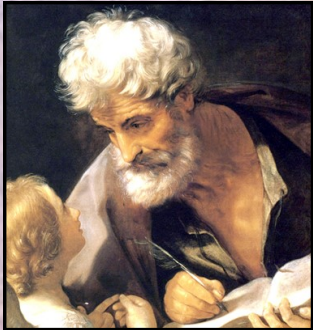


# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help



**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

**April 20, 2025 • Easter Sunday**

## 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*  
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  
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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  
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

## ST. MATTHEW & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

# Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, APRIL 19

(A) 7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

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### SUNDAY, APRIL 20 - Easter Sunday

(H) 8:30 am Denise Palley †

(A) 8:30 am Madeline St. Onge †

(A) 10:00 am Vilma Marie Troise †

(H) 11:30 am Msgr. McCorry †

### MONDAY, APRIL 21

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Katherine Bernardini

(H) 9:00 am George Zahurak, Sr. †

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

(A) 8:00 am James Chaparro, Sr. †

(H) 9:00 am Bill Hahn †

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Katherine Bernardini

(H) 9:00 am Misa Pro Popolo

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of JoAnne & Stephanie

(H) 9:00 am Lino Innocenzi †

### FRIDAY, APRIL 25

(A) 8:00 am Julia Mendez †

(H) 9:00 am Ann Chinnery †

### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

(A) 8:00 am Ken Tierney †

(H) 9:00 am Wiener Fort †

(A) 4:00 pm Sal Campoli †

(H) 5:30 pm David A. Utchel †

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

(H) 8:30 am Hoang Huynh †

(A) 10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †

(H) 11:30 am Lino Innocenzi †

### REQUESTED BY:

Frank Palley

Lucy & Michael Berger

Family

Janet Loaky

Zahurak Family

Elizabeth Chaparro

Virginia

Linda Spagnuolo

Lillian & Family

Daughters

Ann Marie Chinnery

Tierney Family

Fort Family

wife Dora

Rose Utchel

Andy Huynh

Camille Gutierrez

Lillian & Family

(H) - Hastings: St. Matthew

(A) - Ardsley: Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Our prayers during Mass are spiritually important and bring benefit and comfort to those who have experienced a loss or acute need. If you would like to arrange for a Mass to be said for the repose of the soul of a loved one or for a special intention, please visit or call the parish office 914-478-2822 or you can schedule a time using the online website. You can also request to memorialize the tabernacle candles on the altars. The direct links can be found on the parish website: [www.stmolpl.com](http://www.stmolpl.com)

*"A religion that doesn't interfere with secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it."*  
—Abp. Fulton J. Sheen



Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially:

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

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

every contribution is  
highly valued

thank  
you!

### 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.

April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday

**Reading I: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43**

God anointed Jesus at His baptism. The forgiveness of our sins comes through the invocation of Christ's name at our baptism.

**Reading II: Colossians 3: 1-4**

At His glorious Second Coming, Christ's presence will initiate the general resurrection of the dead and the righteous bodies among them will radiate God's glory.

**The Gospel: John 20:1-9**

The empty tomb is an indisputable fact of Easter morning, as testified even by the Roman soldiers put there as guards.

**READING FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday** Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Mk 8:1-15

**Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday** Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48

**Friday** Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday** Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday** Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31



**COLLECTION REPORT:**

Weekend: April 13:

Sunday 4/13

Collection update not available at Press Time

Total: \$

Upcoming Second Collections:

April 13: Easter Flowers

April 18: Holy Land

April 20: Maintenance & Repairs

April 27: Cent. & Eastern Europe



**NOT SIGNED UP FOR PARISH GIVING?**



Parish Giving is a great way to make sure you never miss a collection. No more envelopes to remember or checks to write. Set up your account once and you are all set for the year. Scan the code to the left to get started.

**CANDLE DEDICATIONS**



OLPH Tabernacle Candle

*In Memory of Sal Campoli*

req. by wife Dora

St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle

*In Thanksgiving to Jesus*

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

*In Memory of Gjorgje & Maria Kikprelevic*

req. by Renato & Stela

Candle dedications can be reserved online or by calling the rectory. Please visit our website for the direct link for Candle Dedications: [www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com)



the **CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Sharing God's Gifts

To make your donation, please visit [www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com) or call the rectory. You will receive in the mail a confirmation of your donation online.

Update not available at Press Time

**\$55,885 Pledged**

\$46,640 Received

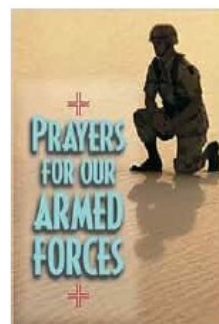
\$52,100 Goal

When making your donation, please remember to select our parish from the drop down menu.



