

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
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August 2, 2026 • 18th 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

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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



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ST. MATTHEW & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

(A) 4:00 pm Intentions of Gabriel Villa

(H) 5:30 pm Eng Lun Chang †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

(H) 8:30 am Alfonso & Maria Marino †

(A) 10:00 am Ray Gutierrez †

(H) 11:30 am George Nehrbauer †

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

(A) 8:00 am Missa Pro Popolo

(H) 9:00 am Ann Rooney †

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

(A) 8:00 am Jackie O'Rourke †

(H) 9:00 am Mona Lessner †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

(A) 8:00 am Intentions of Fr. Michael Morris

(H) 9:00 am Charles Lokay †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

(A) 8:00 am Ferguson & Higgins Family

(H) 9:00 am Fr. Lawrence Pinto †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

(A) 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

(H) 9:00 am Ian Christie †

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

(A) 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

(H) 9:00 am Mary Beth Powers †

(A) 4:00 pm Carol Kennedy †

(H) 5:30 pm Arthur Sherry †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

(H) 8:30 am Patricia Taylor †

(A) 10:00 am Olga Pecora †

(H) 11:30 am George & Virginia Gray †

REQUESTED BY:

Charlotte

Gagliardi Family

Pavone Family

Camille Gutierrez

Ann Nehrbauer

Family

Janet Lokay

Phyllis Richter

Ling Ho & Sean Christie

Susan & John Seligman

Family

Sherry Family

Regina & Steven Patsy

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

"A religion that doesn't interfere with secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it."

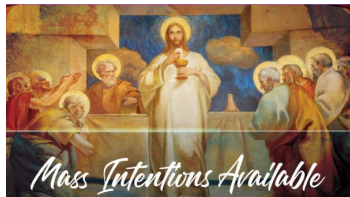
- Abp. Fulton J. Sheen

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.



A number of weekday Masses in August, September & October 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: Isaiah 55: 1-8

The prophet promises a new covenant that will fulfill the one made by the Lord with David. Meanwhile he also notes that the mercies of God are too abundant for us sinners to truly comprehend.

Reading II: Romans 8: 35, 37-39

The suffering person cries out for deliverance. We must remember that salvation cannot be threatened by any force outside of ourselves.

The Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and fishes appears in all four gospels. This underscores its importance for us, as it anticipates the miracle of the Last Supper. There would come the priesthood of the ordained and also of the faithful people of the Church.



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.

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COLLECTION REPORT:

Weekend: July 26

Sunday 7/26: \$2,912

Parish Giving \$3,530

Weekend Total: \$6,442

Air Conditioning: \$953

Upcoming Second Collections

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**



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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 Juan Roman Nunez Daza

req. by his Children:

Mercedes, Malu and Juan Gonzalo

St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of Joseph Richter

by sister wife Phyllis

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

In Memory of

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The Rectory Office will be CLOSED from August 10th-24th

If you will be in need of anything from the office, please try to have all transactions done ahead of time,

ie: Sponsor letters, Baptismal Certificates, Mass Cards.

Please remember, If you are in need of a Mass Card or Candles while the office is closed, you can be reserve both online from the parish website: www.stmolph.com

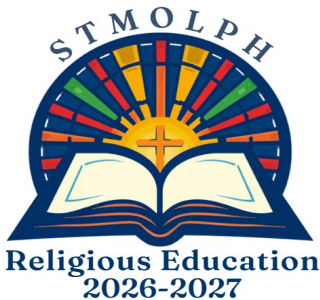
Notice: Closed For Vacation



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 next weekend, August 8th & 9th.

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



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 will occur a \$50 late fee.

Registrations will not be accepted after 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 and 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



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.



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



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.

Martha Is a Saint, Despite Being Rebuked by Jesus.

by Philip Kosloski



Jesus certainly praised the activity of Martha's sister, Mary, but he didn't say that what Martha was doing was worthless.

In the Gospels, Martha isn't given the most positive profile. She does all that she can for Jesus, and somehow is "rebuked" for it?

What's really happening?

First, we need to see how St. Luke frames the situation: *Now as they went on their way, he entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."* (Luke 10:38-42)

One thing to note is that some translations say Mary has chosen the "better part," while the RSV-CE names it, "the good portion." This is an important distinction, as "the good portion" does less to minimize the service that Martha is doing for Jesus as a host. What she is doing is still "good," but there is something different about what her sister Mary is doing.

