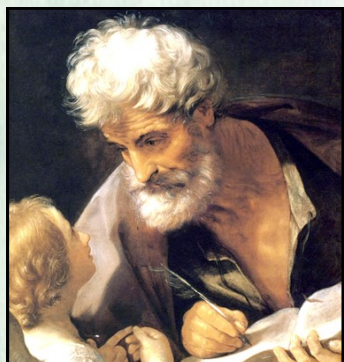


# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help



## 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

### June 8, 2025 • Pentecost 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*  
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Phone: 914-693-0030 • e-mail: ReligiousEd@stmolph.com

#### Parish Emails

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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, JUNE 7**

(A) 4:00 pm Michael Imbarrato †

(H) 5:30 pm Arthur Sherry †

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8**

(H) 8:30 am Helen McCormack †

(A) 10:00 am Josie & Tony Gagliano †

(H) 11:30 am Intentions of Kwami Avity

**MONDAY, JUNE 9**

(A) 8:00 am Eamonn Grant †

(H) 9:00 am Angel Avity †

**TUESDAY, JUNE 10**

(A) 8:00 am Matthew Chiaverini †

(H) 9:00 am Souls in Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11**

(A) 8:00 am Unborn Babies & their Families

(H) 9:00 am Misa Pro Popolo

**THURSDAY, JUNE 12**

(A) 8:00 am Rose & Don McGinn †

(H) 9:00 am Bob Svenconis †

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13**

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Stephen Bedrosian

(H) 9:00 am Lenore Treacy †

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14**

(A) 8:00 am Mary Claire O'Donnell

(H) 9:00 am Lenore Treacy †

(A) 4:00 pm Jessy Nau & Lelia Nau †

(H) 5:30 pm Ernest Grascia Sr. †

**SUNDAY, JUNE 15**

(H) 8:30 am William Gunther †

(A) 10:00 am Balduino & Clementina DiMatteo †

(H) 11:30 am James Edward Farrell Jr. & Arthur P. Glesmer

**REQUESTED BY:**

Clara Imbarrato

Sherry Family

The Constantine Family

Camille Gutierrez

Marie Sognonvi

Mary & Kevin Smith

Marie Sognonvi

Mom

Virginia

Ribeiro Family

Murphy & Ribeiro Families

Maureen Barry

Janet Murphy

Family

Bryan Healy

Family

Gagliardi Family

Bassmann Family

The Maiorano Family

Kate Farrell

(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 is this weekend, June 7th & 8th.

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



The **RECTORY OFFICE** will close at 1pm on **Fridays** for the summer months (Memorial Day through Labor Day). Please remember, even though the office is close, you can still reserve Masses, as well as Candles online. A direct link can be found on the parish website: [www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com)



## June 8, 2025 - Pentecost Sunday

### Reading I: Acts 2: 1-11

The wind and the fire accompanying the arrival of the Holy Spirit recalls the Old Testament fiery descent of Yahweh on Mt. Sinai during the Exodus.

### Reading II: I Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

Charism is given not for an individual benefit, but for the benefit of the community. Every believer is united with Christ by the Sacraments.

### The Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Jesus is raised not simply with a body, but with the same body that was crucified a few days before. Jesus' mission of mercy will continue with the Apostles and their successors through time.

## READING FOR THE WEEK

**Monday** Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 4:1-2 Mt 19:25-34

**Tuesday** 2 Cor 1:18-22 Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday** 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 5:20-26

**Friday** 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 Mt 5:27-32

**Saturday** 2 Cor 5:14-21 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Mt 5:33-37

**Sunday** Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15



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



Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially: **Charles Green**,

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

## COLLECTION REPORT:

### Weekend: June 1:

Sunday 6/1: \$3,323

Parish Giving: \$1,755

Weekend Total: \$5,078

Ascension Thursday: \$1,020

### Upcoming Second Collections

June 08 - Latin America/Home Missions

June 15 - Maintenance & Repair

Father's Day - Drop in any collection basket

### 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 Angel Avity*

req. by Marie Sognonvi

### 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)

every contribution is  
highly valued



## 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.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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**.

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

**REMINDER** : All students please continue to drop your **ATTENDANCE ENVELOPES** in the collection basket each weekend when you attend Mass. If you are not able to attend Mass at STM or OLPH, please get a bulletin from the church your visiting, have it signed by the Priest, and return it in the next collection basket when you return to STMOLPH.

**FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS** can be picked up in the rectory during office hours, Monday - Thursday, 10am - 5pm.



## 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)



Recently we replaced the wood ambo in the St. Matthew Church sanctuary with a restored wrought iron one. Its design is aesthetically linked now to the baptistry gate and the lectern. BMB Metalwork of Hastings, did the restoration work.





Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary  
to George & Teresa Febles



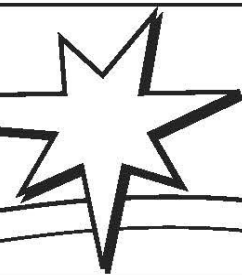
Congratulations to  
Dennis & Trixie Dempsey  
who attended the special  
50th Wedding  
Anniversary Mass at  
St. Patrick's Cathedral.



Congratulations to  
Jonathan & Jolanda Torres  
on the Baptism of their Daughter  
Sky Luciana Torres



# Partners in FAITH™



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

June 2025

Church of St. Matthew - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Fr. Douglas Crawford, Pastor



## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Aloysius Gonzaga

St. Aloysius wanted to be a priest but had to wait for his father's approval. As the eldest son of a Marquis, St. Aloysius was expected to inherit the position. After three years, he was permitted to join the Jesuit Order in 1585. His studies for the priesthood were interrupted by a devastating plague. He helped tend the victims and shortly died after catching the disease. He is remembered for his purity, holiness, penances, and scholarly brilliance.



### Jesus reveals the Father's love

Through the Gospels, Jesus teaches us about God's incredible love. By His example, He encourages us to respond as sons and daughters to a Father who loves us selflessly, extravagantly, compassionately, infinitely.

*"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep"*  
(John 10:14-15).

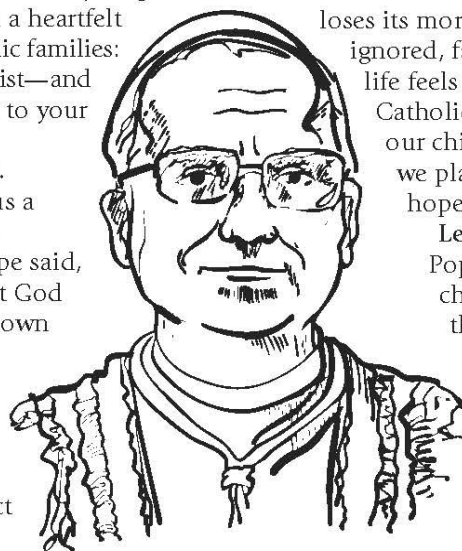


## Pope Leo urges parents to raise faithful Catholics in a troubled world

In his first papal homily, Pope Leo XIV delivered a heartfelt message to Catholic families: stay rooted in Christ—and pass that faith on to your children.

**Jesus as model.** "[Jesus] showed us a model of human holiness," the Pope said, reminding us that God made Himself known in every stage of life: as a trusting child, a curious teenager, and a devout adult. Jesus is the perfect example of obedience, humility, and service—qualities we can nurture in our children.

**Parents have a mission.** The pope said, "We are called to bear witness to our joyful faith in Jesus the Savior."



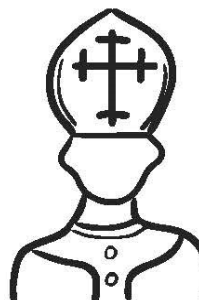
When faith fades, he warned, society loses its moral compass—mercy is ignored, families fall apart, and life feels empty. Passing on the Catholic Faith isn't just for our children's sake—it's how we plant seeds of love and hope that will bear fruit.

**Lead by example.** The Pope closed with a challenge, "It is essential that we too repeat with Peter, 'You are the Christ...'" (Matthew 16:16). The Holy Father said Peter's response is meant to be ours, too. "It is essential to do this ... in our personal relationship with the Lord, in our commitment to a daily journey of conversion." If you live as if Jesus is Lord of your whole life, your children will, too.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics call the Pope "Peter's Successor"?

