

Church of Our Lady Help of Christians



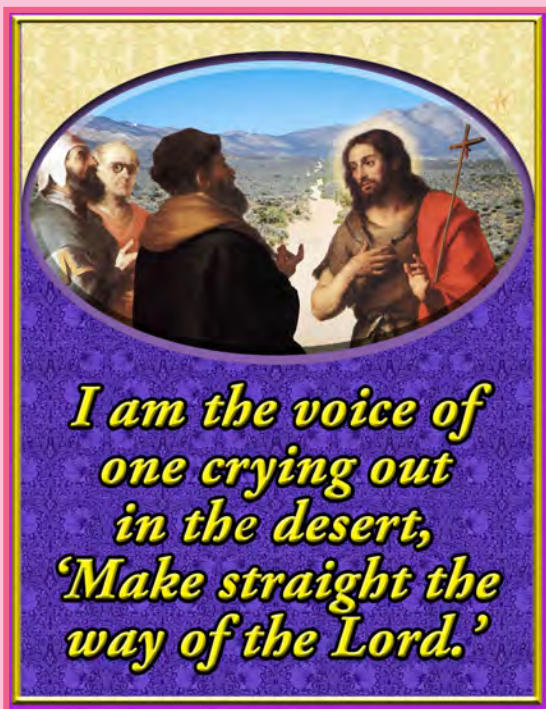
The Catholic Church
in Tottenville since 1898



7396 Amboy Road Staten Island New York 10307

Parish Office: 718-317-9772 www.olheparish.org * Religious Education: 347-838-6726 www.olhcreligiouseducation.weebly.com

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



RECTORY

Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Pastor: Fr. James H. Ferreira

Deacon: Deacon John Singler

Weekend Assistants: Fr. Frank Naccarato

Fr. Michael Reilly

Secretaries: Maria Byrnes

Ninfa Chiarello

Music Director: Miguel Campinho

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 10:00am-3:00pm

Director of Religious Education: Mrs. Joan Baggs

Secretary: Patricia Dresch

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday: 9:00am

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Scheduled on Saturday or Sundays at 1:00pm. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Reconciliation: Confessions will be every Saturday from 4:00pm-4:25pm (before the 4:30 Mass) and every Monday - Saturday after the 9:00am Mass. (approx. 9:20am). Please line up by the Confessional.

Communion to the Homebound: Please call the rectory to make arrangements for those homebound or hospitalized.

Marriage : Couples should call the rectory to arrange a meeting with a priest or deacon at least six months in advance of their wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Call the rectory at any time.

RCIA: A series of classes presenting a deeper exploration of the Catholic faith for adults which prepares them to make a conscious choice to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please call the rectory.

Sick List: Please update us monthly.

Private Prayer: The church is open weekdays from 9:30am-4:00pm.

Sponsor Certificate: Registered parishioners must fill out paperwork to be signed by the priest.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

- 9:00am:** Richard D'Andrea
Requested by Robert and Majorie D'Andrea and Family
- 4:30pm:** Josephine Bivona (23rd Anniversary)
Requested by The Bivona Family

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 17, 2023

- 8:00am:** The People of our Parish
- 10:00am:** The Lynch and Gallagher Families
Requested by Ann Lynch
- 12:00pm:** Ann Kovach and Mary Lurker
Requested by Jaclyn Lurker and Howard Lurker



MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

- 9:00am:** Carlo Ocello
Requested by Your Loving Wife and Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

- 9:00am:** Mass of the Purgatorial Society

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

- 9:00am:** Vincent and Frances Pizzuto
Requested by Their Loving Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023

- 9:00am:** Corrado Manfredi (Merry Christmas)
Requested by Your Loving Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023

- 9:00am:** Fortune Jordan
Requested by Mom and Dad

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023

- 9:00am:** Philomena Castellano
Requested by Your Loving Husband, Peter
- 4:30pm:** Mary and Vinny Pizzillo (Merry Christmas)
Requested by Your Loving Family

