

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 19, 2026 • 16th 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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 Rectory Office.....office@stmolph.com



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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

ST. MATTHEW & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 18

(A) 4:00 pm Karl Fister †
(H) 5:30 pm Deceased Members
Wm. B. Walzer Sr. Family †

REQUESTED BY:

Bernardo Family
Carol Walzer

SUNDAY, JULY 19

(H) 8:30 am Kathleen O'Connell †
(A) 10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †
(H) 11:30 am William Waryha †

Michael Reilly
Camille Gutierrez
Joan Waryha Porter

MONDAY, JULY 20

(A) 8:00 am Sonia Charraro †
(H) 9:00 am In Thanksgiving
Tom Anderson & Family

Husband Xavier
Jane

TUESDAY, JULY 21

(A) 8:00 am Lena Christina Whitehead †
(H) 9:00 am Barbara Talbot †

Sharon E. Schiff
Virginia Markman

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of
Mary, Mike, & Sophia Wolff
(H) 9:00 am Msgr. Francis Gorman †

Bryan Healy

THURSDAY, JULY 23

(A) 8:00 am Missa Pro Popolo
(H) 9:00 am Kevin Fenton Reilly †

Spana Family

FRIDAY, JULY 24

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Wolff Family
(H) 9:00 am Henry Michael Johnson †

Janis & Peter Solheim

SATURDAY, JULY 25

(A) 8:00 am Blanca Madera †
(H) 9:00 am Souls In Purgatory
(A) 4:00 pm Nicola Cantatore †
(H) 5:30 pm Andrew Shvedowsky, Jr. †

Daughter

Silvia Melina
Lana Como

SUNDAY, JULY 26

(H) 8:30 am Chelsea Ferrette †
(A) 10:00 am Sal Campoli †
(H) 11:30 am Richad Orgera †

Susan LaTuga
wife Dora
Rice Family



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."

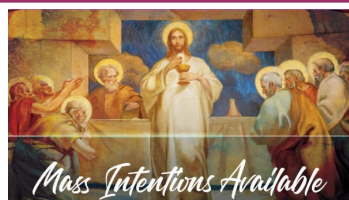
- Abp. Fulton J. Sheen

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 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.



A number of weekday Masses in July, August & September 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



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.

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Reading I: Wisdom 12: 13; 16-19

God gives everyone time and opportunity to give up their evil ways. He governs us "with great forbearance."

Reading II: Romans 8: 26-27

When distress makes our prayer difficult, the Spirit makes our very sighing into a prayer. The Son of God also requests from the Father whatever we need.

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43, or 13: 24-30

Parables about farm life Jesus uses to illustrate aspects of His kingdom. One fact emerges from the first in the series: saints and sinners will live side by side until the Day of Judgment.



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.

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COLLECTION REPORT:

Weekend: July 12

Sunday 7/12: \$3,606

Parish Giving \$2,210

Weekend Total: \$5,816

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Upcoming Second Collections

July 19: Maintenance & Repairs

July 26: Air Conditioning

August 9: ADNY Pastoral Solidarity

August 16: Maintenance & Repairs

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 William Waryha

by Joan Waryha Porter

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

In Memory of Carmella Szczucki

req. by Denise



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 Mass

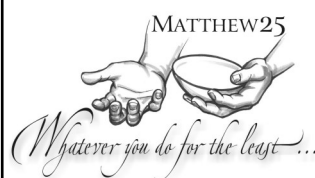
***October 26, 2026 - Confirmation:** STM 7pm



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



Congratulations
Jeff & Danielle Shannon
and older brother Rory
on the Baptism of their
Son & Brother
Oliver Colm



FOOD COLLECTION:

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 August 8th - 9th.



Dear Parishioners,

We are thrilled to share an exciting update to our Parish Giving online giving platform! You now have the option to cover the processing fees associated with your online donations, a feature that was not available in the past. This new option allows you to ensure that the full amount of your intended gift directly supports our parish's mission, ministries, and community outreach.



For current online givers to opt in to cover the fee:

- Log in to your existing online giving account.
- Go to your scheduled gifts.
- Select edit on each schedule you would like to update.
- You will see an option to cover the processing fee- simply check that box if you wish to help.

For those who have yet to try online giving, we warmly encourage you to explore this convenient and secure way to contribute. Online giving allows you to support our parish from anywhere, at any time, with just a few clicks. Whether you are a regular giver or new to contributing, this is a wonderful opportunity to join in sustaining our vibrant parish community.

To donate or explore this new feature, please visit <https://www.paritygiving.org/portal/684-StMatthew> and follow the simple instructions. You will see the option to include the transaction fee during the donation process.

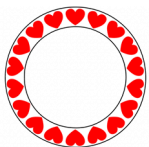
If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Parish Giving at 1-866-307-7140 (Monday through Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM EST) or info@paritygiving.org for assistance in setting up a new online giving account, updating your scheduled donations or changing the fee option.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Your support helps us continue our work of faith, service, and community.



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.



