

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

Remembering  
Pope Francis  
1936-2025



**Church of St. Matthew**

616 Warburton Avenue  
Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706  
Rectory.....914-478-2822

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

535 Ashford Avenue  
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**April 27, 2025 • Divine Mercy 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**

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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 26**

(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 †

**MONDAY, APRIL 28**

(A) 8:00 am Josephine Schreiber †  
(H) 9:00 am Joseph Richter, Sr. †

**TUESDAY, APRIL 29**

(A) 8:00 am Rosalie Berg †  
(H) 9:00 am Marianna Macaluso †

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30**

(A) 8:00 am Thomas & Dorothy Travers †  
(H) 9:00 am Catalina Aaron †

**THURSDAY, MAY 1**

(A) 8:00 am Misa Pro Popolo  
(H) 9:00 am Karl "Corky" Soderstrom †

**FRIDAY, MAY 2**

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Angie Torrisi  
(H) 9:00 am Intentions of Louisa Compi

**SATURDAY, MAY 3**

(A) 8:00 am Esther DeNardo †  
(H) 9:00 am Dorothy Honovich Kavanah †  
(A) 4:00 pm Patricia Basini †  
(H) 5:30 pm Helen Usher †

**SUNDAY, MAY 4**

(H) 8:30 am Mary Drumm †  
(A) 10:00 am Special Intentions  
(H) 11:30 am Franklin D. Gregory †

**REQUESTED BY:**

wife Dora  
Rose Utchel

Andy Huynh  
Camille Gutierrez  
Lillian & Family

Sylvia Melina  
Wife

Angela Pavone  
Virginia

Lynn M. Travers  
Ann Marie Chinnery

Patricia Speranza

Lynn M. Travers  
Mark Guida

Lynn M. Travers  
Sharon Sutherland  
Husband Tom  
Korzeniowski Family

Family  
Tierney Family  
Geroge Febles & Family



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.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com)



(H) - Hastings: St. Matthew

(A) - Ardsley: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

*"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*

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 27, 2025 - Divine Mercy Sunday

### Reading I: Acts 5: 12-16

Many people came to believe in Jesus through the signs and wonders worked by the Apostles, especially by Peter.

### Reading II: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

This first vision describes Jesus in both divine and human terms.

White hair for the "Ancient of Days," and a voice like the rumbling of the Lord's glory.

### The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Jesus is raised not simply with a body, but with the same body that had been crucified only days before. St. Thomas makes what is the climatic confession of faith in John's gospel: "My Lord and my God."

## READING FOR THE WEEK



**Monday** Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday** Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday** Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday** Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36

**Friday** Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday** 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14

**Sunday** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14



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**\$52,100 Goal**

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**Donations & Pledges received from 98 families  
115% of our goal. Thank you!**

## COLLECTION REPORT:

### Weekend: April 13:

Sunday 4/13: \$6,872

Parish Giving: \$2,295

Weekend Total: \$9,167

### April 20:

Easter: \$21,401

Parish Giving: \$995

Weekend Total: \$22,396

**Easter Total to Date: \$23,617**

**Easter Flowers to Date: \$4,042**

### Upcoming Second Collections:

**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're all set for the year. Scan the code to the left to get started.



## CANDLE DEDICATIONS

### OLPH Tabernacle Candle

*In Memory of Nicolaus Herbold*

req. by Wolff Family

### St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle

*In Memory of Lino Innocenzi*

req. by Lillian & Family

### St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

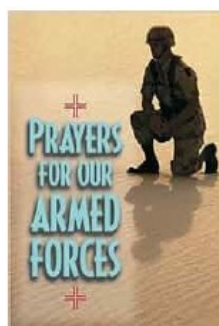
*In Memory of Patrick Curtin*

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*Candle dedications can be reserved online or by calling the rectory.*

*Please visit our website for the direct link for Candle*

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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





**Religious Education resumes this weekend at St. Matthew's on Sunday, April 27th. Please see schedule for OLPH below.**

**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, 4/30:**

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)

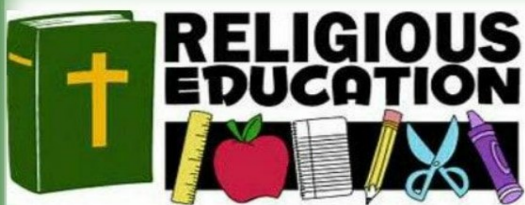
**Wednesday, 5/7:**

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.



Religious  
Education  
Registration  
**OPENS MAY 2**



**On Friday, May 2nd**, all families currently in the Religious Education Program will receive an email from Parish Giving to register their child(ren) for the 2025-2026 school year. This year, there is a registration form for **Grades 1-6** and a separate form for **Confirmation Grades 7-8**. If you have children in both grade levels, you **MUST** use both forms to register all your children.

If you are new to the program, or registering a child for the first time, there is a link on the parish website to begin the registration process for **New Families**.

***If you register before June 30th, you will receive a discount of \$100 off of tuition. Sacramental fee's are not discounted.***

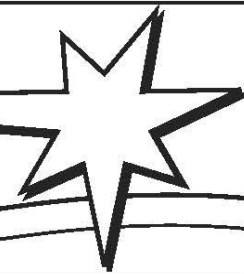


**A Special Mass** to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis will take place on Monday, April 28, at 7 PM at St. Matthew Church.

All parishioners from **St. Matthew** and **OLPH** are warmly invited to join us in this moment of prayer and unity. Let us come together to honor his life, his faith, and his service to the Church.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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May 2025

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## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Augustine of Canterbury

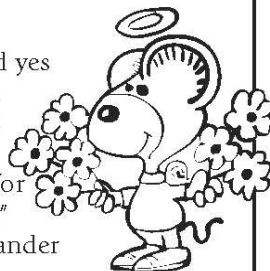
St. Augustine was an Italian Benedictine monk who was friends with Pope St. Gregory the Great. Pope Gregory thought so highly of St. Augustine that he sent him to go and re-evangelize England, whose people were disheartened because of ongoing invasions. Thankfully, King Ethelbert of Kent welcomed the monks to England and allowed them to preach the Gospel there. St. Augustine and his companions successfully converted southern England, and St. Augustine became the first Archbishop of Canterbury.



***"May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38)***

When faced with events beyond her understanding or control, Mary leaned on God. We, too, encounter situations we can't understand or control. That's when we can imitate Mary's trust in God. His plan for her worked out better than she could have dreamed. The same will be true for us.

*"Our Lady said yes for the human race. Each one of us must echo that yes for our own lives."*  
Caryll Houselander

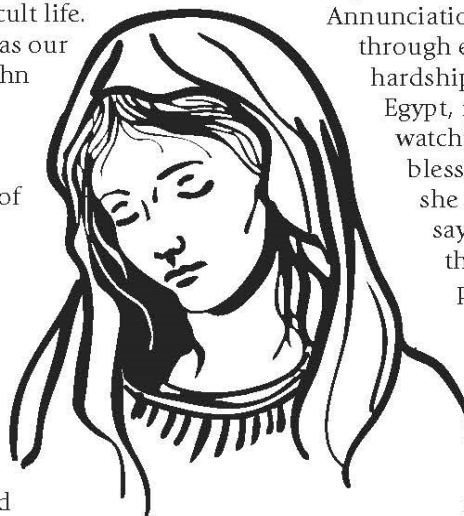


## "Behold your Mother"

Remember, although she was full of grace, Mary lived a mostly ordinary, often difficult life.

Jesus gave her to us as our spiritual mother (John 19:27) so we could follow her example, know Him more deeply, and be part of His family.

Mary leads us to Jesus. In the Gospels, Mary always brought people to Jesus—or brought Him to them. She talked about Him, pointed to Him, and stayed near Him. When we pray the Rosary as a family, Mary helps us reflect on Christ's life, one mystery at a time. If you want your family to grow closer to Jesus, start by spending time with His mother.



Mary is a model for family life. Her "yes" to God at the

Annunciation continued daily, through every joy and hardship — fleeing to Egypt, raising Jesus, watching Him suffer. In blessings and struggles, she shows us how to say "yes" to God through our parenting challenges.

***"Behold your mother"*** (John 19:27). Mary isn't distant — she's our

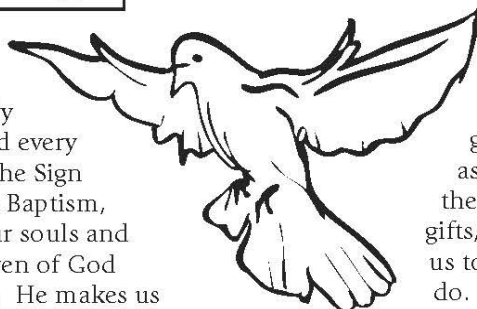
mother. Jesus

wants us to draw close to her, talk to her, and love her. We are never alone. We can always turn to God, but our heavenly mother is always with us, praying for us, and guiding us home.