MEMORIAL OFFERINGS WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2023



Bread and Wine
The Argenziano Family (Living)



Sanctuary Lamp
James Lynch and
Maureen Lynch Elkins
Requested by Your Loving
Wife and Mother



Altar Candles
Frank and Vincenza Corella
Requested by
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Polizzotto



Advent Wreath
Mary and Vincent Pizzillo
and Jack and Edith Byrnes
Merry Christmas
Requested by Their Loving Family

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING WHICH INCLUDES PARISH PAY:

12/9/23 and 12/10/23: \$7,854.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT**

PLEASE NOTE: YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR
WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS BY CONNECTING TO
WESHARE AT: olhparish.churchgiving.com
or call 1-877-316-0260 YOU MAY ALSO DROP OFF
YOUR ENVELOPES IN THE RECTORY MAILBOX.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Crossroad Collection

Every 4th Sunday after all
Masses (monetary donations only)

50/50 Club \$5.00 Donation
You can't win it if you're not in it!

St. Edward's Food Pantry

6581 Hylan Boulevard SI NY
1st Weekend of the Month

First Friday of the Month

Mass at 9:00 am
followed by Adoration/Benediction

Recitation of the Rosary

Daily after the 9am Mass

Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

The 13th of every month at 6:00 pm



Examination of Conscience based on the Ten Commandments

I. “I am the Lord, thy God, thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.”

Have I taken part of the rites of the another religion or denied all or parts of the Catholic faith? Have I engaged in occult activities like tarot cards, ouija boards, fortune tellers, etc. Do I put worldly goods or ambitions before what I owe to God? Do I take time to learn the teaching of the Church?

II. “Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.”

Have I used the name of Christ or his Holy Mother in vain or used vulgar speech? Have I disrespected holy objects, consecrated places, or people? Have I ever received Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin? Have I neglected support of the Church or those in need? Have I ever lied or withheld a mortal sin deliberately in the sacrament of confession?

III. “Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.”

Have I neglected to attend Holy Mass on the Lord’s Day or on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I respect Sunday as a day of rest? Do I give time to God in prayer on a daily basis?

IV. “Honor thy Father and Mother.”

Do I respect My Mother and Father? Do I take care of them? Do I pray for them (or their soul if deceased)? Do I respect lawful civil authority, superiors at work? Am I attentive to my family, my spouse, and my children? Do I take seriously the obligation to be the primary educator of my children?

V. “Thou shalt not kill.”

Have I engaged in any physical violence against another? Have I been verbally abusive to another? Have I participated in an abortion or an act of euthanasia in any way? Have I abused alcohol, drugs, or other substances or put someone in danger because of them? Have I hated anyone or wished evil on another person? Have I mutilated myself in any way including sterilization?

VI. “Thou shalt not commit adultery.” **IX. “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife.”**

Have I been faithful in my marriage vows in thought and action? Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control? Was every marital act open to the transmission of life? Have I engaged in acts of self abuse? Have I viewed pornographic material, or gone to immoral shops or massage parlors? Have I engaged in an extramarital sexual activity such as fornication, adultery, or cohabitation? Have I entertained impure thoughts or put myself in the near occasion of sin? Do I think of others as objects for my use? Do I cultivate chastity according to my state in life in my thoughts, speech and actions? Do I dress moderately or dress in a way that might be an occasion of sin for others?

VII. “Thou shalt not steal.” **X. “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s goods.”**

Have I taken money or objects that don’t belong to me? Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen? Have I knowingly deceived someone in business dealings? Do I waste time at work, school or home? Have I disrespected the property of others, or engaged in vandalism? Do I gamble excessively? Do I pay just wages? Do I pay all my taxes? Do I share what I can with the poor?

VIII. “Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”

Have I lied in order to deceive someone? Have I told truths about someone to hurt their reputation? Have I spread rumors or lied to hurt someone’s reputation? Have I not fulfilled a promise made under oath? Do I participate in gossip or rejoice in the misfortune of others? Am I critical of others?



*Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes newly baptized, **Valentina Marie Li, and Gianni Alore** to your new Parish family.*

*Let us pray for all the deceased of our Parish especially **Vincent J. Montalbano.***



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

ANDREW S. ASWARD SC STEVEN DENOBLE AFGHANISTAN
PAUL ALBANESE ROMANIA BRIAN P. FLEMING KUWAIT
DIANA ALBANESE WASH. STATE MASON MORGANTE NC
DAVID BAGGS CALIFORNIA CODY ROBINSON NC
CHRISTOPHER DEDDO, JAPAN SHAWN ROBINSON, WA
MICHAEL DEDDO, III ALASKA THOMAS TELLEFSEN, JR. ALASKA



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

PLEASE LET THE RECTORY KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE ANYONE FROM THIS SICK LIST. THANK YOU

Alexander	Nancy King
Angelo Alberga	Gianna Kovacs
Robert Alongi	Rafael Laskowski
Anna Ambrosiole	Maria LaSorsa
Jake Aspinall	Flora Lucchese
Aubrey	Ralph Lucchese
Gaetano Babbo	Jospeh Liotine
Roseann Brock	Anthony Lodareo
Joseph Burzo	Santa Luca
Theresa Cardinale	Scuoto Maisco
Salvatore Cortes	JoAnn Magee
Carmela	Ed Malley
Luca Carsen	Matthew
Dennis Castelli	Ken McCall
Mike Chadwick	Joseph Mariconda
Steven Cina	Peter Marsh
Stacey Cohen	Thomas Meehan
Sylvia Cohen	Patty McNichol
Sharonlee D.	Vincent Merola
Daniel	Franco Migliorini
Elvira Deluzio	Roberta Miro
Ellen Derowki	Peter Monfasani
Andrew DiLorenzo	Joan Orena
Chris Dreizen	Linda Palermo
Barbara Doty	SPC Sean Pesce
Dennis Emperor	Raymond Perry, Jr.
Nicolette Falzone	Lynn Phimister
Ramona Fogelstrom	Paul M.
Nancy Flynn	Kevin Rybolt
Joshua Gabay	Robert
Emilyrose Gagliardi	Robin Rodolfo
George	Frances Rotunno
Kian Griffiths	Philip Russo
Frank Gennuso	Edward Svennigsen
Debra Houshmonrad	Jordan S.
Felipe Higgenson	Patricia Savino
Thomas Jacob	Stephanie
Jeremy	Christopher Seiler
Kathy	Judy Singler
Kathy S.	Stacey Strongarone
Robert Kilsby	Alexis Sukharenko
	Gladys Tancredi
	Tara
	Justin Too
	Carl Termine, Jr.
	Aiden Truscilli
	Vicki M.
	Cathy Westcott
	Joseph Yasso

The Purgatorial Society December 2023

Gaetano Antonelli, Sr.
Kathleen Barghaan
Barone and Ficara Families
Veronica Beisser
Joseph and Mary Bennett
James Buebendorf
Linda Buegerhoff
Charles Cannella
Gilda Cannella
Angeline Caporale
Priscilla Carollo
Francisco and Teddora Casas
Alice Elizabeth Cisek
Michael Cino
Dominick and Raimonda DeCiucies
Francine Delardas
Peg Dewey
Marty Esposito
TaraLynn Gittens
Gerard Jensen
Mary Lurker
Lou and Mary Manzione
Judith Matulewicz
George Miller
John Miller
John Patrick Morgan
William M. Naeder, Sr.
Agnes Parente
Albert Parente
Eugene Parente
Gary Peterson
Kenneth and Edna Peterson
Amadeo and Romeo Ponpon
Antonio and Arcadia Ponpon
Baby Ryan and Lyndon Ponpon
Cresensio and Natividad Ponpon
Guadencio and Felisa Ponpon
Joel and Loreto Ponpon
Sherlita and Yolanda Ponpon
Anibal Rodriguez
Colin Rossiter
Chester and Elizabeth Stawarz
Maria Nelva Taveras
Robert R. Tomes
The Tyrell Family

**PARISH / CHURCH/ AND
OTHER CATHOLIC EVENTS**



If you have not brought in your gifts for the Giving Tree.

