

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

**May 3, 2026 • 5th 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  
OLPH .....4:00 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

OLPH .....3:00 - 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, MAY 2

(A) 4:00 pm Arthur Beckett †

(H) 5:30 pm Marie Lockwood †

### SUNDAY, MAY 3

(H) 8:30 am Msgr. Francis P. Gorman †

(A) 10:00 am Intentions of Daniel Warpeka †

(H) 11:30 am Anne Micera †

### MONDAY, MAY 4

(A) 8:00 am Rosalie Berg †

(H) 9:00 am Missa Pro Popolo

### TUESDAY, MAY 5

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Moynihan, Baker,  
Donoher, Mulligan Families †

(H) 9:00 am Michael Markman †

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

(A) 8:00 am Margaret & Robert Wilmoth †

(H) 9:00 am Ljubica Vucetic †

### THURSDAY, MAY 7

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Moynihan, Baker,  
Donoher, Mulligan Families †

(H) 9:00 am John Fitzgerald †

### FRIDAY, MAY 8

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Katherine Avey

(H) 9:00 am Intentions of Vera Lo & Family

### SATURDAY, MAY 9

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Magaly Chapparro

(H) 9:00 am Dorothy Susan Honovich Kavanah †

(A) 4:00 pm Intentions of Kieran McGlynn †

(H) 5:30 pm John Lee †

### SUNDAY, MAY 10

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

(A) 10:00 am Olga Pecora †

(H) 11:30 am Matthew Nehrbauer †

(H) - Hastings: St. Matthew

(A) - Ardsley: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### REQUESTED BY:

Annette Beckett

Linda Johnson

Nancy Maleska

Camille Gutierrez

George Febles & STM Choir

Silvia Melina

Robert Wilmoth

Cal Calisi

Marie Sognonvi

Elizabeth Chapparro

Susan Sutherland

McGlynn Family

Lorraine Smith

Dempsey Family

Family

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](http://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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

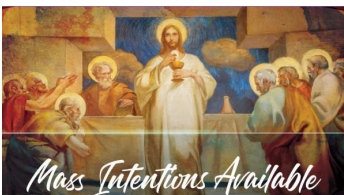
#### ATTENDANCE

#### 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.



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.



*Mass Intentions Available*

A number of weekday Masses in June, July & August 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](http://www.stmolph.com)

May 3, 2026 - 5th Sunday of Easter

**Reading I: Acts 6: 1-7**

The selection of seven "good men" picked ultimately by the Holy Spirit but voted on by the community is a necessity brought about by the growth of the early Church. Their task would be to serve the material needs of the community. Meanwhile the Twelve will continue to serve the spiritual needs.

**Reading II: 1 Peter 2: 4-9**

The author pictures the Church as a spiritual temple built by believers as living stones. They in turn are built upon Christ as the foundation Stone. They also become a chosen race and royal priesthood of the faithful.

**The Gospel: John 14: 1-12**

Jesus wants to protect His disciples from discouragement and despair at His death. He makes His claim as the sole Savior of the world and the one Mediator between men and God. As such He will grant whatever we ask.



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**\$54,000**

**Our Parish Goal**

**\$43,750**  
Pledged

**\$40,450**  
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 102 families  
81% of our goal. Thank you!**



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Peter Dillon-USCG  
Chris Minozzi-USMC  
Sean Roth-USA  
Mike Gibbons-USMC  
Nick Lumalcuri - USN  
Claire Sherry - USAF

## COLLECTION REPORT:

**Weekend: April 26:**

Sunday 4/26: \$4,090  
Parish Giving \$1,535  
Weekend Total: \$5,625  
ADNY Europe: \$1,289

Easter Total: \$22,771  
Easter Flowers: \$4,492  
**Last Year Easter: \$25,205**  
**Last Year Flowers: \$4,097**

**Upcoming Second Collections**

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](http://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](mailto: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**

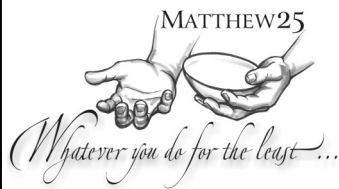
**In Memory of Nicholas Herbold**  
req. by Wolff Family

**St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle**

**St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle**

*Candles can be reserved online or by calling the rectory.  
Please visit our website at [www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com)*





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.

