

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

**May 18, 2025 • Fifth 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*  
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**Parish Emails**

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Rectory Office.....office@stmolph.com

**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

**POPE LEO XIV**

# ST. MATTHEW & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, MAY 17

(A) 4:00 pm Dec'd 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 †

### MONDAY, MAY 19

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Patrick Carolan

(H) 9:00 am Charles Lokay †

### TUESDAY, MAY 20

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Stephen Bedrosian

(H) 9:00 am Carol Krtil †

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

(A) 8:00 am Misa Pro Popolo

(H) 9:00 am In Thanksgiving

### THURSDAY, MAY 22

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Danny & Rose Harnett

(H) 9:00 am Jack Hart †

### FRIDAY, MAY 23

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Stephen Bedrosian

(H) 9:00 am In Thanksgiving

### SATURDAY, MAY 24

(A) 8:00 am Nora Gray †

(H) 9:00 am In Thanksgiving

(A) 4:00 pm Intentions of Katherine Bernardini

(H) 5:30 pm Madeline C. Como †

### SUNDAY, MAY 25

(H) 8:30 am Ernest Grascia Sr. †

(A) 10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †

(H) 11:30 am Patrice Conboy †

### REQUESTED BY:

McGlynn Family

Ann McPhail

Nancy Maleska,  
John Galayda & Joey  
Family

Kathy Placido & Family†

Agnes & Hugh Dynes  
Janet Lokay

Virginia Markman

Agnes & Hugh Dynes  
Virginia Markman

Laura Gray

Lana Como

Peter & Gail Capuano  
Camille Gutierrez  
The Gagliardi 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 Sunday, June 7th & 8th.

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 18, 2025 - 5th Sunday of Easter

**Reading I: Acts 14: 21-27.**

Paul urges believers to prepare themselves for the suffering and persecution that comes with being Christian.

**Reading II: Revelation 21: 1-5a.**

The kingdom of God will be fulfilled in a new heaven and a new earth. It touches down to earth so that the earthbound faithful will be united with those in heaven.

**The Gospel: John 13: 31-33a, 34-35.**

When Judas leaves the room, Jesus can relax and say a powerful word; "Now!" Now He can accept the suffering to come as a way to show the depth of God's love for the world.

## COLLECTION REPORT:

Weekend: May 11:

Sunday 5/11: \$

Parish Giving: \$

Weekend Total:

Collection update not available at Press Time

May 11: \$25,007

YTD Total: \$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.



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 **DID NOT** get the email from Parish Giving, please check your Spam & Junk Mail folders. You can also call the rectory or email Religious Ed to have another email sent to you.

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

**C**ONFIRMATION will be held at St. Matthew's Church on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00pm. The celebrant will be Most Rev. Raymond F. Chappetto, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Brooklyn. Please keep the 48 young adults of our parish in your prayers while they prepare to receive the sacrament this week.



## CANDLE DEDICATIONS



OLPH Tabernacle Candle

*In Memory of Salvatore Giunta*

req. by wife Jo Ann

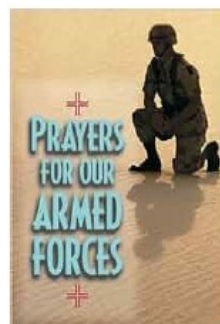
St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle

*In Thanksgiving to Jesus*

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

*In Thanksgiving to Mary*

*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)*



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

# Let's Not Canonize Any Popes for a While

by Fr. Dominic Bouck

Have there been too many papal canonizations this century? Popes John XXIII, Paul VI, and John Paul II have all been canonized. John Paul I and Pius IX have been beatified. Pius XII was declared Venerable, and Benedict XIII and Pius VII were declared Servants of God.



There certainly has been a tradition of papal canonizations throughout history. Early declarations of sanctity primarily stemmed from actual blood martyrdoms, which have always been a quick sign of holiness. In this modern age, however, there seems to be a one-click rush to make historical declarations “which are to be held definitively” by all Catholics.

I do not dispute that these saints are in heaven. However, the criteria for canonization includes that this man or woman is also to be admired and imitated. The papacy is the least imitable life on earth, given the role. While we can admire certain aspects of the lives of the popes, it would be quite another thing to apply what we see in them to our own lives. The urgency is limited.

Of the 266 popes, ninety-five have been canonized or are in some level of that process. Thirty-one were martyred. Ten percent were canonized or began the process of canonization in the past twenty-five years alone.

