

Church of Our Lady Help of Christians



The Catholic Church
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January 4, 2026
The Epiphany
of the Lord



RECTORY

Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Fr. James H. Ferreira

Weekend Assistants: Fr. Frank Naccarato
Fr. Michael Reilly

Secretaries: Maria Byrnes
Ninfa Chiarello

Music Director: Wayne Hu

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

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 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

MEMORIAL OFFERINGS
BEGINNING JAN. 3, 2026

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

9:00am: Dennis Emperor
Requested by Joan and Lloyd Baggs
4:30pm: The People of our Parish



Bread and Wine
The People of our Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

8:00am: Patricia Moretti
Requested by Helen Chadwick
10:00am: Chris Walsh
Requested by Barbara Fleming
12:00pm: Huey Donahue
Requested by Bobby and Camille Croke



Sanctuary Lamp
The People of our Parish



Altar Candles
The People of our Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

9:00am: Lidia Cadillo
Requested by Deacon Rich and Dr. Connie Salhany



Altar Flowers
The People of our Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

9:00am: Joseph Dicks
Requested by Joan and Lloyd Baggs

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

9:00am: Josephine Nagler
Requested by Andrea Grasso

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

9:00am: Joseph Steinhauer
Requested by The Costello Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

9:00am: Sharon Rizzi
Requested by The Daquara Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

9:00am: Giuseppa Geloso
Requested by Your Loving Husband
4:30pm: Pasquale Siliato and Patrick LaRocco
Requested by Joe Acciarito

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:
REGULAR WEEKLY ENVELOPES
for 12/20 and 12/21/25: \$4,853.
Thank you for your continued support.

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

VENMO, a new mode of payment for those who prefer cashless options: Below is our QR code for our Venmo account. Please feel free to use it for donation purposes.



****Special Collections and Rosaries**

Crossroad Collection- Every 4th Sunday after all Masses
50/50 Club- \$5.00 Donation. You can't win it if you're not in it!
St. Edward's Food Pantry- 1st Weekend of the Month (to 6581 Hylan Blvd)
First Friday of the Month -Mass at 9:00am followed by Adoration/Benediction
Recitation of the Rosary - Daily after the 9:00am Mass
Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima - The 13th of every month at 6:00pm



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NYS Bishops' Statement on Gov. Hochul's Plan to Sign Assisted Suicide Bill

Following is a joint statement by Timothy Cardinal Dolan and the Bishops of New York State on Governor Hochul's announcement that she will sign the physician-assisted suicide bill passed earlier this year by the legislature:

We are extraordinarily troubled by Governor Hochul's announcement that she will sign the egregious bill passed by the legislature earlier this year sanctioning physician-assisted suicide in New York State. This new law signals our government's abandonment of its most vulnerable citizens, telling people who are sick or disabled that suicide in their case is not only acceptable, but is encouraged by our elected leaders.

Tragically, this new law will seriously undermine all of the anti-suicide and mental health care investments Governor Hochul has made through her tenure. How can any society have credibility to tell young people or people with depression that suicide is never the answer, while at the same time telling elderly and sick people that it is a compassionate choice to be celebrated?

While physician-assisted suicide will soon be legal here in New York, we must clearly reiterate that it is in direct conflict with Catholic teaching on the sacredness and dignity of all human life from conception until natural death and is a grave moral evil on par with other direct attacks on human life. We call on Catholics and all New Yorkers to reject physician-assisted suicide for themselves, their loved ones, and those in their care. And we pray that our state turn away from its promotion of a Culture of Death and invest instead in life-affirming, compassionate hospice and palliative care, which is seriously underutilized.

December 17, 2025



Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized, **especially Nicholas Anthony Critelli** to your new Parish Family.

Let us pray for all the deceased who were buried from the church.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

ANDREW S. ASWARD SC	BRIAN P. FLEMING KUWAIT
PAUL ALBANESE ROMANIA	MASON MORGANTE NC
DIANA ALBANESE WASH. STATE	CODY ROBINSON NC
DAVID BAGGS NEW YORK	SHAWN ROBINSON WA
CHRISTOPHER DEDDO VA	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	Kian Griffiths
Angelo Alberga	Felipe Higgenson
Philip Alfano	Debra Houshmondrad
Robert Alongi	Sofia Ivanchenko
Anna Ambrosiole	Thomas Jacob
Thomas Arnone	Jeremy
Jake Aspinall	Jimmy T.
Aubrey	Kathy
Doreen Balkin	Marianne Kelly
Frank Bak	Nancy King
Anna Bolino	Gianna Kovacs
Margaret Bonamo	Frances Laguna
Roseann Brock	Rafael Laskowski
Joseph Burzo	Maria LaSorsa
Theresa Cardinale	Joseph Liotine
Carmela	Anthony Lodareo
Dennis Castelli	Santa Luca
Luca Carsen	Flora Lucchese
Thomas Celentano	Ralph Lucchese
Steven Cina	Scuoto Maisco
Lisa Clifford	JoAnn Magee
Salvatore Cortes	Ed Malley
Stacey Cohen	Joseph Mariconda
Sylvia Cohen	Matthew
Matt Dordero	Ken McCall
Eddie Covelli	Peter Marsh
Daniel	Vincent Merola
Danielle T.	Franco Migliorini
Elvira Deluzio	Roberta Miro
Ellen Derowki	Christine Momole
Andrew DiLorenzo	Peter Monfasani
Barbara Doty	Joan Orena
Nicolette Falzone	Maria P.
Nancy Flynn	Linda Palermo
Ramona Fogelstrom	Paul M.
Joshua Gabay	Raymond Perry, Jr.
Emilyrose Gagliardi	SPC Sean Pesce
Frank Gennuso	Lynn Phimister
George	Julie Pleszewicz
John George	Phyllis
Rita G.	Michael Porto
Brian Godkin	Robert
Judy Goode	Robin Rodolfo
	Patrick Rogers
	Frances Rotunno
	Kevin Rybolt
	Philip Russo
	Angelo Sardinha
	Jordan S.
	Patricia Savino
	Christopher Seiler
	Stephanie
	Judy Singler



The Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany occurs during the Christmas season. This day marks the arrival of the Magi who came to worship the Baby Jesus.

The term Epiphany means "the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi" (Matthew 2:1-2). The Epiphany celebrates God revealing Himself to the world.

In the Catholic tradition, the Three Wise Men's visit symbolizes the Gentiles finding Jesus and expressing, through their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, who He is; King, God, and Savior. By giving these gifts, they showed that Christ Himself is the greatest gift to all humanity.

Today, on The Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany, may we reflect on the light of Christ shining in our own lives.

Let us Rejoice and be Glad!

PARISH / CHURCH/ OTHER EVENTS

**THE RECTORY WILL RE-OPEN
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026
FROM 8AM-3PM**

PLEASE TAKE YOUR 2026 CALENDARS AND YOUR
BOX-SET OF ENVELOPES AS
YOU EXIT THE CHURCH.



**RESPECT LIFE NEWS
MARCH FOR LIFE 1/23/26**

Join us in advocating for the sacred dignity of every human person at the national March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 23, 2026. You are welcome to join the Sisters of Life and other pilgrims on this year's day bus pilgrimage sponsored by the Respect Life Office. Come, stand with us in prayerful, public witness on behalf of the most vulnerable. Let us testify to the goodness and beauty of life!



For more information check the lobby bulletin boards.

Crossroad Collection:

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AS YOU EXIT THE CHURCH KINDLY DONATE TO CROSSROADS, SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE GOD'S WORK ON BEHALF OF THE UNBORN AND MOMS IN NEED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours

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Announcements

Classes will resume today,
Sunday, January 4th, 2026.

The office will re-open on
Monday, January 5th.

Attending Sunday Mass is an integral part of our Religious Education program and is a requirement for all grades all year. Please use the Mass slips that were given out. If you attend at another parish please save the bulletins and bring them to us when your child attends class.

Happy New Year to all our Religious Ed. Families!

Mrs. Joan Baggs, DRE

Weekly Liturgical Reminders



First Friday of the month - Mass at 9am followed by Adoration/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



Recitation of the Rosary - Daily after the 9am Mass.



Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima, the 13th of every month at 6:00pm



Last Tuesday of the month, the Purgatorial Society is celebrated at the 9am Mass.



HEALING MASS WITH:
FR. JUSTIN MARIA CINNANTE, O. CARM.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026
7:00PM
AT
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH