

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



**Church of St. Matthew**

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**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

535 Ashford Avenue  
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**July 13, 2025 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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*  
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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, JULY 12

(A) 4:00 pm Josephine Campson †

(H) 5:30 pm Pauline Illmensee †

### SUNDAY, JULY 13

(H) 8:30 am Corky Soderstrom †

(A) 10:00 am Olga Pecora †

(H) 11:30 am Ryan Galicia †

### MONDAY, JULY 14

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Newly Baptized Children

(H) 9:00 am Mary Duffy †

### TUESDAY, JULY 15

(A) 8:00 am Deirdre O'Brien †

(H) 9:00 am Souls in Purgatory †

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

(A) 8:00 am Special Intention

(H) 9:00 am Anna DeBenedetto †

### THURSDAY, JULY 17

(A) 8:00 am Betty Castaneda †

(H) 9:00 am Walter Haubold †

### FRIDAY, JULY 18

(A) 8:00 am Misa Pro Popolo

(H) 9:00 am Ralph Guida †

### SATURDAY, JULY 19

(A) 8:00 am Thomas Yeager †

(H) 9:00 am Beatrice Murphy †

(A) 4:00 pm Michael J. Casey †

(H) 5:30 pm Decd. Members of the William B. Walzer Sr. Family †

### SUNDAY, JULY 20

(H) 8:30 am Karl "Corky" Soderstrom †

(A) 10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †

(H) 11:30 am Kathleen Utchel †

### REQUESTED BY:

Campson Family

Joan Haubold

Healy & Ballantine Families

Family

George & Christopher Febles & family

Mary Duffy

O'Brien Family

Virginia Markman

Linda

Daughter Phyllis

Nimia Pangilinan

Joan Haubold

Mark Guida

Kristin Mink & Grace Yeager

Ribeiro Family

Maureen & Joe Gunn

Carol Walzer

Kathleen & Patricia Ryan

Camille Gutierrez

Janet Murphy & Marty Roos

(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, looking ahead that will be this weekend, 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](http://www.stmolph.com)



## July 13, 2025 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading I: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Moses dismisses any excuses of the people for disobedience to the Law. This Law is made present through frequent teaching of it and discussion of its commands.

### Reading II: Colossians 1: 15-20

Christ makes the living God visible. As His only Son, He inherits all of creation. He is also head of the Church and directs its members in how to live.

### The Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan, available only in Luke's Gospel, presents both a moral and a theological lesson. The moral one: love of neighbor must accompany love of God. The theological one: The holiness of the New Testament requiring one to care for others.

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you!

## 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.



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## CANDLE DEDICATIONS



**OLPH Tabernacle Candle**  
*In Memory of Anna Clevenson*  
req. by daughter Jo Ann

**St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle**  
*In Memory of Emma Richter*  
req. by Phyllis Richter

**St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle**  
*In Memory of Rose Stufko*  
req. by Phyllis Richter

## COLLECTION REPORT:

### Weekend: July 6:

Sunday 7/6 \$3,357

Parish Giving: \$2,310

Weekend Total: \$5,667

### Upcoming Second Collections

July 13 - Black & Indian Missions

July 20 - Maintenance & Repairs

July 27 - Air Conditioning

## Online Giving

St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help offers two ways to make church contributions online:  
**Zelle and Parish Giving**



**Parish Giving**

For Parish Giving use the QR Code or visit the website:  
[www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org)  
and search for **St. Matthew & OLPH Church**



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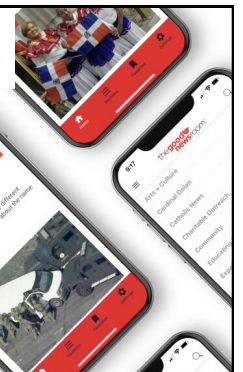
Scan the QR Code in your banking app to find: **The St. Matthew** or find us using our email address [office@stmolph.com](mailto:office@stmolph.com)

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# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN

All families currently in the Religious Education Program have received several emails 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**. Questions, please call the rectory.

