

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

March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent



"This is my beloved
Son;
Listen to him."

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 28, 2026

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

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

8:00am: **Deceased Members of the Mezzano Family**
Requested by Mr. and Mrs. A. D'Esposito

10:00am: **Cindy Fleming**
Requested by Barbara Fleming

12:00pm: **Michael Spinella, Sr.**
Requested by His Loving Family

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

9:00am: **Rose Tomasulo**
Requested by Your Loving Niece, Michele

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

9:00am: **Robert C. Morse**
Requested by His Loving Wife

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

9:00am: **Nicholas Esposito**
Requested by Fran Esposito

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

9:00am: **Jim Smith**
Requested by Your Loving Brother, Jack

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

9:00am: **Marta Wawrzekiewicz (Happy Birthday)(Living)**
Requested by Your Loving Sister

9:30am: *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

6:00pm: *Holy Hour with Confessions*

7:00pm: *Stations of the Cross*

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

9:00am: **Florence and Joseph Malejki, Sr.**
Requested by Your Loving Daughter

4:30pm: **Cynthia and Michael Reimer**
Requested by Rob Vigneri

**MEMORIAL OFFERINGS
BEGINNING FEB. 28, 2026**



Bread and Wine
Malcolm Fragas
Req. by The Zorcik Family



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:
2/21/26 and 2/22/26: \$4,698.

Thank you for your continued support!

**YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT YOUR WEEKLY
CONTRIBUTIONS BY CONNECTING TO
WESHARE AT:**

olhccparish.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



the
CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

THE 2026 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND

This weekend the Parish will once again be invited to participate in the Annual Cardinals Appeal. 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.

Every year we try to help our broader community in the archdiocese through our support of the Stewardship Appeal. Let's continue the momentum of this year's Appeal that started under Cardinal Dolan to its successful completion under our new pastoral shepherd, Archbishop Hicks.

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! Your Impact Transforms Lives!

CATHOLIC PRACTICES AND DEVOTIONS

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

Taking Lent Seriously

In his "Worth Recovering" series, Cardinal Timothy Dolan urges Catholics to take Lent seriously by embracing traditional practices like Friday abstinence, fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and intentional daily charity. He emphasizes returning to these, and other acts of faith, as a way to deeply honor Christ's sacrifice.

Key Points from Cardinal Dolan's Message:

The Focus: Reclaiming Lenten Tradition.

The Reason: The Church's, and particularly the faithful's focus should be on repentance and renewal rather than simply avoiding the minimal requirements.

The Action: Beyond just giving up luxuries, he encourages active, daily sacrifices and acts of charity. He stresses the importance of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to prepare for Easter.

The Goal: Dolan has likened the seriousness of Lent to the discipline found in other faiths' penitential seasons, calling for a, "*our Catholic Ramadan*," level of dedication.

Daily Acts of Charity

In his "Worth Recovering" series, Cardinal Timothy Dolan highlights the daily intentional act of charity as a, vital, and beautiful Catholic custom that goes beyond mere routine kindness. He encourages making a deliberate, planned, and specific sacrifice or gesture of love for someone else every single day.

Key Points from Cardinal Dolan's Message:

The Focus: Cardinal Timothy Dolan highlights the daily intentional act of charity as a, vital, and beautiful Catholic custom that goes beyond mere routine kindness.

The Reason: It is not just general good behavior, but a conscious decision to do "this one thing" for another person.

The Action: Examples provided include writing to someone in the hospital or greeting a coworker that others tend to avoid.

The Goal: The practice is designed to help Catholics move beyond routine, intentionalizing charity in daily life.



Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized especially, **Aubrey Jade Ecock and Arianna Noelle Ecock.**

Let us pray for all the deceased of the parish buried from the church especially, **Christopher Marino.**



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

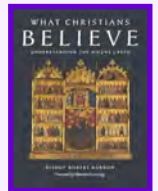
Alexander	Kathy
Angelo Alberga	Marianne Kelly
Philip Alfano	Nancy King
Robert Alongi	Gianna Kovacs
Anna Ambrosiole	Frances Laguna
Thomas Arnone	Rafael Laskowski
Jake Aspinall	Maria LaSorsa
Aubrey	Joseph Liotine
Doreen Balkin	Anthony Lodareo
Frank Bak	Santa Luca
Anna Bolino	Flora Lucchese
Margaret Bonamo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



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:

Beginning Tuesday, Feb 24th, and continuing 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:

2nd Grade First Penance Rehearsal
Thursday, March 5th at 3:15 PM in the Church.

**Save the Date: Breakfast With the Easter Bunny
Saturday, March 28th at 10AM**

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

RESPECT LIFE

LENT Prayer Campaign 40 Days for Life S.I.

Please sign up for at least one hour per week to Pray at 40daysforlife.com and click on to the schedule Calander to sign up for your time, Thank you ! Beginning Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday, March 29th, you're invited to join us for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil outside SIHU North (475 Seaview Ave, 10305 at the corner of Mason and Seaview Avenues). Contact 40DaysSI@gmail.com with any questions. SEE FLIER CHURCH LOBBY BULLETIN BOARDS.

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:
