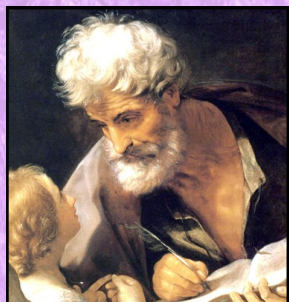


THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Church of St. Matthew

616 Warburton Avenue
Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706
Rectory.....914-478-2822



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

535 Ashford Avenue
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March 8, 2026 • Third Sunday of Lent

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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ST. MATTHEW & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

(A) 4:00 pm Anna Telesco †
(H) 5:30 pm Rudolph Townes †

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

(H) 8:30 am Gustavo A. Lopez †
(A) 10:00 am Olga Pecora †
(H) 11:30 am Jorge Lara †

MONDAY, MARCH 9

(A) 8:00 am Daniel Dwyer †
(H) 9:00 am Edward Dailey †

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

(A) 8:00 am
(H) 9:00 am Souls in Purgatory †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

(A) 8:00 am Anna Bohan †
(H) 9:00 am Robert Brady †

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

(A) 8:00 am Missa Pro Popolo
(H) 9:00 am Margaret Cunningham †

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

(A) 8:00 am
(H) 9:00 am Intentions of Lek Kalaj & Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

(A) 8:00 am
(H) 9:00 am Intentions of Marsela Kalaj
(A) 4:00 pm Alfred Schwartz †
(H) 5:30 pm Frank C. Como †

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

(H) 8:30 am Michael Patrick Smith †
(A) 10:00 am Gary Preiss †
(H) 11:30 am Carmen Annicchiarico & Amy Van Doren

REQUESTED BY:

Aunt Elaine Mosca
Donna Bernaschina

Barbara & Eileen
Family
Jorge Febles y Familia

The Spana Family
Virginia Markman

Noeleen Bohan McGovern
Bryan Healy

Ann Larkin

Elizabeth

Vera Kalaj
Elaine Mosca
Lana Como

Stephanie Karol
Bill & Alexandria Stroud
Paul & Loreta

(H) - Hastings: St. Matthew

(A) - Ardsley: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

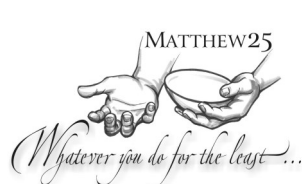
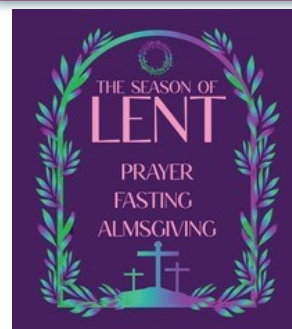


Our prayers during Mass are spiritually important and bring benefit and

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



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 the weekend of March 14th & 15th.

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



March 8, 2026 - Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I: Genesis 12: 1-4a

The great grandfather of Israel is Abraham. This holy man, "our father in faith" as the First Eucharistic prayer calls him, showed heroic trust in God. He is also the divinely chosen mediator of worldwide blessings.

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul is alone and chained like a criminal as part of his holy calling. He tells his readers that the grace we receive from God is free and unmerited. Only if we cooperate with it can we hope to reach our life's goal.

The Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Jesus' transfiguration confirms His divine Sonship. It also strengthened the faith of three early Church leaders, just after Jesus had made His first Passion prediction.



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Sean Roth-USA
Mike Gibbons-USMC
Nick Lumalcuri - USN
Claire Sherry - USAF

COLLECTION REPORT:

Weekend: March 1:

Sunday 3/1: \$3,588

Parish Giving \$1,705

Weekend Total: \$5,293

Maintenance & Repair: \$1,772

Upcoming Second Collections

March 8: Catholic Relief Services

March 29: Easter Flowers

April 3: Holy Land

April 5: Easter

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

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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 George Fulfree

req. by JoAnn Giunta

St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

*Candle dedications can be reserved online or by
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION continues this weekend,
Sunday, March 8th at St. Matthew and on
Wednesday, March 11th
at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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 track of during the year.

2025 Contribution Statements



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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.

every contribution is
 hugely 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.

Lectors



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:

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: if the weather is bad (snow, ice) for driving, the 8am Daily Mass at OLPH will be automatically cancelled for the safety of all.

