidance and empowerment, they rise to the occasion.

“Go up a little higher on that next branch and have your brother hand the saw up to you,” I shouted up to my son. I was planted safely with two feet on the ground, having sent my two boys clambering up a pine tree in our yard as high as they could go. They were carefully pulling up behind them a wood saw and a thick rope. The tree needed to be cut down and, rather than pay an exorbitant price to a professional company, I convinced myself that I and my two boys, aged 11 and 13, could handle it.



So, there they were, perched on a branch about 25 feet in the air, taking turns sawing away at the trunk. Rather than gamble with toppling the whole tree over all at once right by several buildings, I showed the boys how to tie one section of the trunk to a lower section and then saw through the trunk in the space between. It's an old trick I learned back when I would cut down trees as a landscaper during a high school summer job. That way, the tree can come down in a few sections that won't fall too far or too randomly.

The job wasn't easy. Not at all. I don't own a chain saw so I sent the boys up with a wood saw to operate by hand. Their task was to take turns until the job was done. I gave them safety tips, helped them get started, and left them to it. After watching for a few minutes, it became clear they didn't need my supervision or micromanagement. Even though the job is a hard one, they tackled it with persistence and enthusiasm. This was their chance to accomplish a difficult, meaningful, grown-up task.

Up to the challenge

The boys loved it. They stayed in the yard for hours working away at the task. I came out to assist when they got to the more dangerous part of letting the main trunk crack and fall. I pitched in with lowering the separated trunk safely to the ground. Then I showed them how to break down the tree by sawing off the smaller branches and hauling the piles to the dumpster. They set about the task industriously. Eventually, over the course of a few afternoons of work, they got the entire tree chopped up and cleared away.

We were left with a stump. If you've ever pulled a tree stump out of the ground, you know this is the worst part. I didn't look forward to hacking through all those roots and the inevitable blisters on my hands from such hard work. I decided to have the boys do that, too. Out came the shovels, saws, axes. Again, a lecture and demonstration on safety. Again, they set to the task with enthusiasm.

Removing that stump took a few more afternoons of intermittent work. I did pitch in and do my part this time. After all, there is great joy for a father in doing hard labor with his sons. Finally, with a great shout of triumph, we dislodged the stump from the earth.

There's something about boys and accepting challenges. They rise to them. They thrive on them.

No sneakers, no complaints

To take another example, I was talking to a friend the other day about our parish altar-serving program. When I first arrived at the parish, I was amazed at how many boys there were. (We're an oratory dedicated to the Traditional Latin Mass and only have male altar servers.) We have about 60 boys who all know how to serve. They exhibit enthusiasm, dependability, and discipline — down to the way they kneel on the stone floor and fold their hands. There are no rebellious comments about our no-sneakers-while-serving rule or complaints about lining up to pray post-Mass prayers in the sacristy. In fact, the boys can't seem to get enough of it.

I was marveling about this to a friend, who responded, “Do you know how the server program became the way it is?” I didn't, so he filled me in on the early days of training the boys. Back when everyone was still learning, the boys didn't yet have the habitual discipline to remain quiet and reverent in the sanctuary. A few of them were misbehaving near the altar, so the young man in charge of training them paused the entire training session, took all the boys outside, and had them do wall-sits to instill some discipline. The boys moaned but accepted their fate. After a few minutes, they actually began to challenge each other and brag about who could do it longer.

They had risen to the challenge and, even more, had begun to increase the difficulty. Today, the boys as a group are the best servers I've ever seen. The goal was set before them, the expectations were high, and they rose to the occasion.

Respect and empowerment

Boys, of course, are all unique individuals. When I talk about challenging them, I don't mean to merely focus on physical challenges and group discipline. I also include a group, say, the group of orphan boys who hung out with St. John Bosco, and how the great saint respected and encouraged them to fulfill their potential in all sorts of ways. I have in mind a father who encourages his son to tackle a difficult science project and volunteers to work with him on it; or to rise to the challenge of trying out for the school play and running lines with him; or assists him in boldly thinking outside the box.

We aren't trying to fit the boys into a pre-made system or make them anxious about overly lofty expectations. Rather, the idea is simply to let them know they're capable of great things if they put their mind to it.

It seems that every time I challenge my boys and empower them to be able to follow through on the challenge, they exceed what they thought they could accomplish. They mature and grow. In this way, they're learning to become men, how to set a goal and achieve it, how to thrive.

So, I say bring on the challenges. Give boys hard tasks to accomplish. Equip them and give them guidance, but then sit back and just watch how much more they can accomplish than anyone would've expected. It seems that nothing is impossible for these young men.

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BULLETIN PRINTING DEADLINES

If you wish to submit an item for publication in the Parish Bulletin, kindly contact the Rectory: office@stmolph.com. Due to the upcoming holidays, the bulletin deadlines have changed to accommodate the printing process.

<u>Bulletin for:</u>	<u>Deadline :</u>
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



The Mass Book for 2023 is now Full. Masses and Candles for 2024 are available online!

To book online please visit the parish website: www.stmolph.com where you will find a direct link to the Mass Book Calendar.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When requesting a Mass Online for someone that is LIVING, please include "Special Intention" before the person's name: ie: *Special Intention for Mary Jane*



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.

**You shop,
we give.**

Foodtown Contributions

Up to 3% of purchase amount contributed to the school or nonprofit organization of your choice.