Please do so today as we will be distributing the gifts on the 18th of December.

If there are any volunteers who would like to help distribute the gifts please contact Mrs. Baggs at the Rel. Ed Office.

**THE 2024 OFFERING
ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS
ARE IN! PLEASE TAKE THEM AS
YOU EXIT THE CHURCH. ONE
PER FAMILY.
THANK YOU!**



RESPECT LIFE NEWS

MARCH FOR LIFE



Join us as we march for life! Why do we march? We march to change hearts and minds, to build a culture of life where no woman has to walk alone through an unexpected or challenging pregnancy, and every child has the right to life. **Come march with us! With Every Woman, For Every Child Friday, Jan 19th Washington, D.C FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE CHURCH LOBBY BULLETIN BOARD.**



**THE LADIES OF CHARITY OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK SI
DEANERY**

We are asking our parishioners to support us. We are in need of knitters and crocheters who could make us either baby blankets for our layettes or lap blankets for our gifts of comfort for the nursing homes.

To donate, please contact: Maria Candrilli at 718-619-9123 or Doreen Murphy 718- 986-7707. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**Office Hours: Monday through Thursday
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Office: 347-838-6726**

Announcements:

**The Religious Education Office will be closed
Thursday, December 21st, through Tuesday,
January 2nd.**

**We will reopen on Wednesday, January 3rd
at 10 AM.**

**Religious Education Classes will be 45 minutes this
week, Sunday 12/17 through Wednesday 12/20.**

Sunday Dismissal: 11:45 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday dismissal: 4:45 PM

**Thank you to our wonderful cast of the Christmas
Pageant! You all did a wonderful job recreating the Birth of
our Jesus. Thank you to all the helpers, especially my last
minute photographer, Mrs. Miller and my friend and
colleague, Maria Byrnes.**

We couldn't have done it without you!

***Have a blessed week!
Mrs. Joan Baggs, DRE***

STATEN ISLAND CATHOLIC WORKER

Holiday Meal Fundraiser

The Staten Island Catholic Worker is hosting its first Holiday Meal for those in need in our community on Monday, January 1, 2024 at Farrell Hall located at St. Peter's Church on St. Mark's Place in St. George. We will be providing a hot meal, winter give-aways, and resources for those who attend from our parish food pantries. Donations are being accepted via electronic payment or checks can be mailed to Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, P.O. Box 61264, SI, NY 10306.

If you are interested in volunteering for this meal, donating a hot tray of food, or would like to be on our email list for updates, please email Debbie at SICatholicWorker@gmail.com. More information and the donation links can be found on our website: Staten Island Catholic Worker Blog. We appreciate your support!



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Basic script for going to confession:

Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been (X amount of time) since my last confession. Here are my sins. After listing your sins in kind and number, the priest will speak, give you a penance and ask you to say the act of contrition. Lastly he will say the prayer of absolution in which the sacrament is conferred.

Act of Contrition (one of many acceptable forms): O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

Week of December 18, 2023

Monday - Friday following the 9:00am Mass

Monday, December 18, 2023

2:00-4:00pm (Fr. Patrick Anthony)

6:00pm-7:00pm (Fr. James Ferreira)

7:00pm-8:00pm (Fr. John McCarthy)

Wednesday , December 20, 2023

6:00pm-8:00pm (Fr. Marius Fernando)

Saturday, December 23, 2023

3:30pm-4:20pm (Fr. James Ferreira)



Sunday, Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023

4:30pm

Monday, Christmas Day, December 25, 2023

12:00am Midnight and 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm



The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (New Years Day)
Monday, January 1, 2024 , 9:00am Mass