

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

November 16, 2025 • 33rd 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*
 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

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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

(A) 4:00 pm Mary Drumm †

(H) 5:30 pm Matty Connolly †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

(H) 8:30 am Joseph DiSalvo †

(A) 10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †

(H) 11:30 am Charles Corbett †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

(A) 8:00 am Catherine Akiya †

(H) 9:00 am Bruce Aluisio †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of John Mara

(H) 9:00 am Eleanor Edelman †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

(A) 8:00 am Jeanne Fontaine †

(H) 9:00 am Wendle Family †

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

(A) 8:00 am Sergio Giovina †

(H) 9:00 am Kathleen Utchel †

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

(A) 8:00 am Leo Sheedy †

(H) 9:00 am Bobby Zahurak, Jr. †

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

(A) 8:00 am Raul Ramos †

(H) 9:00 am Missa Pro Popolo

(A) 4:00 pm Intentions of Fr. Henry

(H) 5:30 pm Maureen A. Pachonka †

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

(H) 8:30 am Gregory Chiascione †

(A) 10:00 am Anna & Cosmo Vellone †

(H) 11:30 am James Flynn †

REQUESTED BY:

Family
Sherry Family

Janet Lokay
Camille Gutierrez
Damiano Family

Marie Sognonvi
Gail Aluisio

Sherry Family
Virginia Markman

Pierre Fontaine
Rose Utchel

Rose Utchel

Maureen Barry
Zahurak Family

Maria

Janet Lokay
Lana Como

Chiascione Family
Linda Vellone & Ann Torrini
Sherry Family

(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 will be the weekend of December 13/14th

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



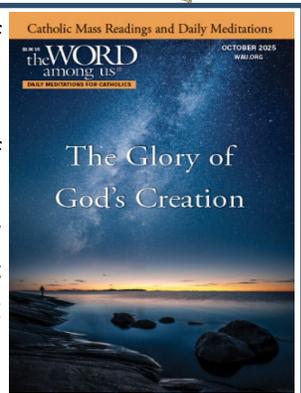
Our prayers during Mass are spiritually important and bring benefit and

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



COMPLIMENTARY copies of **THE WORD AMONG US** are available in the back of the church for the month’s of November & December. The Word Among us contains Daily Meditations and Catholic Mass readings for the current month.



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Reading I: Malachi 3:19-20a (or 4: 1-2)

“The Day” will feature a destructive fire. The arrival of the “sun of righteousness” signals the dawning of a new age with the healing from the wounds of sin.

Reading II: 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12

Paul urges the people to work and not be idle, as part of their Christian duty as they await the coming of “the Day of the Lord.”

The Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

Jesus claims that the indestructible look of the Temple is an illusion, it will one day fall completely down. Meanwhile, His true disciples must fearlessly identify with Him, despite persecution, with stalwart perseverance.

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 Charles Corbett
req. by Damiano Family

St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle
Intentions of Judy
req. by Rosa

*Candle dedications can be reserved online or by calling the rectory.
Please visit our website at www.stmolpb.com*

COLLECTION REPORT:

Weekend: November 9:

Sunday 11/9 \$3,632
Parish Giving: \$2,805
Weekend Total: \$6,437
Fuel Offering: \$1,645

Upcoming Second Collections

November 16: Maintenance & Repairs
November 23: Charity & Justice
December 7: Maintenance & Repair
December 8: Immaculate Conception

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.paritygiving.org
and search for **St. Matthew & OLPH Church**



zelle

Scan the QR Code in your banking app to find: **The St. Matthew** or find us using our email address office@stmolpb.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**

EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR HURRICANE MELISSA

RELIEF: Here we are again with another opportunity to assist those in distress. It was 13 years ago this week that we were being helped during Hurricane Sandy. So, on behalf of His Eminence, we are asking for the prayers and support of the people of the archdiocese for our brothers and sisters in the Caribbean. The church will make a donation from the Parish.
If you would like to make a personal donation, please send and make checks payable to the **Archdiocese of New York, Attn: Finance Office, 488 Madison Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10022.**
Please write “Hurricane Melissa” in the memo line.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: continue this weekend, November 16th at St. Matthew's and on Wednesday, November 19th at OLPH.

WEDNESDAY PROGRAM at OLPH SCHOOL Grades 1-4 meet from **4:00pm to 5:00pm**

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

SUNDAY PROGRAM at ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL: Grades 1-6 meet from 9:45am - 10:45am

ATTENDANCE ENVELOPES: 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 give it to your teacher the next week. Mass attendance will be kept tract of during the year.



SIGN-UP DEADLINE: DECEMBER 8th

BREAKFAST With Santa

DELICIOUS FOOD | FESTIVE CRAFTS | GOODIE BAG FROM SANTA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025 | 10AM

\$20 ages 11-99 \$15 ages 5-10 FREE 4 & under

Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help School
1 Cross Road * Ardsley, NY

Space is Limited & you must be a Registered Parishioner

Everyone is Welcome to Attend!
Bring your Family & Friends, With or Without Kids!

SIGN UP TODAY

Return by December 8th

PARISHIONER/ENVELOPE # _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

of Free: _____ Total \$ enclosed: _____

Names of those attending:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Back by popular demand...Hot Chocolate Bar!



REGISTER NOW [CLICK HERE](#)

CHRISTMAS TREE NEEDED

We are in need of an artificial Christmas Tree for our Breakfast with Santa.

The tree will be needed on Friday, December 12th for set up and will be in use all day Saturday, December 13 when Santa comes for his visit.

If you have a tree that you are no longer using, and would like to donate it to the parish, please call the rectory: 914-478-2822





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To Purchase your Christmas Stocking Stuffer Ticket

Please scan the QR Code
below or click on the
link at the bottom
of the page.



RAFFLE PRIZE SCHEDULE

1st PRIZE - \$6,500

2nd Prize - \$1,000

3rd Prize - \$500	4th Prize - \$500
5th Prize - \$500	6th Prize - \$200
7th Prize - \$200	8th Prize - \$200
9th Prize - \$200	10th Prize - \$200

• Only 200 Tickets Available •
Ticket Cost \$100

DRAWING HELD: DECEMBER 19TH

Please note: If all tickets
are not sold by the drawing
date, prizes will
be adjusted accordingly.

<https://stmolph.flocknote.com/signup/233619>

If you would like to join, please return this form with Payment to:

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Call: 914-478-2822 or email: office@stmolph.com



Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

of tickets requested: _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Ticket # _____



CIRCLE OF LOVE PRAYER GROUP

Meets Wednesdays at OLPH 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. .

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

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas

CONCERT



The 2025 Choir Christmas Concert
will be held on

Thursday, December 18th at 7:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

535 Ashford Avenue • Ardsley

Ministry to Homebound Parishioners



For those parishioners who are homebound or elderly, please reach out to the Rectory if you are interested in having a priest visit to hear your confession, receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and receive Holy Communion.

Please email office@stmolph.com
or call 914-478-2822.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ONE OF SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS

AT OUR
BREAKFAST WITH
SANTA?



YOU CAN SIGN UP USING
OUR FLOCKNOTE LINK:

[HTTPS://
STMOLPH.FLOCKNOTE.COM/
SIGNUP/231483](https://stmolph.flocknote.com/signup/231483)

[CLICK HERE To Sign Up](#)

A look at Jewish and Catholic Friendship Today.

by Caitlin Bootsma

A conference in DC marked the 60th anniversary of "Nostra Aetate" with a look at Jewish and Catholic relations through an American lens.

Sixty years ago this week, Pope Paul VI issued [*Nostra Aetate*](#), the Vatican II document dedicated to "The Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions." In it, the Church fathers explore the relationship between Christians and Jews. On this Diamond anniversary of the document, its message is particularly relevant.

On October 28, exactly 60 years since the proclamation of the document, Philos Project hosted a conference at the St. John Paul II Shrine in Washington, DC, titled "Nostra Aetate at 60: The Spiritual Heart of Catholic-Jewish Relations."

The live conference drew a crowd of 200 with approximately double that number following via livestream.

