

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



Church of St. Matthew
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Rectory.....914-478-2822



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March 10, 2024 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

Clergy

Rev. Douglas Crawford.....*Pastor*
Rev. Nicholas Nwagwu.....*Chaplain, St. John Riverside Hospital*
Rev. George Lodi.....*Retired In Residence*

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*
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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

ST. MATTHEW & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

(A) 4:00 pm Antonio Aversa †

(H) 5:30 pm Bernie McGarry †

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

(H) 8:30 am John Monaco †

(A) 10:00 am Mario Spagnuolo, MD

(H) 11:30 am Angela Ciafone †

MONDAY, MARCH 11

(A) 8:00 am Misa Pro Populo

(H) 9:00 am Billy Gunther †

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

(A) 8:00 am Matthew "Buddy" McGee †

(H) 9:00 am Special Intentions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

(A) 8:00 am 2024 Confirmation Class

(H) 9:00 am Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

(A) 8:00 am Sister Amy McKenna †

(H) 9:00 am Special Intentions for Ann McPhail

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

(A) 8:00 am Antonio Ybay †

(H) 9:00 am Special Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

(A) 8:00 am

(H) 9:00 am Paul Kern †

(A) 4:00 pm Maria Grazietta Monteleone †

(H) 5:30 pm Mark Brennan †

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

(H) 8:30 am Fr. James Smyth †

(A) 10:00 am Patrick Bohan †

(H) 11:30 am Maureen Manzi †

REQUESTED BY:

Lina Cilurzo

Eva Maher

Nancy, John & Joey

A Friend

Janet Murphy & Marty Roos

Kathy & Corky Soderstrom

Helene Cooney

Agnes & Hugh Dynes

Janet Lokay & Linda Spagnuolo

The LaTuga Family

Agnes & Hugh Dynes

Ybay Family

Agnes & Hugh Dynes

Kellie Moran & Daniel Mansdorf

Lina Cilurzo & Family

Sherry Family

Peter & Betsy Westrell

Noeleen Bohan McGovern

George Febles & Family

(H) - Hastings: St. Matthew

(A) - Ardsley: Our Lady of Perpetual Help



March 10, 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading I: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

A reflection on the evil of not paying attention to God's prophets compels the Israelites to endure a 70 year exile in Babylon.

Reading II: Ephesians 2: 4-10

St. Paul tells Christians that they can be identified with Christ in that they too will be enthroned with Him in heaven.

The Gospel: John 3: 14-21

The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus continues with a discussion about God sending His only Son to earth to bring light and love to the world.

READING FOR THE WEEK



Monday Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

COLLECTION REPORT:

Weekend Summary:

March 3:

Sunday 3/3: \$3,753

Parish Giving 3/3: \$3,215

Weekend Total: \$6,968

Maintenance & Repairs: \$1,393

Upcoming Second Collections:

March 10 - Catholic Relief Services

March 24 - Easter Flowers



MARCH 10, 2024

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts.

CANDLE

DEDICATIONS

OLPH Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of Maria & Pedro Moro

req by. Elizabeth Delgado



St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of Audrey Bloomer

req. by Bryan Healy

2023 Contribution Statements



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This years contribution statements were

emailed to everyone on Monday, January 8th.

If you did not see it in your "In Box" please check your "spam/junk" mail folders.

You can also view this document with your list of donations online anytime by clicking the my info link at the bottom of any Flocknote email and then clicking on the Giving tab. You will see the 2023 Donor Summary at the bottom of the page.

Please remember, Charitable Donations statements are for collections only and do not include Mass Cards, Cardinal's Appeal or Renew+Rebuild donations.

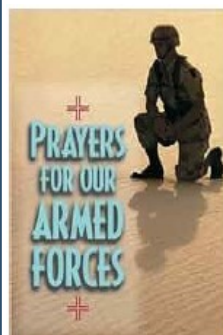
If you give through PARISH GIVING, you will receive a separate email from them directly.



Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially: Helen O'Reilly, Bill Murray,

And for those who have died marked by the sign of faith, especially: **Gus Cuellar**

If you would like to add the name of a loved one to the prayer list, please contact the rectory: 914-478-2822



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



Classes continue on
Wednesday, March 13th & Sunday, March 17th.



