

Church of Our Lady Help of Christians



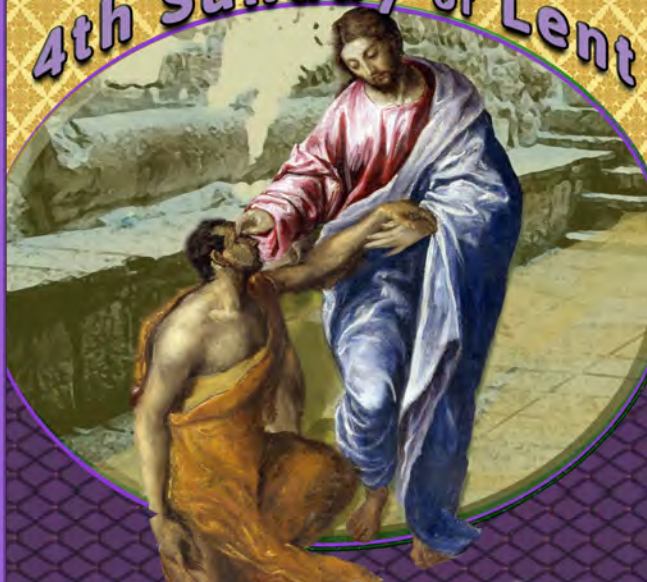
The Catholic Church
in Tottenville since 1898



7396 Amboy Road Staten Island New York 10307

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

March 15, 2026
4th Sunday of Lent



"Go and wash
in the Pool of Siloam."

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 14, 2026

9:00am: Giuseppe Mastropaolo (22nd Anniversary)
Requested by Your Loving Sister and Family

4:30pm: Peter Zarrella (2nd Anniversary)
Requested by Marysue Ievolo

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

8:00am: Edna DiLauro
Requested by Barbara and Vincent

10:00am: Edward and Ethel Baggs
Requested by Joan and Lloyd Baggs

12:00pm: The People of our Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

9:00am: Joseph Maiolo
Requested by Angela and Larry Nusser

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 St. Patrick's Day (Rectory closes at 12pm)

9:00am: Barbara Malejki
Requested by Your Loving Sister

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

9:00am: Steven Carannante
Requested by Maria Saputo

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

9:00am: Josephine and Giacomo Ocello
Requested by Antoniette and Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

9:00am: Alfred Pantaleone
Requested by The D'Alessio Family

6:00pm: Holy Hour with Confessions

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 DAY OF RECOLLECTION

9:00am: Alfred Pantaleone
Requested by Peter and Daria Voss

11:00am: *Day of Recollection begins with Fr. Isaac Spinharney C.F.R.
Please see bulletin page 5 for details.*

4:30pm: Pasquale and Angelina Vigneri
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 MARCH 14, 2026**



Bread and Wine
The People of our Parish



Sanctuary Lamp
Henry Carstens
*Req. by Ginny and John
Buonviaggio*



Altar Candles
Christopher Marino
*Req. by Colleen and Jimmy
Meehan*

NO ALTAR FLOWERS

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:

Regular Weekly Envelopes:
3/7/26 and 3/8/26: \$4,259.

**Total Parish Pay Regular for Feb. \$7,971.
Thank you for your continued support!**

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

**olhcparrish.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.**



Dear Parishioners,

I wanted to share with you our financial situation. We try to do this once a year so you know what is going on with the financial health of the parish. Right now, all things are going well. With donations, fundraisers and the rental income, we are solidly in the black. We took advantage of some good interest rates to make some money with our savings. Also, salaries were modestly raised but also health insurance costs went up significantly. There was a significant drop in utilities due to weather and some increase in office expenses due to increased costs and activities. Please note that our religious education program runs at a deficit. The parish supports this significantly and fees alone do not cover the cost. We do it because it is an essential service of the parish to provide formation and education for our young people.

I also want to take this opportunity to announce that we are planning to significantly change the way business is done in the parish. Sometime after Easter, we will begin work to transfer the parish office to the basement of the church and to improve and modernize its facilities. This is being done primarily to sustain a safe environment and to improve the interaction between the parish and parishioners. I will let you know more when work commences, but I will ask for your patience as we make this transition to establish new patterns for conducting office services.

Fr. James Ferreira,
Our Lady Help of Christians Church
Pastor

PARISH FINANCES		
ORDINARY RECEIPTS	2024-2025	2023-2024
Sundays Collection	\$363,761.00	\$372,532.00
Christmas, Easter & Other Holy Days	\$40,159.00	\$31,644.00
Votive Candle Offerings	\$9,526.00	\$8,182.00
Net Parish Fundraisers	\$50,355.00	\$47,738.00
Investment Interest & Earnings	\$40,092.00	\$12,651.00
Poor Box, Books/Pamphlets	\$4,683.00	\$4,612.00
Rental Income - School Building	\$369,806.00	\$365,609.00
Other Income	\$26,825.00	\$25,133.00
TOTAL ORDINARY RECEIPTS	\$905,207.00	\$868,101.00
ORDINARY EXPENSES		
Rectory Living Expenses	\$9,552.00	\$10,694.00
Clergy Salaries & Benefits	\$82,081.00	\$74,771.00
Lay Salaries & Benefits	\$150,693.00	\$147,477.00
Altar & Liturgy Supplies	\$26,807.00	\$22,865.00
Utilities	\$36,822.00	\$78,112.00
Printing & Office Expense	\$43,016.00	\$32,504.00
Property & Liability Insurance	\$47,759.00	\$44,799.00
Archdiocesan Assessment & Regional School Tax	\$104,207.00	\$101,188.00
Building Maintenance & Repairs	\$93,184.00	\$71,471.00
Other Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES	\$594,121.00	\$583,881.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$311,086.00	\$284,220.00
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM		
RECEIPTS		
Registration & Sacrament Fees	\$83,405.00	\$68,459.00
TOTAL RECEIPT	\$83,405.00	\$68,459.00
EXPENSES		
Salaries & Benefits	\$107,873.00	\$99,141.00
Program Expenses	\$23,654.00	\$20,313.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$131,527.00	\$119,454.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):	(\$48,122.00)	(\$50,995.00)



Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized to your New Parish family especially,
Caden Luca Zuccaro.

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



Let us pray for all the deceased of the parish, buried from the church especially,
Maryann Laferrera.



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.

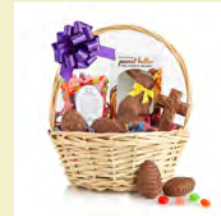
Bottles of juice: (No Glass Bottles) Juice boxes and water.

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 10am 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!

PARISH / CHURCH/ OTHER EVENTS

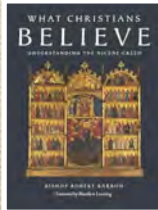


PALM CROSSES FOR SALE
\$12.00 Each
Weekend of
March 21st and 22nd

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:

Continuing on 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.



OLHC ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
SAVE THE DATE : FRI. JUNE 12TH
AT SOUTH SHORE GOLF COURSE



WITH FULL BREAKFAST, SNACKS
 AND OPEN BAR LUNCH AT THE
 GRAND OAKS COUNTRY CLUB.

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours

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

Announcements:

God Bless our 2nd Graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this past Thursday!

No Class on Tuesday, March 17th .

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!

Save the Date: Saturday, March 28th at 10AM



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

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.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Every Friday During Lent

6:00 pm - Holy Hour with Confessions

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, March 21, 2026 11:00am

Fr. Issac Spinharney C.F.R.

HOLY WEEK

Reconciliation Monday, March 30, 2026

Confessions: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

No Morning Mass

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

*Day of Fasting and Abstinence

No Morning Mass

Confessions (Fr. Gill): 12:00pm - 1:00pm

3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026

No Morning Mass

10:00am - Blessing of the Easter Food

8:00pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Masses, April 5, 2026

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm