

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



Church of St. Matthew

616 Warburton Avenue
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Rectory.....914-478-2822



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

535 Ashford Avenue
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June 22, 2025 • Corpus Christi

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
OLPH4:00 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

OLPH3:00 - 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 21

(A) 4:00 pm Jessy Nau & Leila Nau †
(H) 5:30 pm Decd. Members of the
William B. Walzer Family †

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

(H) 8:30 am Miriam Wazeter †
(A) 10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †
(H) 11:30 am Mary Drumm †

MONDAY, JUNE 23

(A) 8:00 am Filippo & Vincenza Pavone †
(H) 9:00 am Tammy Anne Fuller Witt †

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

(A) 8:00 am Jimmy Hosler, Sr. †
(H) 9:00 am Intentions of Zef Lulgjuraj

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

(A) 8:00 am Rosalie Berg †
(H) 9:00 am Gerard Armand, M.D. †

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

(A) 8:00 am Sal Campoli †
(H) 9:00 am Misa Pro Popolo

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

(A) 8:00 am Stephen Buford †
(H) 9:00 am Peter Roach †

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

(A) 8:00 am Carmen Santana Narvaez †
(H) 9:00 am Tammy Anne Fuller Witt †
(A) 4:00 pm Jessy Nau † & Lelia Nau †
(H) 5:30 pm Decd Members Wilantowicz Family †

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

(H) 8:30 am Kathleen "KU" Utchel †
(A) 10:00 am William Marino †
(H) 11:30 am Ernest Grascia, Sr. †

REQUESTED BY:

Fort Family
Carol Walzer

Nancy Maleska & John Galayda
Camille Gutierrez
Family

Angela Pavone
Alice & Robert Shapiro

Lucy & Michael Berger

Sylvia Melina
Ribeiro Family

Wife Dora

Chip & Mary Rausch
Virginia Markman

Family
Anne Cafferty
Fort Family
Gene Tarant

Mr. & Mrs. John Conway
Bill & Alexandria Stroud
Paul & Loreta Capuano

(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

"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, looking ahead that will be on July 12/13.

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

June 22, 2025 - Corpus Christi

Reading I: Genesis 14: 18-20

Melchizedek, translated as "King of Righteousness", is the first person in the Bible to be called a priest. He is a "type" of Christ the Messiah. He offers bread and wine, a celebratory meal, to bless Abram's victory.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Jesus fulfills Melchizedek's offering in a marvelous way. He gives to us Himself, under the appearances of bread and wine. This is the oldest account of the Eucharist, as given by St. Paul.

The Gospel: Luke 9: 11b-17

Apart from the Resurrection, the multiplication of the loaves is the only miracle recounted in all 4 Gospels. Of course, it foreshadows the miracle of the Eucharist, inaugurated at the Last Supper

READING FOR THE WEEK



Monday Gen 12:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19,20 & 22 Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday Vigil Jer 1:4-10 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 1 Pt 1:8-12 Lk 1:5-17

Tuesday Day Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday Gen 15:1-12,17-18 Ps 105:1-2,3-4, 6-7,8-9 Mt 7:15-20

Thursday Gen 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 7:21-29

Friday Ez 34:11-16 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 5:5b-11 Lk 15:3-7

Saturday Gen 18:1-15 Lk 1:46-47,48-49, 50 & 53, 54-55 Mt 8:5-17

Sunday Vigil Acts 3:1-10 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Gal 1:11-20 Jn 21:15-19

Sunday Day Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19



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: **Ann M. Dosin, John Michael Marsek, Viola Jean Cannon**,

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 15:

Sunday 6/15: \$3,662

Parish Giving: \$1,605

Weekend Total: \$5,267

Maintenance & Repairs: \$1,419

Upcoming Second Collections

July 13 - Black & Indian Missions

July 20 - Maintenance & Repairs

July 27 - Air Conditioning

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 Joseph DeBenedetto

req. by his sister Phyllis

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

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

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.



Celebration dinner at the home of Isabel and Bernie Milano in Irvington, following the formal opening of St. Thomas More Laity of the Rivertown Center in Ardsley. The Milanos financed the construction of the center to assist Catholics who want to deepen their faith through various educational events and workshops.

How Our Dad Influences Our View of God.

by Philip Kosloski

Whether we like it or not, often our relationship with our earthly father impacts how we view our heavenly Father.

Dads have a larger than life impact on their children, for good or for ill. We can deny it all we want, but if we spend the time to look closely at our heart, we will recognize the role our dad played in shaping who we have become.



Our dad's influence even extends to our conception of God.

Writer Kelsey Dallas put it succinctly in an article for Deseret News: *Studies on family life and religion highlight the value of emotional vulnerability, modeling religious behaviors and taking seriously the idea that kids partially learn who God is through their dad's actions.*

Is God absent, a tyrant, or a loving father?