Fridays During Lent

St. Matthew: 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 7:00 pm



the CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

\$52,100
Our Parish Goal

\$25,915
Pledged

\$20,720
Paid

Join your fellow
parishioners in
supporting the work
of the Church
in New York.

To make your donation,
please use the form you
received in the mail, or make
your donation online at

To date we have raised 49.74 % of our goal.
69 parishioners/families have pledged.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday begins the 40 day preparation for Easter. Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are obligatory days of **Fasting and Abstinence** for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 - 59.



PRAY



FAST



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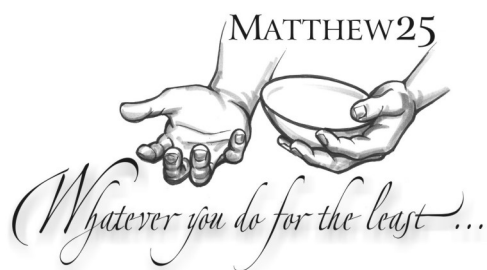
Third Annual Stuff-A-Shirt.



St. Matthew & OLPH CYO collected toiletries and t-shirts throughout the season. Last week, players from various teams gathered to turn them into care packages. Over 140 care packages were created and will be donated to Family to Family.



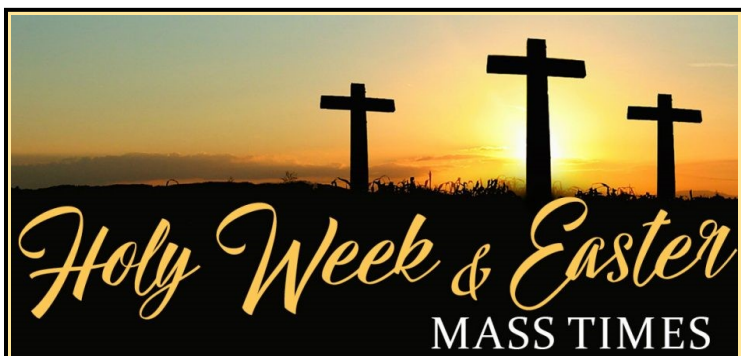
www.family-to-family.org



FOOD COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

We have resumed our monthly food collections at St. Matthew Church. Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food donations for the Hastings Food Pantry to Mass on the second weekend of each month, which is next weekend MARCH 9-10th

Please no glass, open or expired items and please do not leave food donations at other times.



March 24th – Palm Sunday

Regular Mass Schedule

March 25th – Reconciliation Monday

(Last confession before Easter)

STM: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

OLPH: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Regular Daily Mass Schedule. NO Daily Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday

Holy Thursday, March 28th

STM: 10:00 am – Tenebrae

STM: 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession

Good Friday, March 29th

STM: 10:00 am – Tenebrae

STM: 3:00 pm – Passion, Veneration & Communion

OLPH: 7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross, Veneration of the Cross & Communion

Holy Saturday, March 30th

STM: 10:00 am – Tenebrae

STM: 11:00 am – Blessing of Easter Baskets in the Church

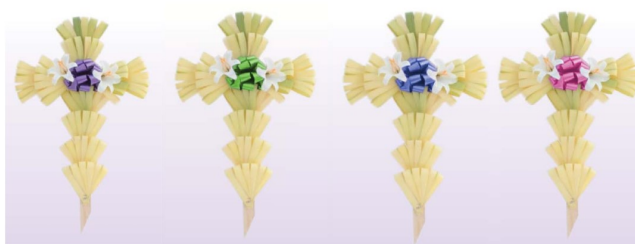
8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass (at both Churches)

Easter Sunday, March 31st

STM: 8:30 am & 11:30 am

OLPH: 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Palm Crosses



Palm Cross Fundraiser

March 16th & 17th

24" Palm Crosses decorated with lilies and a bow in a variety of colors

will be available at all Masses for \$15.

If any crosses remain after the weekend, they will be available at the rectory during the week.



The Golden Jubilee Mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2024.

Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 2:30pm at

Saint Patrick's Cathedral. His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Celebrant

All those who wish to attend need to contact their parish secretary to register. Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples only.

Up to four (4) additional family and friends will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section in general seating.

All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish.

**Registration will close on Monday, May 13
Call Christine in the Rectory to Register.**



RECONCILIATION MONDAY

March 25th

St. Matthew Church: 4pm - 6pm

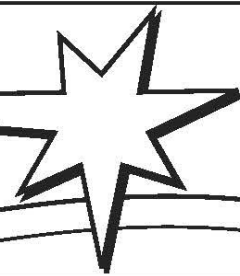
Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 6pm - 8pm

Visit a Catholic Church near you during our extended Confession hours. To find a church and continue your Lenten journey, visit:

Archdiocese of NY: ArchNY.org/Lent

Diocese of Brooklyn: DioceseofBrooklyn.org/Lent

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

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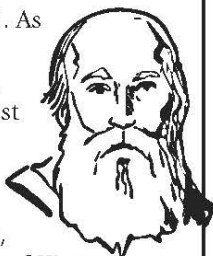
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Thoughtful Moments

Pope St. Zachary

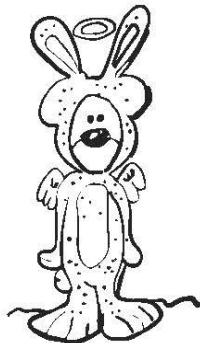
St. Zachary was a deacon before he became pope in 741. As pope, St. Zachary skillfully negotiated peace for Italy against the usually violent Lombard clan and befriended the Frankish king Pepin, the Short, the father of King Charlemagne. He was a patron of restoring churches and saving priceless treasures from Byzantium from being destroyed. Also known for his charity, St. Zachary ransomed slaves being sold in Venice and supported St. Boniface's mission in Germany.



See with your heart

Scripture says that God wants to be intimate with us but it can be challenging to feel close to someone we can't see in human form. Remember that God said, *"Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things which you have not known"* (Jeremiah 33:3).

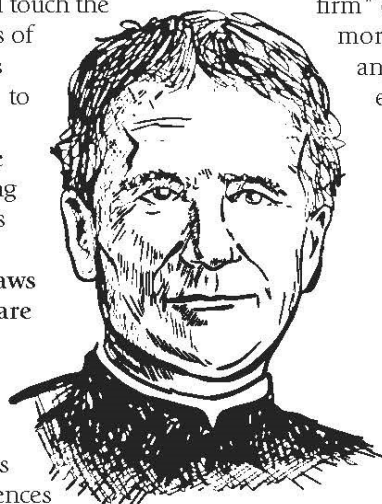
"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil" (Matthew 6:34).



Invoke Don Bosco's special charism

As an educator and father-figure, St. John "Don" Bosco had a special charism. He could touch the hearts and minds of rebellious youths and inspire them to follow Christ. Follow his advice for forming young hearts and minds for Christ:

"See that the laws of discipline ... are made known." Children of all ages benefit from understanding clear expectations and the consequences for deviation. He knew that children thrive on routine and well-defined boundaries. And, Don Bosco believed that placing youths in safe surroundings with good influences removes the likelihood of their committing sin. That encourages responsible independence.



"Always gentle and prudent." It was his experience that "gentle but firm" or "quiet but stern" were more effective in discipline than anger or violence. The educator must strive to make himself loved by his pupils, if he wishes to obtain their respect and obedience.

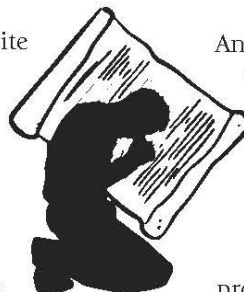
"Never ... correct in public." To Don Bosco, punishments were a last resort and done in private when it is more likely to have the child's full attention. Never humiliate a youngster.

