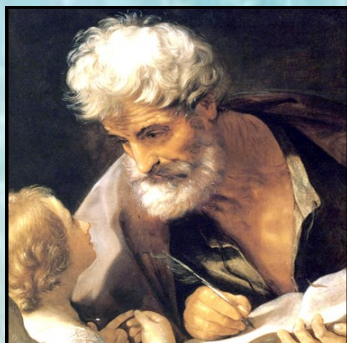


THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF St. Matthew & Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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

August 9, 2026 • 19th 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*
Office Location: St. Matthew Church
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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

Mass Intentions



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.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

(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 †

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

(A) 8:00 am Thomas & Michael Lindgren †

(H) 9:00 am Laurene Wallace †

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

(A) 8:00 am Terrence Love †

(H) 9:00 am Michael Markman †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

(H) 9:00 am Cheryl Ballantine †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

(A) 8:00 am Missa Pro Popolo

(H) 9:00 am William Gunther †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

(A) 8:00 am Anthonio Ybay †

(H) 9:00 am Eleanor Dalton †

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

(A) 8:00 am Filippo & Vincenza Pavone †

(H) 9:00 am Douglas Usher †

(A) 4:00 pm Patrick Mosca †

(H) 5:30 pm Frank C. & Madeline C. Como †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

(H) 8:30 am Charles Murray †

(A) 10:00 am Josie & Tony Gagliano †

(H) 11:30 am George Zahurak Jr. †

REQUESTED BY:

Family

Sherry Family

Regina & Steven Patsy

Family

Ann Nehrbauer

Joanne Farrell

Susan & John Seligman

Fr. Crawford

Mary Ellen & William Ballantine

Bassmann Family

Ybay Family

Virginia Markman

Pavone Family

Smith/Prince Family

Elaine Mosca

Lana Como

Murray Family

Camille Gutierrez

Zahurak Family

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

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

Notice: Closed For Vacation



A number of weekday Masses in August, September & October 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

August 9, 2026 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: 1 Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a

Elijah follows in Moses' footsteps, even to the point of hearing "the still small voice" of God that compels him to hide his face in his mantle.

Reading II: Romans 9: 1-5

Paul pleads innocence of any indifference toward Israel. He even wishes for his own death if that would save Israel. He then lists Israel's covenant blessings.

The Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

The Apostles had been fighting the storm all night when Jesus appears walking on the water, and claims to be "I am," the divine name from Exodus. The others in the boat worship Jesus.



*The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

The Assumption is not a holy day of obligation this year but Masses will be offered at
8:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and
9:00am at St. Matthew for the solemnity.
Your envelope for the Assumption can be dropped
into any collection basket next weekend.



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: August 2

Sunday 8/2: \$3,258
Parish Giving \$2,210
Weekend Total: \$5,468

Upcoming Second Collections

August 9: ADNY Pastoral Solidarity
August 16: Maintenance & Repairs
September 20: Maintenance & Repairs
September 27: St. Joseph Seminary

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, III
req. by Wolff Family

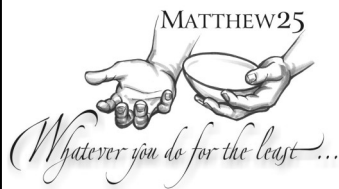
St. Matthew Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of Michael Joseph Reynolds
req. by Paul & Loreta Capuano

St. Matthew Blessed Mother Candle

In Memory of Cheryl Ballantine
req. by MaryEllen & William Ballantine





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 this weekend, August 8th & 9th

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.

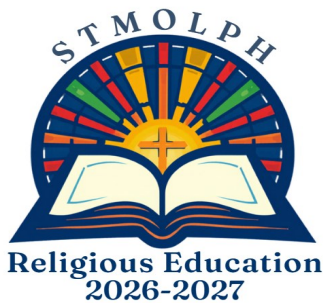


The **RECTORY OFFICE** will close at 1pm on Fridays for the summer months (until Labor Day). Please note that the office will be **Office CLOSED for Vacation till Monday, August 24th**. You can still reach the office online. A direct link can be found on the parish website: www.stmolph.com

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 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
Grades 5, 6, 7 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Classes for ALL GRADES 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



Archdiocese of Bombay: Anti-Conversion Law Could Target Christian Ministry.

by Michelle La Rosa

The archdiocese said the law could become 'an instrument of harassment, social boycott and vigilante action' against religious minorities.

The Archdiocese of Bombay has voiced “deep concern” over a new anti-conversion law that it says could penalize the work of the Church in the state of Maharashtra, and reflects an ongoing effort to intimidate religious minorities — including Christians — across much of India.

The archdiocese said in a statement last week that while the Catholic Church “has always unequivocally condemned conversion through force, fraud, coercion or inducement,” similar laws in other Indian states have been “used more often to intimidate religious minorities than to address genuine instances of wrongdoing.”