*“There is a definite danger of recency bias, and the Church does best when thinking in terms of centuries, not instant sanctification gratification. John XXIII and Paul VI presided over a term of the Church with many questionable decisions, though I do not question their lives of personal sanctity. Their leadership led to a period of tumult unseen since the Reformation, with little discipline of churchmen who openly defied doctrine and obedience. John Paul I barely led the Church, and his oeuvre is primarily letters to fictional characters. John Paul II is an epic of a man; yet even he, whom I love dearly and admire, and whose intercession I often invoke, is open to great critique in the ever-growing awareness of failures in dealing with sexual abuse, especially in the Legion of Christ.*

Nevertheless, the cries of *santo subito* made this canonization more historically fitting. Benedict was a great mind, but let's see in a hundred years if he is still Doctor of the Church material, and if his decision to resign the office of Peter is seen as admirable or not. Francis modeled a beautiful compassion, but his governorship and off-hand comments left much to be desired.

It is certainly an amazing thing to behold the personal sanctity of the popes since the Lateran Treaty shifted the papacy's focus from the administration of temporal power to spiritual and ecclesial leadership, which is much more fundamental to the Vicar of Christ. However, a great pope-saint himself recognized the problem of the papacy in peace time:

“With my mind divided and torn to pieces by so many problems, how can I meditate or preach wholeheartedly without neglecting the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel? Moreover, in my position I must often communicate with worldly men. At times I let my tongue run, for if I am always severe in my judgments, the worldly will avoid me, and I can never attack them as I would. As a result I often listen patiently to chatter. And because I too am weak, I find myself drawn little by little into idle conversation, and I begin to talk freely about matters which once I would have avoided. What once I found tedious I now enjoy.

The office of the papacy is public, demanding, and heroic in its own way. However, the faults of the man with the fisherman's ring are amplified to an extent that while history is no impartial judge, it is a tool of understanding. There is also a club feel to popes canonizing popes, especially if there is no unrelenting demand for canonization from the laity. Now is the time for patience in calling for papal canonizations—and for praying for the repose of those who held that office.

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# Robert Prevost becomes the first American pope

# POPE Leo XIV

- **Sept. 14, 1955**

Born in Chicago, Illinois, US

- **June 19, 1982**

Ordained a priest in the Order of Saint Augustine

- **1987–1998**

Served in Peru as formation director, community prior, professor, and judicial vicar

- **1999**

Elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian Province of "Mother of Good Counsel" (Chicago)

- **2001 & 2007**

Elected Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine

- **Dec. 12, 2014**

Ordained bishop after being appointed Apostolic Administrator of Chiclayo, Peru

- **April 15, 2020**

Appointed Apostolic Administrator of Callao, Peru

- **Jan. 30, 2023**

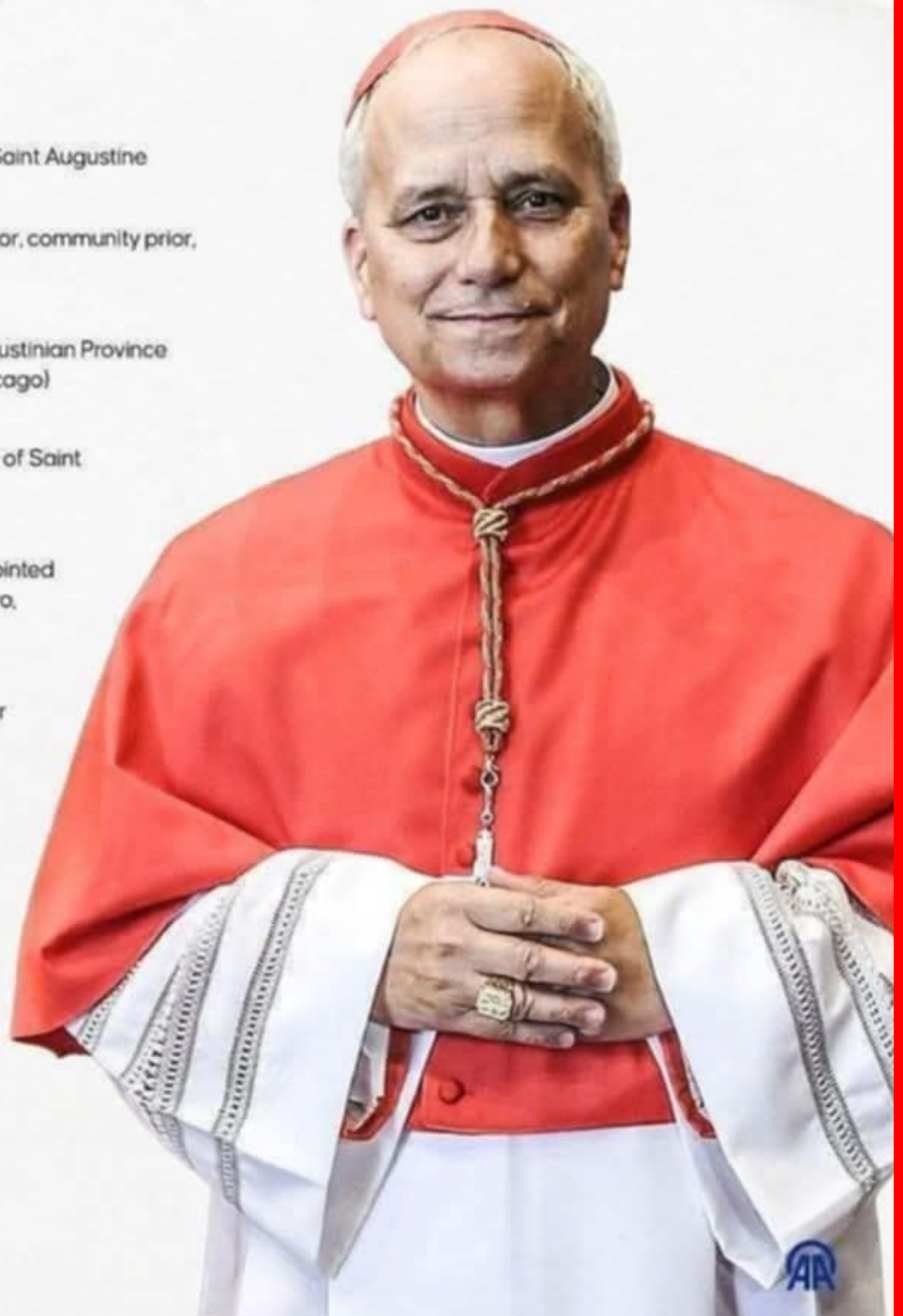
Appointed Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America