"A humble prayer to God is much more useful..." Don Bosco encouraged drawing on God's grace. The Holy Spirit speaks to our children's hearts in ways we can't. Inviting God into our challenges might turn what could have been a fall-out into a breakthrough.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

During Sunday Mass, we recite the Nicene Creed, and bow when we proclaim the miracle and mystery of the Incarnation. It is such a central tenet of our faith that we genuflect when proclaiming it on Christmas and the Feast of the

Why do Catholics bow during the Creed?



Annunciation (April 8). Whether we bow or genuflect during the Creed, the extra gesture helps us to recall with gratitude and reverence that God became man "for us ... and our salvation," when we proclaim our Catholic beliefs.

Help children "tune in" to the Holy Spirit

Holiness results when we honor God and follow His ways. Try these suggestions to develop children's "God-radar" that allows the Holy Spirit to work in their lives.

5-minute check-in: Encourage children to make "5-minute check-ins" with God throughout the day. They can thank Him for blessings, offer intentions, confide worries, offer apologies – whatever they want to tell God.

Form faith-filled consciences: Make sure children know the Ten Commandments and understand them as God's laws to guide their behavior. For example, if your child thinks



"white lies" are okay to spare hurt feelings, explain the Eighth Commandment forbids lying, and brainstorm charitable alternatives.

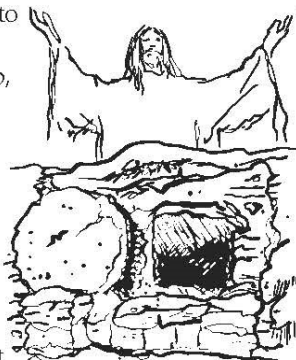
Twelve Fruits raffle: A heart where God is known, honored, and obeyed will "grow" the Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1832). Write each fruit down on a slip of paper and put them in a jar. Each of you can draw one from the jar weekly and practice it.

Scripture LESSON

John 20:1-9, "People who have hope live differently"

The Resurrection is the keystone of our Faith, making a claim unique to Christianity. When Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb, she expected to find a corpse. Instead, she found the stone rolled back, the grave clothes left behind, and the tomb empty. She thought thieves had taken the Lord's body and ran to tell Peter and John.

When the Apostles arrived at the tomb, Peter went in first and also saw that the grave clothes had been left behind, not left in a heap, but neatly arranged. No grave robber would take a body and leave the shroud. John



followed Peter and saw the cloth covering Christ's face was neatly folded in a separate place, perhaps by Jesus Himself. John saw and believed.

What can a parent do? Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "People who have hope live differently." We know death is not the end and we hope for eternal life. As Christians, we're called to live differently. We do this when we put God first and listen to Him. Then we can point others to this hope.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 12 – St. Seraphina (1253): Born to a poor family in San Gimignano, Italy, she suffered from a mysterious paralyzing illness. Her family abandoned her, but she found comfort in Christ's Passion and the prayers of St. Gregory the Great. She suffered with extraordinary patience until her death.

March 14 – St. Matilda (968). The daughter of the Count of Westphalia, St. Matilda married Prince Henry the Fowler and had five children, including Otto I, the Holy Roman Emperor. She was known for her charitable works and

generosity to the poor.

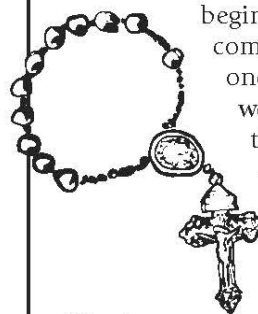
March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped by pirates and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland. He is credited for having established the Church there.

March 24 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). The start of Holy Week. Today, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by cheering crowds waving palms.



Parent TALK

We had such a fruitful Lent this year, we wanted to keep up our good habits as "Easter resolutions." At the beginning of Lent, we committed to doing one good family deed weekly. We discussed the good deeds over dinner, which gave the children a chance to pat each other on the back.



We also committed to praying a decade of the Rosary as a family every night to help us have a good Lent. At first, it was difficult to make the time, but the family decade became a favorite part of our bedtime routine. We still do good deeds every week, but instead of discussing them, we talk about ways others have been kind and discuss how to imitate them.

Continuing our Lenten practices of doing good deeds and praying nightly helps us to be more patient and caring, and brought us closer together as a family.

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