

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 19, 2026 • 3rd Sunday of Easter

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

(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 †

MONDAY, APRIL 20

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Leontine Sognonvi
 (H) 9:00 am George Zahurak †

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

(A) 8:00 am Eileen Shanley †
 (H) 9:00 am Marianna Macaluso †

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Tara Moynihan
 (H) 9:00 am Intention for Kathleen Groth Kathleen Groth

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Kenneth Lynch Laura Gray
 (H) 9:00 am Intentions of Nicholas Karaqui Elizabeth

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

(A) 8:00 am Jennifer Delevega † Laura Gray
 (H) 9:00 am Fiordaliza Nena Santos † Elizabeth

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

(A) 8:00 am Dorothy Travers † Lynn M. Travers
 (H) 9:00 am Ann Chinnery † Ann Marie Chinnery
 (A) 4:00 pm Marie Lockwood † Kathleen Ryan
 (H) 5:30 pm Lino Innocenzi † Lillian Innocenzi & Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

(H) 8:30 am Msgr. Francis Gorman † Bryan Healy
 (A) 10:00 am Sal Campoli † Wife Dora
 (H) 11:30 am Decd. Members Wm. Finlay Family † Ann Nehrbauer

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

REQUESTED BY:

Elaine Mosca
 Damiano Family

Bryan Healy

Paul & Loreta

Marie Sognonvi
 Zahurak Family

Mary Gray

Kathleen Groth

Laura Gray
 Elizabeth

Laura Gray
 Elizabeth

Lynn M. Travers
 Ann Marie Chinnery
 Kathleen Ryan
 Lillian Innocenzi & Family

Bryan Healy
 Wife Dora
 Ann Nehrbauer



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

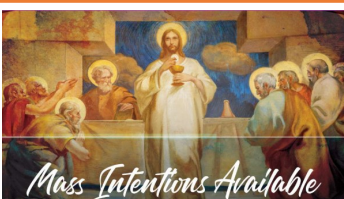
“A religion that doesn’t interfere with secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it.”
 - Abp. Fulton J. Sheen



We wish to express our thanks to Kathy Soderstrom for her maintaining the seasonal plants.



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. Also, Friday Eucharistic Adoration is suspended between now and June 30th due to the extensive interior renovation of the church and the need to maximize work time.



A number of weekday Masses in May, June & July are available at both OLPH & STM Churches. 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



April 19, 2026 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 2: 14, 22-33

Jesus, raised up by God, is the fulfillment of King David's vision of dwelling in hope in the presence of the Most High.

Reading II: 1 Peter 1: 17-21

Peter declares that Jesus saves us by the shedding of His precious blood. For this was He destined "before the foundation of the world."

The Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

This famous post-Easter story finds Cleopas and his companion on the road (away from the Church in Jerusalem) when they encounter the risen Jesus at first unrecognized. First, He teaches the men the meaning of the Scriptures. Later they encounter Him at the meal when He "breaks the bread."



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please remember to select
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drop down menu.*

**Donations & Pledges received
from 92 families
71.97% of our goal. Thank you!**



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: April 12:

Sunday 4/12: \$4,813
Parish Giving \$2,420
Weekend Total: \$7,233

Easter Total: \$21,921
Easter Flowers: \$4,492
Last Year Easter: \$25,205
Last Year Flowers: \$4,097

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
May 17: Feast of Ascension



Mother's & Father's Day can be dropped into any Collection Basket

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 Fred Wolff, Jr.

req. by Wolff Family

St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of Gjorgje & Maria Nikprelevi

req. by Renato & Stela

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

*Candles can be reserved online or by calling the rectory.
Please visit our website at www.stmolph.com*



MATTHEW 25



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. The next collection weekend will be May 9th & 10th.

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

ARCHBISHOP
Stepinac
HIGH SCHOOL



Prospective students and parents are invited to attend Stepinac's Spring Open House on Wednesday, May 13th from 5pm - 7pm. RSVP for tickets required at www.stepinac.org/openhouse

Visitors will be among the first to tour the latest additions to Stepinac's advanced real-world learning environment. Discover what makes this renowned all-male Catholic High School a leader in preparing young men for success in college, their careers and in life.



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.

Congratulations

Dillon & Siobhan Healy
on the Baptism of their Son

Dean Joseph



Congratulations

Joseph & Katie Gareri
on the Baptism of their
Daughter

Alessandra Marie



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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

continues this weekend with classes at STM on Sunday, April 19th and on Wednesday, April 22nd 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 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



Please keep in your prayers the ill of our parish especially: **Linda Stephens**

And for those who have died marked by the sign of faith, especially: **Karl D. Fister**

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

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**

Federal Scholarship Tax Credit: What It Means for New York Families

What is it?

The federal scholarship tax credit gives taxpayers a 100% credit of up to \$1,700 for donations to Scholarship Granting Organizations, which fund student scholarships, helping families cover education costs in Catholic and public schools.

