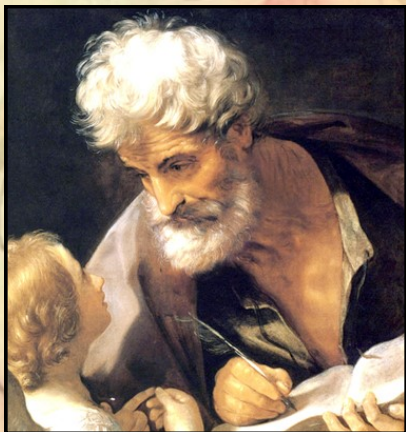


THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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 19, 2023 • 33rd 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 18

5:30 pm Fr. Albert Audette Jr. †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

11:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 am Augustine Zhao-Wang †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 am Bobby Zahurak †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00 am Debbie Tuite †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00 am Denise Palley †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 am Audrey Bloomer †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00 am Beatrice Murphy †

5:30 pm Nathaniel & Mabel Pollock †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

11:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

REQUESTED BY:

Sherry Family

The Constantine Family
Bill & Alexandria Stroud

Wang Family

Zahurak Family

Virginia Markman

Frank Palley

Children & Grandchildren

Ribeiro Family
Daughter Claudia

The Hollocou Family
Teri DeSouza

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

4:00 pm John Hamill †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:00 am Nicola Cantatore †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:00 am Marie D. Doody †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00 am Special Intentions for Fr. Henry

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8:00 am Misa Pro Populo

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

8:00 am Maria & Alfonso Marino †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00 am Special Intentions for Jeremy Asgari

4:00 pm Mary Drumm †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

10:00 am Sal Campoli †

REQUESTED BY:

Lawrence & Diane Tangredi

Camille Gutierrez

Sylvia Melina

Bill

Janet Lokay

Angela

Friend
Family

Wife Dora

November 19, 2023 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

This is an acrostic poem, in which each verse begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It cites the woman's extraordinary work including a reach out to the poor and needy.

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Thessalonica was a thriving port city. St. Paul reflects on the implications of the Day of the Lord for those alive at that time.

The Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30, or 25:14-15, 19-21

The lesson here is the lifestyle a Christian should lead in this interim before Christ returns in glory, which includes a responsible use of the world's goods.

READING FOR THE WEEK

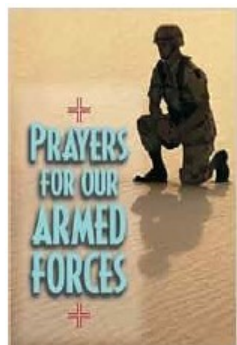
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1,20-31; Ps 17:1bcd,5-6, 8b,15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46



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 12:

Sunday 11/12: \$6,029

Parish Giving 11/12: \$2,175

Total for Weekend: \$8,204

Fuel Offering: \$1,566

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

In Memory of Audrey Bloomer

req. by Children & Grandchildren

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

In Memory of Joseph A. DiSalvo

req. by Kathy & Corky Soderstrom

OLPH Tabernacle Candle

Special Intention

req. by Rosa



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.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING




RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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



Seeking 11:30 Choir Members.
 If you like to sing and can carry a tune, you now have an opportunity to share your talents 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.



AED CPR

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

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

"CHRIST-LOCK: IDENTITY THEFT NO MORE!"

A parish mission directed by Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P.

7:00pm St. Matthew Church - December 17, 18 & 19

The Rosary 30 Minutes Before & Confessions to Follow each evening

Advent Parish Mission

Preparing for Christmas *together*

www.dominicanpreachers.org

4th Annual CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday, December 21 at 7pm

Once again, St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is proud to present our Annual Christmas concert with parish musicians Alice Smyth and Danny Gray. The concert with traditional Christmas carols and contemporary songs will take place on Thursday, December 21st at 7pm at St. Matthew Church.



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

The Complicated Legacy of Planned Parenthood Founder Margaret Sanger.

by Tom Quiner, Iowans for LIFE Board President - published 07/25/2020

"A group of Black pastors asked the Smithsonian to remove her likeness, because "Margaret Sanger was a racist who wanted to end the Black population through birth control and abortion."

The American landscape is littered with fallen statues of notable historical figures tainted with the stench of racism. A notable statue still stands at the Smithsonian Museum's National Portrait Gallery in Washington D.C., that of Margaret Sanger.



An influential American

Time Magazine named Sanger one of the 20 most influential Americans in history. The Smithsonian says she "fought to achieve civil rights for disenfranchised or marginalized groups." And yet a group of 13 legislators led by Senator Ted Cruz wrote the Smithsonian in 2015 asking them to take down her statue. Their reason: **"Ms. Sanger was an avowed advocate of eugenics and the extermination of groups of people she deemed as 'undesirables.'** Specifically, Ms. Sanger singled out African Americans, among other minority groups, as deserving to be subjected to such horrific and inhumane treatment." By the same token, a group of Black pastors asked the Smithsonian to remove her likeness, because: "Margaret Sanger was a racist who wanted to end the Black population through birth control and abortion."

