

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



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January 11, 2026 • The Baptism of the Lord

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.

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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

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

(A) 4:00 pm Carol Kennedy †
 (H) 5:30 pm Decd. Members of William B. Walzer Sr. Family

REQUESTED BY:

Family
 Carol

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

(H) 8:30 am John & Jean Cannon †
 (A) 10:00 am Olga Pecora †
 (H) 11:30 am Mirko & Gospuva Salinovic †

Nancy Maleska
 Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

(A) 8:00 am Tom & Michael Lindgren †
 (H) 9:00 am Margaret Keane †

Joan Farrell
 Her Brother

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

(A) 8:00 am Missa Pro Popolo
 (H) 9:00 am Michael Markman †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

(A) 8:00 am Pat Chimino †
 (H) 9:00 am Jose Roque Vallejos †

Marianne Stecich

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

(H) 8:00 am Jimmy Sheerin †
 (A) 9:00 am Chuck Hervey †

Sheerin Family
 Rossi & Spana Families

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Tara Moynihan
 (H) 9:00 am Carol Bebsch †

Family
 Deborah & Antonio Sacco

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

(A) 8:00 am In Thanksgiving to Blessed Mother
 (H) 9:00 am James Haubold †
 (A) 4:00 pm Catherine Regan †
 (H) 5:30 pm Michael Lydon †

Joan Haubold
 Matthew West
 Sherry Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

(H) 8:30 am Matthew Chiaverini †
 (A) 10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †
 (H) 11:30 am George Moriarty †

Mom
 Camille Gutierrez
 George Febles & 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 next weekend, January 10th & 11th

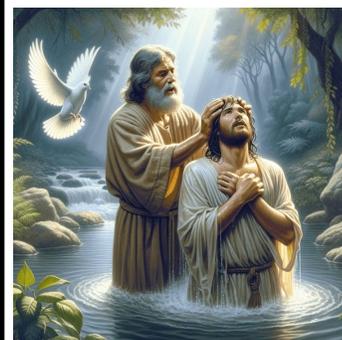
Please no glass, open or expired items and please do not leave food donations at other times.



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



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January 11, 2026 - The Baptism of the Lord

Reading I: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

The divinely chosen Servant will not only be gentle but also never discouraged. The Lord will form a covenant that will free all the people.

Reading II: Acts 10: 34-38

Jesus is anointed at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and power. God is with Him as He does good and heals those "oppressed by the devil."

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus approaches John the Baptist (His cousin) to be baptized. John at first protests. Then Jesus tells him "It is fitting for them to fulfill all righteousness."



After six months of extensive repairs to the exterior of St. Matthew Church, the scaffolding was completely removed on Christmas Eve!

COLLECTION REPORT:

Weekend: December 28:

Sunday 12/28: \$2,667

Parish Giving \$2,325

Weekend Total: \$4,992

Christmas to date: \$25,373

Flowers to date: \$4,943

Sunday 1/4: \$4,580

Parish Giving \$3,750

Weekend Total: \$8,330

Sol. of Mary: \$2,619

Last Year: \$22,127

Last Year: \$4,385



Upcoming Second Collections

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

January 11: Comm. & Cath U.

January 18: 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

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**

CANDLE DEDICATIONS

OLPH Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of

Margaret & Robert Wilmoth

req. by Robert Wilmoth



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



- 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



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.



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.

every contribution is hugely 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.



St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish is eager to recruit new Lectors and Ushers for both churches.

If you feel you have a calling for either of these two important ministries within the parish, please contact Fr. Crawford



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES continue on Wednesday, January 14th **BUT NO CLASS Sunday, January 18th.**

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 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 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: **Robert Wilmoth, Linda Vellone**

If you would like to add the name of a loved one to the prayer list, please contact the rectory: 914-478-2822

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will meet on Thurs, Jan 15th, 12:30pm, St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Info: 914.423.5331. New members are always welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ATTENDANCE ENVELOPES:

All students must drop in the collection basket their



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.

Aging Gracefully: Avoiding the Grumpy Path

by Fr. Brian Cavanaugh

Two options appear as we age. Here are key practices that will keep us on the right path.

There are two paths that quietly appear as the years add their rings to our lives. One slopes downward into complaint, bitterness, and fixation on loss. The other curves toward gratitude, humor, encouragement, and a gentler wisdom of an elder.

Aging itself is neutral; attitude determines whether the years harden the heart or deepen wisdom.