CIRCLE OF LOVE PRAYER GROUP

Meets Wednesdays at
OLPH Church, 7:30pm.
All are welcome to attend.

Our Lady of Fatima Wants to Visit You!

For over 40 years, our parish's Circle of Love prayer group has shared the joy and peace of Our Lady of Fatima through a traveling Pilgrim Virgin statue. . If you'd like to welcome Our Lady into your home, call Lourdes at 914-564-3243



SCAM EMAILS, TEXT MESSAGES FROM THE PARISH or PASTOR

We have been notified that parishioners are receiving emails & text messages claiming to be from the Parish or Fr. Crawford, asking parishioners to contact him asap. The emails start by asking if you are available, then ask you to make a purchase of gift cards. **THESE EMAILS & TEXT MESSAGES ARE NOT FROM FR. CRAWFORD OR THE CHURCH.**

If you receive an email from the Parish or a priest asking for money or help, please delete the message right away.

A priest nor the parish will NEVER email you asking for money, gift cards, or help of any kind.

We have no control over this and there is no way we can stop it. *If you have questions about an email you receive, call the rectory.*

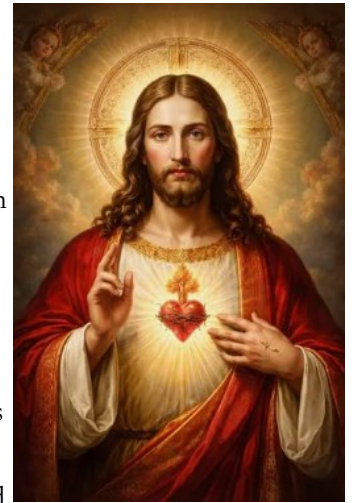
Sacred Heart Devotion on The Rise.

by Dorota Niedźwiecka

Once rejected by a powerful French king, the devotion is drawing thousands to a small Polish shrine. The Heart of Jesus is once again becoming our shield!

The devotion to the Sacred Heart has rescued people during times of plague, given consolation to soldiers at war, and brought about miraculous healings. This nearly Catholic treasure, which lost popularity in the last century, is surging in popularity in our parishes today. Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart is making a definitive comeback. This is thanks in part to groups like the Alliance of the Holy Family International (approved by Pope St. John Paul II). They encourage families to consecrate themselves to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Parishes and communities are increasingly organizing vigils of reparation to the Two Hearts.

Pope Francis in 2024 also published an encyclical, *Dilexit Nos*, encouraging the practice of this devotion. “We may be tempted to consider this mystery of love as an admirable relic from the past, a fine spirituality suited to other times,” he writes. “Yet we need to remind ourselves constantly that, as [St. Daniel Comboni] once said, “this divine heart, which let itself be pierced by an enemy’s lance in order to pour forth through that sacred wound the sacraments by which the Church was formed, has never ceased to love.” Throughout the text, the Argentine pontiff speaks of the “enduring relevance” of this devotion. He particularly highlights the apostolic fruits it inspired in numerous saints up to the present day.



Pilgrims flooding to Polish shrine: Clearly, after years of being largely forgotten, God is calling for this devotion once again. Further proof of this is the sudden flourishing of piety around a miraculous image in Milejczyce, Poland. This is the oldest known image of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in that country, and perhaps one of the oldest in the world. It dates back to the late 17th century. It features a unique motif: Jesus with a thorn-crowned Heart on his exposed chest, carrying a lamb on his shoulders as the Good Shepherd.

Devotion at this shrine is growing at a staggering pace, jumping from 20,000 pilgrims in 2024 to nearly 60,000 just one year later. The faithful have received numerous miracles. These include healings from cancer, the birth of a healthy baby despite a Down syndrome diagnosis, and even the resurrection of an unborn child in the mother's womb. As a seal on these graces, on June 12, 2026, the church in Milejczyce officially gained the rank of a shrine.

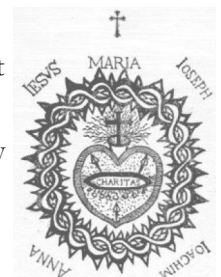
Healing and a new tradition: Another major impulse spreading devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is the story of Gabriela and Marek Rosiek. In 2018, 34-year-old Marek lay in a coma on a ventilator. Doctors gave him no chance of survival. His wife, Gabriela, was invited to pray specifically to the Heart of Jesus. Marek completely regained his health—a medically impossible recovery—and out of gratitude, he made a Badge of the Sacred Heart and offered it to the Savior. This sparked a new custom in Stara Miłosna, near Warsaw: the solemn reception of the Badge of the Sacred Heart. Today, this tradition has spread to several parishes across Poland and even abroad. It has gained the support of numerous bishops in Poland.

The origins of the devotion: When the Kingdom of France was at the peak of its power in 1673, the Savior passed on an extraordinary message to the world. He revealed his Most Sacred Heart to a humble French Visitandine nun, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, telling her what great protection one can find in it. “My divine Heart is so inflamed with love for men that, no longer able to contain in itself the flames of its ardent charity, it must pour them out through you. It desires to enrich humanity with its precious treasures,” he told her. The First Friday devotion, among other practices, stems from these revelations.

Through St. Margaret Mary, in 1689 Jesus sent a message to the reigning king of France, Louis XIV. The Lord told him to officially consecrate the nation to the Sacred Heart and build a church in his honor. He also requested that the image of his Heart be placed on state and military banners and engraved on weapons. He promised that if they did this, he would pour generous graces upon France and defeat all her enemies. Unfortunately, the Sun King completely rejected these requests. A hundred years after this call, one of the bloodiest anti-Catholic revolutions broke out in the country: the French Revolution. France, historically dubbed the Eldest Daughter of the Church, plunged into a bloody reign of terror. In 1793, one of the Sun King's successors, Louis XVI, fell victim to the violence. Imprisoned by revolutionaries, he eventually promised to make a solemn consecration of France to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sadly, it was too late for him to take action. He was soon guillotined.

The Badge of the Sacred Heart: The revelations of St. Margaret Mary are closely associated with what is known in the English-speaking world as the Badge of the Sacred Heart. In many countries, it's referred to as a “shield” or in similar terms, reflecting its use to invoke spiritual or physical protection. St. Margaret Mary began sketching the image according to her vision, placing her drawings in the oratory of the novitiate in Paray-le-Monial. When she was a novice mistress, she and her novices personally consecrated themselves to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus before this image on July 20, 1685. This was the first public act of the devotion.

She also requested the creation of small images of the Heart of Jesus, “since the Savior himself wishes that the faithful who desire to pay him homage wear such images, and that they place larger ones in their homes.” Initially, the badges, also called the Little Scapular, were distributed among friends of the Visitandine sisters.



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The Sacred Heart on banners: In the 18th century, during a plague epidemic in Marseille in 1720, Blessed Anne-Madeleine Rémuzat popularized the Badge of the Sacred Heart. Through it, many people obtained an effective defense against the disease. During the French Revolution of 1789, the Badge became a symbol of Catholic resistance to persecution. An image of the Most Sacred Heart was even found among the personal belongings of Queen Marie Antoinette. When the Reign of Terror prevailed, the image was ultimately hoisted onto banners by the peasants of the Vendée, who wore the Heart of Jesus on their flags and chests as they stood up to fight in defense of the faith and the king. The image was also popular among Catholics during the Cristero War in Mexico in the early 20th century.

Papal blessings: The Church officially approved this form of piety in the 19th century. In 1870, Blessed Pope Pius IX declared, "I am going to bless this Heart and want all badges made after this model to receive the same blessing, so that in the future, it will not be necessary for the blessing to be renewed by a priest." This blessing was renewed in 1872, and in 1915 Pope Benedict XV also permitted the use of enameled badges instead of fabric ones.

In the 19th and early 20th centuries, devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus blossomed. This widespread piety was visibly reflected by the printed images of the Sacred Heart that hung in almost every Catholic home. However, the devotion seemed to experience a period of decline in the second half of the 20th century.

The best protection in life: Today, the resurgence of devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus often begins with miracles and the gratitude of individuals and families. After receiving graces, they naturally carry this spark to their pastors and neighboring parishes. God's gentle invitations to turn to his Heart, along with tangible miracles, remind us that God is clearly claiming this devotion once again. It is a sign that in our times, entrusting all matters of life to him is the ultimate protection. The Heart of Jesus desires to reign effectively in our daily lives!

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Did you know St. Peter's Prison Guards are Saints?

by Philip Kosloski

When St. Peter was imprisoned in Rome, the prison guards who were assigned to his prison cell converted to Christianity and were baptized by him.

St. Peter had a way of touching people's lives in a unique way, often converting them to Christianity. This happened on multiple occasions, even when he was jailed.

According to various legends, when St. Peter was thrown into jail in Rome, two guards were assigned to his prison cell to ensure that he would not escape.

St. Peter had a history of escaping prison, though always in a divinely ordered fashion. One account can be found in the Acts of the Apostles, in which an angel appeared to him and led him out of prison (cf. Acts 12).



Imprisoned in Rome

When Peter was imprisoned in Rome, however, he was not to be rescued in the same way. Instead, God used the opportunity to bring the two prison guards who guarded him to the Christian faith.

Their names were Martinian and Processus, and with so much time spent with St. Peter (and possibly St. Paul), they wished to be baptized. A legend says that water flowed from a rock in the prison so that St. Peter could baptize them. According to the Butler's Lives of the Saints, their faith was quickly tested by their fellow guards:

The officer in charge, Paulinu, tried to persuade Processus and Martinian from their new faith, and afterwards subjected them to cruel tortures when they would not offer incense on the altar of Jupiter.

Refusing to renounce their newfound Christian faith, the two guards were martyred and their relics were eventually buried in St. Peter's Basilica. Their memory is kept in the Roman Martyrology and their feast is on July 2 each year.

Their lives remind us how much a single person's encounter can change someone's life. If we live out our faith joyfully, others will be attracted to it.

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