Nonetheless, her statue still stands, although cracks in her reputation are emerging. Just days ago, the New York Times reported that Planned Parenthood of Greater New York is removing their founder's name, Margaret Sanger, from its Manhattan health clinic. Their spokesperson Karen Selzer explains: "The removal of Margaret Sanger's name from our building is both a necessary and overdue step to reckon with our legacy and acknowledge Planned Parenthood's contributions to historical reproductive harm within communities of color."

So what is Margaret Sanger's legacy?

Was she primarily an advocate of women's self-determinism? Or was she primarily an advocate of national breed-improvement through a compelled program of eugenics? **Iowans for LIFE explored Sanger's creed in a unique theatrical pieced titled A Clash of Creeds.** You can watch her unique worldview on display next to that of Ayn Rand and St. Mother Teresa, with G.K. Chesterton as moderator, in the clip above. (Go to IowansforLIFE.org to view the entire performance.)

Ms. Sanger's creed is succinct:

"Birth control is the first important step woman must take toward the goal of her freedom. It is the first step she must take to be man's equal. It is the first step they must both take toward human emancipation." So you can see indications of women's self-determination in this statement. Further, Sanger asserts that ... "Eugenics is ... the most adequate and thorough avenue to the solution of racial, political and social problems."

What is eugenics?

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary: "Eugenics is the practice or advocacy of controlled selective breeding of human populations (as by sterilization) to improve the population's genetic composition."

Sanger called on Congress to establish a 'Parliament of Population Directors,' who would "direct and control the population through birth rates and immigration, and direct its distribution over the country according to national needs consistent with taste, fitness and interest of the individuals."

An abrupt turn

Here, the legacy of Margaret Sanger takes an abrupt turn, for her Parliament would have immense, coercive power: **"They would be empowered to apply a stern and rigid policy of sterilization, and segregation to that grade of population whose progeny is already tainted, or whose inheritance is such that objectionable traits may be transmitted to offspring.**

To insure the country against future burdens of maintenance for numerous offspring as may be born to feeble-minded parents, the government would pension all persons with transmissible disease who voluntarily consent to sterilization. Even more, the whole dysgenic population would have its choice of segregation or sterilization.

No more children should be born when the parents, though healthy themselves, find that their children are physically or mentally defective. By all means there should be no children when either mother or father suffers from such diseases as tuberculosis, gonorrhea, syphilis, cancer, epilepsy, insanity, drunkenness, and mental disorders.”

Complicated race relations

The legacy of Margaret Sanger is especially complicated when it comes to her connection with race relations. **She spoke to the white supremacist group, the Ku Klux Klan.** She once wrote (commenting on the ‘Negro Project’ in a letter to Clarence Gamble, Dec. 10, 1939):

“The most successful educational approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We don’t want the word to get out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members.”

Apologists suggest that this passage was merely “inartfully written.” And yet her legacy has impacted the African-American community disproportionately. **In the city where she founded Planned Parenthood, New York, Black women are more likely to have an abortion than give birth. Nationally, Blacks represent 12% of the population but 36% of all abortions.** According to the Guttmacher Institute, three out of four abortions are performed on women who are poor.

Sanger opposed abortion

The irony is that Sanger opposed abortion: “I assert that the hundreds of thousands of abortions performed in America each year are a disgrace to civilization.” So is the legacy of Margaret Sanger primarily about liberating women, or is it about limiting undesirable populations? Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg suggests the latter in a 2009 interview in the New York Times Magazine:

“Frankly I had thought that at the time Roe was decided, there was concern about population growth and particularly growth in populations that we don’t want to have too many of.”

Evidence supports Ginsberg’s concerns

To support her concern, a letter came to light written by Ron Weddington, one of the attorneys who successfully argued the Roe v Wade case that legalized abortion. Writing to former president Bill Clinton in 1993, he said:

“I don’t think you are going to go very far in reforming the country until we have a better educated, healthier, wealthier population.... **Start immediately to eliminate the barely educated, unhealthy and poor segment of our country [through abortion].... There, I’ve said it. It’s what we all know is true, but we only whisper it,** because as liberals who believe in individual rights, we view any program which might treat the disadvantaged differently as discriminatory, mean-spirited and ... well ... so Republican. Our survival depends upon our developing a population where everyone contributes. We don’t need more cannon fodder. We don’t need more parishioners. We don’t need more cheap labor. We don’t need more poor babies.”

To further bolster Justice Ginsberg’s concerns, the popular economics book Freakonomics stated that abortion was therapeutic to the greater society, because it reduced crime rates in the Black community, and that the eugenic effects are measurable. The authors, Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner, explained why abortion is good, from their perspective:

“Fertility declines for black women are three times greater than for whites (12 percent compared with 4 percent). Given that homicide rates of black youths are roughly nine times higher than those of white youths, racial differences in the fertility effects of abortion are likely to translate into greater homicide reductions.” So is the legacy of Margaret Sanger more a story of the emancipation of women or a eugenically-driven master plan to suppress the African American population? Her complicated legacy is in the news. Her admirers and apologists are beginning to get pushback. **Will her statue still be standing tomorrow?**

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