

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

December 14, 2025 • Third Sunday of Advent

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



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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

(A) 4:00 pm Beatrice & Michael Murphy †

(H) 5:30 pm Jean Cannon †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

(H) 8:30 am Ann Dosing †

(A) 10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †

(H) 11:30 am George Zahurak, Sr. †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

(A) 8:00 am Antonio Ybay †

(H) 9:00 am Denis Mahoney †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

(A) 8:00 am Jean Cannon †

(H) 9:00 am Elizabeth Gildea †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

(A) 8:00 am Marek Firszt †

(H) 9:00 am Missa Pro Populo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

(A) 8:00 am Desmond Lawe †

(H) 9:00 am Mary Stalman †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

(A) 8:00 am Frank Campson †

(H) 9:00 am Pauline Illmensee †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

(A) 8:00 am Fr. Thomas O'Keefe †

(H) 9:00 am Gjorgje & Maria Nikprelevic †

(A) 4:00 pm Margaret Wilmoth †

(H) 5:30 pm Madeline C. & Frank C. Como †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

(H) 8:30 am Jean Cannon †

(A) 10:00 am Anthony Kalathara †

(H) 11:30 am Patricia A. Liszewski †

REQUESTED BY:

Janet Lokay
Gagliardi Family

Nancy Maleska & John Galayda
Camille Gutierrez
Zahurak Family

Ybay Family
Janet Lokay

Mullen Family
Virginia Markman

Bernadette Machowski &
Greg Kosiba

Fr. Crawford
Virginia

Campson Family
Joan Haubold

Ybay Family
Renato & Stela
Robert Wilmoth
Lana Como

Bryan Healy
Simon & Mary Kalathara
Lana Como

(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

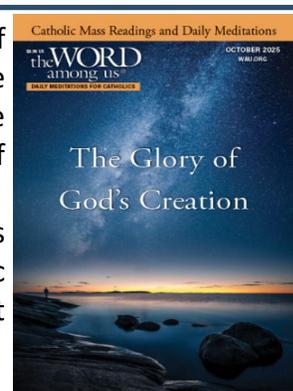
comfort to those who have experienced a loss or acute need. If you would like to arrange for a Mass to be said for the repose of the soul of a loved one or for a special intention, please visit or call the parish office 914-478-2822 or you can schedule a time using the online website. You can also request 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 of December.

The Word Among us contains Daily Meditations and Catholic Mass readings for the current month.



December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

Reading I: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10

The prophet offers a message of encouragement meant to lift the spirits of the covenant people in exile.

Reading II: James 5: 7-10

An appeal for patient endurance in the midst of suffering. Encouragement comes from the example of farmers with their raising of their crops, as well as the life of prophets like Job.

The Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

Jesus performs the works and offers the credentials of the awaited Messiah. John the Baptist becomes His worthy forerunner praised by Jesus. Yet Jesus tells the delegation sent by John that the least New Testament saint outshines the most illustrious saints of the Old Testament.

COLLECTION REPORT:

Weekend: December 7:

Sunday 12/07: \$

Parish Giving: \$

Weekend Total: \$

Collection update not available at Press Time

Upcoming Second Collections

December 25: Christmas Flowers*

*Christmas Flower & Christmas Envelopes can be put into any collection basket at any time.

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

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@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**

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR CHRISTMAS

RECONCILIATION
Monday

**Monday,
December 22nd**

**OLPH: 4-6pm
STM: 5-7pm**



- 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 Fred Wolff III
req. by Family

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle
In Memory of
req. by

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Classes continue this weekend, Sunday, December 14th at St. Matthew's and on Wednesday, December 17th at OLPH and there will be class on Sunday, December 21.

**Classes will be on Christmas Vacation for the following dates:
Sunday, December 28 & Sunday January 4th., and Wednesday, December 24th & December 31st.**

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.



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
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to purchase your

**1 WEEK &
48 TICKETS
TO GO!**



RAFFLE PRIZE SCHEDULE

1st PRIZE - \$6,500

2nd Prize - \$1,000

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| 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>



To purchase your
**Christmas Stocking
Stuffer Tickets**

Online please use the
following link:

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

Or you can use the
QR Code to the left.

Each ticket is \$100

Feel free to split a ticket
among family or friends.

They also make great gifts!

*Tickets must be purchased
and paid for by 12 noon on
Friday, December 19th to be
included in the drawings
later that afternoon.*



*Christmas
Memorial Flowers*

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES &
CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one, please use the Christmas Flower Envelope that you can find in your monthly envelope packet.

There are also extra Christmas Flower Envelopes & Christmas Envelopes on the tables in the rear of the churches. Christmas Flower Envelopes & Christmas Envelopes can be dropped into any collection basket on any weekend.



**CHURCH TRIP
CATHEDRAL OF
ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

Saturday, January 10, 2026

\$90 per person Includes:

***Transportation**

Depart 9:00am * Return 2:00pm

***Tour of Cathedral**

***Medieval Art Class**

Please Note: Trip is limited to 20 people.

Reservations on a First Come, First Reserved Basis

Medieval Art Class Choices Include:

- Marble Cutting
- Looming
- Brass Rubbing
- Stain Glass Collage

Participants can choose one activity or all.