“Experience in other States raises serious concerns that such legislation can place a disproportionate burden on Christian communities, inter-faith couples and others exercising the constitutionally protected freedom to profess, practise and propagate their faith,” the archdiocese said. The archdiocese released its statement following reports that Indian President Droupadi Murmu had approved the Maharashtra Freedom of Religion Act, 2026, paving the way for it to go into effect. The second most populous state in India, Maharashtra will become the 13th state to adopt an anti-conversion law, with the stated aim of preventing coerced conversions.

But the laws’ critics have consistently argued that they are also used to discourage voluntary conversions from Hinduism, India’s main religion, to minority faiths, including Christianity.

Christians make up less than 1% of the population in Maharashtra.

The Archdiocese of Bombay objected in particular to the legislation’s “vague and overbroad terminology,” as well as a provision allowing the blood relative of a new convert to lodge a “first information report” with the police. A first information report is a crucial initial step in a criminal investigation in India.

This provision, the archdiocese said, “raises concerns about an adult’s right to make an independent decision of conscience. It also creates the possibility of misuse by families opposed to an inter-faith marriage or to a person’s decision to change one’s religion.” Additionally, the archdiocese warned, the law enables police officers “to take cognisance on their own initiative, ahead of any complaint from an affected person, [which] creates scope for undue scrutiny or surveillance of prayer meetings, schools, hospitals and social-service centres run by minority institutions.” In March, when the bill passed the legislature, bishops in Maharashtra warned that it could lead to the risk of imprisonment for OCIA leaders.

While the OCIA program, which prepares adults to join the Catholic Church, is specifically crafted to avoid forced conversions and ensure that adults make a free and informed decision to become Catholic, the wording of the legislation could allow for the prosecution of OCIA leaders, they said. “If family members, who may naturally oppose such a decision, raise objections, the clergy and others involved in the process risk being accused of coercion or of ‘brainwashing’ as mentioned in 2(p) of the bill,” the bishops said at the time.

“In such circumstances, they face the threat of severe and disproportionate penalties, including imprisonment of up to seven years and heavy fines, despite the absence of any wrongdoing. This effectively criminalizes legitimate religious activity and places an unreasonable burden on both the individual and the religious institution.” In its statement last week, the Archdiocese of Bombay noted that the local Christian community has experienced a recent increase in intimidation directed at its educational and social work.

“There is a genuine concern that ordinary acts of charity and pastoral service could be misconstrued as inducement, placing religious congregations and Christian institutions in the position of having to defend their work before the police and courts, rather than being able to focus on serving the communities they were established to uplift,” the archdiocese said.

It added that in other states, similar laws have been used to harass minority religions and couples in inter-faith marriages.

“More broadly, religious minorities face the risk of a law intended to prevent coercion could instead be weaponised as an instrument of harassment, social boycott and vigilante action. In such circumstances, an accused person may be presumed guilty in the court of public opinion long before any judicial finding has been made,” the statement said.

It asked the state government to consider the law’s effect on religious minorities and to ensure that “adequate safeguards, clear definitions and procedural protections are put in place to prevent its misuse against minority communities.”



Holy Name Cathedral in the Archdiocese of Bombay.

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New York agrees: Catholic Nuns May Continue Ministry Without Being Forced to Assist Suicides.

by Ryan Colby

Court order shields Catholic healthcare ministries from fines and jail time while case proceeds

WASHINGTON – With agreement from the state of New York, a federal judge ordered the state not to enforce its assisted-suicide mandate against four orders of Catholic nuns and several Catholic healthcare ministries while their federal lawsuit proceeds. The temporary agreement protects the ministries from being forced to help terminally ill patients end their lives via suicide in direct violation of their faith.



In *Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm v. James, Becket* asked a federal court to protect the ministries before New York's Medical Aid in Dying Act takes effect on August 5. New York just agreed that it would not apply the law to them while the court considers their request for a preliminary injunction. A hearing on Becket's motion for a preliminary injunction, previously scheduled for Monday, August 3, will now likely be rescheduled to a later date.

For generations, the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, the Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict, the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the Diocese of Rockville Centre have cared for the sick, elderly, and dying across New York. Guided by the belief that every life is a precious gift, they offer expert medical care, prayer, and loving accompaniment until the very end. New York's law would force them to violate their beliefs by counseling patients about assisted suicide, helping them qualify for lethal drugs, and directing them to providers willing to prescribe those drugs. Those who refused could face significant fines and even time behind bars.

Statements for media use:

Mother Mary Rose Heery, O. Carm., Prioress General of the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm:

"Families entrust their loved ones to us because they know our homes will be places of tenderness, dignity, and faithful care. We are grateful that we can continue honoring that trust and remain beside every resident until the very end."

Mother Marie Edward, O.P., Superior General of the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne:

"We at Rosary Hill, continue our foundress' intention to bring the healing spirit of Christ and His Church to those who are most in need while asking nothing in return. NY state's decision not to enforce this law against us means that we can continue our loving service to Christ's poor."

Sister Justyna Owsiejko, O.S.B., of the Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict:

"Our home exists so that elderly people can spend their final days surrounded by peace, prayer, and the Sisters who love them. For now, they can rest assured that assisted suicide will not be forced into the sanctuary they call home."

