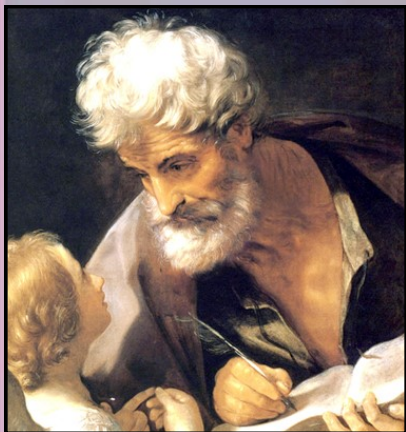


# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help



**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

## December 3, 2023 • First Sunday of Advent

### Clergy

Rev. Douglas Crawford.....*Pastor*  
Rev. Nicholas Nwagwu.....*Chaplain, St. John Riverside Hospital*  
Rev. George Lodi.....*In Residence*  
Rev. Thomas Kelly.....*Weekend Associate*

### Sacrament of Baptism

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*  
Office Location: St. Matthew Church  
Phone: 914-693-0030 • e-mail: ReligiousEd@stmolph.com

### Parish Emails

Fr. Crawford.....fr.dycrawford@yahoo.com  
Rectory Office.....office@stmolph.com



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Instagram.com/stmolph

### 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, DECEMBER 2

5:30 pm Hon. Joseph A. DiSalvo †

### REQUESTED BY:

Phyllis Richter

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:30 am Charles Murray †

Murray Family

11:30 am Gessy Nau †

Marie Nau-Fort

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 am Augustine Zhao-Wang †

Wang Family

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 am Anthony Ravinsky, Sr. †

Ravinsky Family

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 am Eleanor & Ralph Santini †

Daughter

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 am Lisa deCazotte †

Michael P. Smith

5:00 pm Misa Pro Populo

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 - Immaculate Conception

9:00 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

Connie Pollina

7:00 pm Misa Pro Populo

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 am Bill M. DiRocco †

Diane DiRocco

5:30 pm Beatrice & Michael Murphy †

Janet Lokay

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 am Edward Illmensee, Sr. †

Joan Haubold

11:30 am Joseph A. DiSalvo †

Marty Roos & Janet Murphy

## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:00 pm Florence Jane Questo †

### REQUESTED BY:

Jacqueline Questo & Family

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:00 am Patrick Reilly †

Tierney & Murtagh Families

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 am Troadio Ybay †

Ybay Family

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:00 am Beatrice C. Smith †

Michael P. Smith

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 am Special Intention for Jeremy Asgari

Friend

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00 am Misa Pro Populo

6:00 pm Misa Pro Populo

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 - Immaculate Conception

8:00 am Balduino DiMatteo †

Rocco & Mirella Maiorano

6:00 pm Misa Pro Populo

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 am Margaret Wilmoth †

Family

4:00 pm Paddy Lowbridge †

Ella & Orla

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00 am Hector Martinez †

Sonia Martinez

## December 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent

### Reading I: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64: 2-7

A wish for Yahweh to come down from heaven and help cleanse the nation of its guilt and sins.

### Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Paul thanks the Lord for all the gifts the community has received. He asks for His help in keeping them firm in the faith.

### The Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Jesus warns His listeners to be alert, for no one knows the time of the Lord's return. Watchfulness regarding the Kingdom of God is essential.

## READING FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, December 4, 2023** Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 7, 2023** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 8, 2023** Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

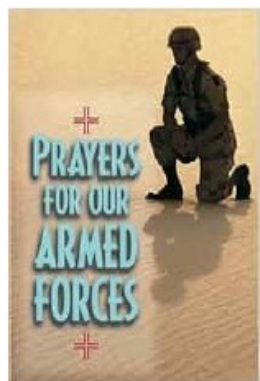
**Saturday, December 9, 2023** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday, December 10, 2023** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8



## ALTAR FLOWERS

St. Matthew Church  
*In Memory of*  
**Kathleen Corrigan**  
by Ella & Orla



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  
Claire Sherry - USAF

## COLLECTION REPORT:

### Weekend Summary:

**November 19:**

**Sunday 11/19: \$4,434**

**Parish Giving 11/19: \$1,425**

**Total for Weekend: \$5,859**

### Upcoming 2nd Collections:

**Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception**

**Dec. 10 - Christmas Flowers**

**Dec. 17 - Retired Religious**

**Dec. 24 - Maintenance & Repairs**

**Dec. 25 - Christmas Collection**

**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 John Costello*  
req. by Ellen Usher

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle  
*In Memory of Beatrice C. Smith*  
req. by Michael P. Smith