*For more information
or reservations:*

Please call Sheri:

914-649-3557

or email:

nooproblem@aol.com



**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 call 914-478-2822.



ST. MATTHEW AND OUR
LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

**CHRISTMAS
Angel
TREE**

If you picked up a tag for the Angel Tree at **St. Matthew's Church**, new un-wrapped gifts should be returned to James V. Harmon Community Center by **Friday, December 12th.**
Please: DO NOT leave gifts in the back of St. Matthew's Church

Tags from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, new un-wrapped gifts should be returned to the green bin in the back of OLPH Church by **Sunday, December 14th.**



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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Concert – Thursday, December 18th

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 7:00pm

Reconciliation Monday – December 22nd

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

St. Matthew: 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Masses: Wed., December 24th

St. Matthew: 4:00pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 6:00pm & 10:00pm

Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25th

St. Matthew: 8:30am & 11:30am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 10:00am

New Year's Solemnity of Mary

A Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass, December 31st

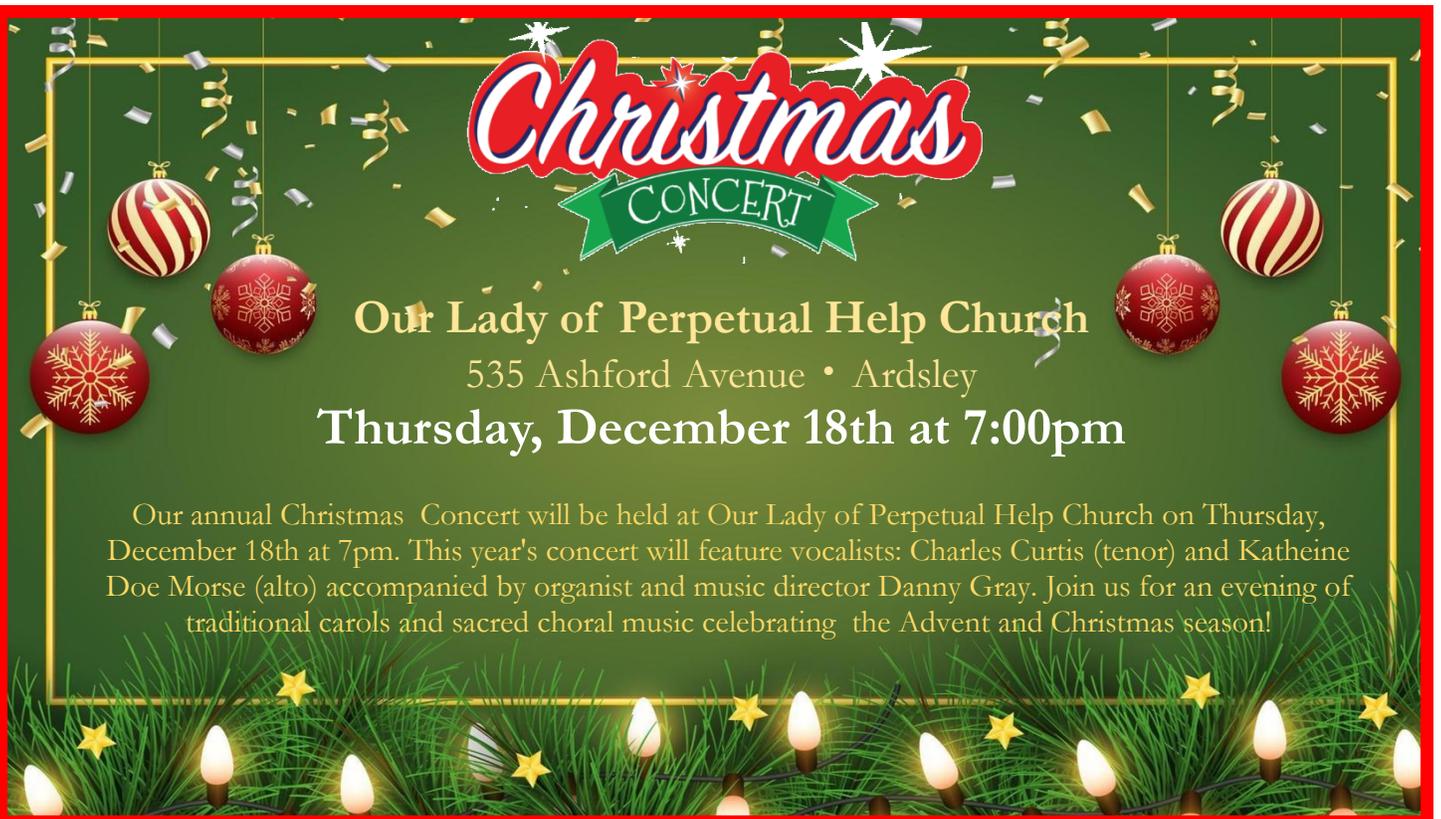
Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 5:00pm

St. Matthew: 5:00pm

January 1, 2026:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 10:00am

St. Matthew: 8:30am & 11:30am



Christmas
CONCERT

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
535 Ashford Avenue • Ardsley

Thursday, December 18th at 7:00pm

Our annual Christmas Concert will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Thursday, December 18th at 7pm. This year's concert will feature vocalists: Charles Curtis (tenor) and Katheine Doe Morse (alto) accompanied by organist and music director Danny Gray. Join us for an evening of traditional carols and sacred choral music celebrating the Advent and Christmas season!



Congratulations

Terence Stricks &
Jenna Julian
on the Baptism of their Daughter

Lucia Rose

Also pictured is
Lucia's older brother, Santino

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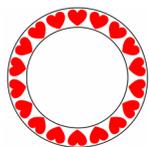


Congratulations

John & Francesca
Speedling
on the Baptism of their
Daughter

Serena Adora

Above



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

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In the event of a weather cancellation, we will do our best to notify all through Flocknote. If you have not yet signed up for Flocknote, please visit: www.flocknote.com/stmolph

Also note: From December 26th through the end of January, if the weather is bad (snow, ice) for driving, the 8am Mass at OLPH will be automatically cancelled for the safety of all.