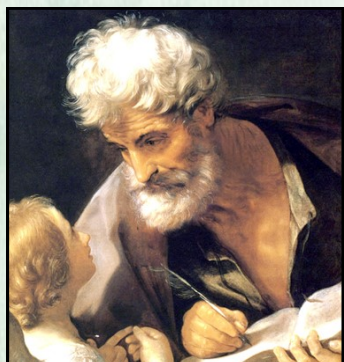


# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help



## 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 • Sixth 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

### Parish Emails

Fr. Crawford.....fr.dycrawford@yahoo.com  
Rectory Office.....office@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 24**

(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 †

**MONDAY, MAY 26**

(A) 8:00 am Sal Campoli †

(H) 9:00 am Intentions of Anna Sygnarska

**TUESDAY, MAY 27**

(A) 8:00 am Roy St. Onge †

(H) 9:00 am Michael Christopher Blair †

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 28**

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Evelyn & Hugh Lynch

(H) 9:00 am Misa Pro Popolo

**THURSDAY, MAY 29**

(A) 8:00 am Rosalie Berg †

(H) 9:00 am Anthony Ravinsky, Sr. †

**FRIDAY, MAY 30**

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Stephen Bedrosian

(H) 9:00 am Michael Patrick Smith †

**SATURDAY, MAY 31**

(A) 8:00 am Michael Gray †

(H) 9:00 am Virginia Norey †

(A) 4:00 pm Intentions of Marie Sognonvi

(H) 5:30 pm Emma Jean Kinney †

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1**

(H) 8:30 am Ernest Grascia Sr. †

(A) 10:00 am Olga Pecora †

(H) 11:30 am Dimitri Ocasal †

**REQUESTED BY:**

Lana Como

Peter & Gail Capuano

Camille Gutierrez

The Gagliardi Family

Wife Dora

Daughters

Lucy & Michael Berger

Virginia Markman

Agnes & Hugh Dynes

Sylvia Melina

Zahurak Family

Stephanie Karol

Laura Gray

Virginia Markman

Marie Sognonvi

Gagliardi Family

Bryan Healy

Family

Theresa & George Febles &

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.





May 25, 2025 - 6th Sunday of Easter

**Reading I: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29**

The local Church in Antioch reaches put to the apostolic Church in Jerusalem where Peter works for advice on a doctrinal challenge. The Council's decision is guided by the Holy Spirit, as promised by Jesus.

**Reading II: Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23**

The foundation of the heavenly Jerusalem is the 12 Apostles of the Lamb. The balance of the inscriptions honors the Old Testament righteous ones.

**The Gospel: John 14: 23-29**

Jesus answers Judas (not the traitor) that a person who keeps God's word will receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

**READING FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday** Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a,  
9b Jn 15:26 – 16:4a

**Tuesday** Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn  
16:12-15

**Thursday** Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-  
28; 10:19-23 Lk 24:46-53

**Friday** Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday** Rom 12:9-16 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

**Sunday** Acts 7:55-60 Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn  
17:20-26



Joining the eScrip program from Foodtown is an easy way to help the parish earn free money. Over the past few months we have received the following: December - \$229.22, January - \$205.13, February - \$200.64, March - \$194.03 from the Foodtown Gives Back program!

Thank you to the 153 parishioners who have signed up to participate in the program. Sign up to participate in the program by emailing the 10 or 12 digit number from your Foodtown keychain card or paper receipt [office@stmolph.com](mailto:office@stmolph.com).

**GIVING BACK!**

**COLLECTION REPORT:**

**Weekend: May 11:**

Sunday 5/11: \$3,373

Parish Giving: \$2,205

Weekend Total: \$5,578

Maintenance & Repairs: \$1,533

Easter Total to Date: \$25,207

Easter Flowers to Date: \$4,097

**Upcoming Second Collections:**

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**

*In Memory of Sal Campoli*

req. by wife Dora

**St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle**

*In Memory of Michael Patrick Smith*

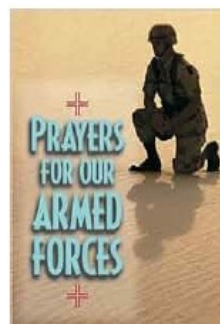
req. by Stephanie Karol

**St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle**

*Intentions of Siobhan & Dillon Healy*

req. by Family

*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

# The Ascension of the Lord



**Thursday  
May 29th**  
*A Holy Day of Obligation*

**Vigil Masses:**  
**Wednesday, May 28th**  
STM: 5pm  
OLPH: 7pm

**Thursday, May 29th**  
**OLPH: 8am & 7pm**  
**STM: 9am & 7pm**



On Friday, May 2nd and Monday, May 12th, 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.*

