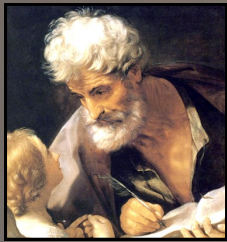


THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

April 12, 2026 • Divine Mercy Sunday

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



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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

(A) 4:00 pm Maria Caparrotti Lockwood †

(H) 5:30 pm Denise Kettenacker †

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

(H) 8:30 am Charles & Noel Corbett †

(A) 10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †

(H) 11:30 am Lino Innocenzi †

MONDAY, APRIL 13

(A) 8:00 am In Thanksgiving

(H) 9:00 am Judith Zappia †

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

(A) 8:00 am Mario Spagnuolo, MD †

(H) 9:00 am William Greer †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

(A) 8:00 am Paul Vicari †

(H) 9:00 am Thomas & Adelaide Crawford †

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

(A) 8:00 am Missa Pro Popolo

(H) 9:00 am Intentions of Luka Mateo Salinovic

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Father Jesse Bolger

(H) 9:00 am Mary Duffy †

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

(A) 8:00 am Michael B. Doherty †

(H) 9:00 am Lilly Junio Kettler †

(A) 4:00 pm Anna Castell †

(H) 5:30 pm Ralph & Rosetta Damiano †

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

(H) 8:30 am Denise Kettenacker †

(A) 10:00 am Paul Lewis †

(H) 11:30 am Carmen Annicchiarico & Amy VanDoren †

REQUESTED BY:

Lina Cilurzo & Family

Kathleen Ryan

Damiano Family

Camille Gutierrez

Lillian Innocenzi & Family

Kathleen Groth

Murphy-Ribeiro Family

Family

Paul Vicari

Fr. Crawford

Mom

Janet Lokay

Doherty Family

Lynn M. Travers

Elaine Mosca

Damiano Family

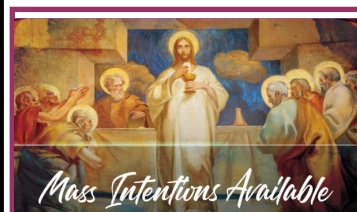
Bryan Healy

Paul & Loreta

(H) - Hastings: St. Matthew

(A) - Ardsley: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

“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



A number of weekday Masses in April, May & June are available at OLPH Church. To request a Mass intention, please visit the rectory during office hours, or use the online portal with a link on the parish website:

www.stmolph.com

Between Monday, April 13 - June 30, all funerals will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church while the interior renovation of St. Matthew’s Church is underway. An exception will be made to have liturgical or sacramental events at St. Matthew’s if it is deemed practical in the opinion of our project manager on site.



April 12, 2026 - Divine Mercy Sunday

Reading I: Acts 2: 42-47

In every aspect of life, the earliest believers led an ideal life, united as a real family, sharing faith, meals, material goods and worship.

Reading II: 1 Peter 1:3-9

St. Peter blesses his readers for their faith, reminding them that we believers "live by faith and not by sight." He also explains suffering as a kind of smelting process that removes impurities from the gold of their faith.

The Gospel: John 20: 19-31

The author makes the point that Jesus was raised with the same body that was crucified and dies only days earlier. The beautiful "Thomas story" follows. When "The Doubter" is convinced, he utters the climactic confession of the whole Gospel when he kneels before Jesus: "My Lord and my God."

COLLECTION REPORT:

Weekend: March 30:

Sunday 3/29: \$4,599

Parish Giving \$1,550

Weekend Total: \$6,149

Last Year Easter: \$25,205

Last Year Flowers: \$4,097

Easter 4/5: \$17,260

Parish Giving \$2,430

Easter Total: \$20,617

Easter Flowers: \$4,402

The Easter & Easter Flower Collection will remain open until the end of the month.

Upcoming Second Collections

April 26: Central & Eastern Europe

May 10: Maintenance & Repair

Mother's & Father's Day: Any Collection Basket



the **CARDINAL'S**
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Sharing God's Gifts

To make your donation, please use the form you received in the mail, or make your donation online at www.cardinalsappeal.org

\$54,000

Our Parish Goal

\$36,436.50
Pledged

\$33,361.50
Paid



*When making your donation, please remember to select **DIRECT MY GIFT TO: MY PARISH** and then select our parish from the drop down menu.*

Donations & Pledges received from 79 families
67.47% of our goal. Thank you!

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.paritygiving.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 Nicholas Haubold

req. by Wolff Family

St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle

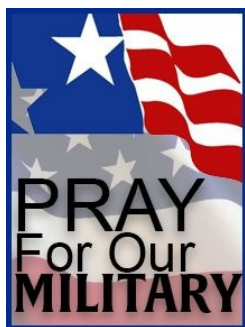
In Memory of Lino Innocenzi

req. by Lillian Innocenzi

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

In Memory of Lino Innocenzi

req. by Lillian Innocenzi



- 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

MATTHEW 25



Whatever you do for the least...

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 this weekend, April 11th & 12th.

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



Welcome to the new members of the Roman Catholic Church who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil: Britney Skultety, Nancy Gagliardi & Nick Weinig

Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

Couples celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2026.



Sunday, June 7, 2026 - 2:30pm
Saint Patrick's Cathedral,
His Excellency,
Archbishop Ronald Hicks
will be officiating.

Pre-Registration is Required

All who wish to attend this Mass will need to register with the parish office. Pews will be reserved for golden jubilee couples only. Up to four additional family and friends will be accommodated in pews in general seating. In addition to the Mass, all golden jubilee couples will receive a certificate acknowledging their marriage. Couples who are unable to attend Mass but are celebrating fifty years of marriage may also register with their parish to receive a certificate.

Registration will close on Monday, May 10th
Call Christine in the Rectory to Register.

Join Us for

BINGO NIGHT

Games - Prize - Fun for All Ages

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th

Following the 4:00pm Mass at
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH
535 Ashford Avenue * Ardsley, NY

\$15 per person includes
2 Cards, Snacks & Prizes

PLEASE RSVP FOR A HEAD COUNT
914-478-2822 OR
ON FLOCKNOTE

Explore the Octagon House Tour



DISCOVER THE ARCHITECTURAL WONDER AND RICH HISTORY OF IRVINGTON'S OCTAGON HOUSE

Join us for a 1 hour engaging tour that highlights the unique design and significance of this historic gem. Following the tour, Parishioners can drive to Tarrytown to enjoy afternoon tea service at **EaTarry** for around \$30 more.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH AT 11:00AM

\$34.00 per person

Please call the rectory to register: 914-478-2822
or visit FLOCKNOTE to register online.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

resumes this weekend with classes at STM on Sunday, April 12th and on Wednesday, April 15th at OLPH.

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.



First Penance is Saturday, 4/18/26 at 10am at St. Matthew's Church. Students will sit with their families. Please arrive ten minutes early.

First Holy Communion Information

- **Important Dates:**
First Communion practice for OLPH-5/6/26 during class time
- First Communion 5/9/26 at 10:30am at OLPH
- First Communion practice for St. Matthew's-5/3/26 during class time
- First Communion 5/9/26 at 1pm at St. Matthew's Church

Dante Studios has graciously offered to provide a photo package deal to all families. The photographer will be taking photos on a first come basis prior to each Mass on 5/9/26 at OLPH and St. Matthew's churches. More information will be provided closer to the date.

First Communion Attire

Boys:

Suit or blazer and dress slacks
White shirt
White tie
Dress shoes

Girls:

Modest white dress
White veil or tiara
White dress shoes



CONFIRMATION PAPERWORK DUE by APRIL 30th.



In order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of 2026, students are required to attend all classes as well as the retreat, class Mass, and the rehearsal. The information is below.

Mass Attendance on Sunday is required for the reception of the Sacrament. Attendance envelopes should be handed in every weekend, whether there is class or not.

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAND IN THEIR PAPERWORK BY APRIL 30, 2026 MAY NOT ATTEND CLASSES IN THE FALL.

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT ATTEND ALL CLASSES, THE RETREAT, THE CLASS MASS, AND THE REHEARSAL MAY NOT RECEIVE CONFIRMATION.

The *Application for Confirmation, the Sponsor Form, and the Retreat Permission Slip* need to be returned to the rectory TOGETHER in paper form by April 30, 2026. We cannot accept emailed forms. Rectory hours are weekdays 10am-5pm. If no one is there, the paperwork can be left in the mailbox.

A copy of the student's baptismal certificate also needs to be emailed to religioused@stmolph.com by April 30, 2026. If your student was baptized at St. Matthew's or OLPH, please email the date of the baptism.

If your student received First Holy Communion at a church other than St. Matthew's or OLPH, please email religioused@stmolph.com that information as well.

Fall Mandatory Religious Education dates:

9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21

*October 3, 2026-Confirmation Retreat: 10am-2pm

*October 25, 2026 - Class Mass STM: 11:30am

*October 25, 2026 - Confirmation rehearsal: STM immediately following the class Mass

***October 26, 2026 - Confirmation: STM 7pm**

Partners in FAITH™



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

April 2026

Church of St. Matthew - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Fr. Douglas Crawford, Pastor



Thoughtful Moments

St. Anselm of Canterbury

Familial pressures and a comfortable life led St. Anselm to ignore his vocation until he met the Benedictines in Normandy, France. Afterwards, he entered the Benedictine Order and eventually became abbot. Called to England to assist the current Archbishop of Canterbury, St. Anselm was noted for his intelligence and piety, and nominated the next Archbishop. St. Anselm reluctantly agreed. He bridged the tensions between the Church and the state, clarified Church doctrine, and reformed his diocese.



Why Easter Matters

The Resurrection confirms that Jesus is truly God. It opens the way to Heaven and decisively breaks the power of sin, evil, and death. The victory has been won; what remains is our daily choice of whether we will choose to follow.

"Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe'"
(John 20:29).



Simple ways to make faith real

The greatest gift we can give our children is a real relationship with Jesus – not just knowledge about Him, but confidence that He is present and near. The road to Emmaus in Luke 24 models ways to live this out at home.

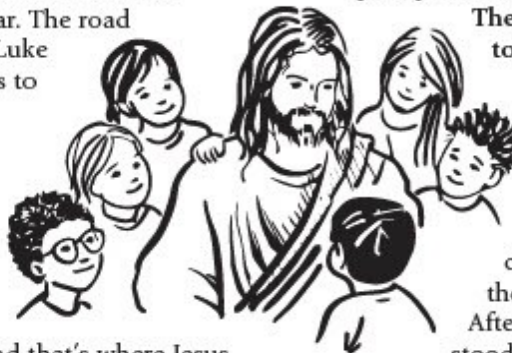
Jesus meets us anywhere. The disciples walking toward Emmaus were discouraged, and that's where Jesus found them. Encourage your child to share about his or her day. You might ask, "Was there a moment today that felt tough, but you made it through?" Then connect it for them: "That's a moment where God was with you."

God is hidden, but never absent. We don't always recognize Jesus in our daily lives. At dinner or bedtime,

invite everyone to name something for which they are grateful. This creates the habit of noticing God's quiet presence.

The Mass reveals Jesus to us. It was in the breaking of the bread that the disciples realized Jesus' presence. Prepare for Mass by talking with children about what they'll hear and see. Afterward, ask what stood out. Over time, they'll begin to recognize that something real is happening in the Eucharist.

Encounters with Jesus change us. When the disciples encountered Jesus, they rushed to share the news. Show children that knowing Jesus isn't something we just believe, it's to be lived and shared.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics light candles at the Easter Vigil?

Catholic worship often uses visible signs to express spiritual realities. Fire, a source of light, warmth, and purification, points to God's life-giving and transforming presence. At the Easter Vigil, the Paschal candle, representing Christ, is lit from the new fire and



carried into a darkened church, where its flame is shared among the faithful. This growing light signifies the spread of Christ's risen life through the Church, as believers are called to bear His light through faith, witness, and charity.

Extend the joy of Easter Sunday

The death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ transformed the world, and the effects continue to shape our lives today. Try these ideas to extend the joy of Easter in your home.

Joy: The Risen Christ is the source of our joy. Mark that joy in tangible ways: set the table with care, add flowers, and share a special dessert. Invite each family member to name a blessing from the day. These small celebrations remind us that the promise of eternal life is cause for rejoicing.

Mercy: After His Resurrection, Jesus forgave His



Apostles and entrusted them with the gift of forgiveness (John 20:22-23). Receive that mercy in the Sacrament of Confession, and show mercy by choosing patience, forgiveness, and understanding toward others.

Renewal: Encountering the Risen Christ deepens our faith (John 20:28). As a family, consider renewing your baptismal promises at home.

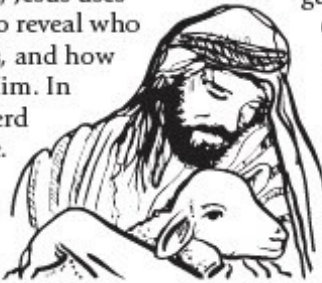
Carry forward a meaningful Lenten practice into the Easter season, such as daily prayer or intentional kindness. In doing so, the joy of Easter lasts beyond a day.

Scripture LESSON

John 10:1-10, The Good Shepherd leads us Home

In this Scripture passage, Jesus uses the image of a shepherd to reveal who He is, how He cares for us, and how He wants us to relate to Him. In Jesus' time, a good shepherd knew each sheep by name. He remained with the flock, even at night. He tended the wounded, searched for the lost, and even risked his life to protect them. This is how Jesus, the Good Shepherd, cares for us.

Following the Good Shepherd means hearing His voice and staying close to Him. We learn to recognize His voice in prayer and in the Scriptures. He



guides us through the Church's teachings. He nourishes and heals us in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession. If we follow Him faithfully, He will lead us Home.

What can a parent do? Tell children that knowing and following Jesus is the best thing they can do to be truly happy. Help them become attuned to Jesus' voice in prayer, the Scriptures, and in the Sacraments. If we follow Him and Him alone, we will be truly safe.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 - Holy Thursday. Today, we celebrate Jesus' institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood to perpetuate it. Find time today to say "thank you" to Jesus, who remains really present to us in the Eucharist. Pray for priests.

April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer (1419). Against his parents' wishes, St. Vincent Ferrer joined the Dominican Order. He preached through much of Europe. He was called the Angel of Judgment because his sermons aimed to prepare his listeners for judgment.

April 23 - St. George (c. 303). Although many legends surround St. George, we know he was a soldier under Emperor Diocletian during the Christian persecutions, and that he died a martyr in Palestine. He is a patron of England, Portugal, Germany, Spain, and Italy.

April 25 - St. Mark the Evangelist (First Century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel based on St. Peter's perspective and accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journey in Cyprus. He is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria, Egypt.



Parent TALK

For more than a week, Tessa came home upset about the environment in her classroom. From her description, the teacher seemed to struggle with maintaining order.

She said it was noisy and chaotic, and she was having trouble completing her schoolwork. When the concerns persisted, I decided to reach out.

As I began drafting an email expressing my frustration, I paused. I realized I didn't have the full picture and that a critical tone would not be helpful. The teacher probably had already gotten parent calls and emails, and didn't need another critic. Instead, I asked to meet.

The teacher responded promptly. During our meeting, she acknowledged the problems but also outlined the creative steps she was taking to address them. She offered practical ways I could reinforce those efforts at home.

That conversation shifted my perspective. Rather than approaching as a critic, I recognized the value of working in partnership.

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