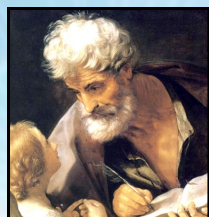


THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF  
**St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

• HAPPY •



**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

**May 11, 2025 • Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**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

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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, MAY 10

(A) 4:00 pm Kathleen V. Clemens †

(H) 5:30 pm Madeline C. Como †

### SUNDAY, MAY 11

(H) 8:30 am Walter Haubold †

(A) 10:00 am Clementina DiMatteo †

(H) 11:30 am Denise Palley †

### MONDAY, MAY 12

(A) 8:00 am Emilia Cantatore †

(H) 9:00 am Joseph DeBenedetto †

### TUESDAY, MAY 13

(A) 8:00 am Solomon Yaw Bediako †

(H) 9:00 am Alvin Lindner †

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Diane Lawani &  
Honorine Sognonvi

(H) 9:00 am Tony Peppy †

### THURSDAY, MAY 15

(A) 8:00 am Misa Pro Popolo

(H) 9:00 am Charles & DiDi Dalberg †

### FRIDAY, MAY 16

(A) 8:00 am Deacon Greg Nelsen †

(H) 9:00 am Corkey Soderstrom †

### SATURDAY, MAY 17

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Katarzyna &  
Waldemar Kasuba

(H) 9:00 am Mark & Nikolas Cekaj †

(A) 4:00 pm Decd Members of the  
Maguire Family †

(H) 5:30 pm Jim & Ken McPhail †

### SUNDAY, MAY 18

(H) 8:30 am Karin Soderstrom †

(A) 10:00 am Olga Pecora †

(H) 11:30 am Patrice Conboy † &  
Joseph Pernesiglio †

### REQUESTED BY:

Joe Gunn

Lana Como

Joan Haubold

Mirella & Rocco Maiorano

Frank Palley

Sylvia Melina

Sister Phyllis

Leola Specht

Virginia Markman

Marie Sognonvi

Mark Guida

Lynn M. Travers

John & Joann Doherty

Vera Kalaj

McGlynn Family

Ann McPhail

Nancy Maleska, John Galayda & Joey  
Family

Kathy Placido & 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.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.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



Our monthly food collection continues 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 will be this weekend, May 10th & 11th.

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



### 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.



May 11, 2025 - 4th Sunday of Easter

**Reading I: Acts 13: 14, 43-52**

Paul and Barnabas make the First of three missionary journeys. They preach the Word in Antioch, where many Gentiles became believers. However, the majority of Jews in the city did not accept the Faith.

**Reading II: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17**

The uncountable crowd in John's vision are the spiritual sons and daughters of Abraham promised him by God. These faithful wear white, signifying their emergence from trials and persecution. The Lamb leads them to heavenly joy.

**The Gospel: John 10: 27-30.** Jesus' protection equals that of the Father, who shields all believers from the threats of Satan the enemy of the Kingdom. Jesus declares that the Trinity of Persons is actually one God.

**READING FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday** Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday** Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Jn 15:9-17

**Thursday** Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 Jn 13:16-20

**Friday** Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday** Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday** Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



**COLLECTION REPORT:**

**Weekend: May 4:**

Sunday 5/4: \$4,964

Parish Giving: \$2,075

Weekend Total: \$7,039

**Easter Total to Date: \$25,007**

**Easter Flowers to Date: \$4,097**

**Upcoming Second Collections:**

**May 11: Maintenance & Repair**

**May 29: Feast of the Ascension**

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

**CANDLE DEDICATIONS**



**OLPH Tabernacle Candle**

*For the Souls in Purgatory*

req. by Rosa

**St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle**

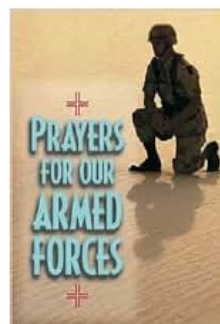
*In Thanksgiving to Jesus*

**St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle**

*In Memory of Audrey & Harry Bloomer*

req. by Children & Grandchildren

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



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

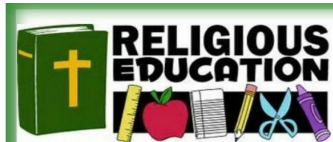


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## Religious Education comes to a conclusion this weekend at St. Matthew's on Sunday, May 11th for grades 1-7.

**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 drop it in the collection basket the following week.



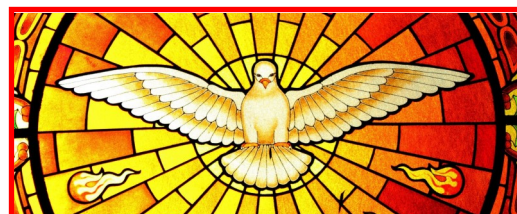
Religious  
Education  
Registration  
NOW OPEN



On Friday, May 2nd, all families currently in the Religious Education Program received 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 fees are not discounted.*



**CONFIRMATION** will be held at  
St. Matthew Church on Thursday,  
May 22 at 7:00pm.  
The celebrant will be Most  
Rev. Raymond F. Chappetto, D.D.

# Join Us! BINGO

Saturday, May 17th

5:00pm

(following the 4pm Mass)

Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help Church  
Meeting Room

**\$15 per person**  
Includes 2 cards  
Snacks & Prizes

Please RSVP for headcount  
914-478-2822 or email: [office@stmolph.com](mailto:office@stmolph.com)

## 2025-2026 Religious Education Calendar



can be found on the  
parish website:  
[www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com) on  
the home page as well  
as under the Religious  
Education tab.