Donations & Pledges received from 92 families  
107% of our goal. Thank you!

**GOAL!**



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



**No Sunday Classes this weekend in observance of Easter**  
**Sunday classes will resume on April 27th**

**REMINDER** : All students must drop in the collection basket their **ATTENDANCE ENVELOPE** for the corresponding week. If you are not able to attend Mass at STM or OLPH, please get a bulletin, signed by the Priest, from the church where you attended Mass. Staple your attendance envelope to the bulletin and give it to your teacher the following week.



Religious Education will continue to meet in the OLPH Church for the next 3 Wednesdays. The schedule is below-please read carefully as classes do not meet every week due to space constraints.

**Wednesday, 4/23:**

3:30pm-4:30pm grades 2 and 4 only (last day of Religious Ed for 4th grade)

6:30pm-7:30pm grades 7 and 8 only (last day of Religious Ed for 7th grade)

**Wednesday, 4/30:**

3:30pm-4:30pm grades 1 and 3 only (last day of Religious Ed for 1st and 3rd grades)

6:30pm-7:30pm grades 5 and 6 only (last day of Religious Ed for 5th and 6th grades)

**Wednesday, 5/7:**

3:30pm-4:30pm grade 2 only First Holy Communion practice  
(last day of Religious Ed for 2nd grade)

6:30pm-7:30pm grade 8 only (last day of Religious Ed for 8th grade)

**For Pick-Up of your Child(ren) from Religious Education at**  
**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH:**

- Please park in 3 rows in the parking lot (back of church)
  - Please, DO NOT EXIT YOUR CAR
  - WE will bring your child(ren) to you

Also, please DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD(REN) off on Ashford Avenue.  
All children must be dropped off in the parking lot. This is for the safety of all children.



Will be held on **SATURDAY, APRIL 26** at **9:00am**  
at St. Matthew's Church.

Please note that the **Daily Mass** at St. Matthew's  
will be held at **8:00am** to accommodate  
First Reconciliation

*The Rectory will be CLOSED on Monday, April 21st in observance of Easter  
and will re-open on Tuesday, April 22nd.*



# Church of St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Easter 2025

Dear Parishioners and Friends::

Alleluia! Our Lord has risen, He is truly risen, Alleluia!

On behalf of Fathers Lodi and Nicholas, and our lay staff, I wish you all a very happy Easter. "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!" I pray that you and your loved ones will feel the joy and excitement of this singular day in the Church's annual celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. In fact, every Sunday is a "little Easter" — a celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ, but Easter is the Sunday of Sundays.

The past several months have witnessed a lot of activity at St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help. While the sacramental life of the parish is primary, attending to the maintenance and upgrading of our buildings and grounds is also important. Last month when the work of replacing the roof at OLPH School, a small fire broke out on the roof. While it was quickly extinguished, the water was enough to saturate the sub-roof that caused the collapse of the gym ceiling. Now the project has expanded to both an abatement and ceiling replacement. The entire project will take weeks to complete.

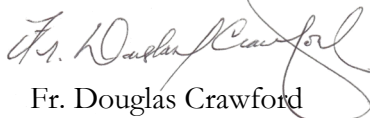
At St. Matthews, sidewalk sheds are being installed around the entire church for an extensive water proofing, and pointing project. This has been in the planning and approval phases for eighteen months. Now it's underway. Following its completion, we will be able to address the church interior for its long-awaited plastering and paint job. Lastly, St. Matthew's School has been placed on the market. We believe we have some worthwhile bidders for the site's redevelopment. Meanwhile, we will do all we can to keep our campuses attractive and welcoming for all.

I am grateful to our parishioners for having made our Cardinal's Appeal 2025 a success once again by exceeding our goal for the second consecutive year. We are eager to see CYO basketball restored to OLPH School gym, as well as see the St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's dinner return in 2026. This May 10th we have forty-two 2nd graders receiving Our Lord Jesus for the first time; the crowing of Our Blessed Mother will occur the following day at both St. Matthew's and OLPH.

Meantime, as we enter this joyous season of Easter, I am filled with gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy here at St. Matthews & Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Thank you for the variety of ways you support our Parish.

Thank you for your prayers for me.

In the Risen Lord,

  
Fr. Douglas Crawford

Pastor



# Stronger Families; Stronger Priests

*by Stephen P. White*

In 2022, The Catholic Project at The Catholic University of America – where I serve as director – conducted the largest study of American Catholic priests in more than half a century. This National Study of Catholic Priests (NSCP) looked at many aspects of how American priests are faring.