OLPH Tabernacle Candle  
*In Memory of Margaret Wilmoth*  
req. by Family

*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.*



**Advent Mission:** December 17, 18 & 19

**Reconciliation Monday:** December 18th

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 4 to 6 pm

St. Matthew: 8 to 9 pm

**Christmas Concert:** Thursday, December 21st

St. Matthew Church: 7:00pm

**Sunday, December 24th**

St. Matthew: 8:30am & 11:30am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 10:00am

*The usual Sunday obligation is not fulfilled  
by attending the 4pm, 6pm or 10pm  
Christmas Vigil Masses.*

## Christmas Schedule

*Moreover, the Christmas Obligation is not  
fulfilled by attending the Sunday,  
8:30am, 10:00am, or 11:30am Masses.*

**Christmas Eve Masses:** Sunday, December 24th

St. Matthew: 4:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 6:00pm & 10:00pm

**Christmas Day:** Monday, December 25th

St. Matthew: 8:30am & 11:30am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 10:00am

**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**

**5th Prize - \$200**

**7th Prize - \$200**

**9th Prize - \$200**

**100 TICKETS**

**REMAINING**

**JOIN TODAY!!**

**DRAWING HERE: December 15th**



**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 & 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.

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.



Father Bill Garrott, O.P., nationally known for his inspirational and uplifting presentations, will offer an Advent Mission on December 17, 18 & 19th at St. Matthew Church.

A member of the Dominican Order, Father Garrott is known for both his preaching ability and musical talent. He has led over 200 parish missions throughout the United States and Canada, using word and song to help people experience God's unconditional love and bring them into a personal encounter with Jesus.

“You might call my ministry a ministry of encouragement,” Father Garrott has said. “I’m preaching the theological version of hope. God has a plan, and God provides always.”

“The Christ-Lock mission is a unique, grace-filled evangelical moment in the life of a parish which aims to help parishioners enter more deeply into the love of the Holy Trinity and experience God’s merciful touch through the sacraments.

## **Sunday Evening’s Talk: “Where is your faith?”**

Fr. Bill’s preaching focuses on what Faith is and is not in light of current challenges. The evening concludes with an invitation to venerate a 1st class relic of St. John Paul II – a piece of the blood-soaked white sash he wore on the day he was shot in St. Peter’s Square.

## **Monday Evening’s Talk: “Are you right to be angry?”**

Fr. Bill’s preaching focuses on the emotion, the virtue and the sin of anger in light of the polarized culture we live in. The evening concludes with an invitation for those in need of healing to adore our Eucharistic Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

## **Tuesday Evening’s Talk: “Take away the stone!”**

Fr. Bill’s preaching focuses on the power of the Risen Lord to heal us and make us participants in God’s great rescue mission of mercy. The evening concludes with a solemn blessing and an invitation to receive a special blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph from the Oratory of St. Joseph in Montreal.

**“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](http://www.dominicanpreachers.org)

Each night, the Mission will begin at 7pm in the Church with the Rosary beginning at 6:30pm. Fr. Garrott will also hear confessions each evening following the talk.

If you would like to learn more about Father Garrott, visit <https://dominicanpreachers.com>.



**Classes resume this week:  
Wednesday, December 6th  
and Sunday, December 10th.**



There is one class remaining for CPR/AED Training on 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, please contact the rectory.



# 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.



## Christmas Gift Drive Benefiting the residents of LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR JEANNE JUGAN RESIDENCE

Want to help make someone's Christmas Special? We have been provided with a list of names of those who reside at the Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan Residence in the Bronx. Each resident has provide an item that they would like to receive for Christmas.

If you would like to help, please call Christine in the rectory: 914-478-2822

- ◆ You will receive a persons name & their gift wish.
  - ◆ Purchase the gift (new items only).
  - ◆ Wrap & label the gift with the persons name.
- ◆ **Return the wrapped gifts to the rectory no later than December 15th**

We have also found out that the Sisters have a wish of their own for the residents. These gifts are a little more elaborate than the wishes of the residents. If you would like more information, please contact Christine in the rectory.