Mother Alice Marie Monica of the Little Sisters of the Poor:

"There is a tendency in our society to treat the elderly as if they are a burden. This temporary protection allows us to keep showing them that they are wanted, loved, and precious in God's eyes."

Bishop John O. Barres, Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York:

"This agreement is an important first step towards protecting religious freedom. New York cannot force the Church to answer suffering with suicide or abandon the sick and dying when they need care most. Until our legal fight is resolved, this temporary agreement keeps our ministries free to serve every patient according to the Gospel. We continue to proclaim that every human life is sacred and worthy of love until its natural end."

Mark Rienzi, president of Becket and lead attorney for the healthcare ministries:

"Forcing Catholic nuns to participate in suicide—and robbing New Yorkers of the choice to receive faithful, life-affirming care—is both unlawful and unjust. This agreement protects the sisters and those they care for while we fight to end New York's suicide mandate for good."

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5 Things to Know From Pope Leo's Concert Interviews

by Theresa Civantos Barber

Pope Leo XIV gave interviews alongside Andrea Bocelli's concert for peace that gave new insights into his mission as the first American-born pope (and a possible trip to his homeland!)

Just after his annual summer vacation, Pope Leo XIV granted brief interviews to NBC Nightly News and Noticias Telemundo that gave new insights into his mission as the first American-born pope, what the U.S. means to him, and his plans for the future.

The interviews took place as the Pope was hosting the “Canticle of Peace” concert at the Borgo Laudato Si’ gardens on July 29. Andrea Bocelli performed alongside 164 children from the Holy Land, Uganda, and Italy to mark the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi’s death and his Canticle of the Creatures. NBC and Telemundo had exclusive broadcast rights to the concert in the U.S.

Tom Llamas, anchor and managing editor of NBC Nightly News with Tom Llamas, and Julio Vaqueiro, anchor of Noticias Telemundo, each had the chance to speak with the Pope briefly that evening.

Here are five things to take away from those conversations.

1. He’s planning a U.S. trip: Perhaps the biggest news for his flock? Plans are in the works for an eventual trip to the United States. While no formal plans have been made yet, Pope Leo XIV indicated that he hopes to visit before too long.

Llamas asked him, “Will Americans see you soon in America?” Pope Leo replied: They will see me there. By coincidence, today we were looking at the calendar for the next couple of years. Nothing is set in stone yet, but I certainly hope to be there soon. Llamas replied, “But next couple of years? I heard you, Your Holiness.”

If the Pope’s hopes come to fruition, American Catholics can look forward to a visit from the Holy Father.

2. The U.S. loves him — and the feeling is mutual: While making sure to clarify that he sees himself first as the pope with a universal mission, Pope Leo XIV acknowledged that his background means a lot to the people of the U.S. He said: I will acknowledge that for myself, as well as for the people of the United States, judging by the response that we’ve seen since May 8 of last year, that there is great significance in being the first American pope.

He may have been referring in part to the “Leo effect” of higher than average conversions to Catholicism in the past year. Just as the American people love him, the feeling is mutual. Pope Leo said, “I have great love for America.” Later he mentioned a few things he especially appreciates about the U.S., including “what America stands for — the sense of freedom, the sense of opportunity, the sense of having invited for generations people from around the world to be part of America.”

3. He sees himself in the American story: This interview was the first time Pope Leo has spoken publicly about his family’s ancestry, which includes both enslaved people and slaveholders — a background like that of countless Americans, reflecting the complex good and bad in the nation’s history.

Previous research found that his maternal grandparents had African American heritage and were part of New Orleans’ historic Creole community before they moved to Chicago. On his father’s side, both of his grandparents were immigrants, his grandfather from Italy and his grandmother from France.

In the interview, Pope Leo described how his story reflects the history of the U.S. and gives him an appreciation for the nation’s tradition of welcoming immigrants. After saying that he loves how the U.S. has “invited people from around the world to be part of America,” he said:

I come from a family that — my grandparents were immigrants. On my mother’s side, we have people who were both slaves and slave owners. There’s a history of, if you will, growing up and the kind of experience that helps me to recognize it as one of the greatest wealths of the United States. And I continue to hold the principles that have been a part of being American for so many years. That will continue.

4. First, he’s the pope: Pope Leo’s conversation with Llamas focused heavily on his relationship with the land of his birth. But more than anything else in the interview, Pope Leo wants the world to know that he is the pope first, with a universal mission that goes far beyond any one country. When Llamas asked him, “How important is being American to you, and what do you love about America?” Pope Leo XIV was quick to clarify, saying: Well, first of all, just to clarify, I think of myself more as the pope, who happens to be American. Not to belittle what it means to be American — I was born in the United States. My family is still in the United States. I have great love for America. But I understand my mission as having a very important dimension, which is precisely being pastor of a universal Church, and having a voice and an opportunity to speak to people throughout the world. So I will put things in that order.

5. Message to migrants: “Have hope”

The same evening, the Pope also gave a Spanish-language interview to Noticias Telemundo, reflecting on the beauty of the concert as children from around the world sang together a prayer for peace.

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