

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

July 5, 2026 • 14th 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*
Mr. Jay A. Conklin.....*Assistant*
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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, JULY 4

(A) 4:00 pm Fr. Hugh McManus †
(H) 5:30 pm Raymond & Mary Szczucki †

SUNDAY, JULY 5

(H) 8:30 am Mary Finneran †
(A) 10:00 am Aristide Sognonvi †
(H) 11:30 am Decd. Members
Combs/McGurk Families

MONDAY, JULY 6

(A) 8:00 am Maria Louise Sergi †
(H) 9:00 am Maureen O'Connor †

TUESDAY, JULY 7

(A) 8:00 am Missa Pro Popolo
(H) 9:00 am Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

(A) 8:00 am Catharine Donaghey †
(H) 9:00 am Harry J. Bloomer Jr. †

THURSDAY, JULY 9

(A) 8:00 am Lena Whitehead †
(H) 9:00 am Rose Murray †

FRIDAY, JULY 10

(A) 8:00 am Mario Spagnuolo, MD †
(H) 9:00 am James French †

SATURDAY, JULY 11

(A) 8:00 am Kazimierz Dziedzic †
(H) 9:00 am Audrey Bloomer †
(A) 4:00 pm Philip Mosca †
(H) 5:30 pm Pauline Illmensee †

SUNDAY, JULY 12

(H) 8:30 am Maire Sanzone †
(A) 10:00 am Olga Pecora †
(H) 11:30 am Taylor DeSisto †

REQUESTED BY:

Family
Denise Szczucki

Janet Lokay
Marie Sognonvi
Ann Nehrbauer

Claire & Gene Purvin
Sherry Family

Ho Soon Choi
Family

Agnes & Hugh Dynes

Family
Jim Ceccolini

Bernadette Machowski
Bryan Healy
Elaine Mosca
Joan Haubold

Elizabeth Plaushin
Family
Janet & Marty



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

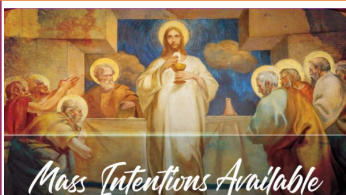
ATTENDANCE

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 OLP, 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.



Until 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 July, August & September are available at both OLP & 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

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Reading I: Zachariah 9: 9-10 Israel's future king will come to Jerusalem humbly riding on the colt of a donkey. He will bring peace to all nations.

Reading II: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Believers in Christ are to live in His Spirit. On the Last Day, God will resurrect the bodies of the saints.

The Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Only a remnant will trust Jesus. They are to learn from Him as the model of obedience to the Father out of mutual love. Jesus is gentle and humble. He invites us to come to Him, and He will in turn give us more than a bodily rest as held in the Old Covenant, but rather a heavenly rest in the New.



The purpose of the MassTimes ministry is to help Catholics get to Mass by helping them find churches and worship times worldwide. We do this by hosting and sharing the most comprehensive database of Catholic churches and worship times in existence.

MassTimes uses your current location, if you have permitted it, to display a list of churches. You may also initiate a search by entering any address, city, state/province, postal code, etc., in the world into the Address Bar. You may also tap/click anywhere on the map to start a new search.

WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG



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: June 28

Sunday 6/28: \$

Parish Giving \$

Weekend Total: \$

Collection update not available at Press Time

Father's Day envelopes 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 Mary E. Wolff

req. by Wolff Family

St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of

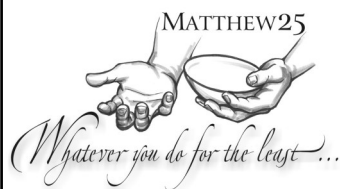
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St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

In Memory of Eugenia Helen Phillips

& Cecil George Barrett

req. by Bryan Barrett



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 July 11th & 12th.

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



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.

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.



Communion
for the
Homebound

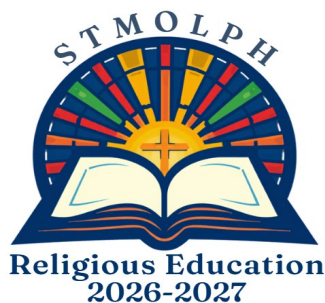


The **RECTORY OFFICE** will close at 1pm on Fridays for the summer months (Memorial Day through Labor Day). Please remember, even though the office is close, you can still reserve Masses, as well as Candles online. A direct link can be found on the parish website: www.stmolph.com

Registration continues for the 2026-2027 Religious Education school year.

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.

Registrations after August 1st, a late fee of \$50 will be added.
Deadline to register: September 1st



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



CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS: Please remember to register via Parish Giving website: Late fee: \$50 after 8/1/2026. Registration closes September 1, 2026. 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 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.

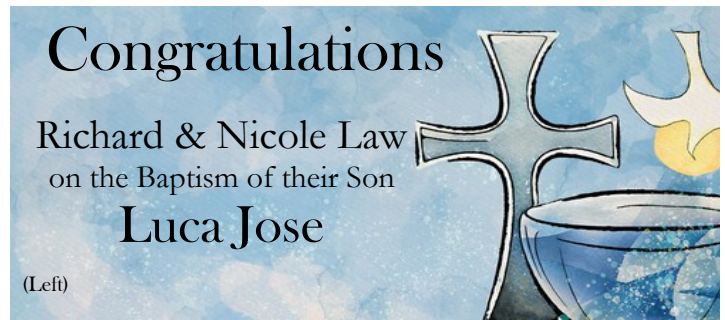
Fall Mandatory Religious Education dates: 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21

*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





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.

The Rectory will be CLOSED on Friday, July 3rd in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

Happy 4th of July!

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ANNIVERSARY

St. John Paul II said American Catholics Should Turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe to Lead Us.

by Tom Hoopes

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The future of America depends on Catholics — but don't take my word for it. St. John Paul II said, "The continuing success of American democracy depends on the degree to which each new generation, native-born and immigrant, make its own the moral truths on which the Founding Fathers staked the future of your Republic." On his U.S visit, Pope Francis spelled out what those "moral truths" are.

"One of the highlights of my visit is to stand here, before Independence Hall," he said. "It was here that the freedoms which define this country were first proclaimed. The Declaration of Independence stated that all men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, and that governments exist to protect and defend those rights." For the 250th birthday of America the U.S. Bishops launched a site supporting the founding principles — and Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas, where I work, is celebrating July 4 with the Grand Opening of our new Independence Hall library, with a replica Assembly Room and Liberty Bell, and a display of original founding documents. Catholics are uniquely poised to deepen the nation's commitment to its founding principles for four reasons.



First, America's future depends on religious people, because its principles are religious principles.

Frederick Douglass, who was a Christian evangelist, knew firsthand the horrors of slavery — but he said the Declaration of Independence was its answer. "The 4th of July is the first great fact in your nation's history," he said. "The principles contained in that instrument are saving principles. Stand by those principles, be true to them on all occasions, in all places, against all foes, and at whatever cost."

He believed "the right to liberty" would prevail against slavery — and he was right. Today, we believe "the right to life" will prevail against legalized abortion. We are right, too, because human beings really are "endowed by Our Creator" with rights. Now, our job is to evangelize — because "self-government" only works with a religious people who obey God's will. When people have no self-control, the government has to control them instead.

Second, Catholics in particular have a deep understanding of the nation's founding principles.

As the bishops point out at their site, Catholic thinkers influenced the Declaration of Independence directly. The words of Doctor of the Church Robert Bellarmine match key phrases in the document. But in addition, St. Thomas Aquinas' interpretation of Aristotle led Catholic theology to uniquely embrace a document based on, in its words, the "laws of nature and of nature's God." St. John Paul II spelled out the connection between our faith and our founding.

"In a world without truth, freedom loses its foundation, and a democracy without values can lose its very soul," he said, but America "possesses a safeguard, a great bulwark, against this happening. I speak of your founding documents: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights. These documents are grounded in and embody unchanging principles of the natural law whose permanent truth and validity can be known by reason, for it is the law written by God in human hearts." The future of America depends on our commitment to these "unchanging principles" and "permanent truths."

Third, the future of America depends on Catholics because of sheer numbers.

Catholics outnumber each of the Protestant dominations in America, and below-replacement level birthrates nationwide will only continue this dominance. Gallup found that Catholics who go to Mass weekly are among the only demographics of current Americans that is growing. In addition, U.S. immigration is from predominantly Catholic countries. Pope Leo XIV, the most prominent American worldwide, is a great example of the faith in America, coming as he does from French, Italian, Spanish and Louisiana Creole immigrants who were welcomed by the Church in America. The only question is whether the Church will rise to the challenge again.

Fourth, religious people are critical to America, because the United States is the "new Rome."

Commentators on the left and right love comparing America to Rome: Our nation was founded on Roman models, including Roman architecture, and now, for better and worse, America sets values worldwide — just like Rome.

Pope Francis said that when we spread the principles of the Declaration, it's for the better. "Those ringing words continue to inspire us today, even as they have inspired peoples throughout the world to fight for the freedom to live in accordance with their dignity," he said.

But our ultimate challenge is to be the "soul" of the Republic, just as ancient Christians were. St. John Paul II said American Catholics should turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe to lead us in that. "Through her powerful intercession," he said, "the Gospel will penetrate the hearts of the men and women of America and permeate their cultures, transforming them from within."

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Patriotism, Faith and America at 250

by Archbishop Emeritus Jerome E. Listecky

Family and friends know that I have a fond affection for our first president, George Washington. He was a man dedicated and fashioned by the Declaration of Independence and, as president, abided by the Constitution of the United States of America. He was the father of the country and, not having any children of his own, treated the country as his God given family. He was offered the crown — wanting to make him the king. Instead, as a man of principle, he respected and abided by the parameters of his office designed by the Constitution. After serving two terms, he retired to his plantation till his death. He was respected by those who served under his command and held in the highest esteem by the representatives of the various colonies. King George of England declared that Washington would never give up the presidency and, if he did, he would be considered the greatest of men. Washington was the greatest of men. Washington also understood the importance of religion to this fledgling union. Our country was founded on the desire for religious freedom. This strong belief in God formed the character that would provide our country with the strength for our development and see us through the most difficult of times. We, as Catholics, also have had to struggle against the prejudices that confronted our beliefs. But the strong reliance on our trust in God created a vision, allowing us to go forward trusting in the creation of a more perfect union.

In the last part of Washington's prayer for the country he states that he would "most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our beloved religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation. Amen."

I speak of President Washington because we are approaching the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation. As citizens, we have much to be proud of in the United States. But we live in an age that quickly demeans and criticizes. Patriotism is ridiculed, and adherence to American exceptionalism questioned. I proudly state that I am a patriot. I love our country and embrace the symbols that represent the nation. Throughout the years of our development, men and women freely died to defend the United States. Many in my family served to protect our country. They celebrated their service as a reflection of their responsibility as citizens of this great nation to preserve what they inherited.

On this 250th anniversary, we should celebrate our commitment to this nation that ensures our freedom and liberties. I would like to emphasize that we are proud American Catholics and offer suggestions to assist us in celebrating this particularly historic moment.

The founding fathers were a unique group of men: Washington (my favorite), Adams, Jefferson, Franklin, Hamilton and others. I suggest that you choose one and read a biography. Hopefully, the biographer will challenge you to understand the difficulties confronting the figure and their vision that helped shape who we are today. Their founding principles provide us with support to manage the difficulties we confront in our modern age.

As I said, we are American Catholics, and the patron of our country is the Immaculate Conception. There is a beautiful shrine to the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. However, many of us cannot travel to visit the shrine during this anniversary celebration, so I suggest that you visit one of the Marian shrines here in Wisconsin. We are blessed to have three wonderful sites:

Our Lady of Gaudalupe in La Crosse — Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of the Americas.

Our Lady of Champion within the Diocese of Green Bay — the only authenticated site of the apparition of the Blessed Mother in the continental United States.

Holy Hill and the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians located in Hubertus.

I would suggest that, upon arrival, prayers, especially the Hail Mary, be offered for the semiquincentennial (250th) anniversary of the United States of America and for the continued growth of the Catholic Church in the United States. We need to be steadfast in our vigilance for religious freedom, which is guaranteed in the First Amendment to the Constitution.

We have been blessed by men and women who have sacrificed their lives paying the ultimate cost to ensure that we live in freedom. I suggest that you visit a military cemetery and view the white crosses that dot the landscape and pray for their souls. There are several military cemeteries in our area, but a visit to the War Memorial next to the Art Museum provides a memorable moment. We are blessed as a people, and this anniversary should remind us of the gifts we have been given and the privilege of being citizens of this great nation. Let us celebrate our heritage and pledge our commitment to keep our nation free.

Remembering Washington's prayer and imitating the Divine Author in charity, humility and peace, let us strive to be to be a happy nation. God Bless the United States of America.

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Archbishop Emeritus Jerome E. Listecky served as Archbishop of Milwaukee from 2010 through 2024. He was ordained in 1975.