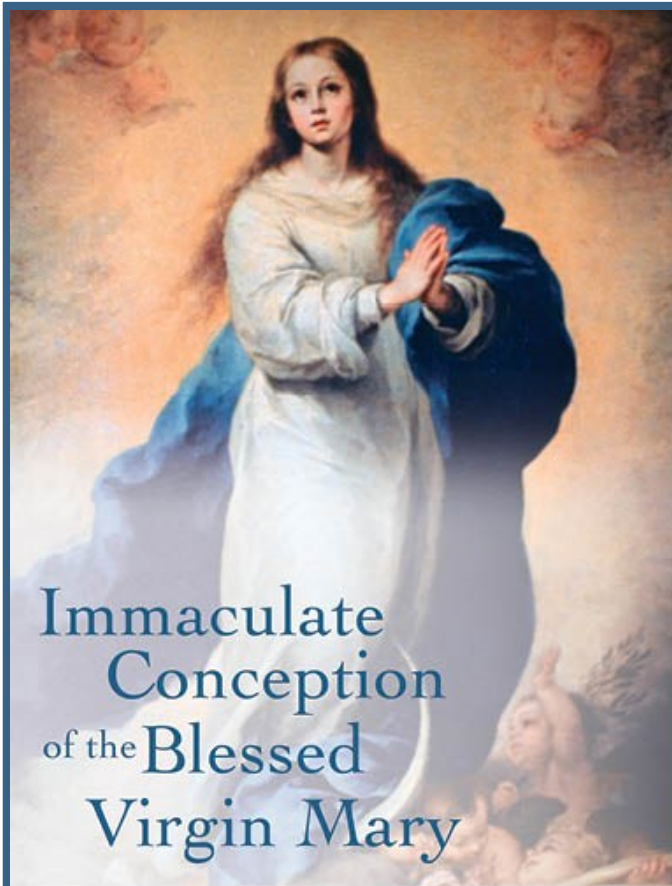
Toys For Tots will be using St. Matthew's School again this year to conduct their Christmas Toy Drive. Volunteers will be collecting and distributing toys in the months of November & December.

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





# Immaculate Conception Friday, December 8th

*A Holy Day of Obligation*

## HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

### Thursday, December 7th

St. Matthew at 5:00pm & OLPH at 6:00pm

### Friday, December 8th

Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 8am & 6pm

St. Matthew Church at 9am & 7pm



The Parish Council met on November 16, 2023. Elizabeth Heilakka and Paul Perillo were introduced as the newest members of the Parish Council. Stephanie Bonney, the parish's new coordinator of religious education, provided an overview of the program to the council and how the year is progressing. Fr. Crawford reported that the CYO basketball season opened earlier this month with a Mass at St. Matthew and a pep rally at the Hastings High School gym. Fr. Crawford informed the council that Fr. George Lodi, a recently retired priest of the Archdiocese, will be moving into the rectory at St. Matthew after Thanksgiving and assisting with the saying of Mass, communion calls, confessions, etc. Fr. Crawford also shared that the parish's goal for the 2024 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal has increased slightly. The parish was able to exceed its goal in 2023, so hopefully we can do so again next year. About 80 Stocking Stuffer raffle tickets have been sold; the parish needs to sell 100 raffle tickets to break even. Everyone is encouraged to purchase a ticket or ask friends and family members to purchase a ticket. Fr. Crawford met with parishioners interested in the Altar Society on November 7; a core group of volunteers is currently being formed. The coffee hour at St. Matthew is going well; it will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of most months after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The OLPH coffee hour is also going well and it is being held on the 2nd Sunday of the month after the 10 a.m. Mass. The next parish council meeting is scheduled for December 14th. Parishioners are welcome to contact Fr. Crawford or Bryan Healy with any questions or concerns to address.

## *Coffee Hour*



**THE NEXT COFFEE HOUR WILL BE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH  
FOLLOWING THE 8:30AM MASS**

**PLEASE GATHER IN THE LOWER MEETING ROOM OF THE RECTORY.  
PLEASE USE THE FIRST DOOR AS YOU WALK UP THE DRIVEWAY  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**