In *Nostra Aetate*, the Church fathers affirmed, "Indeed, the Church believes that by His cross Christ, Our Peace, reconciled Jews and Gentiles, making both one in Himself."

This call to unity and friendship between the Church and Jewish people today came up again and again as scholars reflected on the document at 60.

Called to friendship

Papal biographer and author George Weigel gave a keynote address positing that Jews and Catholics are entwined in a way that we don't fully understand.

"Jews and Catholics are to stand shoulder to shoulder," he said, against the "culture of death, and collaborate to create a culture of life."

We often think of our path to God, but Weigel says we should instead consider God's path to us, a path he believes that Jews and Christians are called to walk together.

While not constantly at the forefront of conference discussions, both the speakers and audience were well aware of current events in the Holy Land and of incidents of anti-semitism.

Deep connection to Judaism

Professor at the Angelicum in Rome Dr. Gavin D'Costa emphasized that we cannot separate Christianity from its roots in Judaism. He echoed *Nostra Aetate*, which says,

The Church, therefore, cannot forget that she received the revelation of the Old Testament through the people with whom God in His inexpressible mercy concluded the Ancient Covenant. Nor can she forget that she draws sustenance from the root of that well-cultivated olive tree onto which have been grafted the wild shoots, the Gentiles.

The history of Christian and Jewish relations, of course, has been far from easy. D'Costa referenced how Jews were blamed as a people for the death of Christ, which led to both persecution and the loss of the Promised Land.

Luma Simms, born in Iraq, spoke to how anti-semitism has been prevalent throughout the history of the Middle East. While there have been times of peace, often Jews were treated as an "it" rather than a person. This objectification, she says, was also part of indoctrination taught to Muslims and Christians alike.

It is partly because of this fraught history that *Nostra Aetate* was such a landmark document.

What spiritual friendship looks like today

Simms insisted that we must do the hard work of healing the wounds of the past and standing up for our "elder brethren."

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D’Costa added that spiritual friendship does not mean that we can’t be critical of particular political leaders and actions. We are called, he said, to speak about truth and justice in the current conflict.

Instead, D’Costa argued that Christianity has a responsibility toward our Jewish brothers and sisters to seek the “preservation of the Jewish people so that they may seek holiness.”



Testimony to what is possible

An afternoon panel explored real ways in which friendship between Christians and Jews can and does exist.

Yael Freimann, of Jewish descent, described how her grandfather survived the Holocaust. A Catholic priest hid him, a Jew, in the woods of Belgium and not only helped keep him safe, but encouraged him to practice his Jewish faith.

Freimann also spoke of giving birth while her military family was assigned to Spain, without many other Jewish people present. She recalled how a Catholic priest stepped in and used discretionary funds to fly in someone to do a ceremonial circumcision for her new son, a religious practice that was very important to her.

Kathryn Wolf, a Jew, shared that when she stood in protest of mistreatment of Jewish people some years back, it was actually Christians who stood up beside her.

In the closing lecture, Sr. Maris Stella, SV, Vicar General of the Sisters of Life, shared the words of Cardinal John O’Connor, archbishop of New York at the end of the last century, that capture the mission and the spirit of the conference, “We are spiritual Semites. If we forget our Jewish brothers and sisters, we forget who we are.”

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See article below on how Pope Leo marked the anniversary in Rome:

Specifically, he said:

Finally, we must not forget how Nostra Aetate actually developed. Initially, Pope John XXIII commissioned Cardinal Augustin Bea to present a treatise to the Council describing a new relationship between the Catholic Church and Judaism. We can say, therefore, that the fourth chapter, dedicated to Judaism, is the heart and generative core of the entire Declaration. For the first time in the history of the Church, we have a doctrinal text with an explicitly theological basis that illustrates the Jewish roots of Christianity in a well-founded biblical manner. At the same time, Nostra Aetate (n. 4) takes a firm stand against all forms of antisemitism. Thus, in its following chapter, Nostra Aetate teaches that we cannot truly call on God, the Father of all, if we refuse to treat in a brotherly or sisterly way any man or woman created in the image of God. Indeed, the Church rejects all forms of discrimination or harassment because of race, color, condition of life or religion (cf. n 5).

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