The “grumpy path” begins subtly with physical decline, cultural change, and frustration over a world that no longer feels familiar. When irritation becomes habitual, it slowly stiffens the spirit.

Graceful aging, by contrast, acknowledges loss without allowing it to dominate the story. It asks what gifts still remain and how they might be received with openness. One voice who named this well was Zig Ziglar. Zig would describe a grumpy mindset as developing what he referred to as **psychosclerosis**. That is, psyche, “of the mind, soul, or spirit,” plus sclerosis, “as in hardening.”

Psychosclerosis produces a hardening of attitudes that develops into **cataracts of the spirit and arthritis of the mind**. Zig would exhort people to frequently get a “checkup from the neck up ... to prevent stinking thinking.”

Stretch and flex

So far, there is no cure for arthritis, but there is an effective remedy: stretch and flex. **As we must do for the body, so we must also do for the mind and the spirit — stretch and flex.** Otherwise, the heart, mind, and spirit begin to stiffen, then harden, until they become rigid, more like a shell. And that is only a short distance from becoming a tomb for the heart, the mind, and the spirit.

Key practices

Key practices of graceful aging include selective memory that **honors the past** without using it as a weapon against the present, **humor that loosens self-importance**, and **curiosity** that keeps the heart from shrinking.

Above all, graceful elders become people of encouragement. They affirm others, distribute hope, and invest in life beyond themselves. In the end, aging well is not about appearing younger, but about loving more deeply and choosing gratitude, wonder, and blessing over bitterness and weariness.

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Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, TOR ministers at Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH. Paulist Press published his award-winning "Sowers Seeds" series of stories and illustrations for preachers, teachers and public speakers. In addition, Fr. Brian has been published in The Priest, Human Development, Homiletic & Pastoral Review, The Sower, Storyteller Magazine, and other publications.



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC LAITY OF THE RIVERTOWNS

PRAYER - EDUCATION - HOPE

Tuesday, January 27th at 7:00pm

Prof. David Bonagura, M.A., M.S.

Transhumanism, AI, and Catholicism: A Battle of Wills



David Bonagura, M.A., M.S., an accomplished speaker and educator, is professor of classical languages at St. Joseph's Seminary and professor of theology for the Catholic International University. In addition to serving as editor of The University Bookman, He is the author of numerous published essays and five books on the Catholic faith, including his latest work,

100 Tough Questions for Catholics.



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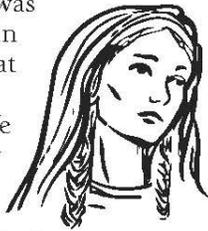
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Thoughtful Moments

St. Genevieve of Paris

St. Genevieve was born near Paris in 422. Orphaned at fifteen, she dedicated her life to God and later moved to Paris, where she became known for her prayer, generosity, and prophetic insight. When Attila the Hun advanced toward the city, Genevieve urged the people to pray and fast. Attila withdrew, and Paris was spared. Later, during King Childeric's occupation, she crossed enemy lines to bring food to prisoners and persuaded the king to release them.



Mary, Mother of God

The Church dedicates New Year's Day to honoring Mary as the Mother of God. In humility and love, God came to us not in overwhelming glory but as a newborn in need of a mother, inviting us to draw closer to Him with greater love and trust.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jeremiah 1:5).



Child-sized resolutions for the New Year

A new year presents a natural moment to start fresh and get back on the path to become the people God intends. Starting a new year with new habits helps children grow through the year. Consider these ideas:

Resolve to trust more. Children worry more than we may recognize, yet learning to trust in God is an important step toward easing that anxiety. Help her remember all the ways God has blessed her. Recommend a prayer he can say when he feels shaken. "Jesus, I trust in you," can steady them when their thoughts race.

Resolve to speak kindly. Children

encounter hurtful talk earlier than ever, so offer a simple guide: THINK - Is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, or Kind? If not, choose silence. This encourages thoughtful speech.

Resolve to think of the next person. Turn chores into acts of love. St. Teresa of Calcutta urged her sisters to wash a plate for the next person who would use it. Children can do the same by tidying toys or straightening shared spaces.

Resolve to know God better. God loves us like

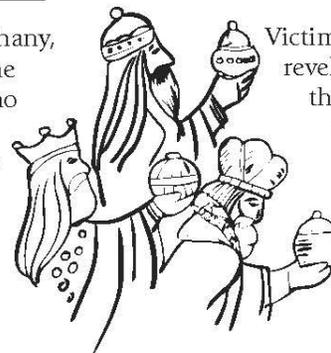
crazy and wants us to know Him. Invite children to choose a simple way to spend time with Him: reading Bible stories, bedtime prayer, or spending a few minutes talking to Jesus about their day.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Epiphany?