One thing necessary

Pope Benedict XVI explains in an Angelus message that what Martha was missing was her primary focus:

Christ's words are quite clear: there is no contempt for active life, nor even less for generous hospitality; rather, a distinct reminder of the fact that the only really necessary thing is something else: listening to the word of the Lord; and the Lord is there at that moment, present in the Person of Jesus! All the rest will pass away and will be taken from us but the word of God is eternal and gives meaning to our daily actions. He continues by saying, "the human person must indeed work and be involved in domestic and professional occupations, but first and foremost needs God, who is the inner light of Love and Truth. **Without love, even the most important activities lose their value and give no joy.**"

The good news is that Martha learned her lesson that day, and she remained a faithful servant of Christ, but instead of being **distracted**, she put her focus on Jesus.

The active life is important and St. Martha could be called in some ways the "patron of the active life," but if we are not focused on Jesus and his Word, then everything we do falls short. St. Martha also reminds us that just because Jesus calls us out, it doesn't mean we should give up. Jesus is inviting us to a deeper relationship, and instead of remaining obstinate in our pride, we need to be humble and accept Jesus' loving guidance.

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BINGO NIGHT

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Everyone encouraged to attend. Bring a Friend! All Ages Welcome!

Fun times, Cash Prizes, Great Parishioners

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

Join us for a fun back-to-school game night!

Saturday, September 19th following 4pm Mass

OLPH CHURCH
535 Ashford Avenue
Ardsley, NY

Great Prizes!
Snacks
Laughs
Community

Come for the game. Stay for the community.
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Pope Leo's Message Offers Five Refreshing Ways to See Old Age — Not as an Ending, But as a Season Still Full of Hope.

by Cerith Gardiner

Growing older isn't always easy to talk about. We celebrate birthdays, joke about getting older, congratulate people on retirement and then, almost without noticing, we start treating later life as though it were a long conclusion rather than a chapter still being written.

Pope Leo's message for this year's World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly gently challenges that idea. Yes, he encourages younger people to "revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them." But then he does something much more unusual. He stops talking about older people and starts talking directly to them. His message is full of hope, not because it ignores the realities of aging, but because it refuses to let them have the final word. And here were his five essential reminders:



1. You are not forgotten

One of the quiet fears of growing older is the feeling of becoming less visible. Children grow up, careers end, social circles become smaller, and sometimes it can seem as though the world is carrying on without you. Pope Leo doesn't pretend that fear doesn't exist. In fact, he names it, writing that "the painful feeling of being forgotten is, unfortunately, shared by many people, and among them are quite a few elderly people." Then he answers it with God's own promise: "I will never forget you." Those five words become the heartbeat of the entire message.

2. You are more than your age

One of the most powerful passages in the letter is also one of the saddest. Pope Leo speaks of lives that "seem to be covered by a veil that blurs the features of their faces and shrouds them in oblivion," warning that "each person's uniqueness risks being reduced to a bed number or an illness." Anyone who has watched a loved one grow older will recognize the danger. Age, illness, or frailty can begin to overshadow the person themselves. The Pontiff quietly pushes back against that way of seeing. Before anything else, older people remain sons and daughters of God.

3. It's never too late for a new beginning

We tend to associate fresh starts with youth: A first job, a first home, a first child. Faith, says Pope Leo, doesn't necessarily follow that timetable. He observes that many people reach old age "without having had a genuine experience of faith," before adding that later life "can become the right time to begin or resume a spiritual life." That is a remarkably hopeful thought. We spend so much of life believing certain opportunities have passed us by. Pope Leo reminds us that God's invitations don't come with an expiration date, and His door is never closed.

4. Don't be afraid of fragility

Modern life spends a great deal of energy trying to hide weakness. We celebrate independence, productivity, and keeping busy. Ageing has a habit of reminding us that none of those things lasts forever. While Pope Leo doesn't offer easy answers, he does offer reassuring words: "Do not be afraid of fragility!" Reflecting on Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, he even speaks about being "born anew" in old age. It is a beautiful reminder that spiritual growth is not reserved for the young.

5. Your prayers still matter ... a lot!

The Pontiff's message ends in a way many readers may not expect. Looking at a world marked by war and unrest, Pope Leo doesn't simply ask older people to persevere. He asks them to join him in praying earnestly for peace, before thanking them for the prayers they already offer, especially through the Rosary. It is a fitting conclusion because it leaves older people with something far more valuable than sympathy. It leaves them with purpose.