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



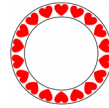
## 2025-2026 Religious Education Calendar

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)



### VISITING PRIEST: JULY 19/20

Father Hernán Rivarola, a member of the religious and missionary Institute of the Incarnate Word. Currently on mission in Russia, in the city of Omsk, in the region of Western Siberia, will be visiting the weekend of July 19th & 20th. Father will have the opportunity to tell you about his religious family and their mission in Russia.



### CIRCLE OF LOVE PRAYER GROUP

Meets Wednesdays at OLP Church, 7:30pm.  
All are welcome to attend.

**Our Lady of Fatima Wants to Visit You!** For over 40 years, our parish's Circle of Love prayer group has shared the joy and peace of Our Lady of Fatima through a traveling Pilgrim Virgin statue. She's journeyed from Manhattan to Wappingers Falls, touching hearts and changing lives. One grandmother was moved to tears when her young granddaughter, raised without faith, saw the statue and quietly made the Sign of the Cross, saying, "What a beautiful lady." Another woman shared that after 25 years, her husband finally said, "Let's pray the rosary together," moved by Our Lady's presence.

If you'd like to welcome Our Lady into your home, call Lourdes at 914-564-3243

## HELP SUSTAIN YOUR PARISH

### Matching Gifts

Boost your donation through employer matching programs, doubling or even tripling your impact.

### Donor Advised Funds (DAF)

Recommend grants to charities while enjoying tax benefits upfront.

### Planned Gift

Leave a lasting legacy by including us in your will, life insurance policy, or charitable trust.

### Stock Donations

Donating stocks can maximize your impact while reducing capital gains tax.

### Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

If you're 70.5 or older, make tax-free donations directly from your IRA. This method helps you meet your required minimum distribution without increasing taxable income.



# British Politician Criticizes Priest for Refusing Communion Over Assisted Dying Vote.

by AC Wimmer

*The controversy comes as Catholic bishops and others have repeatedly raised serious concerns about the UK's assisted dying legislation.*

A British politician has publicly criticized his parish priest for refusing to give him Holy Communion after he voted in favor of the UK's assisted dying bill.

Liberal Democrat MP Chris Coghlan took to Social Media on Sunday and reportedly complained to Bishop Richard Moth of Arundel and Brighton, describing his treatment as “outrageous.”

Father Ian Vane, parish priest at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dorking, Surrey, had warned Coghlan before the June 20 vote that supporting the controversial bill would constitute “obstinately persevering” in sin. He then reportedly named Coghlan, who represents Dorking and Horley in Surrey, from the pulpit two days later.

Coghlan described the priest's actions as “completely inappropriate” and claimed it “undermines the legitimacy of religious institutions.”



The politician posted on social media that the incident raised “grave public interest” about pressure that religious Members of Parliament (MPs) faced during the vote, calling it “utterly disrespectful to my family, my constituents including the congregation, and the democratic process.”

The MP's public criticism sparked significant backlash on social media platforms, with many defending Father Vane and criticizing Coghlan's comportment.

Several commentators reminded the politician of the Vatican's doctrinal note about participation in public life, “that a well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law which contradicts the fundamental contents of faith and morals.”

“Those who are directly involved in lawmaking bodies have a grave and clear obligation to oppose any law that attacks human life. For them, as for every Catholic, it is impossible to promote such laws or to vote for them,” the Doctrinal Note on the Participation of Catholics' in Political Life states.

The Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton also reportedly reminded the media of the Church's position while acknowledging the complexity of the vote.

“The Catholic Church believes in the sanctity of life and the dignity of every person,” the diocese stated, adding Bishop Richard Moth spoke to Coghlan “earlier this week and has offered to meet him in person to discuss the issues and concerns raised.”

## **Church leaders warn of grave consequences**

The controversy comes as Catholic bishops and others have repeatedly raised serious concerns about the UK's assisted dying legislation.

Archbishop John Sherrington of Liverpool, the lead bishop for life issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said he was “shocked and disappointed” by the bill's passage.

“Allowing the medical profession to help patients end their lives will change the culture of health care and cause legitimate fears amongst those with disabilities or who are especially vulnerable in other ways,” Sherrington stated.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, and Archbishop Sherrington had previously warned that Catholic hospices and care homes may have no choice but to shut down if the bill becomes law, since they “may be required to cooperate with assisted suicide.”

