

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

April 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY



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

SUNDAY: 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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD APRIL 13, 2025

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

- 9:00am: Maria Rosa DiStefano
Requested by Your Loving Son and Family
- 4:30pm: Priscilla and Dennis Carollo
Requested by Their Loving Children

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

- 8:00am: Vincenza Dimino
Requested by Maryann and Frank Diglio
- 10:00am: The People of our Parish
- 12:00pm: Ann Socci
Requested by The Martino Family



MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025 RECONCILIATION MONDAY

- 9:00am: Anita Mendez
Requested by Carol and Robert Vigneri

CONFESSIONS: 2-4pm and 6-9pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

- 9:00am: Vincent and Frances Pizzuto
Requested by Their Loving Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

- 9:00am: Robert Dochnahl (14th Anniversary)
Requested by The Bivona Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 HOLY THURSDAY (Rectory Closes 12pm)

**CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR ADORATION UNTIL 11:00pm*
NO MORNING MASS
7:00pm: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025 GOOD FRIDAY (Rectory Closed)

- 12:00-1:00pm: *NO MORNING MASS*
Confession - Fr. Gill
- 3:00pm: *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*
- 7:00pm: *Stations of the Cross Service with Instrumental*

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

NO MORNING MASS
10:00am: Blessing of the Easter Food
8:00pm: EASTER VIGIL

*Special Collections :

Crossroad Coll.- 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 APRIL 12, 2025



Bread and Wine
William Nobile
Requested by Stephanie Wright



Sanctuary Lamp
Immacolata DeSantis
Requested by The DeSantis Family



Altar Candles
Biagio and Ida Scotto
Requested by Your Loving Daughter Antoinette and Family



Altar Flowers
NONE DURING LENT

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:

REGULAR COLLECTION:

4/5/25 AND 4/6/25: \$4,936.

YOU CAN 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 from this time forward.



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Examination of Conscience based on the Ten Commandments

I. I am the Lord, thy God, thou shalt not have strange gods before Me. Have I taken part of the rites of the another religion or denied all or parts of the Catholic faith? Have I engaged in occult activities like tarot cards, ouija boards, fortune tellers, etc. Do I put worldly goods or ambitions before what I owe to God? Do I take time to learn the teaching of the Church?

II. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. Have I used the name of Christ or his Holy Mother in vain or used vulgar speech? Have I disrespected holy objects, consecrated places, or people? Have I ever received Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin? Have I neglected support of the Church or those in need? Have I ever lied or withheld a mortal sin deliberately in the sacrament of confession?

III. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Have I neglected to attend Holy Mass on the Lord's Day or on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I respect Sunday as a day of rest? Do I give time to God in prayer on a daily basis?

IV. Honor thy Father and Mother. Do I respect My Mother and Father? Do I take care of them? Do I pray for them (or their soul if deceased)? Do I respect lawful civil authority, superiors at work? Am I attentive to my family, my spouse, and my children? Do I take seriously the obligation to be the primary educator of my children?

V. Thou shalt not kill. Have I engaged in any physical violence against another? Have I been verbally abusive to another? Have I participated in an abortion or an act of euthanasia in any way? Have I abused alcohol, drugs, or other substances or put someone in danger because of them? Have I hated anyone or wished evil on another person? Have I mutilated myself in any way including sterilization?

VI. Thou shalt not commit adultery .

IX. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.

Have I been faithful in my marriage vows in thought and action? Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control? Was every marital act open to the transmission of life? Have I engaged in acts of self abuse? Have I viewed pornographic material, or gone to immoral shops or massage parlors? Have I engaged in an extramarital sexual activity such as fornication, adultery, or cohabitation? Have I entertained impure thoughts or put myself in the near occasion of sin? Do I think of others as objects for my use? Do I cultivate chastity according to my state in life in my thoughts, speech and actions? Do I dress moderately or dress in a way that might be an occasion of sin for others?

VII. Thou shalt not steal .

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

Have I taken money or objects that don't belong to me? Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen? Have I knowingly deceived someone in business dealings? Do I waste time at work, school or home? Have I disrespected the property of others, or engaged in vandalism? Do I gamble excessively? Do I pay just wages? Do I pay all my taxes? Do I share what I can with the poor?

VIII. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Have I lied in order to deceive someone? Have I told truths about someone to hurt their reputation? Have I spread rumors or lied to hurt someone's reputation? Have I not fulfilled a promise made under oath? Do I participate in gossip or rejoice in the misfortune of others? Am I critical of others?