## 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 May 20th.**  
**Call Christine in the Rectory to Register.**



## Mother's Day

Envelopes can be dropped into any collection basket or brought to the rectory. Your intentions will be remembered in a Novena of Masses to be offered throughout May.



### 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.

## Mass of Remembrance



A Memorial Mass will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery on Saturday, May 16th at 12:30pm in the Chapel of Hope Mausoleum for all our loved ones laid to rest in Mount Hope. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Douglas Crawford, Pastor of St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.



## Not Married in the Catholic Church?

For various reasons, couples choose to be civilly married but did not have a religious celebration in the Catholic Church. According to Church teaching, Catholics who marry are required to have their unions celebrated in the Catholic Church in order to participate in the Church's sacramental life.

At parent meetings for sacramental preparation have raised, this situation often poses problems for families raising children. For those who are civilly married and did not have a previous marriage celebrated in the Catholic Church requiring an annulment, the process to have the marriage validated by the Catholic Church is usually not complicated. If you find yourself in this situation, please consider making an appointment to speak with Fr. Crawford to discuss what may be done.



## 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** concludes this weekend with the **LAST CLASSES** at STM on Sunday, May 3rd and at OLPH on Wednesday, May 6th.

## **STMOLPH Religious Education Registration** 2026-2027

On **Friday, May 1st**, all families currently in the Religious Education Program should have received an email from Parish Giving to register their child(ren) for the 2026-2027 school year. This year, there is a registration form for Grades 1-6 and a separate form for Confirmation Grade 7. If you have children in both grade levels, you **MUST** use both forms to register all your children.

*If you are new to the program, or registering a child for the first time, there is a link on the parish website to begin the registration process for New Families.*

If you register before June 30th, you will receive a discount of \$100 off of tuition. Sacramental fees are not discounted.



Registrations after August 1st, a late fee of \$50 will be added.

### **2026-2027 CLASS SCHEDULE:**

**Wednesdays at OLPH School:**  
**1 Cross Road, Ardsley, NY**

Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 from 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Grades 5, 6, 7 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

**Classes begin on Wednesday, September 16th**

The full calendar can be found on the parish website: [www.stmolph.com](http://www.stmolph.com)

## **First Holy Communion Information**

### **Important Dates:**

- First Communion practice for OLPH- 5/6/2026 during class time.
- First Communion 5/9/2026 at 10:30am at OLPH Church
- First Communion practice for St. Matthew's - 5/3/2026 during class time.
- First Communion 5/9/2026 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 5/9/2026 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



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** will take place next weekend. Saturday, May 9th at 10:30am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and at 1:00pm at St. Matthew.



Please keep the youngest members of our parish in your prayers during this very special time.

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

May 2026

Church of St. Matthew - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Fr. Douglas Crawford, Pastor



## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Rita of Cascia

St. Rita always wanted to be a nun but was unwillingly married to a cruel man with a terrible temper. After eighteen years of patience and love, she was widowed. Following the deaths of her sons to illness, she entered the convent. She inspired those around her by her patience, kindness, and devotion. Once, she was graced with a share in Christ's Passion – a mysterious wound to her forehead, as if from a crown of thorns.



### The Holy Spirit aids us

"Because he is so near to us, yet so unobtrusive, we should turn to the Holy Spirit instinctively in all our needs and ask him for his guidance and help. The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness... What more can we expect of God than that?"  
St. John Paul II

"I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever" (John 14:16).



## Family life when life doesn't go as planned

Mary and Joseph were probably surprised by much of what God asked of them. Yet they offer a model for those of us who are navigating uncertainty and change.

**Adapt and adjust.** When they arrived in Bethlehem and found no place to stay (Luke 2:7), they did not give in to frustration. They adjusted, trusted God, and moved forward. In family life, this means facing disruptions with calm and flexibility, trusting that God can still bring good from the unexpected.

**Prioritize what matters most.** The Holy Family lived in quiet obedience to God, faithfully observing the tenets of their faith (Luke 2:39). For us, this looks like building a Christ-centered

rhythm: regular Mass, prayer, and a sincere effort to live the Gospel.

These choices shape the spiritual life of our homes.

**Accept the crosses that come.** Simeon's words to Mary, "*a sword will pierce your own soul*" (Luke 2:35), warned of future suffering. Her "yes" to God included both joy and sacrifice. We cannot remove our children's struggles, but we can accompany them with faith and trust in God's plan.