2026 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

Parish: _____ Parish City: _____
Name: _____
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Address: _____ Apt #: _____
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Total Pledge Amount: (over 5 months)

☐ \$1,000 (\$200 per month) ☐ \$500 (\$100 per month) ☐ \$150 (\$30 per month)
☐ \$750 (\$150 per month) ☐ \$250 (\$50 per month) ☐ \$ _____

Choose your payment method:

- ☐ Cash (must submit cash to parish only)
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To make an online donation, open your smartphone camera app and scan the QR code.

Be sure to click "Direct my gift to" and select your parish from the dropdown menu.

Please bring your gift to the parish office or mail your gift to: 488 Madison Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10022



Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent

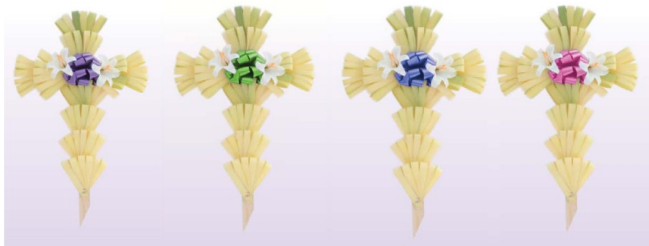
St. Matthew: 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: 7:00 pm

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will meet on Thursday, March 19th, 12:30pm, St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Info: 914.423.5331. A speaker from the Yonkers Library System will give an overview of the adult programs the library offers.



Palm Crosses



Palm Cross Fundraiser March 14/15 & March 21/22

24" Palm Crosses decorated with lilies and a bow, in a variety of colors, will be available at all Masses for \$15.

Crosses will also be available at the rectory between the hours of 10:00am - 5:00pm Monday through Friday.

First come, first served while supplies last.

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC LAITY OF THE RIVERTOWNS

PRAYER - EDUCATION - HOPE



RESCHEDULED to Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00pm

Mr. Patrick Riley: "The Shroud of Turin"

Mr. Riley is an expert on "The Shroud of Turin". He has spent the last twenty years, including his postgraduate studies, in Rome studying the Shroud. Patrick is also a Catholic Apologist on media.

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Thoughtful Moments

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Born in Mayorga, Spain, St. Turibius studied law at Salamanca and served with distinction as a judge, known for his integrity. King Philip II appointed him archbishop of Peru. After ordination and consecration, he devoted himself to reforming a diocese marked by corruption. Living simply, he traveled extensively on foot, founded schools, seminaries, and hospitals, and worked to defend the dignity and improve the lives of the native people.

The Father's Heart

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, we often focus on the son's failure, but the heart of the story is the Father. He does not wait with accusations; he runs, embraces, and restores. That is how God receives us in Confession — not with condemnation, but with joy.

"God is everywhere and in everything and we are all His children. When we gather in His name this gives us strength." St. Teresa of Calcutta



Finding joy in Lent and beyond

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), Jesus outlined the path to holiness and happiness — the foundation of Lenten practice. When we look past the material world and "seek first the kingdom" (Matthew 6:33), our hearts grow lighter and clearer. Here are five practical ways to live with purpose during Lent and beyond:

Almsgiving: Giving to others shifts our focus outward and strengthens charity. Choose a form of love in action. Support a charity with a small weekly family offering. Practice a work of mercy by visiting someone who is alone, cooking a meal, donating clothing.

Prayer: Time with God orders family life. Pray with children upon waking.

Read the daily Gospel at dinner. Set a brief daily time for silence.

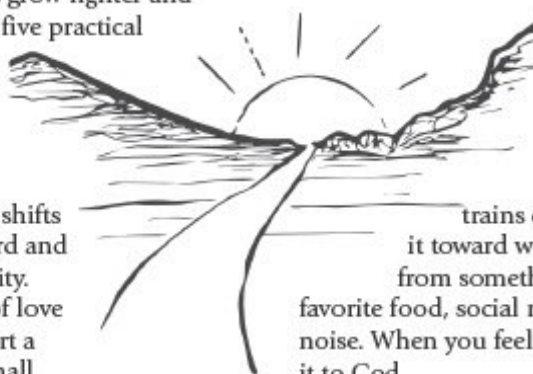
Forgiveness: Mercy frees the heart. Jesus says, "If you forgive others ... your heavenly Father will also forgive you" (Matthew 6:14). Forgiveness does

not excuse wrong but does release resentment.

Pray for someone who hurt you.

Fasting: Fasting trains desire and directs it toward what lasts. Fast from something concrete — a favorite food, social media, background noise. When you feel the sacrifice, offer it to God.

Combat worry: Trust places outcomes where they belong. Jesus tells us God will provide what we need (Matthew 6:25-34). When anxiety arises, write down concerns and entrust them to God.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics observe Lent for forty days?

The season of Lent lasts for forty days (excluding Sundays), recalling Jesus' forty days in the desert. In Scripture, the number 40 signifies a period of testing, purification, and preparation that leads to new life. During Lent, we prepare for the

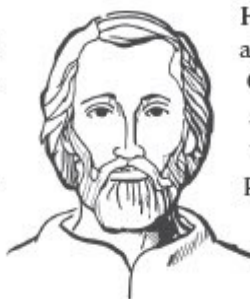
celebration of Christ's Resurrection at Easter. Although the liturgical season spans forty-six calendar days, the six Sundays are excluded from the forty, as every Sunday is a solemnity. Accordingly, Lenten sacrifices may be relaxed on Sundays, if one chooses.



Look to St. Joseph

St. Joseph holds a cherished place in Catholic family life because he demonstrates what faithful fatherhood, quiet strength, and trust in God look like each day. His life reflects virtues on which strong families are built.

Charity: When St. Joseph first learned of Mary's pregnancy, his primary concern was her dignity and well-being. He sought what was best for her and the Child, with little regard for himself. Teach children to practice small acts of kindness at home and to think of and care for others' perspectives.



Humility: St. Joseph didn't complain when God asked difficult things of him. He obeyed. Following God's will includes completion of both major tasks and daily duties. Teach children that even small acts matter, such as completing chores or schoolwork promptly, carefully, and with a good attitude.

Faithfulness: Joseph trusted God in decisive moments and remained steady in ordinary life. He provided, protected, and stayed present.

Families follow his example through daily prayer, keeping commitments, speaking kindly, and doing what is right even when unnoticed.

Scripture LESSON

Matthew 26:14-27:66, Staying faithful to God's plan

This reading continues Matthew's account of the Passion, beginning with Judas's betrayal for thirty pieces of silver and the institution of the Last Supper. In the Eucharist, Jesus freely gives His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity — a gift of total self-giving that stands in stark contrast to Judas's grasping self-interest.

In Gethsemane, Jesus asks His closest friends to remain with Him in His hour of anguish, yet they fall asleep. Judas soon arrives with an armed crowd. Jesus is arrested,



bound, led through a series of unjust trials, falsely accused, mocked, scourged, and ultimately crucified. He is laid in the tomb. The reading ends in silence and apparent defeat — yet we know the silence is not the final word. Resurrection awaits.

What can a parent do? The Passion offers a powerful lesson. In suffering, abandonment, and injustice, Jesus remains faithful to His Father's will. Teach children that God's love is not abstract; it is proven in sacrifice. Because Christ endured the Cross for them, they can trust the Father's plan even in hardship.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 9 – St. Dominic Savio (1857). St. Dominic was born to a pious peasant family in Riva, Italy. At age twelve, he joined St. John Bosco's Oratory as a student and founded the Company of the Immaculate Conception to help Don Bosco in his work. He died at home of a lung infection.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped by pirates and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the first bishop of Ireland. He is credited for having

established the Church there.

March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord. The angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary with the extraordinary news of her role as the mother of God.

March 29 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. We recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" (Matthew 21:9). This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.



Parent TALK

Mornings in our home were often chaotic. Preparing breakfast, packing lunches, and getting out the door created a constant rush — and frequent meltdowns. We tried strategies to streamline the routine with limited success.

One morning, Tessa said, "Mama, you never give us hugs anymore." In my effort to keep on schedule, I had neglected simple but essential moments — hugging Tessa, asking about Kara's day, saying "Good morning," or "I love you." I had forgotten that what my children needed most was connection.

The lesson was clear: they did not need a more efficient system. They needed my presence. Now I set aside a few intentional minutes each morning — talking with Kara as we get ready and giving Tessa an extra hug before we leave.

Those small moments have changed our mornings. When children begin the day secure in their parents' love, they are better prepared to meet the day ahead.

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