

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 22, 2026
1st Sunday Lent



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 21, 2026

9:00am: **Michael D'Auria**
Requested by Sabrina Anastasio

4:30pm: **Anthony Sutter**
Requested by The Palermo Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

8:00am: **Frank Barone**
Requested by Their Loving Family

10:00am: **Rosemarie Kolessar**
Requested by Her Loving Daughters

12:00pm: **The People of our Parish**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

9:00am: **Grace Vaccaro (13th Anniversary)**
Requested by Her Loving Sister and Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026 ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00am: **Karolina Mackiewicz (Living)**
Requested by Your Loving Godparents

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

9:00am: **William Naeder, Sr.**
Requested by His Loving Wife, Joan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

9:00am: **Gerard Jensen (3rd Anniversary)**
Requested by The Jensen Family

6:00pm: **Holy Hour with Confessions**

7:00pm: **Stations of the Cross**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

9:00am: **Fortune Jordan**
Requested by Fran Esposito

4:30pm: **The People of our Parish**

**MEMORIAL OFFERINGS
 BEGINNING FEB. 21, 2026**



Bread and Wine
The People of our Parish



Sanctuary Lamp
Vincent Fazio
Req. by Gail and John Reilly



Altar Candles
The People of our Parish

**NO ALTAR FLOWERS
 DURING LENT**

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:

Regular Weekly Envelopes:
 2/14/26 and 2/15/26: Total: \$3,974.
 Parish Pay Regular Month of January:
 Total: \$9,618.

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



How Your Gift is Allocated

Once again, the Parish will be invited to participate in the Annual Cardinals Appeal next weekend. This is a direct appeal from the Archbishop of New York to parishioners and friends of the archdiocese to raise \$21+ million in funds to support the budgetary needs of its ministries, charitable works, schools, parishes, seminary, priest retirement residences, and administrative offices.

This year, our parish has a goal of \$63,000 to assist those most in need throughout the archdiocese. I invite you to prayerfully consider how the Lord is calling you to participate. I have no doubt that our goal will be reached!

The faithful support of thousands of parishioners and friends of the Archbishop of New York allows the archdiocese to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your impact transforms lives.

The following offices and ministries are funded through your support:

Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation
 Care for retired priests
 Charitable outreach
 Cultural Diversity Apostolate
 Respect Life Office
 Financially vulnerable parishes
 Vocations and priest formation
 Sharing God's Gifts Pastoral Grants Program
 The Good Newsroom
 Catholic Education and
 Youth Faith Formation/Young Adult Ministry and University Apostolate

CATHOLIC PRACTICES AND DEVOTIONS

(from a series "Worth Recovering" by Cardinal Timothy Dolan)
 (Source: Youtube.com)

Friday Penance

In his "Worth Recovering" series, Cardinal Timothy Dolan urges Catholics to revive Friday penance—a small, personal sacrifice—to honor the day Jesus died. He recalls the tradition of giving up meat and encourages a, "act of mortification, some act of self-sacrifice every Friday," to remain close to the cross.

Key Points from Cardinal Dolan's Message:

The Focus: The tradition of Friday penance is "worth recovering".

The Reason: Friday is the day Jesus died on the cross, and Catholics want to be close to Him.

The Action: While the obligation to abstain from meat on all Fridays was relaxed in 1966, Pope St. Paul VI still called for some act of sacrifice or penance.

The Goal: To move away from "overindulgence" and "instant gratification" by embracing a small, personal sacrifice.

Holy Communion

In his "Worth Recovering" series, Cardinal Dolan highlights fasting for one hour before Holy Communion as a crucial revived Catholic discipline, rather than just a custom. He emphasizes this 1-hour fast from food and liquid (except water) as a necessary preparation of heart and soul to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Key Point from Cardinal Dolan's Message:

The Focus: Cardinal Dolan reminds viewers that while the fast was once much longer (midnight or three hours), the current one-hour requirement is still essential for reverently receiving the Eucharist.



Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized, **especially Riley Eve Casuccio** to your new Parish Family.

Let us pray for all the deceased of the parish buried from the church **especially, Lois Taranto-Fazzese**.



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
Angelo Alberga
Philip Alfano
Robert Alongi
Anna Ambrosiole
Thomas Arnone
Jake Aspinall
Aubrey
Doreen Balkin
Frank Bak
Anna Bolino
Margaret Bonamo
Roseann Brock
Joseph Burzo
Theresa Cardinale
Carmela
Dennis Castelli
Luca Carsen
Thomas Celentano
Steven Cina
Lisa Clifford
Salvatore Cortes
Stacey Cohen
Sylvia Cohen
Matt Dordero
Eddie Covelli
Daniel
Danielle T.
Elvira Deluzio
Ellen Derowki
Andrew DiLorenzo
Barbara Doty
Nicolette Falzone
Nancy Flynn
Ramona Fogelstrom
Joshua Gabay
Emilyrose Gagliardi
Frank Gennuso
George
John George
Rita G.
Brian Godkin
Judy Goode
Kian Griffiths
Felipe Higgenon
Debra Houshmonrad
Sofia Ivanchenko
Thomas Jacob
Jeremy
Jimmy T.