## Why Do Catholics Do That ?

## Why do Catholics invoke the Holy Spirit?

As the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is invoked every time we make the Sign of the Cross. In Baptism, He dwells in our souls and makes us children of God (Romans 8:15). He makes us



receptive to God's grace. He also teaches and helps us to pray. He guides and protects us, just as He guides and protects the Church. Through His gifts, He inspires and enables us to do the good we ought to do.



## What to do when “everyone else is doing it”

Your 10-year-old wants to play a T- or M-rated video game because “everyone else has it.” Your 8-year-old wants a phone to send emails and messages like “all” her friends. So how do we decide wisely when our children insist that everyone else is doing it?

**Start by asking:** Is this good for my child’s soul? Will it help build the virtues essential to strong character—faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance? Or could it hinder growth of these critical virtues?

Seek guidance from trustworthy parents,



especially those with more experience. Their perspective can help you see more clearly.

**Trust your instincts.** Just because something is popular doesn’t mean it’s good. If something doesn’t feel right, it probably isn’t. God often speaks to us through that quiet inner sense.

**Most importantly, pray.** Actively ask God for the grace to lead your children well. He can reach their hearts in ways we can’t. A simple prayer — “Jesus, I trust in You” — can lead to the best, most trustworthy guidance.

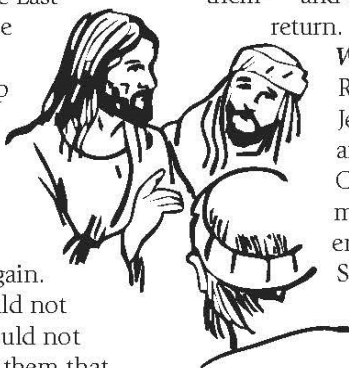
### Scripture LESSON

#### John 14:23-29, Jesus is always with us

This Gospel reading comes from Jesus’ Farewell Speech at the Last Supper. After spending three years together, He had to prepare the close-knit group for His departure. He was going to suffer, die, and rise again. After that night, everything would be different: they would not see Him in the same way again.

Yet, He promised He would not leave them orphans. He would not abandon them. He assured them that He would remain with them if they loved Him and kept His word. Jesus would send the Holy Spirit to guide, comfort, teach, and remind them of all

He taught them. Lastly, He promised them — and us — that He would return.



**What can a parent do?** Remind children that Jesus is still present among us today in the Church. Tell them we meet Him in prayer, encounter Him in the Sacraments, hear Him in the Scriptures, and receive Him in the Eucharist at Mass.

Encourage them to pray to Him whenever they want. He loves them always and is never too busy or too far away to help them.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker (1st century).** Joseph, a humble carpenter, was entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus—a responsibility he carried with quiet strength, unwavering devotion, and deep obedience to God.

**May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima (1917).** The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal, and asked that they pray the Rosary for peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

**May 20 – St. Bernardine of Siena (1444).** St. Bernard channeled his boundless energy and joy into running the local hospital during the great plague in Europe. At twenty-two, he became a Franciscan friar. After years in solitude, he traveled around Italy, preaching. He later became the General of the Friars of the Strict Observance.

**May 29 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century).** Today marks the completion of Jesus’ mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven. (Observance may be moved to Sunday.)



### Parent TALK

My older daughter, Kara, was late getting ready for school every day—making the whole family late.



Meanwhile, my other daughter, Tessa, regularly “forgot” her chores. I was pretty frustrated with their irresponsibility.

Finally, I told them, “If you’re late or forget your responsibilities, you’ll write an essay.” The next time my older daughter was late, I assigned a 300-word essay on the importance of being on time. Her first draft was sloppy, so I had her rewrite it – twice. The final version was thoughtful—and she started showing up on time.

When my younger daughter skipped her chores, I assigned her a paragraph detailing why chores matter. She ignored it at first and lost play time, but eventually completed the assignment and started “remembering” her chores.

The results? Calmer mornings, an ordered home, and a powerful lesson learned: responsibility is part of family life. Discipline, done with love, benefits everyone.

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