- **Sept. 30, 2023**

Created Cardinal by Pope Francis, assigned the Deaconry of Santa Monica

- **May 8, 2025**

Elected the 267th Pope, taking the name Leo XIV – the first American pope in history



May 8, 2025



# US Catholics React to Election of First American Pope With Joy

*by Zelda Caldwell*

*'His prayer was for peace ...'*

On Thursday afternoon, Belan Evans, of Frederick, Maryland, was extremely busy. It was “camp season” at the nonprofit where she works. Still, she made a point to tune into coverage of the papal conclave.

“I couldn’t resist putting my headphones and just listening and that way being part of this very joyful moment,” she said after hearing the news that the cardinals had elected the first American pope, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, now Pope Leo XIV.

Originally from Ecuador, Evans said that she didn’t know anything about Cardinal Prevost before he emerged on the balcony above St. Peter’s Square, and she was shocked that he was an American. When she learned that Prevost had spent a lot of time in Latin America and speaks Spanish, “the excitement kept growing,” she said. “And then when I saw him, I was pleasantly surprised,” she told the Register.

“He seems a very humble man. I can tell that he was very emotional, and he looked like he was in disbelief,” she said. “I imagine that that was probably what he was feeling.” Evans’ reaction captures what a lot of U.S. Catholics experienced Thursday: an initial surprise and unfamiliarity with Prevost’s name, then shock that the new Pope is an American, followed by a keen interest to learn more about him.

## **A ‘Very Latin American Heart’**

Before being named cardinal and prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, Prevost spent 22 years in Peru, first as a missionary and then as bishop. Andres Arango, director of evangelization for the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey, who leads the Secretariat for Evangelization and Hispanic ministries in the diocese, told the Register he was thrilled to hear the news that Prevost was elected.

“I think Pope Leo XIV is a great blessing from God at this moment of the Church and the world. He is not only American, but also he has a very Latin American heart for his many years in Peru. I think he will be able to build bridges of peace in the whole world where everyone is included,” Arango said. The Pope, he continued, showed himself as a man of deep faith in his address Thursday. “His first speech was very kerygmatic, centered in Jesus Risen and reminding that God loves everyone without conditions,” he said.

“It came to my mind that Leo XIII consecrated the world to the Holy Spirit at the beginning of the 20th century. I believe that Leo XIV will bring a new awareness of the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives as missionaries,” he said.

## **‘Just Amazing’**

Even though he’s seen popes elected before, Robert Brennan, a seasoned Catholic journalist, told the Register that he found the spectacle “amazing.”

“How did they know to have the Swiss guards all dressed up and the guys in the bands and the military guys? It was just amazing to see all the people, the throngs in the square there,” said Brennan, who has worked in the entertainment industry and writes for Angelus News, the news outlet for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The fact that Cardinal Prevost wasn’t at the top of anyone’s list of papabile (likely popes) didn’t surprise Brennan. “Then the anticipation and having to suffer through all the experts telling us who it might be and who it wouldn’t be. I think that’s the way God plans things. It’s just a remarkable process,” he said. “This is the way God’s always worked through from the Gospels through 2,000 years of the Church,” he continued. The fact that people would think, ‘Oh, this guy’s a front-runner,’ or ‘This guy isn’t.’ They’re always wrong. We are always wrong.

“We always get the Pope that we get. It’s just, to me, a beautiful testament to Christ’s promise about the Church,” he said. The 68-year-old Brennan wryly observed that Pope Leo XIV is also just the right age. He recalled his father’s reaction when Pope John Paul II was elected. “My dad said, ‘You know you’re old when you’re older than the Pope,’” he said. “So the good news is, with Pope Leo XIV, I’m still younger than the Pope, so we’re still good.”

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## **A Heart for Social Justice**

Sarah Hirsch, of Kansas City, Missouri, told the Register that shortly after learning that Cardinal Prevost had been elected Pope, she quickly went to the internet to read everything she could to find out more about him. She said she was “very pleased” by what she learned. “I have to say that I was quite surprised, and pleasantly surprised, with the selection of Pope Leo XIV,” she said. Hirsch runs the St. James Communal Garden in her parish, which, she said is “on the racial dividing line in Kansas City.”

“I was so excited to hear that Pope Leo XIV cares about social justice and that ministry to the poor and migrants is important to him because it is also important to my parish,” she said. Hirsch said she was also heartened to learn that the new Pope believes in being good stewards of the environment as well as in promoting a synodal Church.

In her small parish, she said, she and her fellow parishioners recently took steps to “follow the lead of Pope Francis and organize ourselves as a synodal church” rather than replace the outgoing parish administrator. “When I heard that Pope Leo was involved in that, I was like, ‘Wow, we are on the right path,’” she said. “I anticipate him continuing down this path, which will then help support us as a parish as we work to reorganize ourselves into a synodal group,” she said.

Father Deacon Robert Klesko, theology adviser at EWTN and a deacon in the Byzantine (Ruthenian) Catholic Church, based in Irondale, Alabama, also expressed appreciation for Pope Leo XIII. “I was very excited by the choice of his regnal name, Leo XIV. I have always been a huge fan of Pope Leo XIII, who was the father of modern Catholic social teaching. I hope that the new Pope will carry on the tradition of Catholic social teaching with fidelity and evangelical engagement with the modern world,” Klesko said.

And as an Eastern Catholic deacon, he added that he was “very happy” to hear that the new Pope served in the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches.

“Bridging the gap between East and West, and especially working for union with our Orthodox brothers and sisters, I hope is a key priority of the new Pope. Each new pope brings Christ’s faithful hopeful joy, and I feel that especially now in this Paschal season. Let’s pray for our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV,” he said.

### **‘Peter Lives On!’**

Mother Mary Concepta, superior general of the Sisters of Life, shared the sisters’ gratitude to the cardinals for the election of a new pope. “Today, we rejoice! We give praise to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, which has guided the Church for the past two millennia since Pentecost!” she wrote in an email to the Register. “Christ is alive and pours new life into His Church through the cooperation of His faithful ministers in the election of the successor to St. Peter!” she continued. “Today we give witness to this enduring miracle: Peter lives on! We believe that, ‘Ubi Petrus Ibi Ecclesia.’ ‘Where Peter is, there is the Church,’” she observed. “Today, we have been given a father — a Holy Father — who, with courage, zeal, and humility, will continue to illuminate the way to heaven for his children,” she wrote.

“We are grateful for the cardinals for having yoked themselves to Jesus as they carried the weight of souls in this conclave. During these days, we have joined them in our prayer and fasting, and now we join them and all the faithful in the joy of this new Shepherd! “We are grateful for the election of Pope Leo XIV and we as the Sisters of Life promise our prayers for His Holiness,” she said.

Evans, of Maryland, said that she is looking forward to getting to know the new pope and the way he chooses to shepherd his flock. She is particularly interested in seeing how his Augustinian spirituality and his Marian devotion will be reflected in his “style.”

She was also heartened that he prayed for peace during his first public address.

“His prayer was for peace,” she said, “and that is something that we need a lot right now, at a personal level, at a national level, at a world level.”

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