

Church of Our Lady Help of Christians



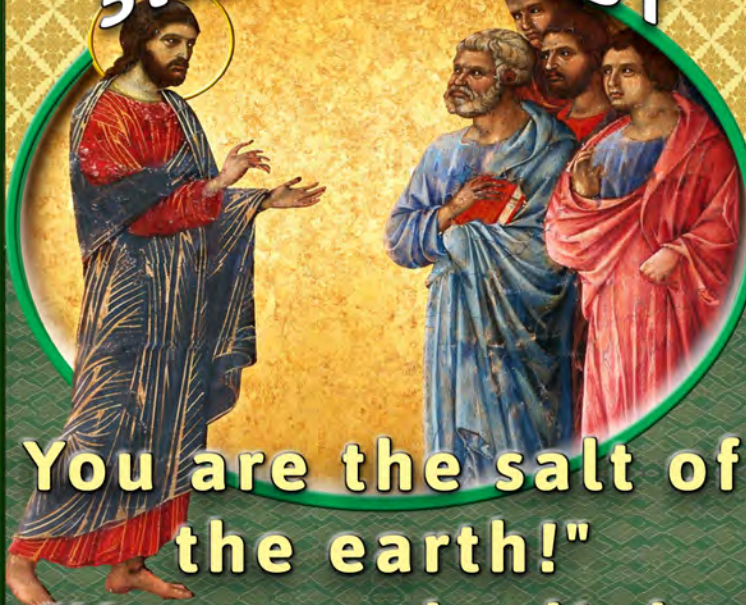
The Catholic Church
in Tottenville since 1898



7396 Amboy Road Staten Island New York 10307

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

February 8, 2026
5th Sunday OT



You are the salt of
the earth!"
"You are the light
of the world."

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

9:00am: **John Q. Adams**
Requested by Ross Marino
4:30pm: **Joey Mastandrea (11th Anniversary)**
Requested by Michele Rusciano

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

8:00am: **The People of our Parish**
10:00am: **Matthew Hollister**
Requested by Joan Baggs and Patricia Dresch
12:00pm: **Anthony Fiorella**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

9:00am: **Carol Silano**
Requested by Barbara and Vincent

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

9:00am: **Giuseppa Geloso**
Requested by Your Loving Husband

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

9:00am: **Steve Fuca**
Requested by Danielle Vasi and Robert Polacik

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

9:00am: **Jerzy Bojarski (Living)**
Requested by Your Loving Sister

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

9:00am: **Lorraine E. Haberstroh**
Requested by Angela and Larry Nusser
6:00pm: **Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

9:00am: **Dorothy Vaccaro (4th Anniversary)**
Requested by Her Loving Daughter and Family
4:30pm: **Olindo and Rose Campanelli**
Requested by Rob Vigneri

****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

**MEMORIAL OFFERINGS
BEGINNING FEB. 7, 2026**



Bread and Wine
Vincent Fazio

Req. by His Loving Sister, Susan and Family



Sanctuary Lamp
Vincent Fazio

Req. by Gail and John Reilly



Altar Candles
The People of our Parish



Altar Flowers
The People of our Parish

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:

Regular Weekly Envelopes:

1/31/26 and 2/1/26: \$4,862.

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.



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As the Catholic Church in New York prepares for a major leadership transition, Bishop Ronald Hicks of Illinois has been appointed the next Archbishop of New York. He will succeed Cardinal Timothy Dolan, who is stepping down after more than 16 years at the helm. Bishop Hicks will become the 14th bishop and 11th Archbishop to lead the Archdiocese of New York. His Installation Mass was held Feb. 6, 2026 at St. Patrick's Cathedral and was presided over by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, the Vatican's ambassador to the United States.

Who is the new Archbishop?

Bishop Hicks grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago and was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1994. He grew up just 14 blocks from where Pope Leo XIV was raised, he told Vatican News. Throughout his early ministry, Bishop Hicks served in several pastoral assignments and held leadership roles in seminary formation. He later spent five years in El Salvador as the regional director for the Catholic charitable organization *Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos*.

After returning to Illinois in 2015, Bishop Hicks was appointed Vicar General, a top adviser to the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In 2018, Pope Francis named him an auxiliary bishop, and in 2020, he became the bishop of the Diocese of Joliet.

"If you want to know the core of who I am and what I stand for, you should know this: I love Jesus with my mind, heart and soul, and I strive to love my neighbor as myself. My desire is to be obedient to the Holy Spirit and to do the will of God, serving with a shepherd's heart."

"I trust, and I surrender my life and my will to God, and with great humility, I accept this appointment. I ask for your prayers. I ask for your support as we take these next steps together." "I'm ready, with the help of God, to make this next step into New York," Bishop Hicks said in the Vatican News.

As the new Archbishop of New York, he expresses a desire to bring God's peace and healing into the world. He has also mentioned that he unfortunately wants to remain a loyal fan of the Chicago Cubs and enjoy his favorite deep-dish pizza. We pray that he learns better in the future. Hicks has expressed his commitment to serving faithfully and has shared his pastoral priorities for the Metropolitan Archdiocese of New York.