Typically there are three main scenarios that can impact how a child views God. The first scenario involves the "absent" father. This not only covers families where the father is not present, but also those families where the dad simply isn't "there." He may be a slave to his work and is never home.

Children raised in this environment might question whether God exists, or if he even loves them. They don't witness love from their earthly father and so it is more difficult to imagine a heavenly Father who does love them.

The second scenario involves a strict disciplinarian who is more of a "tyrant" than anything else. This type of father knows he has power over his children and uses it on a daily basis. A tyrant father can make children view God as a Zeus figure who sends down lightning bolts upon those who disobey him. Religion ends up being a "bunch of rules," and God is present, but not someone you love.

The third scenario is what we hope all children will experience, a truly loving father. Children raised by a loving father will have little to no problem believing in a good God and will be drawn to a deeper relationship with God the Father.

Rules and mercy

Of course, no dad is perfect and often every dad will exhibit qualities from each of these scenarios throughout his life. The key for any dad reading this is to strive to be that last father, the loving one. You can still have rules in your household, but you need to have mercy. Imitate God the Father's love and compassion as much as possible and your children will grow up knowing first-hand that God loves them.

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Christianity: Surveys Find Good News Not Just in Africa.

by Daniel Esparza

Expanding churches in Africa and reinvigorated faith among Western youth — highlights of a global Catholic Church at work.

A sweeping study from Pew Research that spanned from 2010 to 2020 highlights monumental growth for Christianity in Africa. But in the five years since 2020 (especially the post-pandemic years), others surveys are pointing to a more surprising trend.

A June 9 Pew Research report reveals that while the number of Christians worldwide grew from 2.1 to 2.3 billion between 2010–2020, their share of the global population decreased from 31% to 29%, largely due to rising disaffiliation. Sub-Saharan Africa is now a main global epicenter of Christianity: in 2020, 30.7% of all Christians lived there — up from just 24.8% in 2010 — surpassing Europe.

The region's population grew by 31%, with 62% self-identifying as Christian, and countries like Mozambique even saw a rise of 5 percentage points. High birth rates, a youthful demographic, and fewer exits from the faith have driven this growth.

Western Christianity: Decline pauses, youth renew faith

Parallel to the African growth, Western nations — once decreasing sharply in Christian affiliation — have stopped losing ground. In the U.S., after decades of decline, Christian identification has stabilized around 62% since roughly 2020. Remarkably, among Generation Z Americans, church affiliation rose from 45% to 51% between 2023 and 2024. “Nones” correspondingly fell from 45% to 41%, according to The Economist.

This trend is mirrored in Canada, the UK, France, Ireland, and several other Western European countries, where the growth of the non-religious has slowed dramatically, coinciding with a plateau in Christian affiliation.

Some sociologists credit the COVID-19 pandemic — and its associated isolation and existential crisis — for catalyzing a spiritual search, especially among young people. Young men, in particular, are showing renewed interest in structured religious life — a surprising counter-trend after decades of female predominance in church attendance.

Catholic converts on the rise in Australia and Europe

This Western resurgence isn't limited to the U.S. or Europe.

In Australia, Archbishop Anthony Fisher reports a 26% increase in adult Catholic converts in Sydney for five straight years. He describes a “hunger for spiritual meaning” post-COVID and in uncertain economic times .

Ireland, France, Austria, Belgium, and England have all seen significant increases in adult baptisms — Easter 2025 in France registered the highest number in two decades, with a whopping 40% of those baptized coming from Gen Z (those born from 1995-2012).

In England, Catholics are on track to outnumber Anglicans — an unprecedented shift.

A tale of two movements

Worldwide, sub-Saharan Africa is now home to over 30% of the world's Christians and leads the charge in growth, while Western declines have halted.

This dual movement — expanding churches in Africa and reinvigorated faith among Western youth — highlights a global Catholic Church at work. The challenge now lies in holding onto this momentum, blending deep conviction with openness to secular audiences, and building bridges between vibrant communities across continents.

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Daniel Esparza writes for Aleteia in the areas of art, culture, and travel.

The World's Greatest Church

by Brad Miner

It was built upon the ancient Roman site known as *Mons Vaticanus*. Vatican Hill is on the west side of the Tiber, facing the seven hills of Rome, and – to put it clearly in context – it is the burial site of Peter, the man to whom our Lord said, “on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.”

St. Peter's Basilica, as we know it today, is a relatively new building, constructed mainly during the Renaissance, which is to say more than 1400 years after the Apostle was martyred on that very spot, c. 68 A.D.

The site was treasured by early Christians, but it wasn't until Emperor Constantine I (272-337) ended the persecution of Christians and embraced the faith (in hoc signo vinces) that a church could be constructed over Peter's tomb. That was what we now refer to as Old St. Peter's. There are no extant 4th-century images of its appearance, but Shawn Tribe, writing in *Liturgical Arts Journal*, included this digital mockup “as it may have appeared closer to Constantine's time”

The old church took about 40 years to complete. And it endured for more than a thousand years.



Leon Battista Alberti (d. 1472), often considered the first “Renaissance Man,” was among the earliest to call for a new structure to be built on the site because the 4th-century church was collapsing into ruins.

Construction of the current Basilica, however, did not begin until April of 1506. It was completed in November of 1626. Those 120 years may seem like a very long time to build a basilica, but Notre-Dame de Paris took six decades longer, and Antoni Gaudí's Sagrada Família in Barcelona was begun 143 years ago and is not yet complete.

The plan for a new St. Peter's was kick-started by the return of the papacy to Rome from Avignon. And it was a propitious moment, given that there happened to be working in the city an assortment of geniuses such as we'll likely never see again: the aforementioned Alberti,

Bernardo Peruzzi, Donato Bramante – and others – until, in 1547 and at the behest of Pope Paul III, the work fell to the great Michelangelo Buonarroti, who seemed never to relish his Vatican work. “I undertake this only for the love of God and in honor of the Apostle,” he said. He had earlier tried to dissuade Pope Julius II from using him to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling (1508-1512), but at the age of 71, Michelangelo became the Chief Architect of St Peter's.

Historian James Lees-Milne has written that Michelangelo cleared out the clique of sluggish craftsmen who had been employed at St. Peter's and hired new “basilican workmen with a fresh enthusiasm and zest for the great and holy task ahead of them.”

Michelangelo built upon the architect Bramante's work, but like Gaudí, did not live to see the Basilica's consecration. No matter. As the American art historian Helen Gardner wrote, “Without destroying the centralizing features of Bramante's plan, Michelangelo, with a few strokes of the pen, converted its snowflake complexity into massive, cohesive unity.”

And massive it is. St. Peter's is the largest church in the world. The Basilica and Colonnade cover nearly 240,000 square feet – nearly six acres.

This brings us to the dome of St. Peter's – in some ways Michelangelo's most extraordinary feat and, arguably, the Basilica's most striking feature, if for no other reason than the way it stands out so magnificently when lighted, dominating Roman nights. (I was in Rome in November of 2023, dining at a rooftop restaurant, and was sad not to see its beauty. Our ecologically minded Pope Francis had decided illumination was a waste of energy.)

The dome's diameter is 139.3 feet, and the height from its base is 448.1 feet, atop which is the lantern, and on top of that are an orb and a cross, adding another 56 feet.



Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo's earlier contemporary, is often cited as the greatest genius of the Renaissance, if not of all time. But I'm not sure his achievements match Michelangelo's. Yes, Leonardo painted the world's most famous painting (the Mona Lisa), and he could write backwards, but by Michelangelo's standards, he was an underachiever.

Above Peter's tomb, inside the Basilica, and looming over the high altar is Gian Lorenzo Bernini's Baldachin, constructed between 1623 and 1634. It's among those works, along with paintings by Caravaggio, that fairly define the Baroque Era in art. And it was Bernini who designed the "welcoming arms" colonnade so familiar in paintings and photographs of St. Peter's Square. The Baldachin's size, almost 100 feet tall, matches the grandeur of the Basilica and dominates the crossing. It sits directly below Michelangelo's dome.



I must mention that the Basilica's façade was designed by Carlo Maderno after he succeeded Michelangelo as Chief Architect, and it's thanks to him that we have the balcony onto which new popes, most recently Pope Leo XIV, emerge to offer their Urbi et Orbi addresses.

The belief that the Apostle lies entombed beneath the altar goes back to the earliest years of the Christian community in Rome, but it was only reaffirmed in 1968 by Pope St. Paul VI, based on archaeological work. It seems only right to add, however, that the archaeologist who headed up the team that uncovered the bones, Antonio Ferrua, S.J., asserted – until his death in 2003 (at the age of 102) – that he was not convinced the bones are, in fact, the saint's remains. Paul VI's assertion that they are is based, as many verdicts are, on strong circumstantial evidence.

In any case, what is clear is that Peter's death, by crucifixion, occurred in the area, and it's highly unlikely he's buried anywhere else. Speaking to newly appointed Cardinals at the 2012 consistory (also the solemnity of the Chair of Saint Peter), Benedict XVI said:

The great bronze throne [in the Basilica's apse, also designed by Bernini] encloses a wooden chair from the ninth century. . . long thought to be Saint Peter's own chair. . . [and] was placed above this monumental altar because of its great symbolic value. It expresses the permanent presence of the Apostle in the Magisterium of his successors.

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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**.

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

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