On the feast of Epiphany, we recall the visit of the Magi, or wise men, who came "from the East" to honor the newborn Jesus. Their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh signify His identity as King, God, and Sacrificial

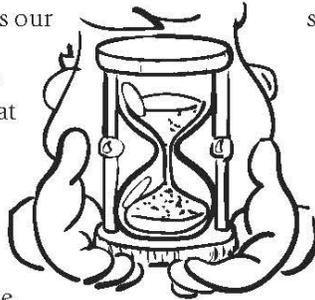


Victim. Epiphany marks the revelation of the Messiah to the Gentiles and to the world. As the *Catechism* explains, "Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world" (CCC 528).

Patience is the quiet virtue that transforms love

St. Paul places patience at the very front of his definition of love for a reason. Patience steadies our relationships, protects our peace, and keeps perfectionism from taking over. It teaches us to respond rather than react. Two saints show what this looks like in real life.

What patience looks like. St. Thérèse of Lisieux built her "little way" on small, hidden acts of patience. One sister's clacking Rosary beads irritated her every day, yet Thérèse chose not to dwell on it. Instead, she offered the



annoyance to God and kept her peace. She took the same approach with her own faults: she worked to improve, but without harshness or self-disgust.

What patience is not. St. Francis de Sales warned against confusing patience with passivity. When facing trials, he said, we should act with wisdom and trust. His example is simple: when you're ill, follow the doctor's guidance, take your medicine, and do your part—"but complain as little as possible." Patience isn't silence; it's steady faith in action.

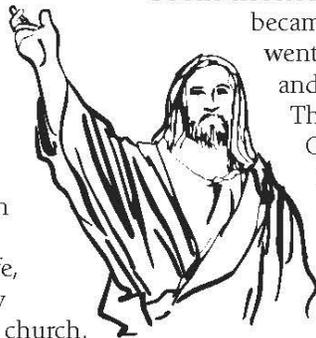
Scripture LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23, Follow Christ faithfully

Almost every child has played some version of "Follow the Leader." In the game, players follow a "leader" wherever he goes and do whatever he does. They stomp through puddles, climb over fences, swing from trees, all to stay in the game.

We follow leaders in real life, too. There are leaders we may follow at school, in sports, at church. It's important to choose a leader who will lead us in the right direction. Then, we must decide how much of what his or her requirements we're willing to meet.

Jesus called twelve ordinary men to



be His closest followers and He became their leader. They went where He told them and did what He asked. Their steadfast faith in Christ is the foundation of the Church today. Jesus is still calling people to follow Him today, including us.

What can a parent do? Jesus is our true leader. We follow Him before any other leader. Help children understand what it means to go where Jesus tells us and to do what He asks. The prize is worth it!

Feasts & Celebrations

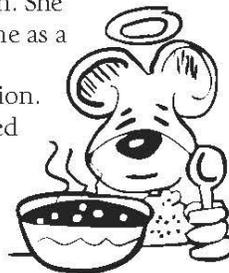
January 3 – Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. "...At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). Today, a deep bow of the head at the Name is an accepted form of respect.

January 24 – St. Francis de Sales (1622). As bishop of Geneva, St. Francis bolstered the faith of others by his writings and works. St. Francis wrote *Introduction to the Devout Life*, which is still widely influential today.

January 25 – The Conversion of St.

Paul (1st century). "Saul" persecuted the Christians until Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:5). After that, Saul became Paul and traveled around the known world, preaching the Faith.

January 27 – St. Angela Merici (1540). Born in Italy, St. Angela received the call to become a Third Order Franciscan. She opened her home as a girls' school for religious education. She later founded the Ursuline Order to educate young women.



Parent TALK

My twelve-year-old son, Nick, is always late. If dinner is at 6:00pm, he sits down at 6:20pm. If we need to leave for church at 10:30am, Nick climbs into the car at 10:40am.



One Saturday, before he went to play at a neighbor's house,

I reminded him to be home by 4:15pm. We were going to Mass, and then dinner and a movie for a treat. I warned that we wouldn't wait if he was late.

When it was time to leave, Nick wasn't home. I called a babysitter, and left without him. When he returned, Nick found Amanda waiting with a tuna sandwich for dinner. He was shocked. He was in bed when we returned from our fun evening.

The next day, I told him we were sad that he didn't come but hoped that he would make it next time. He promised to be on time from then on.

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