

Church of Our Lady Help of Christians



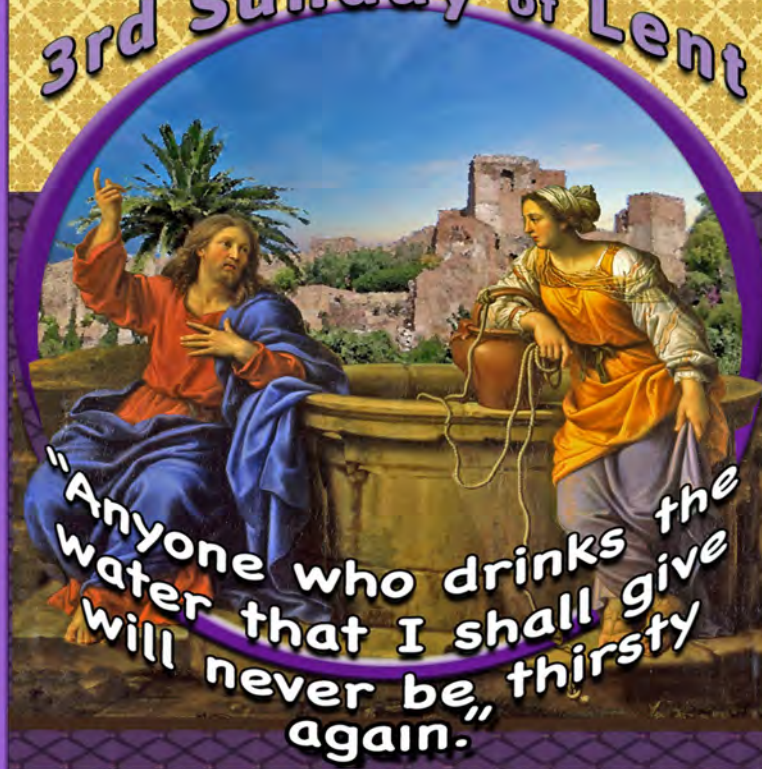
The Catholic Church
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7396 Amboy Road Staten Island New York 10307

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

March 8, 2026
3rd Sunday of 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, 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

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

8:00am: The People of our Parish
10:00am: Robert T. Miller (7th Anniversary)
Requested by Your Loving Family
12:00pm: Linda Buergerhoff
Requested by Guy and Karen Antonelli

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

9:00am: Nancy and Frank Garone
Requested by The Santora Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

9:00am: Dennis Emperor
Requested by John and Ginny Buonviaggio

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

9:00am: Paul Licata
Requested by Mark and Janet Purcell
6:00pm: Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

9:00am: Michael Rudddy and Daniel Iecampo
Requested by Lisa Iecampo
6:00pm: Holy Hour with Confessions
7:00pm: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

9:00am: Giuseppe Mastropaolo (22nd Anniversary)
Requested by Your Loving Sister and Family
4:30pm: Peter Zarrella (2nd Anniversary)
Requested by Marysue Ievoli

****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 MARCH 7, 2026



Bread and Wine
The People of our Parish



Sanctuary Lamp
The People of our Parish



Altar Candles
The People of our Parish

**NO ALTAR FLOWERS
DURING LENT**

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:

Regular Weekly Envelopes:
2/28/26 and 3/1/26: \$4,705.

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.





CATHOLIC PRACTICES AND DEVOTIONS

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

Silence in the Church

In Cardinal's "Worth Recovering" series emphasizes the importance of silence in the church, particularly before Mass. He laments the noise level in church and suggests recovering an atmosphere of reverence and silence to prepare for the Eucharistic sacrifice. Cardinal Dolan calls for families and parishes to return to pray when they enter church. He encourages the faithful to pray before meals, before sleeping and to withdraw the mind from any external distractions before Holy Mass, all of which contribute to a more relevant worshiping experience.

Key Points from Cardinal Dolan's Message:

The Focus: Reverence, Silence and prayer in our Churches.

The Reason: The Church's faithful need to take God seriously.

The Action: To prepare for the Eucharistic sacrifice. To keep all outside conversations in the parking lot and out of the church.

The Goal: To have a more meaningful experience with God when attending Mass.

Stations of the Cross

In Cardinal's "Worth Recovering" series. He highlights the importance of the Stations of the Cross especially during Lent. Lent Reflection: Cardinal Dolan suggests making time to accompany Jesus on the road to Calvary during Lent, highlighting the spiritual meaning of the Stations of the Cross. These points reflect Cardinal Dolan's commitment to bringing back the significance of the Stations of the Cross and the importance of daily practices in the Catholic faith.

Key Points from Cardinal Dolan's Message:

The Focus: To understand and be a part of the Stations of the Cross, a very pertinent and beautiful thing to do during Lent.

The Reason: Great catholic tradition, highlighting the spiritual meaning of the Stations of the Cross.

The Action: Follow along in the Bible as you trace and walk with Jesus through the 14 stations of the Cross. Going through each station and accompanying Jesus on the road to Calvary.

The Goal: To develop a closer relationship with Jesus and appreciate all the sacrifices He has made for us.



Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized to your New Parish family.

Let us pray for all the deceased of the parish, buried from the church especially,
Richard W. Ekelund and Maryann Esposito.



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 Higgenson
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 Svernigsen
Gladys Tancredi
Tara
Danielle Teco
Danielle Taunton
Carl Termine, Jr.
Justin Too
Theresa Trupiano
Tim Wallace
Cathy Westcot
Kenneth Whitehurst
Joseph Yasso



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PURGATORIAL SOCIETY



On the last Tuesday of every month, the Holy Mass is offered for the members of the Purgatorial Society.

If you wish to have a loved one enrolled, please contact the rectory.
6 month enrollment; \$15.00
12 month enrollment: \$30.00

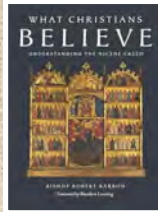
You will receive a beautiful card with your enrollment acknowledging your loved one is in the Purgatorial Society.

PARISH / CHURCH/ OTHER EVENTS

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: Began in February and will be continuing on 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

Fridays - 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.



More information to follow.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tel. No. 347-838-6726

Announcements:

For our Lenten Project we will be collecting monies for Fr. Antony's Mission in India. Fr. Antony is our summer visiting priest here at OLHC. All Grades have received a flyer explaining his Mission. We will collect funds until April 1st. Please be as generous as you can!

First Penance Thursday, March 12th at 3:15 PM in the church.

Save the Date: Saturday, March 28th at 10am Breakfast With the Easter Bunny. Fliers are in the lobbies. Please reserve your spot for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny!



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

COURAGE APOSTOLATE

On Sunday, March 15th, at 2PM, Sr. Gilmory Kay RSM will speak in the Parish Center Meeting Room at Blessed Sacrament Church about the Courage Apostolate. Sr. Gilmory is the Coordinator of Pastoral Ministries for Courage International. "Courage members are men and women who experience same-sex attractions and who have made a commitment to strive for chastity. They are inspired by the Gospel's call to holiness and the Catholic Church's beautiful teachings about the goodness and inherent purpose of human sexuality." The talk will be followed by a holy hour in the Church at 3PM.

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 ! 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 INFO. ON CHURCH LOBBY BULLETIN BOARD.

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 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!