To become law, the bill still needs to pass in the second chamber of Parliament, the unelected House of Lords. The Lords can amend legislation, but because the bill has the support of the Commons, it is likely to pass.

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# Brothers in Christ: Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati

*The two young men from northern Italy will be canonized together this fall by Pope Leo XIV as the first saints of the new pontificate.*

They lived a century apart. One climbed Alpine peaks; the other coded websites. One served the poor of post-war Turin; the other evangelized from a laptop in Milan. But on Sept. 7, two young men from northern Italy — Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis — will be canonized together by Pope Leo XIV as the first saints of the new pontificate.

Their lives were separated by time but united in love for the Lord. In canonizing them side by side, Pope Leo highlights the Church's universal call to holiness — that all are called to use their unique gifts to reach the heights of holiness.

Large numbers of the faithful who have drawn inspiration from both Frassati and Acutis will descend on Rome to celebrate their heroic witness. Among them will be Brice Griffin, a mother of five from North Carolina, who booked plane tickets to Rome on the day that the new canonization date was announced.

"As a mother especially, it is such a gift to see how Carlo brought his own parents back into full communion with the Catholic Church. I love that he is so relatable for our young people. In my own teenage son, I see similarities with Carlo," Griffin told the Register. "I am so excited to be able to witness the canonization of Carlo with Pier Giorgio, another great example for our youth and especially for our younger adult children."

Frassati was born in 1901 in Turin during northern Italy's industrial boom. The city was fast becoming the nation's manufacturing hub, fueled in part by Fiat and the new automotive industry. At 13, as World War I broke out, Frassati witnessed returning soldiers who were wounded, unemployed and broken. He later became a member of Catholic Action and the People's Party, working to apply the Church's social doctrine to the modern world.

Nearly a century later, Acutis was born in 1991 — the same year that the World Wide Web went public. A self-taught coder, he experimented with Java and C++, loved Super Mario video games, and filmed his pets on a camcorder. While his computer-coding millennial peers launched start-ups, Carlo used his tech savvy to catalog Eucharistic miracles from his family's Milan apartment.

"His life shows that holiness is achievable in the modern world, even amidst technology and everyday challenges," Father Will Conquer, a French missionary priest in Cambodia and author of a book on Acutis, told the Register.

For Pope Leo XIV, who has expressed a desire to address the ethical and societal questions raised by artificial intelligence and modern technology, the joint canonization offers a chance to echo his predecessor Leo XIII's response to the Industrial Revolution in a new era.

## Finding Solace in Nature

Frassati may have grown up in Turin, but it was the family's summer home in Pollone, a small village 50 miles north at the base of the Alps, that became his sanctuary. As a member of the Italian Alpine Club, he climbed many peaks — from the Gran Tournalin to the 13,000-foot Mount Grivola in Val d'Aosta — and prayed beneath crosses erected on their summits.

"With each passing day, I fall madly in love with the mountains," wrote Frassati, whose motto was "verso l'alto" ("to the heights"). Acutis found similar peace in Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis, where his family spent summers. Away from Milan's fashionistas and financiers, he prayed with Assisi's Franciscan friars and Poor Clare nuns. He hiked the Umbrian hills near Mount Subasio with his dogs and made crosses from sticks he found on the trail — hoping someone might think of Jesus when they found them.

Both young men loved animals. Frassati had dogs named Jor, Mime, Wotan and Uadi and a cat named Scimbo. Carlo's pets included dogs named Briciola, Stellina, Poldo and Chiara (after St. Clare), plus cats Bambi and Cleo. Archbishop Domenico Sorrentino of Assisi called the canonization of Acutis and Frassati together "a sign of Providence that puts the holiness of ordinary life back at the center of the Church's attention, especially for new generations."

## Eucharistic Devotion

Though raised in homes with non-practicing family members, both boys were drawn to the Eucharist from a young age.

Frassati's father was an agnostic, but that didn't stop Pier Giorgio from joining the Marian Sodality and Apostleship of Prayer. At the age of 12, Frassati also sought permission to receive daily Communion — a rarity at the time.



L to R: Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati lived in different eras but shared a passion for living their faith to the fullest. (photo: Public domain and courtesy of the Acutis family)

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"I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible," Frassati told a Eucharistic Congress at the age of 22. "Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles."

Carlo, who famously called the Eucharist "my highway to heaven," began attending daily Mass shortly after his first Communion at age 7. His exhibition of Eucharistic miracles has been viewed by thousands around the world.

"People who place themselves before the sun get a tan; people who place themselves before the Eucharist become saints," young Acutis once said.

### **Love for Mary and the Poor**

Frassati consecrated himself to Mary at the age of 17 and later joined the Dominican Third Order.

"As a devout member of the Dominican family, he kept a rosary in his pocket and prayed it daily," Father Gerard Francisco Timoner III, the master of the Dominican Order, said in an official statement on Frassati's canonization.

Acutis made his first personal consecration to the Virgin Mary at age 5 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii. He had a special devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes and Fatima and often gifted rosaries to houseguests. Though both came from affluent families — Frassati's father was editor of *La Stampa*, Acutis' father a Milanese insurance executive — they were both known for serving the poorest among them. Frassati joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 17, gave his bus fare to the poor, and visited the sick. On his deathbed, he wrote instructions to ensure medicine reached a sick man named Converso. "Jesus comes to me every morning in Communion, and I return the visit by going to serve the poor," he once said.

As a child, Carlo gave up eating Nutella as a sacrifice and sold toys to help the poor. He later volunteered at a Milan soup kitchen run by Capuchin friars and bought sleeping bags and hot drinks for the homeless in winter. "His love was extraordinary," said Nicola Gori, postulator for Acutis' cause. "He used the savings from his weekly pocket money to help the beggars and those who slept outdoors."

### **Sudden Illness**

Frassati died of polio — possibly contracted from the sick he served — in 1925 at age 24. Carlo died in 2006 at just 15, from a sudden and aggressive leukemia. "I offer all the suffering I will have to endure to the Lord for the Pope and for the Church," Carlo said shortly before his death, "in order not to go through purgatory and to go straight to heaven."

Both funerals drew the poor and marginalized from their communities, people the holy young men had helped in life.

Frassati lived nearly a decade longer than Acutis and found his vocation as a lay Dominican. Carlo, still a high-school student, was beginning to discern a possible call to the priesthood. "Canonizing these two young men together offers one seamless spiritual model, particularly for those navigating the teenage and young-adult years," Christine Wohar, the executive director of Frassati USA, told the Register. "Where Carlo's life ends, Pier Giorgio's picks up, providing a continuity in facing the challenges of adolescence and adulthood."

### **Inspiring Young Catholics**

Both have been patrons of World Youth Day (WYD) events. Frassati inspired WYD pilgrims in Sydney in 2008 and Krakow in 2016; Acutis was named patron of WYD Lisbon in 2023 and the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress in the U.S.

Katie McGrady, a SiriusXM host and Catholic youth speaker, said their appeal to young people is clear.

"When I talk about either of these two, young people sit up a little straighter, listen a little more closely, and want to hear more. Their stories are captivating," McGrady said. "Carlo and Pier Giorgio show young people that not only is holiness possible, but it is found in the ordinary components of our lives. It's in the hiking and the computer coding and the hanging out with friends and in the finding chances to be generous that we can follow and love Jesus."

Father Conquer added, "Carlo's tech-driven apostolate speaks to a generation immersed in digital culture, while Frassati's active, relational charity inspires those drawn to community and service. Both lived ordinary lives with extraordinary faith, proving that sainthood is accessible to all." Carlo himself admired Frassati. In his final days, he was reading a French book about young saints, his mother Antonia recalled. "Carlo knew about [Frassati]," she said. "He knew about many young saints: Pier Giorgio Frassati, Chiara Badano, Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows. ... He loved young saints."

Now, the boy who loved saints becomes one — beside a saint he loved. "Perhaps the most important lesson," Wohar reflected, "is that we need to examine our lives and see if we are truly living or merely existing." "Life passes quickly — as evidenced by the short lives of both Carlo and Pier Giorgio," she noted.

"If we are spending our days looking at screens, maybe we need to reflect on that. Pier Giorgio said, 'To live without faith, without a patrimony to defend, without a steady struggle for truth — that is not living, but existing.'

"We should never just exist, but live."

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