**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 a collection basket.



**Sr. Mareja**, a Missionary of Charity, and niece of parishioner Dorothy Costello, visited Hastings two weeks ago before embarking on her next mission assignment in Argentina. The Missionaries of Charity was founded by St. Teresa of Calcutta to bring Christ's love and compassion in serving the poorest of the poor. Sr. Mareja's first assignment was West Africa, specifically, Benin, Ivory Coast, and Monrovia. Sister was the first American in her order to serve in that region. For the past eleven years, Sr. Mareja has served in the Eastern United States and Canada.

Before entering the Missionaries of Charity, Sr. Mareja graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville where she studied nursing. She is one of eight children of Dr. and Mrs. Germain Bianchi of Somers, CT. Her sister is a Sister of Life, Sr. Faustina Marie Pia. On Mother's Day, Sr. Mareja received a special blessing from Fr. Crawford. Please pray for Sr. Mareja as she begins this new journey in serving humanity and Our Lord.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Meghan *Daria* Berry  
Peter *Sebastian* Biviano  
Emma *Ava* Clohessy  
Marko *Gregory* Corluka  
Olivia *Francis* Costa-Wallace  
Adriana *Valentina* De Paola  
Emily *Joan of Arc* Deniz  
Robert *Francis* DiMeglio  
Aylin *Monica* Dominguez  
Wilson *Patrick* Donepp  
Claudia *Rose* Emanuele  
Christian *Matthew* Emanuele  
Nicholas *Anthony* Ferrara  
Natalia *Juliana* Finnerty  
Santo *James* Fiordimalva  
Christopher *Dominic* Golio  
Logan *Joseph* Haase  
Noemi *Marie* Ippolito  
Jack *Richard* Lepore  
Samantha *Catherine* Morganelli  
Orlaith *Elizabeth* Murray  
Garrett *Francis* Murray  
Gavin *Roch* O'Sullivan  
Dylan *Joseph* O'Sullivan  
Emma *Elizabeth* Philp  
Connor-Nicholas *Francis* Pipolo  
Adelyn *Christina* Riccobono  
Luciano *Blaise* Santavicca  
Dorothea *Anne* Vicari  
Lucas *Michael* Vicari

***Congratulations*** to the young adults  
of our parish who received the  
***Sacrament of Confirmation*** this past Thursday  
by Most Rev. Raymond F. Chappetto, D.D.

St. Matthew

Isabella *Elizabeth* Canetta  
Colby Paul *Michael* Hamel  
Nora *Valentina* Heilakka  
Jonathan *Francis* Hung  
Reagan *Michael* Kandalaft  
Elizabeth *Katherine* Lugomer-Pomper  
Jeremy *Peter* Merianos  
Gianna *Marie* Moore  
Neave *Veronica* Mullen  
Jakob *Christopher* Opara  
Mary *Cecilia* Ostrowski  
Mason *James* Ponagai  
Robert *Michael* Reynolds  
Ella *Silvia* Rizzo  
Liam *Patrick* Sexton  
Andy *Nicholas* Sheppard  
Lucien *Sebastian* Smith  
Joseph *Anthony* Spana





# The Popes Named Leo: Guardians of Doctrine and Civilization

Across nearly two millennia of Church history, the name Leo has signified more than just a papal title. It has come to symbolize strength, clarity of doctrine, and the Church's steadfastness in times of crisis. From the collapsing Roman Empire to the dawn of Catholic social teaching, the Popes named Leo have consistently emerged as defenders of orthodoxy, civilization, and spiritual renewal.



**1. Pope Leo I (Leo the Great) – Reigned 440–461 A.D.**—The first and most renowned bearer of the name, Leo the Great, steered the Church through one of its most perilous eras. With the Western Roman Empire crumbling, Leo emerged as a theological and political titan. He is best remembered for: Confronting Attila the Hun and persuading him not to sack Rome—a legendary act of courage and diplomacy. Defining the doctrine of Christ's dual nature (human and divine) at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 through his famous "Tome of Leo." Establishing the papacy as a central authority, both spiritually and politically, in a disintegrating empire. He was later declared a Doctor of the Church—one of the few popes to receive this honor—and remains one of only three popes titled "the Great."

**2. Pope Leo II – Reigned 682–683 A.D.**— A short reign, but Leo II made a lasting impact by: Confirming the decisions of the Third Council of Constantinople (680–681), which condemned Monothelitism—a heresy claiming Christ had only a divine will. Emphasizing that Pope Honorius I, though not heretical himself, had failed to protect the Church from heresy—demonstrating early papal accountability.

**3. Pope Leo III – Reigned 795–816 A.D.**— Leo III played a pivotal role in the rebirth of Christendom: Crowned Charlemagne as Emperor of the Romans on Christmas Day in 800, establishing what would later be called the Holy Roman Empire. Reinforced the unity of Western Europe under Christian rule and advanced the ideal of the papacy as a temporal as well as spiritual power.

**4. Pope Leo IV – Reigned 847–855 A.D.**— A practical and determined pontiff, Leo IV is best known for: Rebuilding and fortifying Rome after Arab raids, especially by constructing the "Leonine Wall" around the Vatican Hill. Presiding over the restoration of St. Peter's Basilica and organizing Christian defenses in maritime battles.

**5. Pope Leo V – Reigned 903 A.D.**— His pontificate lasted only about a month, cut short by political turmoil and his imprisonment by Antipope Christopher. He left no theological or political legacy, but his brief tenure reflects the chaotic period of papal history known as the Saeculum Obscurum (Dark Age of the Papacy).

**6. Pope Leo VI – Reigned 928 A.D.**— Similarly short and obscure, Leo VI's brief reign (likely less than a year) occurred during a time of factional dominance over the papacy, particularly by the powerful Roman noble family known as the Theophylacti. His papacy marked continued instability.

**7. Pope Leo VII – Reigned 936–939 A.D.**—Leo VII worked to reform the Roman clergy and supported monasticism, notably: Encouraging the work of Abbot Odo of Cluny, an early leader in what became the Cluniac Reforms, a powerful spiritual movement in medieval Europe.

**8. Pope Leo VIII – Reigned 963–965 A.D.**— His legitimacy is debated—originally installed by the Holy Roman Emperor Otto I during a power struggle with Pope John XII. Some recognize him as an antipope; others as a lawfully elected pope. His papacy illustrates the struggle between imperial and papal authority.

**9. Pope Leo IX – Reigned 1049–1054 A.D.**— Leo IX is remembered as a key figure in the Gregorian Reform movement. His major contributions include: Combating simony and clerical immorality. Attempting to reassert papal authority in the East, which ultimately led to the Great Schism of 1054 between the Roman Catholic & Eastern Orthodox Churches. Strengthening the moral & spiritual standards of the clergy. He was canonized shortly after death & is seen as one of the most reform-minded medieval popes.

**10. Pope Leo X – Reigned 1513–1521 A.D.**— A member of the powerful Medici family, Leo X was a Renaissance pope known for: His patronage of the arts, including supporting Raphael and Michelangelo. Granting indulgences that sparked Martin Luther's protest in 1517—leading to the Protestant Reformation. His reign reflects the height of papal luxury and the beginning of the Church's greatest theological crisis.

**11. Pope Leo XI – Reigned for 27 days in 1605** — Nicknamed "Papa Lampo" (Lightning Pope) due to his extremely short pontificate. Although brief, his election reflected a time of tension between Catholic monarchies and the papacy.

**12. Pope Leo XII – Reigned 1823–1829** — A conservative pope who: Focused on restoring Catholic orthodoxy after the Napoleonic era. Condemned secularism, Freemasonry, and religious pluralism. His papacy marked a reactionary turn in the Church following the Enlightenment.

**13. Pope Leo XIII – Reigned 1878–1903**— Among the most influential modern popes, Leo XIII: Authored the groundbreaking social encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (1891), establishing the foundation of modern Catholic social teaching. Was known as "The Rosary Pope," issuing 11 encyclicals on Marian devotion. Promoted the revival of Thomistic philosophy, making St. Thomas Aquinas a central figure in Catholic education. Attempted to reconcile the Church with modern science and democracy, and is often seen as the first truly modern pope.

**The Legacy of the Leos:** The papal name Leo has been associated with some of the most pivotal theological, political, and cultural moments in Church history. From Leo the Great's defense of Rome to Leo XIII's dialogue with the modern world, each has left a mark rooted in strength, vision, and reform.

A Pope taking the name Leo XIV would be invoking a lineage defined by courage in crisis, doctrinal clarity, and a commitment to guiding the Church through civilizational turning points.



# First Holy Communion - May 10, 2025