Our study showed that American priests are, by and large, flourishing. They demonstrate high levels of satisfaction in their vocations and enthusiasm for their work as pastors. The youngest cohort of American priests are, by their own description, the most theologically conservative and politically moderate of any cohort.

These young priests are also the most likely to demonstrate elevated signs of burnout in their ministry.

There are several likely reasons for this. For one, older priests are more likely to have settled into the priestly life and adapted to life in the parish or religious community. Then there is the simple fact of attrition. Men in older cohorts who did not adapt well to priestly life may have already left ministry, leaving fewer members in older cohorts who report burnout.

It used to be the case that a newly ordained priest could look forward to five, ten, or even fifteen years as an associate pastor before being made pastor. The first decade or so after ordination served as an apprenticeship in the “tradecraft” of priestly life. Older priests in the parish served as mentors from whom younger priests learned how to handle (or how not to handle, as the case may be) the challenges of running a parish.

For priests in many dioceses, things are very different today. Fewer and fewer parishes have more than one priest in residence. More and more young priests are being asked to serve as pastors at younger and younger ages. One priest I know was, immediately upon ordination, appointed pastor of six parishes. That is surely an exceptional case, but the overall trend is that more is being asked of younger priests than at any time in living memory.

Bishops and seminary formators are aware of these trends and the challenges facing younger priests. In a 2021 study from CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate), young priests reported that, while seminary prepared them well for some aspects of pastoral life (e.g., delivering homilies and celebrating Mass), they felt much less well prepared when it came to personal skills, time management, and handling the stress of parish life. “The areas priests report being least well prepared for,” the report said, “are all related to administration, human resources, and leadership.”

In 2019, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a new Program of Priestly Formation which regulates seminary formation here in the United States. It took another three years of tinkering with details before Rome approved the new PPF, which it finally did in 2022. The most noted change was the addition of a “propaedeutic year,” which is a period of human and spiritual formation which takes place before philosophical and theological studies begin.

The PPF also added a “vocational synthesis stage” at the end of seminary formation, after a candidate is ordained to the diaconate. This latter addition, lasting at least six months, during which a deacon is placed in a pastoral setting (most likely a parish) full time, is intended to provide practical experience in pastoral leadership. In the language of the PPF, the goal of the vocational synthesis stage is, “not so much acquiring new pastoral skills – though these certainly will be gained – but more adjusting to the life of ministry before advancing to priestly ordination.”

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## National Study of Catholic Priests

WELL-BEING, TRUST, AND POLICY IN A TIME OF CRISIS

While the propaedeutic year has already been introduced, many dioceses are still working out the nuts and bolts of how to structure and implement the vocational synthesis stage. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, for example, just announced last month that its first class of ordinands to follow the new vocational synthesis plan will be ordained in 2027.

The Church may move slowly, but she is trying to adapt. She is attacking the problem on two fronts. Both the propaedeutic year and the vocational synthesis stage are designed to better prepare a new generation of men – with all the strengths and weaknesses particular to their generation – for new pastoral challenges and realities.

Which brings us back to the NSCP and the data showing elevated signs of burnout among younger priests. In the many presentations I have given about the results of our study, there is one question that bishops have asked me more than any other question: “Are younger priests really overworked and burnt out, or does this generation just not know what hard work is?”

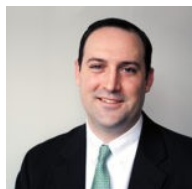
That question might make you bristle, especially if you are a young priest. But it’s an important question. A whole generation of young men seems to be struggling. One hears constantly about a crisis of masculinity, a crisis of fatherhood. This phenomenon is hardly particular to young men studying for the priesthood. Nor is it entirely the fault of the younger generation. Surely, some responsibility for this state of affairs rests with a generation of parents and educators who have raised these young men to be what they are.

In this sense, that question all those bishops keep asking – “Are the young guys burned out or simply unused to hard work?” – is as much a question for parents, as it is for young men or seminary formators. Seminaries are working hard to bolster both the human formation and pastoral acumen of young priests. Like so much else, the challenges facing young priests are ultimately downstream from the crisis in the family.

Before all, the formation of young Christian men is the responsibility of mothers and fathers. Fathers in a particular way. Parents, consider: Your son (or mine) may be someone’s husband someday. (I mention this as the father of three daughters.) Or he may be someone’s confessor. He may even be someone’s bishop. To paraphrase John Paul II, as the family goes, so goes the Church, the nation, and the world.

We Catholic families have our work cut out for us.

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