We as Catholics want to wish the new Archbishop to be joyful in faith, pastoral in wisdom and steadfast in his leadership. We pray that he works closely with clergy and laity to strengthen the faith and community of the Church and the Archdiocese of New York.



Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized,
to your new Parish Family.

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
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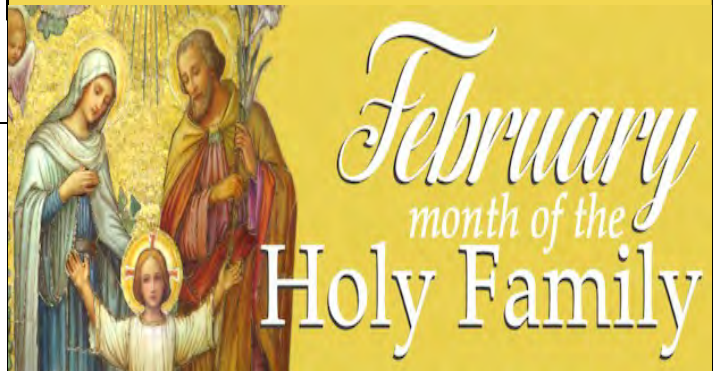
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RECTORY KNOW IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO
REMOVE ANYONE
FROM THIS SICK LIST.
THANK YOU**

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



Let us pray for all the deceased of the parish who were buried from the church especially,

**John King, Virginia Fresca, Henry Carstens
and Mary T. Samanka.**



The Month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family in the Catholic Church because it marks the Presentation of Jesus to the Temple, a significant event in the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph .

This month is a time for reflection on the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, who are seen as the model of virtue for Christian households.

The devotion to the Holy Family began in the 17th Century and has since become a way to restore the family to its true God-given place and to strengthen family life. The church has taught that the family is the center of the great struggle between good and evil, and the Holy Family serves as a model for every home.

PARISH / CHURCH/ OTHER EVENTS



FEBRUARY 18, 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

9:00am - Mass and Distribution of Ashes
12:00pm - Service and Distribution of Ashes
3:30pm - Service and Distribution of Ashes
7:00pm - Mass and Distribution of Ashes

OLD PALM COLLECTION



WE ARE COLLECTING OLD PALMS, PLEASE BRING THEM IN AND PLACE THEM IN THE RECEPTACLE IN THE CHURCH LOBBIES. THANK YOU.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

REVIVAL

A GRIEVING MOTHER'S RETREAT

An overnight weekend retreat hosted by Red Bird Ministries for mothers grieving the loss of a child through miscarriage and stillbirth, or as an infant.

This retreat offers space for prayer, connection, emotional healing, and spiritual renewal alongside other mothers who understand this type of sorrow.

Retreat support services include:

Small Groups- Group Leaders-Counseling-
Spiritual Guidance

Dates: March 27-29, 2026

**Location: National Shrine of Mary,
Help of Christians**

174 Filors Lane, Stony Point, NY

Cost: \$250

This retreat is being offered in partnership with the Respect Life Office.

Please see church lobby bulletin board for more details.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours

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

Tel. No. 347-838-6726

Announcements

Grade 2 Parent Meeting Wednesday, February 11th at 7pm in the Lower Church. Communion Fee (\$150) is due.

No Classes the Week of February 15th due to Mid Winter Recess.

Check bulletin for February 18th,
Ash Wednesday Schedule



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.

Have a blessed Week, Mrs. Joan Baggs, DRE

SAVE THE DATE

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE
ANNUAL ST PATRICK-ST JOSEPH DINNER**



SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026



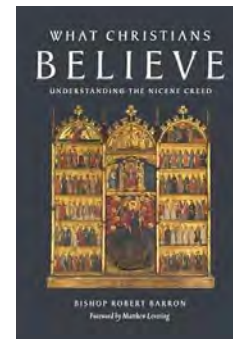
The Franciscan Handmaids of Mary thank all of the parishioners of OLHC who have continuously supported their St. Edward Food Pantry during the year. The food donated is truly appreciated by the families served and it also lifts the spirits of the pantry staff. God bless you all!

Series of Events for Lent

Lenten Book Study

Discussions will be on the book written by Bishop Robert Barron entitled **What Christians Believe: Understanding the Nicene Creed** facilitated by Fr. Ferreira.

Class dates will be: Tuesday Feb 24, Tuesday Mar 3, Tuesday March 10, Monday March 16, and Tuesday March 24. All classes will begin at 7pm. If you wish, to join please pick up a book at the rectory office. There is no cost.



Lenten Holy Hour and Confessions every Friday of Lent

Beginning Friday, February 20th, 6-7pm.

6pm: Holy Hour with Confessions

7pm: Stations of the Cross

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament directly following stations.



Day of Recollection

Save the date, Saturday March 22nd

Fr. Isaac Spinharney C.F.R. will lead the reflections.

Starts at 11am with coffee. Then, there will be two talks, a break for some refreshment and conversation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions and Celebration of Mass at 4:30pm with the whole parish. More information to follow.