**Remain open to God's call.** Children may feel drawn to paths we would not have chosen. Like Mary and Joseph, we are called to trust that God is at work in their lives and to support their vocation with openness and faith.

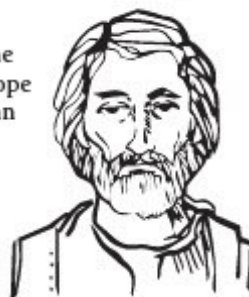


## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics honor St. Joseph in May?

The feast of Saint Joseph the Worker was established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 as a Christian response to secular labor movements observed on May 1.

The observance honors the dignity of work, exemplified by St. Joseph



and his foster son, Jesus, who provided for the Holy Family through honest labor. All work, no matter how simple, shares in God's care for creation (Genesis 2:15).

The feast calls us to respect and value those whose daily work sustains society.

## Form children for safe screen habits

We cannot shield our children from every risk online, but we can form them to navigate them wisely. The goal is not only safety, but helping them to experience real community, identity, and belonging.

**Be the first place they turn.** Encourage children to come to you with their questions before turning to the internet or even peers. Respond calmly and honestly, in ways that fit their age. This builds trust and keeps communication open.

**Pay attention to warning signs.** Sudden

mood changes, withdrawal from usual activities, excessive screen time, or secrecy around devices can signal a problem. Use parental controls when needed, but don't rely on them alone.

**Create clear boundaries.** Establish screen-free spaces and times, such as during meals, family activities, or at church. These rhythms protect time for conversation and help children develop social skills.

**Prioritize real-world connection and service.** Encourage involvement in family responsibilities, parish life, and acts of service. Experiences of helping others ground children in reality and foster a deeper sense of purpose and belonging.



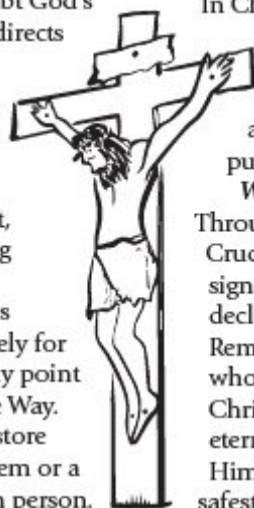
## Scripture LESSON

### John 3:16-18, We are precious to God

When we're tempted to doubt God's love or presence, the Church directs our attention to the Crucifix.

What can appear as mere punishment reveals, in truth, the full extent of divine love. In the suffering of Christ, Catholics recognize not defeat, but a deliberate and self-giving act of redemption.

God's love is not distant. It is proven in sacrifice, offered freely for our sake. Jesus does not simply point the way to salvation. He is the Way. When humanity could not restore itself, God did not send a system or a set of instructions. He came in person.



In Christ, God enters human suffering and transforms it from within, offering His life out of love, for love, and with unwavering purpose.

**What can a parent do?**

Through the Resurrection, the Crucifix becomes more than a sign of suffering. It stands as a declaration of victory and hope. Remind children that for those who entrust themselves to Him, Christ provides a sure path to eternal life. Remaining close to Him is not only faithful. It is the safest place we can be.

## Feasts & Celebrations

**May 12 – St. Pancras (c. 304).** Orphaned at an early age, he was brought by an uncle to Rome. Inspired by other Christians, they converted. St. Pancras was beheaded for refusing to sacrifice to idols during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian. St. Pancras was only fourteen years old.

**May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima (1917).** The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children near Fatima, Portugal, and asked them to pray the Rosary for peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion

of Russia.

**May 14 – The Ascension of the Lord.** This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

**May 31 – The Most Holy Trinity.** Today, we honor the central mystery of our Faith. There is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus revealed this mystery after the Resurrection (Matthew 28:19).



## Parent TALK

When my mother died, we began visiting the cemetery regularly to pray for her. I noticed that some of the



surrounding graves looked neglected. They had dead flowers or mildew obscured the

name on the stone. It was sad that the people buried there had no one to take care of their memorials.

Prior to our next trip, we picked up cleaning supplies. We spiffed up the tombstones and cleaned up the areas around the graves. We said a prayer over each tombstone we cleaned for the person it named.

"Why are we doing this?" Tessa asked. "The dead people won't care."

I explained that caring for graves and praying for the people they contain is considered "burying the dead" – one of the Corporal Works of Mercy the Church asks us to do for others. I reminded the children that whatever kindness we do for others, we do for Jesus.

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