Kathy
Marianne Kelly
Nancy King
Gianna Kovacs
Frances Laguna
Rafael Laskowski
Maria LaSorsa
Joseph Liotine
Anthony Lodareo
Santa Luca
Flora Lucchese
Ralph Lucchese
Scuoto Maisco
JoAnn Magee
Ed Malley
Joseph Mariconda
Matthew
Ken McCall
Peter Marsh
Vincent Merola
Franco Migliorini
Roberta Miro
Christine Momole
Peter Monfasani
Joan Orena
Maria P.
Linda Palermo
Paul M.
Raymond Perry, Jr.
SPC Sean Pesce
Lynn Phimister
Julie Pleszewicz
Phyllis
Michael Porto
Robert
Robin Rodolfo
Patrick Rogers
Frances Rotunno
Kevin Rybolt
Philip Russo
Angelo Sardinha
Jordan S.
Patricia Savino
Christopher Seiler
Stephanie
Judy Singler
Stacy Stongarone
Robert Sussman
Edward Svennigsen
Gladys Tancredi
Tara
Danielle Teco
Danielle Taunton
Carl Termine, Jr.
Justin Too
Theresa Trupiano
Tim Wallace
Cathy Westcott
Kenneth Whitehurst
Joseph Yasso

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026



Gary App
Anthony Anthonysamy
Kiley Anne Armstrong
Barone, Ficara & Termine Families
Victor Battaglia
Rafael Beltre
Stanislaw Bojarski
Anthony Bolino
Patricia M. Bradley
Steven Carannante
Inez, Castano de Montoya
Michael Cino
Msgr. Jeffrey Conway
John Colamarino
Michael D'Auria
Carol DeCarlo
Vincent De Rossi
Rosa DiLilio
Eugene Dockter, Jr.
Phyllis Dondiego
Douglas A. Elwell
Joan Esposito
Nick Esposito
Maria Gallo
Arthur Jurgrau
Toni Ann Loiacono
Daniel Joseph Lourido
Mary Lurker
Lou and Mary Manzione
Judith Matulewicz
Michael O'Leary
Blanche Parrella
James & Rose Ann Perrone
Thomas Piluso
Joseph Porcello
Christopher Ranasinghe
Anibal Rodriguez
Pauline Rost
Dr. Hugh W. Smith
Souls in Purgatory
Dominick Spinelli
Chester & Elizabeth Stawarz
Joseph Steinhauer
Annettoinete Talarntes
Nick Tanzi
Robert Tyrell
Rosemarie Zitelli

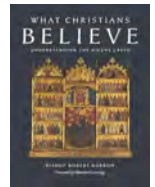
Series of Events for Lent

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 21st

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. There will be more information to follow.



PARISH / CHURCH / OTHER EVENTS

OLHC EASTER 2026 OUTREACH

**Saturday, April 4th @ 9:00 a.m. OLHC
Amboy Road Parking Lot**

We will collect and deliver the ingredients for an Easter Dinner to be distributed at the CCSI 120 Anderson Ave. We are coordinating this worthy endeavor with Catholic Charities and Project Hospitality. Volunteers will be needed to organize, deliver and distribute that day.

Easter Meal Items: Bags of rice - Bags or cans of all types of beans.

Fresh fruit: Apples, Oranges, Bananas, etc.

Fresh vegetables: Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Onions, Peppers, etc.

Bottles of juice: (No Glass Bottles) Juice boxes and water.

Pre-packaged desserts: donuts, cakes, cookies, pies, cupcakes, etc.

Loaves of Bread or bags of rolls: Nothing refrigerated.

Paper Goods: plates, utensils, napkins.

CHILDREN'S OUTREACH

**Sunday, March 22nd after the 10 O'Clock
Mass in the School Gym**

We will be collecting items to make Easter Baskets:

Baskets, candy, grass, small plush toys or other items to put in baskets. Cellophane wrap or clear basket bags.

Please drop off the donations in the church lobbies prior to the outreach.

As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated and we are Blessed to have been able to host this very worthy event for many years. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours

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

Tel. No. 347-838-6726

Announcements:

Office Hours and Religious Ed. Classes resume this week on Sunday, February 22nd.

Communion Retreat: Thursday, February 26th at 3:30 pm -5:00 pm. Drop off will be at the gym doors. Dismissal will be at the front entrance to the school on Yetman Avenue. All 2nd Grade students are required to attend.

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

NO STANDING ZONE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

We have been informed by the Dept. of Transportation that there is now **No Standing Zone signs** reserved for the families of James P. Murphy Staten Island Preparatory School for drop-off & pick-up during school days from 7AM-4PM. This area covers most of Yetman Avenue (from Amboy Rd to Summit Street). Please adhere to the above during school hours. Thank you.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

40 Days for Life Campaign Beginning, Saturday, Feb. 21. Parishioners stand across from Staten Island Univ.Hosp to pray the rosary and to witness to the help there is on SI for those in crisis pregnancy. Our hours are from 1-2pm and 2-3pm, Saturdays. Come pray with us, we know of one baby saved, but so many more to reach. The rosary is a powerful prayer and we know Jesus will touch many through it. For info. text 646 267 6456 The campaign runs throughout Lent



Celebrating St. Patrick and St. Joseph**Sunday March 8th 1:00PM - 4:00PM****Entertainment 50/50****Dinner****Corned beef and cabbage****Parsley potatoes, carrots****Rye bread & butter****Irish soda bread****Beer –Wine- Soda-Water****Dessert****St. Joseph pastry, coffee, tea****Kids alternate Choice****Chicken fingers, French fries****Juice, cupcake****Adult Price: \$24.00****Kids 10 & Under \$8.00****Kids 4 & Under free**

RSVP by March 2nd. Call the rectory at 718-317-9772 (between 9 and 3) or remit reservation with payment in rectory mailbox at 7396 Amboy Rd. 10307 or place in basket at Mass marked St. Patrick's Day. Make checks payable to OLHC, memo St. Patrick's dinner .

NO ADMISSION AT DOOR WITHOUT RESERVATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Number: Adults @ \$24.00 _____ Kids 10 and under @ \$8.00 _____

Kids: 3 and under free _____

Total remitted \$ _____ cash _____ check # _____

Please seat me with:
