

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
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January 25, 2026 • 3rd 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*
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 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 24

(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 †

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

(A) 8:00 am Sal Campoli †
 (H) 9:00 am Catherine Aklya †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

(A) 8:00 am Frances Cozzolino †
 (H) 9:00 am James Pasanello, Sr. †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

(A) 8:00 am Gloria Brunetto †
 (H) 9:00 am Eleanor & Ralph Santini †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

(A) 8:00 am Missa Pro Popolo
 (H) 9:00 am Raul Ramos †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

(A) 8:00 am Robert Zahurak, Jr. †
 (H) 9:00 am Ralph D'Souza †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

(A) 8:00 am Andrew Vanek †
 (H) 9:00 am The Quigley-Cafferty Family †
 (A) 4:00 pm Jean Bosto Sognonvi †
 (H) 5:30 pm Audrey & Harry Bloomer †

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

(H) 8:30 am Corky Soderstrom †
 (A) 10:00 am Mary Drumm †
 (H) 11:30 am Scott Arnold †

REQUESTED BY:

Sylvia Melina
 Gagliardi Family
 Dempsey Family
 Pam & Manny Raniolo
 Gail Aluisio

Dora Campoli
 Marie Sognonvi

Bryan Healy
 Bryan Healy

Hays Family

Zahurak Family
 The Ribeiro Family

Rose Utchel
 Cafferty Family

Texas Bloomer Family

Dorothy & Chris Costello
 Family
 Alan G. Hartman

(H) - Hastings: St. Matthew
 (A) - Ardsley: Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Our monthly food collection continues for the Hastings Food Pantry. Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food donations to Mass at either church on the second weekend of each month, which will

be February 7th & 8th.

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 25, 2026 - 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The prophet proclaims a new day is coming that will heal Israel of the painful judgments of its past. St. Matthews sees this fulfilled in the Galilean ministry of Jesus.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

Paul confronts some immature believers whose allegiance to various missionaries was dividing the local Church. Unity in Christ is essential and necessary.

The Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23, or 4:12-17

Jesus chooses Galilee as the place to begin to restore "the lost sheep of the house of Israel," and to send His disciples on a worldwide mission. Two sets of brothers promptly respond.

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 18: SNOW WEEKEND

Sunday 1/18: \$1,541
Parish Giving \$2,375
Weekend Total: \$3,916

Christmas to date: \$25,723 Last Year: \$22,127
Flowers to date: \$4,953 Last Year: \$4,385

Upcoming Second Collections

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

In Memory of Sal Campoli

req. by wife Dora

St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of James E. Farrell, Jr.

req. by Kate Farrell

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

In Memory of Audrey Bloomer

req. by Bryan Healy



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES continue this weekend, Sunday, January 25th at STM and on Wednesday, January 28th at OLPH

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 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.



2025 Contribution Statements

This year's contribution statements were emailed to everyone on Tuesday, January 13th. If you did not see it in your "inbox" please check your "spam/junk" mail folders.

You can also view this document with your list of donations online anytime by clicking the "My Info" link at the bottom of any Flocknote email and then clicking on the **Giving** tab. You will see the 2025 Donor Summary at the bottom of the page.

Please remember, Charitable Donations statements are for collections only and do not include Mass Cards, Religious Education Tuition, Cardinal's Appeal or Renew+Rebuild donations.

If you give through PARISH GIVING, you will receive a separate email from them directly.



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.



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




Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially: **Charles Green, George Fulfree,**

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



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 Daily Mass at OLPH will be automatically cancelled for the safety of all.

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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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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

India's St. Joseph Vaz Evangelized Sri Lanka Through His Poverty.

by Philip Kosloski

St. Joseph Vaz became poor so that he could more effectively preach the Gospel to the people of Sri Lanka.

Missionaries often have to learn new languages when preaching the Gospel in a different country, but sometimes that "language" takes on a more physical form.

St. Joseph Vaz is a great example of someone who spoke the language of poverty, as well as charity, to better communicate with the native people of Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka in the 17th century had a very small population of Christians, who were without priests at the time when St. Joseph Vaz made his journey from India. St. Joseph Vaz is celebrated on January 16.