What does it mean for you?

If you owe federal income tax, you could take up to \$1,700 of what you would otherwise pay to Washington, and instead redirect it toward scholarships that support students in New York.

Who could qualify?

Eligibility for scholarships extends to families earning up to 300% of the regional median income, which could include more than 90% of K-12 students in many areas.

What does it mean for New York?

If Governor Hochul allows New York to participate, millions of dollars in privately funded scholarships will help families afford tuition, tutoring, special needs services, education technology, supplies, and more.

Take action today!

The decision to bring these scholarships to New York rests with Governor Hochul. By sending her messages of support, you can help ensure New York families have access to millions in privately funded scholarships and the educational opportunities they make possible.

- 1 Go to www.nyscatholic.org
- 2 Under "Action Center" in the menu, click "Latest Action Alerts"
- 3 Click "Will Governor Hochul Opt-in to Support Kids & Schools?" and send your message

or scan here:





**NEXT WEEKEND: Please Welcome
Our Visiting Priest,
Fr. Shijan Anthony, OFM Cap.**

Ordained as a Franciscan Capuchin in India, Father Shijan Antony spent seven years working as parish priest, teaching in seminary and serving as guardian and rector of Capuchin Friary in Kerala, India. He also earned a law degree to help those less fortunate. Father Antony moved to the U.S. blending his passion for service with his dedication to others, he continues to work at the Capuchin chapel and confession ministry at the Citadel Mall in Colorado Springs. He enjoys reading books, studying the Bible, listening to the world and Indian news, and watching entertainment programs.

“I regard preaching for Unbound a great privilege to be part of Unbound’s gracious endeavors in giving a hand to the poor and marginalized.”



**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;
Please contact Christine in the
rectory to register.**

US fertility rate hits record low in 2025: report

by Calvin Freiburger

The Wall Street Journal found that the total fertility rate dropped to 1.57 births per woman, below the replacement rate of 2.1 necessary for a native population to keep from shrinking.

The record lows America reached last year in its fertility rate are largely due to women delaying parenthood amid anxiety about the future, according to a Wall Street Journal analysis of data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

LifeSiteNews covered the original release of the provisional data in February that showed a little more than 3.6 million births were reported in 2025, a sum 24,000 fewer than the year before. The final data is not expected to differ by more than a “few thousand.”

The Wall Street Journal dug deeper into the numbers for its analysis, finding the fertility rate at a record-low of 53.1 births per 1,000 women. More alarmingly, the total fertility rate dropped to 1.57 births per woman, below the replacement rate of 2.1 that is necessary for a native population to stop itself from shrinking. The trend appears largely driven by women delaying parenthood until later in life, with 2025 the first time births to women in their late 30s exceeded births to women in their early 20s.

“People are waiting longer to enter parenthood and probably want to make sure that things are set in their lives before they do so,” argued Wendy Manning, co-director of Bowling Green State University’s National Center for Family & Marriage Research. “There might be a lot of uncertainty, and that might not be good for a society in general.” The teen birthrate fell 7% last year, extending a yearslong decline related to public-health campaigns and growing use of longer-acting contraceptives. Manning attributed their doubts about starting families to financial and relationship struggles as well as concerns about the state of the nation and the world.

“We spent decades and lots of money trying to discourage early childbearing, saying, “This will ruin your life. This will ruin your kid’s life. Don’t do it,” University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Carolina Population Center director Karen Benjamin Guzzo said. Live Action noted that the U.S. Congressional Budget Office projected in January that America’s death rate will be higher than its birth rate by 2030. Additionally, the news coincides with polling from Gallup and Marist indicating that public opinion on abortion has been trending in a more pro-“choice” direction for several years.

Numerous nations in Europe and Asia have faced far graver demographic challenges far longer than America has and experimented with a variety of economic measures to try to promote a higher birth rate (while the likes of the United Nations actively discourage having children). In many ways, societies struggling to reinvigorate their birth rates are reaping the consequences of veering to the other extreme for decades under the influence of the late Paul Ehrlich’s since-discredited warnings that overpopulation was a ticking time bomb.

But others argue the problem is primarily cultural. “We have a fertility crisis because we have a marriage crisis,” argued Katy Faust, founder of the parental rights group Them Before Us. “We have a marriage crisis because we have a dating crisis. We have a dating crisis because young people are forming few in-person relationships. Christians, it’s time to model every layer of faithful connection, from friendship to courtship to covenant.”

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Calvin Freiburger is a Wisconsin-based conservative writer and 2011 graduate of Hillsdale College. His commentary and analysis have been featured on NewsReal Blog, Live Action, and various other conservative websites. Before joining LifeSiteNews, he spent two years in Washington, DC, working to build support for the Life at Conception Act with the National Pro-Life Alliance.