

# 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

## September 14, 2025 • The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### 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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### 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, SEPTEMBER 13**

(A) 4:00 pm Rita Verna †  
(H) 5:30 pm James Joseph Osekoski †

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

(H) 8:30 am Ernest Grascia, Sr. †  
(A) 10:00 am Olga Pecora †  
(H) 11:30 am Gerald M. Chisholm †

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

(A) 8:00 am Antonio Ybay †  
(H) 9:00 am John Landers †

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

(A) 8:00 am Emilia Cantatore †  
(H) 9:00 am Michael Markman †

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

(A) 8:00 am Romeo Castaneda †  
(H) 9:00 am Intentions of Fr. Henry

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

(A) 8:00 am Tomasa Sunga †  
(H) 9:00 am Intentions of Rose & Danny Harnett

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

(A) 8:00 am Ralph Damiano †  
(H) 9:00 am Special Intentions

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

(A) 8:00 am Special Intentions  
(H) 9:00 am Misa Pro Popolo  
(A) 4:00 pm Mary Drumm †  
(H) 5:30 pm Lenore Treacy †

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

(H) 8:30 am Karl Soderstrom †  
(A) 10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †  
(H) 11:30 am Michael Christopher Blair †

**REQUESTED BY:**

Daughter  
Lana Como

Bassmann Family  
Family  
George Febles & Family

Ybay Family  
George Febles & Family

Sylvia Melina  
Wife

Nimia Pangilian  
Janet Lokay

Ybay Family  
Agnes & Hugh Dynes

Damiano Family  
Virginia Markman

Rose & Danny Harnett

Family  
Ellen Usher

Bassmann Family  
Camille Gutierrez  
Joseph & Linda Ferraro



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)

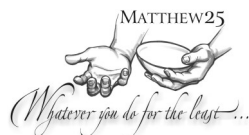
*"A religion that doesn't interfere with secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it."*

*- Abp. Fulton J. Sheen*



(H) - Hastings: St. Matthew

(A) - Ardsley: Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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, September 13/14.

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

## The RECTORY will be CLOSED

September 15-19 and will re-open on Monday, September 22.

If you need a Mass card while the rectory is closed, please use our online system which can be accessed from the parish website.

## September 14, 2025 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**Reading I: Numbers 21: 4b-9** - The Lord prescribes an antidote to the venomous snake attacks on the people. He tells Moses to mount a bronze serpent to a pole and tell the people to look at it and be healed. An allegory about the Cross of Christ whereby sinners who look upon it with faith will be spared the sting of death.

**Reading II: Philippians 2: 6-11** - This is probably an early Christian hymn. It follows the story line of Christ's mission and sets Him forth as the model of Christian living.

**The Gospel: John 3: 13-17** - Jesus sees the relic from Moses' time of the bronze serpent mounted to save the Israelites as an image of His crucifixion meant to save mankind from sin and bring healing to a rebellious world.

every contribution is  
highly valued

thank  
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.



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

## CANDLE DEDICATIONS



**OLPH Tabernacle Candle**  
***In Memory of Ralph Damiano***  
req. by Family

**St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle**

**St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle**

*Candle dedications can be reserved online or by calling the rectory.  
Please visit our website at [www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com)*

## COLLECTION REPORT:

### Weekend: September 7:

Sunday 9/7 \$5,669  
Parish Giving: \$2,540  
Weekend Total: \$8,209

### Upcoming Second Collections

Sept. 14: Gaza Support  
Sept. 21: Maintenance & Repairs  
Oct. 12: Mission Sunday  
Oct. 19: Maintenance & Repair

## 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**



**zelle**

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app to find: **The St. Matthew**  
or find us using our email address  
[office@stmolph.com](mailto:office@stmolph.com)

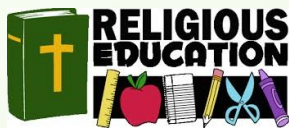
**Please Note:** The church's legal name is so long that  
our bank only uses the first several characters, hence  
why in Zelle our name shows up as: **The St. Matthew**

### 2026 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2026  
is now open. Mass intentions  
& Candle Memorials may be  
reserved online through the  
parish website or by stopping  
into the rectory office.

**The stipend for requesting a  
Mass intention is \$15,  
Memorial Candle \$10**





**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES:**  
Religious Education continues on  
**Wednesday, September 17th** for the Ardsley  
program and on **Sunday, September 21st**  
for the Hastings program.

Looking ahead, there will be **NO CLASS** on Wednesday, September 24th  
in observance of the school holiday.

**WEDNESDAY PROGRAM at OLPH SCHOOL**

Grades 1-4 meet from **4:00pm to 5:00pm** *(Please Note the Time Change)*

Grades 5 & 6 meet from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

**OLPH Grades 7 & 8 meet from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on the  
following dates: 9/17 & 10/1, 8, 15, 22**

**SUNDAY PROGRAM at ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL**

Grades 1-6 meet from 9:45am - 10:45am

**STM Grades 7 & 8 meet from 9:45am - 10:45am on the  
following dates: 9/14, 21, 28 & 10/5, 19**

The work on the Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help School Gym Ceiling was  
completed  
this past  
week. We  
are still  
waiting for  
the new LED  
lighting  
fixtures to  
arrive in the  
next few  
weeks.



**ATTENDANCE ENVELOPES** : All students, once again, have  
received a box of **ATTENDANCE ENVELOPES**.

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 give it to your teacher the next week.  
Mass attendance will be kept track of during the year.



**PLEASE DONATE TO RECLAIM THE BEAUTY**

In our ongoing effort to beautify our churches, there is a need for periodic refurbishing of sacred vessels and furnishings. The six candlesticks on the high altar at St. Matthew's are a very fine brass casting and have been in the parish for almost a century. Over the decades the candlesticks have accumulated grime as the lacquer has worn away. Accordingly, we have had them temporarily removed to the shop that will fully restore them so that they can grace the high altar for our Masses for another century.



We would like to give our Parishioners an opportunity to participate by contributing to a restoration fund. We seek to raise \$2,500 toward this project. If you would like to participate, please contact Christine in the rectory.



**STMOLPH BINGO NIGHT**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH**  
*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church*  
*Downstairs Meeting Room*  
\$15 per person \* Includes 2 cards \* Snacks & Prizes  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
*Singles, Seniors, Families & Friends*  
FOLLOWING THE 4:00PM MASS  535 ASHFORD AVE.  
ARDSLEY, NY

Please RSVP by September 19th:  
**RSVP NOW!** <https://stmolph.flocknote.com/signup/222129>  
or call the rectory: 914-478-2822

TAKING ACTION AS  
**PILGRIMS**  
OF HOPE

**HIGH SCHOOL: GRADES 9-12**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL: GRADES 6-8**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

# 2025 NEW YORK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY



**High School Mass Celebrant:**  
**Cardinal Timothy Dolan**



**Middle School Mass Celebrant:**  
**Bishop Joseph Espallat**

• Prayer • Holy Mass • Outdoor Games • Live Music • Inspiring Talks & more!



**Emcee:**  
**Brandon Morel**



**Emcee:**  
**Ashley Aldrich**



**Music by:**  
**Alverlis**



**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Pjetër Nilaj**

**TO REGISTER  
SCAN QR CODE**

**\$45**

- Includes: Lunch, Activities & T-Shirt
- **Early Bird Pricing** until 09/15/25
- **Registration** Deadline: 09/19/25



**FOR MORE INFO:**  
**ARCHNY.ORG/NYCYD**



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of NEW YORK**

**9:30AM TO 5:30PM**



**Saint Joseph Seminary**  
201 Seminary Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704

**Hosted by : The Office of Youth Ministry & Young Adult Ministry & University Apostolate**

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

September 2025

Church of St. Matthew - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Fr. Douglas Crawford, Pastor



## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Lawrence Justinian

Born into a noble Venetian family, St. Lawrence longed for sainthood from an early age. A mystical encounter confirmed his calling to religious life. Though pressured to enter an advantageous marriage, he chose to follow his vocation. He escaped to the Canons Regular of St. George, where he eventually became the order's general. Known for his zeal, penitential life, and deep charity—especially toward the poor—he was later appointed Bishop of Venice by the pope.



### We are never alone

Our existence depends entirely on God. St. Thomas Aquinas taught that without God's will, we would cease to exist. Many saints taught that His love is constant, personal, and sustaining. At Baptism, He comes to dwell within us. Even in silence or struggle, we are never alone. An unseen Friend walks with us, always.

*"I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you" (Jeremiah 31:3).*



## Five saints to help youngsters become holy

It can be discouraging helping children grow in holiness in our fallen world, but parents can turn to the saints to offer clear, practical models. Here are four powerful approaches:

**Persistent prayer:** All parents worry about their children. St. Monica prayed tirelessly for her son, Augustine, during his years of rebellion. Her perseverance bore fruit—he experienced a profound conversion and became one of the Church's great saints. We don't always see the full results of our prayers, but they are never wasted.

**Virtuous example:** Despite intense pressure, St. Thomas More refused to acknowledge King Henry VIII as head of the Church and was imprisoned for

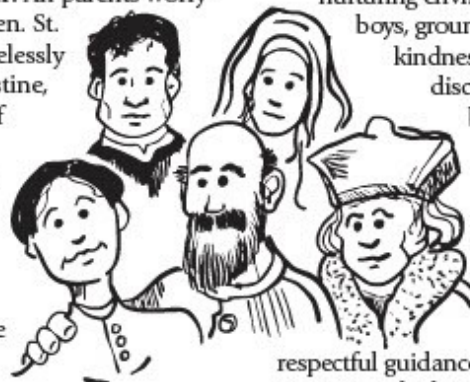
treason. We want children to be good citizens, but God's laws come first. Children can learn from St. Thomas' example.

**Kindness:** St. John (Don) Bosco built a nurturing environment for struggling boys, grounded in the power of kindness. He believed discipline should be firm

but compassionate, always rooted in trust and love. He rarely raised his voice, relying instead on consistent expectations and

respectful guidance. He expected the boys to practice the kindness he showed them.

**Surrender:** Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin dedicated every part of family life to God. They offered joys, sorrows, and struggles to Him. When we entrust our families to God, we invite His grace to shape and guide us.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics honor Mary's name?

We honor Mary's name because she is the Mother of Jesus and the Queen of Heaven. Moreover, even though her name doesn't have the power that the Name of Jesus has, it still carries a significant influence.



Pope Innocent XI extended the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary to the entire Church after the King of Poland defeated an advancing Ottoman army in Vienna in 1683, crediting this victory to Jesus and Mary, whose names he invoked while fighting.

## Holy homework hacks

Even the saints had to do homework. St. Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of students, used practical strategies to tackle demanding workloads. Try these study habits inspired by his example:

**Take notes:** St. Thomas's surviving notes show his use of symbols and shorthand to capture ideas quickly. Students can adopt similar methods to stay engaged during class, study sessions, or group activities.

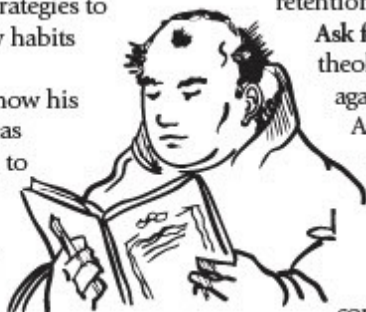
**Take breaks:** Known for his intense focus, St. Thomas also made time for short walks around the monastery courtyard. Encourage

students to take brief breaks after focused study to boost retention and motivation.

**Ask for help:** When struggling with a complex theological text, St. Thomas once leaned his head against the tabernacle and prayed for guidance.

Asking for help—whether through prayer, a teacher, or a classmate—is a wise and humble step.

**Pray:** Above all, St. Thomas dedicated his work to God. He began his studies with prayer, "Guide the beginning of my work, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion ... Amen."

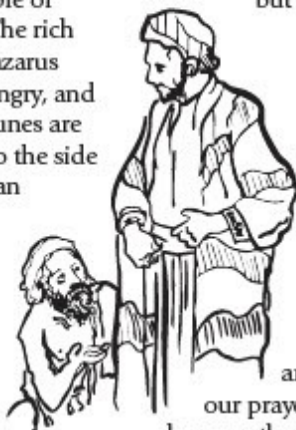


### Scripture LESSON

### Luke 16:19-31, Love in action

This passage tells the parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man. The rich man lives in luxury, while Lazarus suffers at his gate—poor, hungry, and alone. After death, their fortunes are reversed: Lazarus is carried to the side of Abraham, and the rich man finds himself in torment.

Notice that the rich man isn't condemned for outright cruelty or injustice, but for his failure to demonstrate charity. He knew Lazarus by name. He likely stepped over him daily, but ignored Lazarus' suffering. In the afterlife, the rich man begs for relief and for Lazarus to warn his brothers,



but his chance to do good has passed.

*What can a parent do?*

Teach children that following Jesus isn't just about avoiding wrongdoing—it's about doing what is right. The Gospel makes it clear: love is active. When we live our faith through compassion, generosity, and awareness of others,

our prayers become action. We become the hands and feet of Jesus. And when we love as Jesus loves, we reflect His heart—and that's the path to true, lasting joy.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**September 10 – St. Nicholas of Tolentino (1305).** Born to pious parents, Nicholas was known for his holiness, purity, and penances. He became an Augustinian monk. After his ordination, he developed a reputation as a great preacher and confessor. He spent the rest of his life traveling and preaching inspiring sermons in Tolentino, Italy.

**September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows.** In Luke 2:35, Simeon predicted Mary's sorrows as "a sword piercing" her soul. Despite her sorrow, Mary stood at the foot of the Cross, dignified while others ran away.

**September 20 – St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Companions (1846).** The first Korean-born Catholic priest, Andrew was the son of Christian converts. Upon being ordained, he tried to introduce French missionaries, and was arrested, tortured, and martyred with several others.

**September 29 – Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.** Today we honor three archangels entrusted with important missions to mankind, such as St. Gabriel's visit to the Blessed Mother, announcing she was to be the Mother of God.



### Parent TALK

Tina has always been direct—sometimes to a fault. She doesn't hesitate to critique my outfits, and once made a classmate cry by telling him his shirt smelled bad. After her teacher expressed concern about her harsh comments, we agreed to help her use her honesty more constructively.

I told Tina I admired her courage to speak up when something's wrong. But I explained that bluntness should serve a purpose—to help, not hurt. If someone is in danger or something is truly wrong, she should tell a teacher privately. That's not tattling; it's responsibility.

A week later, Tina saw a student being bullied and immediately got help from an adult. Her quick thinking and honesty became a tool for good.

By guiding her to use her strengths rather than punishing her for them, we saw real growth—and so did her classmates. Sometimes, it's all about redirection, not correction.



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