Preaching the Gospel without words

St. John Paul II highlighted this aspect of his ministry during his homily for St. Joseph's beatification in 1995: *Heeding the call of the Holy Spirit, he left his homeland to come to this country where the Church had had no priests for over three decades. He came here in absolute poverty and lived as a beggar, driven by a burning desire to draw people to Christ...Joseph Vaz was on fire with faith. Guided by the example of his Divine Master, he travelled the whole Island, going everywhere,*

often barefoot, with a rosary round his neck as a sign of his Catholic faith. As a true disciple of Jesus, he endured innumerable sufferings with joy and confidence, knowing that in those sufferings too God's plans were being fulfilled.

This was important, as it corresponded to what the local people in Sri Lanka associated with holiness. Sri Lanka has been a country primarily dominated by Buddhism and Buddhist monks are well-known for their vow of poverty, as writer Franklin Dean explains: *The vow of poverty is a fundamental aspect of the Buddhist monastic life, deeply rooted in the teachings of the Buddha. Buddhist monks, known as bhikkhus, renounce material possessions and worldly attachments as part of their commitment to the spiritual path. This vow, one of the key precepts in the Vinaya (monastic code), requires monks to live simply, relying on alms and donations from the lay community for their basic needs such as food, shelter, and robes.*

In addition to his life of poverty, St. Joseph Vaz also preached through his charity, which St. John Paul II also highlighted in his homily, "His heroic charity, shown in a particular way in his selfless devotion to the victims of the epidemic in 1697, earned him the respect of everyone." While words can be effective, often what speaks louder, especially to those who are not familiar with Christianity, are actions.



Interview with Greenland's Only Parish Priest

by *Urška Leskovšek*

At a time when Greenland is very much in the media spotlight, we spoke to someone who knows the Greenlanders well: their parish priest.

Greenland has only about 57,000 inhabitants, of whom only a handful are Catholic. The only Catholic parish — in the capital city of Nuuk — is run by Father Tomaž Majcen, a Franciscan who is also a missionary in Denmark. He spends three weeks at a time in Greenland several times a year. Other priests also visit the local Catholics, so that at least one Catholic priest is available to the community most of the time.

"At first, I thought I knew what cold was. But Greenland is something else!" admits Father Tomaž.



A native Slovenian, he shared with the Slovenian edition of *Aleteia* his interesting experiences of Greenland, Denmark, and their inhabitants, and invites us to pray for peace and to take care of our vulnerable natural environment. I invite you to pray for peace and respect for sovereignty, and to join us in caring for creation, especially our fragile Arctic environment, which is one of God's most stunning yet vulnerable masterpieces.

The interview has been edited for clarity and length.

Aleteia: What was your path to the priesthood and why did you choose the Franciscan Friars Minor Conventual?

Father Tomaž Majcen: From a young age, I felt that the Lord was calling me to something special. However, my path to the priesthood wasn't straight; there were searches, doubts, and even moments when I wondered if this was really for me. However, the Lord has his own path and his own time for each of us.

When I got to know the Franciscan Friars Minor Conventual, I was inspired by the simplicity of St. Francis' spirit. I liked how St. Francis didn't have a high level of education, but simply loved God and all of creation. The joy and brotherhood among the Friars Minor attracted me.

How did you end up in Denmark and Greenland? Did you want to be a missionary before?

Father Tomaž: You know, Greenland wasn't exactly on my wish list! When my superiors asked me if I would go to Denmark, I imagined Copenhagen, a beautiful old city, culture ... I really didn't expect Greenland!

But the life of a missionary is full of surprises. I started in Denmark in 2017, when we Friars Minor returned to Copenhagen after almost 100 years. It was a great blessing; in the 13th century we had 26 monasteries there, then the Reformation drove us out, and now we have returned. And then the opportunity for Greenland came. In 2023, I became the parish priest of Christ the King Parish in Nuuk. It's quite something ... The largest island in the world has only one Catholic parish! And I, a little Slovenian, became its parish priest. This is God's work, not mine.

Do you like the cold and snow? How do you cope with the temperatures there?

Father Tomaž: At first, I thought I knew what cold was. After all, we have winter in Slovenia, don't we? The cold on the Pohorje [mountain range], the snow... But Greenland is something else! It's cold that goes through your bones, wind that almost carries you away. But I got used to it. People get used to anything if they have to. That silence when everything is covered with snow, that purity ... It's something special. Sometimes, when I stand on the shore and look at the icebergs floating in the sea, I say to myself, "How lucky you are to see God's works of art!" That ice is thousands of years old, those colors — blue, turquoise, white — it's as if God himself painted it. And in those moments, you forget about the cold, you forget about the wind. You only see the beauty.

Greenland has grown dear to my heart. Even with its cold and, above all, with its beautiful northern lights.