Please keep in mind that most  
correspondences for the religious  
education program will be sent through  
Flocknote.

Please log into Flocknote and make  
sure your email is up to date and that  
you have provided a cell phone  
number. [www.flocknote.com](http://www.flocknote.com)



PLEASE CLICK HERE TO RSVP FOR BINGO



2025

# First Holy Communion



The Parish of  
St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
celebrate with all who are received their  
First Holy Communion  
this weekend.

*May the happiness of this special day,  
remain in your hearts always.*

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Carson Atkins	Hudson Latino
Nicholas Basile	Abigail Lee
Christopher Chalmers	Camila Maney-Perez
Luca Cilento	Max McGeeney
Moises Dominguez	Eve Mitchell
Edriana Dominguez	Raphael Pesola
Georgia Donato	Rocco Pimienta
Emma Fischer	Christopher Pipolo
Liam Forlenza	Rhiannon Ritch
Joseph Formato	Grant Schmidt
Cecelia Frontino	Owen Spirelli
Lauren Hannah	Marcelo Thayil
Aodhan Harvey	Annie Trollo
Cameron Jose	Valentina Vidal
Julianna Jose	Edward Zacholl
Luke Lanza	

## St. Matthew

Leah Berestetskiy  
Gracie Cleary  
Graysun Dominguez  
Lavinia Gorra  
Emmi Liberatore  
Daniel McNamara  
Sean Meaney  
Ian Meliz  
Lukas Pereira Perez  
Cecelia Piscitello  
Mila Rodriguez

*The Body of  
Christ...  
Amen*



# 10 Of the Very Best Quotes from Pope Francis

*by Cerith Gardiner*

***These powerful words from the late pontiff cover all areas of life and show Catholics how to live out their faith.***

For Catholics around the world, the passing of Pope Francis marks the end of an era defined by compassion, humility, and hope. As we bid farewell to this beloved Holy Father at his funeral today, we also celebrate the profound wisdom he shared in words and deeds.

Throughout his life, Pope Francis had a remarkable gift for speaking to our everyday joys and struggles with warmth and faith, inspiring us to live the Gospel in practical ways. He emphasized caring for the poor, the importance of family, mercy, justice, and walking humbly with God.



In tribute to his life of service, here are 10 of Pope Francis's most resonant quotes – drawn from his homilies, speeches, and writings – that continue to light the path for Catholics and all people of goodwill. Each quote speaks to a key aspect of Christian living, from faith and family to compassion and humility, reminding us of the enduring legacy of love he leaves behind.

***“A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”***

From his very first Sunday Angelus message as pope, Pope Francis encouraged every person to practice mercy in daily life. He reminds us that even small acts of forgiveness and compassion can warm hearts and help build a more just society.

***“No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love.”***

In his exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), he taught that family life isn't always easy or perfect, but through patience, forgiveness, and love, our families become schools of growth in holiness. This gentle reminder reassures us that every family can, with God's grace, keep learning to love more fully.

***“How I would like a Church which is poor and for the poor!”***

Early in his pontificate, Francis expressed his dream for a Church that embraces simplicity and stands in solidarity with the needy. This vision, which he lived by example, calls all believers to care for the marginalized and to value spiritual riches over material wealth.

***“The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.”***

A central theme of Francis' ministry was God's infinite mercy. He often reassured us that no matter how many times we fall, God is always ready to forgive us. The only thing that can hold us back is our own pride or discouragement. In this quote, he encourages us to humbly seek God's forgiveness without fear, trusting in the Lord's boundless mercy.

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***“We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.”***

Pope Francis shared this exhortation in an interview early in his papacy, summing up the Christian mission in society. It’s a heartfelt call to action: to uplift the youth and the elderly, to live simply and lovingly, and to build communities grounded in hope and peace.

***“Too often we participate in the globalization of indifference. May we strive instead to live global solidarity.”***

Francis warned against the modern tendency to become numb to the suffering of others. He urged us to replace indifference with compassion on a global scale. This quote challenges us to open our eyes and hearts to our neighbors’ needs — whether next door or across the world — and to respond with a spirit of solidarity and care.

***“Kindness is firm and persevering intention to always will the good of others, even the unfriendly.”***

In defining kindness, Pope Francis stressed that it’s not a passive or weak attitude but a steadfast decision to seek the good of everyone. Even when faced with hostility, the Christian is called to respond with patient love. This insight reflects his belief that loving one another is the strongest force for transformation in our lives and relationships.

***“We will never be disillusioned or lose our way if we are guided by God.”***

Here Pope Francis speaks to the heart of faith. When we let God guide our choices — through prayer, trust, and listening to His word — we find a sure compass in life. Francis, ever optimistic, reassures us that placing our lives in God’s hands gives light and direction, even amid uncertainties.

***“Although the life of a person is a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God.”***

Acknowledging that every life faces trials and suffering, Pope Francis encourages us not to despair. There is always potential for goodness to take root. If we entrust ourselves to God, His grace can blossom even in our hardest moments. This poetic image of hope in adversity reflects the Pope’s constant message that God’s love can redeem any situation.

***“Let us never forget that authentic power is service.”***

At his inaugural Mass as Pope, Francis declared that true greatness is found in humble service. He lived this principle daily, showing that the Pope — and indeed every Christian — must imitate Christ, who came not to be served but to serve others. In a world obsessed with power and status, this quote is a powerful reminder that real authority is exercised in love, by tending to the least and the lost.

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