Read from beginning to end, Pope Leo's message quietly overturns many of our assumptions about aging. Rather than describing old age as a slow retreat from life, he presents it as a time when God's promise still stands, faith can still grow, and every person remains known, loved and never forgotten.

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Andy Burnham: UK's first Catholic prime minister? Yes and No

by Joanne McPortland

Labour Party's Andy Burnham says Catholicism is an important part of his life and his politics -- though he no longer practices the faith.

When Andrew Murray Burnham became Prime Minister of the United Kingdom this month, news stories were quick to call him the first Catholic to hold this office. It's true that Burnham, who was born to an Irish Catholic mother in the Liverpool area, identifies himself as Catholic. That's big news in the UK, where the established church is Protestant and until the early 1800s, Catholics were barred from any Parliamentary office, not to mention that of Prime Minister.



Today's Britain is deeply secularized, with 37% of those surveyed in England and Wales recently claiming "no religion," and less than half calling themselves Christian. But past tensions between Catholics and Protestants were not limited to clashes in Ireland. As the New York Times explained in a profile of Burnham's faith:

The English church originated in King Henry VIII's long-ago break with Rome. The story in other parts of Britain was different, but religious rivalry and fear were widespread.

English Protestants regarded a Catholic leader as a threat to their sovereignty, a fear that eventually led to the Glorious Revolution of 1688, which saw the overthrow of the last Catholic king, James II. Anti-Catholic laws followed. Legislation passed in 1829 and then 1858 removed many, but not all, of those legal barriers.

The UK has had one prime minister who was Jewish by birth -- Benjamin Disraeli was raised in the Church of England from his early teens -- and one practicing Hindu, Rishi Sunak. Boris Johnson was baptized Catholic but received into the Anglican Church as an Eton student. Tony Blair was married to a Catholic and often attended Catholic services while prime minister, but did not officially convert until after leaving office. The Catholic Tudor Queen Mary I appointed a Catholic as her chief advisor, but there was no such formal role as prime minister at the time. So Andy Burnham is a first.

Cultural identity, Catholic social teaching: Burnham himself, however, admits his Catholicism is more a part of his cultural identity than a devotional practice. He attended Catholic grammar school and high school, and with his brothers was an altar server. His mother, Eileen, who carried her rosary beads openly as her son's family took up residence at 10 Downing Street, remembers: "You should have seen the fights he and his brothers had on Sundays. They were all altar boys, but Andy had to be the one at the front holding the Communion plate."

In 2009, Burnham told The Guardian: *"Three things are important in my life, apart from family. Everton F.C., the Labour Party and the Catholic church — in that order."* (Everton, which is based in Liverpool, is the soccer club he has long supported.) *"The reason I say that is, it all comes back to cultural identity,"* he added.

But while his practice of the faith lapsed as an adult, one strong influence shaped Burnham's political life. Even as an altar boy he had listened avidly to the messages of Liverpool's Catholic Archbishop Derek Worlock, who spoke forcefully against the social injustices of Thatcherist Britain. Today Burnham describes Catholic social teaching as the bedrock of his work: "I was brought up in the belief in Catholic social teaching and that was hugely formative. As I saw it, the closest thing to what I was told there was Labour politics," he told Britain's The Telegraph.

While serving in Parliament and as Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham often clashed with Church teaching on contraception and homosexuality while upholding the option for the poor and homeless.

Catholic leaders watching: Pope Leo XIV, who is rumored to be planning a visit to Great Britain, will certainly be watching how Burnham's Catholic background might shape his policy directions. It's a question Catholic leaders in the UK will be keeping an eye on, too, as NCR reports: *Catholic leaders will no doubt watch how the new prime minister might deal with contentious issues such as assisted dying, considered anathema to the Catholic Church, or funding for faith schools.*

The leading Catholic cleric in England and Wales, the archbishop of Westminster, Richard Dooley, told the BBC earlier this month that being a Catholic and Christian as Burnham is, "informs conscience, the way you think about things."

Under Burnham, he said he hoped "we are going to see that real concern for humanity, not just on the grand scale but for the needs of families and the homeless." And outside Downing Street on Monday, Burnham said his first task as prime minister is to end "rough sleeping in our country," referring to unhoused people sleeping on the street.

At this historic moment, all Catholics might want to do what Eileen Burnham is surely doing for her son every day: say a prayer that his Catholic roots may yield good things for his country and its people.

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