Can you briefly describe the life of Greenlandic Catholics? How do they live their faith?

Father Tomaž: First, I must say that there are very few Catholics in Greenland. Most people belong to the Lutheran Church, which has been present here for centuries. Our community in Nuuk has about 500 members, most of whom are immigrants — Filipinos, Vietnamese, Europeans. There are very few Greenlandic Catholics.

They live their faith in a very simple and authentic way ... compared to us Slovenians — in our country, faith is still part of our culture and tradition. Here, you have to choose your faith. No one is Catholic just because their parents were. You're Catholic because you've decided to be. And that's powerful! These people are here because they want to be, not because of habit.

Northerners are usually more reserved. How did the Greenlanders accept you?

Father Tomaž: Ah, that's true! Danes and Greenlanders are not people of many words. They aren't like us Slovenians, who like to talk and hug each other ... But they're still warm-hearted and accepted me very nicely. Greenlanders are people of silence, people of nature.

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They live in an environment where there's more silence than words, more space than people. And this silence has shaped them. They're not cold, just different. Their warmth is quiet and deep. And what have I learned? That silence is not the enemy. God is in silence. Greenlanders know this.

In Slovenia, a priest who wants to get closer to young people goes to play soccer with them. What does he do in Greenland? Does he go sledding, skating, drinking "kooka" (mulled wine)?

Father Tomaž: No, no, we don't play soccer much; you can imagine why — the snow! But we don't play on ice either, even though that would be very Greenlandic! There are other activities here. Sometimes we go on trips with young people to the fjord, watch seals swimming; sometimes we even see whales. This is their nature, their world. And there, by the water, by the ice, we talk about life, about God, about everything. And of course we drink — not "kooka," but hot chocolate or coffee. We sit together, drink, laugh. That's their way of socializing.



What's it like to be a missionary among the Danes? Surely the experience of the Catholic faith is quite different from that in Slovenia.

Father Tomaž: Oh, it's a really big contrast! Denmark is one of the most secularized countries in the world. The Lutheran Church is more of a cultural institution there: People get married there, have their children baptized, and then don't come back until the funeral. That's how it is.

It's different for Catholics in Copenhagen. We're a minority, only 2%. But we're a living Church! People come to church because they want to, not because of tradition. And that's beautiful to see.

It gave me a new perspective. In Slovenia, we sometimes take faith for granted. Of course we're Catholics, of course we have a cross on the wall ... But [in Denmark], you have to choose. And when they choose faith, they live it more deeply, more consciously.

How is your experience in the north changing you? What does it give you, and what does it teach you?

Father Tomaž: That's a very deep question ... The north is changing me in ways that I don't fully understand myself.

First, I've learned humility. When you stand in the middle of Greenland, in the middle of those huge mountains of ice, those endless white landscapes, you feel so small! You remember that you're a human being, not God.

Second, I've learned silence. In silence, you hear God. In silence, you hear your own heart. And that's not easy! Sometimes you'd rather have music, your phone, anything to escape the silence. But here you have to face yourself, God, and the truth.

Thirdly, I learned patience. Everything moves slowly here. The weather can change in an instant and then you're stuck in the house for three days. People come when they come; the time is more or less irrelevant. And you learn to wait, to be present in the moment.

And fourthly, I've learned to be grateful: for a warm room, for the sun when it comes out, for every person who comes to Mass, for every smile. Nothing can be taken for granted here.

The north is making me more human, more priestly, and more Franciscan. St. Francis loved nature, he loved simplicity, and he loved peace. And here, in this wilderness, in this purity, I feel his spirit very strongly.

Do you have any anecdotes from your life in the north?

Father Tomaž: Oh, yes, I do!

It happened to me in my first year in Greenland. It was December, minus 20 degrees centigrade [-4°F], and when I stepped off the plane, it hit me so hard that I could hardly breathe. I felt my nostrils freezing! You know -- that northern wind and cold. I started to wonder what I had gotten myself into. But that didn't drive me away.

Life in the north is a gift. Sometimes a difficult gift, a cold gift, but a gift nonetheless. I've learned that God works everywhere; in the cold and in the heat, in silence and in music, among Slovenians and Greenlanders. His love knows no bounds. I invite you to pray for peace and respect for sovereignty, and to join us in caring for creation, especially our fragile Arctic environment, which is one of God's most stunning yet vulnerable masterpieces.

Greenland welcomes you — with silence, with snow, and with hope. God bless you, and warm greetings from Nuuk.

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