Catholics call the pope Peter's successor because we believe Jesus appointed St. Peter as the first leader of the Church, saying, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church" (Matthew 16:18). Peter became the first



bishop of Rome, and his authority has been passed down through an unbroken line of popes. Each pope inherits Peter's role as the visible head of the Church on earth, guiding the faithful in unity, truth, and pastoral care.



## "What is God like?"

Explaining an infinite God to children can be challenging, but Jesus teaches us to think of God as our own Father.

"No one is father as God is Father" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #239). Here are three truths to share:

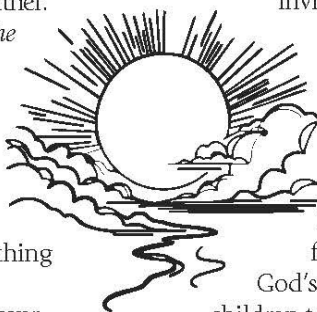
**"Merciful and gracious."** God isn't cold or distant. He is moved by our suffering (Exodus 3:7-8). He gives good gifts (Matthew 7:11), and even gave us His Son (Romans 8:32). If He withholds something we want, it's to offer something even better.

**"Slow to anger."** God's love doesn't fade. He never

tires of forgiving us if we are repentant. His patience invites us to be more patient—with our children, our families, and ourselves.

**"Abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."** The Bible is one long story of God keeping His promises. In the Old Testament, He vows redemption and restoration. In the New, He fulfills them through Christ. Reassure children that the same "forever" love is for us today.

God's love is real, unshakable, and personal. Teach children to respond.

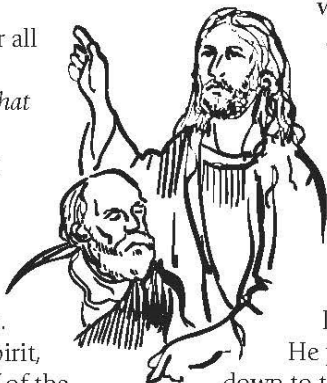


### Scripture LESSON

**Matthew 16:13-19,**  
**"Who do you say that I AM?"**

This passage marks the foundation of the Catholic Church—established to endure for all time. Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" It's a question not about popularity or public opinion, but about truth. At its core, Catholicism is built on the truth of who Jesus is. And truth stands, whether it's popular or not.

Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Simon answered on behalf of the others: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). In response, Jesus renamed him Peter, meaning "Rock," and entrusted him



with the keys to the kingdom. This was more than symbolism; it was the transfer of real authority to teach, to forgive, and to welcome people into the Church.

**What can a parent do?**

Trust that Jesus established the Church on Peter to be a visible, lasting guide. Through it, He preserves the truth passed down to the Apostles. When our own faith is strained, Peter's bold witness reminds us: Jesus is who He says He is, and His Church stands on that unshakable truth.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**June 2 - Saints Marcellinus and Peter (304).** St. Marcellinus, a priest, and St. Peter an exorcist, were martyred under Emperor Diocletian. St. Peter freed the prison-keeper and his family from demonic influence by his prayers, and they were eventually baptized by St. Marcellinus.

**June 9 - Mary, Mother of the Church (2018).** On the Cross, Jesus gave us His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Even in Heaven, she continues to support us by her prayers as our spiritual mother.

**June 15 - The Most Holy Trinity.** Today, we honor the central mystery of our Faith – that there is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus revealed this mystery after the Resurrection (Matthew 28:19).

**June 28 - St. Irenaeus of Lyons (c. 202).** As bishop of Lyons, Irenaeus investigated and disproved assertions of the Gnostics, who claimed to have secret knowledge imparted by Jesus. In great service to the Church, Irenaeus clarified Church teaching and gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics.



### Parent TALK

Toby and Alden fought over everything. I tried mediating, negotiating, even punishing, but

nothing worked. I decided to step out of it.

The next night, the fight was about who got to pick the next

television show. I calmly turned off the TV and told the kids that when they agreed on what to watch, they could turn it back on. Instead, they stomped out.

The next fight was about which book I should read at bedtime. Again, I calmly got up and walked to the doorway. I said that when they could agree on a book, I would be back, but they better hurry. It was 15 minutes to bedtime.

A few minutes later, they came to get me. "We decided that you should read a book we both wanted to hear," said Alden. "This way, we both win." Needless to say, I read that book with great enthusiasm.

### Our Mission

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