

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

January 18, 2026 • 2nd 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
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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, JANUARY 17

(A) 4:00 pm Catherine Regan †

(H) 5:30 pm Michael Lydon †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

(H) 8:30 am Matthew Chiaverini †

(A) 10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †

(H) 11:30 am George Moriarty †

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Jeremy Asgari

(H) 9:00 am Intentions of Violetta Betancourt

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

(A) 8:00 am Anne Mary Trentacoste †

(H) 9:00 am James Iacovone †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Francisca & Francis Sognonvi

(H) 9:00 am Missa Pro Popolo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

(A) 8:00 am In Thanksgiving

(H) 9:00 am Robert Ruggiero †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Frank Cafferty

(H) 9:00 am Mercy Gregory †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

(A) 8:00 am Shawn Vallant †

(H) 9:00 am The Heron Family †

(A) 4:00 pm Rosalie Berg †

(H) 5:30 pm John Francis Cannon †

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

(H) 8:30 am Decd. Members Orban Family †

(A) 10:00 am Olga Pecora †

(H) 11:30 am Bruce Aluisio & Family †

REQUESTED BY:

Matthew West

Sherry Family

Mom

Camille Gutierrez

George Febles & Family

Family

Sharon Deep

Janet Lokay

Marie Sognonvi

Kathleen Groth

Cousin

Ainé

Elizabeth

Susan Latuga

Cafferty Family

Sylvia Melina

Gagliardi Family

Dempsey Family

Pam & Manny Raniolo

Gail Aluisio

(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 February 7th & 8th.

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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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Reading I: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

The Lord selects the one “whom He formed in the womb” to bring back the twelve tribes to the covenant which He, the one true God, who had made it with them.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

In his introductory remarks, Paul tells his flock that God has chosen him (Paul) to make the gospel known, not only in Corinth, but to the Gentile world.

The Gospel: John 1: 29-34

John the Baptist proudly calls his cousin “the Lamb of God.” In doing so, he makes clear that Jesus’ mission will be sacrificial. The Spirit’s descent as a dove initiates Jesus’ manifestation to Israel.

PLEASE HELP US RECLAIM THE BEAUTY

Help us to restore the Parish’s patrimony. Your donation allows us to refinish and restore sacred vessels and precious metal objects at both Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Matthew.



We would like to give our Parishioners an opportunity to participate by contributing to our restoration fund.

We seek to raise \$3,500 toward

this project. If you would like to participate, please contact Christine in the rectory.



Donations can be made online with Parish Giving, or Zelle, or by bringing check/cash to the rectory.



- 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

COLLECTION REPORT:

Weekend: January 11:

Sunday 1/11: \$4,353
Parish Giving \$4,305
Weekend Total: \$8,658

Christmas to date: \$25,423 Last Year: \$22,127
Flowers to date: \$4,953 Last Year: \$4,385

Upcoming Second Collections

January 18: Maintenance & Repair
February 1: Fuel Offering
February 8: Peter’s Pence
February 15: Maintenance & Repair

Online Giving

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



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



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

Special Intentions

req. by Damiano 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



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.



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.



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.



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.



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: *Eileen B. Regel, Robert Brady*

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ATTENDANCE ENVELOPES:

All students must drop in the collection basket their

PARISH DAY TRIP TO CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, NYC



Nancy Maleska, Kathy Soderstrom, Terry Cocchiarella, & Phyllis Mulaire, Terry's sister, in front of the Cathedral.



Nicky & Nicholas Marchi doing stone carvings.



Bryan Healy in front of the Ambo



ABOVE: Kathy using her skills to construct a bridge.



LEFT: Terry Cocchiarella and her sister Phyllis making illuminated initial pencil drawings and Bryan Healy and his mom, Mary Ellen Ballantine, making stained glass pictures with construction and tissue paper.

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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How the Creed Refuses to Let Christianity Forget History.

by Daniel Esparza

Christianity does not begin with an idea but with a child, and it does not end with a concept but with an empty sepulcher — into history.

At an academic meeting years ago, a group of professors was asked what was non-negotiable in a Christian humanism-inspired curriculum. The answer came quickly and almost unanimously: the articles of the Nicene Creed. Listening to them, I found myself thinking something slightly different. Not the articles, exactly — the *narrative*. From manger to empty sepulcher. From story, not theory.

That instinct helps explain why Pope Leo XIV's recent recitation of the

Creed before the ruins of an ancient basilica in Turkey mattered so much. The Pope was not delivering a lecture on doctrine amid archaeological remains. He was speaking a story in a place **where history presses against the present**. Stone, dust, and sky formed the backdrop for words that refuse, or at least resist, abstraction.

The Nicene Creed can look, at first glance, like compressed theology: “begotten,” “consubstantial,” “incarnate.” But its decisive move is, I think, also narrative. It follows the arc Christians know from the Gospels themselves. Creation gives way to incarnation. Birth leads to suffering. Death opens onto resurrection. And then comes the line that anchors everything: Christ “suffered under Pontius Pilate.”

Pilate matters. He is not a symbol, nor a theological concept. He is a Roman governor with a historical footprint. His name appears in the Creed for the same reason it appears in the Gospels: to insist that **this story happened somewhere, sometime, under a recognizable political authority**. The Creed refuses to let Christianity drift into myth. It plants belief firmly in the soil of history.

This is where the Creed mirrors the biblical narrative — it does not replace it. The Gospels are not abstract meditations on salvation; they are stories full of names, places, meals, betrayals, fear, friendships, and love. Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem. A manger. A trial. A cross. An empty tomb. The Creed **distills that narrative without abandoning it**. Even when it sounds conceptual, it carries what might be called a historical horizon — one that opens fully the moment Pilate enters the sentence.

The historian Marc Bloch saw this clearly. “The Greeks and Latins, our first teachers, were people who were writers of history. Christianity is a religion of historians.”

Christianity depends on memory, testimony, and transmission. It survives because **it can be told again**, checked against time, and handed on without dissolving into ideology.

That insight connects naturally to Augustine, whose *Confessions* is often read as interior spirituality but is, in fact, a narrative act. Augustine tells his life as a story shaped by grace moving through time. Identity emerges through memory honestly faced. Pope Leo XIV, an Augustinian, clearly grasps that faith weakens when it forgets how deeply it depends on storytelling grounded in real events — and real locations.

In the Christmas season, this becomes urgent. The Nativity is not a seasonal image but **a historical claim**: God enters the world through birth, vulnerability, and place. Christianity **does not begin with an idea but with a child**, and it does not end with a concept but with an empty sepulcher — into history.



Daniel Esparza writes for Aleteia in the areas of art, culture, and travel.

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GET READY FOR A FUN

BINGO NIGHT

Don't miss out on the chance to enjoy a thrilling game night in a lively and welcoming atmosphere!



JANUARY 31, 2026

FOLLOWING THE 4:00PM MASS

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
535 Ashford Avenue * Ardsley**

**\$15 PER PERSON INCLUDES 2 CARDS,
SNACKS & PRIZES**

Please RSVP for headcount

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