Basic script for going to confession:

Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been (X amount of time) since my last confession. Here are my sins. After listing your sins, the priest will speak, give you a penance and ask you to say the act of contrition. Lastly he will say the prayer of absolution in which the sacrament is conferred.

Act of Contrition (one of many acceptable forms):

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.



Our Lady Help of Christians
welcomes all newly baptized especially,
**Robert Alexander Hagerman, IV and
Alexandria Concetta Cintorrino**
to your new Parish Family.

Let us pray for all the deceased who were buried from
our Parish, especially, **Patricia E. Marano,
Patricia Ekelund, Michael Graziano and
Robert S. Zsuffa.**



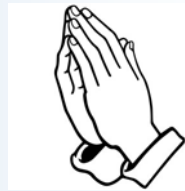
PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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



OLHC EASTER 2025 OUTREACH

Date: Saturday April 19, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Place: OLHC Amboy Road Parking Lot

We will collect and deliver the ingredients for an Easter
Dinner to be distributed at the CYO center in Port Richmond

We are coordinating this worthy endeavor with Catholic
Charities and Project Hospitality.

Easter Meal Items

Bags or cans of rice - Bags or cans of all types of beans

Fresh fruit - Apples, Oranges, Bananas, etc.

Bags of fresh vegetables - Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Onions,
Peppers, etc.

Juice - all types - Juice boxes - water (No Glass Bottles)

Pre-packages desserts - donuts, cakes, cookies, pies, cupcakes,
etc.

Bread - bags of rolls or bread. Nothing refrigerated

Paper Goods - plates, utensils, napkins

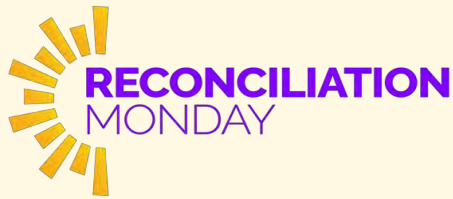
The meat portion of this meal will be donated by
Project Hospitality.

As always your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**We are Blessed to have been able
to host this very worthy event for many years.**

Thank you!

PARISH / CHURCH/ OTHER EVENTS



APRIL 14, 2025

2-4pm Fr. Michael Reilly

6-7:30pm Fr. Thomas DeSimone

7:30-9pm Fr. James Ferreira

Easter Novena Offering Envelopes can be found in the church lobbies. Please take one and remember your loved ones during the Novena beginning on Easter Sunday.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Office Hours

**Monday to Thursday
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Tel. No. 347-838-6726**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all the catechists, adult volunteers and high school students who helped to make this year a success! Without our volunteers, our program would not be as successful as it is. May God Bless all our families and students throughout the next few months.

A reminder to everyone that Mass is an obligation all year long. All students have received Mass slips with dates through August.

Registration forms have been sent home for next year. Please register as soon as possible. You may also check our OLHC website: olheparish.org

God bless you. Mrs. Joan Baggs, DRE

PALM CROSS SALES



**Palm Crosses will be sold
this weekend
at \$11.00 each.**

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS
THE 2025 LIMITED RAFFLE**

ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT \$100 EACH

If all 300 tickets are not sold prizes will be adjusted proportionately. **FIRST PLACE.....\$10,000.00**

SECOND PLACE.....\$ 3,000.00

THIRD PLACE.....\$ 2,000.00

DRAWING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, May 25, 2025

Following the 10:00AM Mass in the Auditorium. Join us for Bagels and Coffee to pick the winners! Winners need not be present. They will be notified by phone. **TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES FLIERS ARE IN THE LOBBIES.**



RESPECT LIFE NEWS

For any information regarding Respect Life, please see the church lobby bulletin board.

As a Parish, we are committed to saving lives.

JOIN OUR 27TH ANNUAL OLHC



**THE BIGGEST FUNDRAISER FOR THE
CHURCH**

**SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH
IN MEMORY OF DEACON JOHN A. SINGLER**

**FULL DAY OF GOLF, AT SOUTH SHORE GOLF COURSE-
FULL AMERICAN BREAKFAST INCLUDED, SNACK AT THE
TURN, BEVERAGES ON COURSE AND OPEN BAR
LUNCHEON AT GRAND OAKS COUNTRY CLUB WITH
GRAND PRIZES, RAFFLES, GIFT BASKETS, 50/50 AND MUCH
MORE! 8AM - SHOTGUN WITH LUNCH TO FOLLOW AT
THE GRAND OAKS COUNTRY CLUB. BRING YOUR FAMILY
AND FRIENDS FOR A GREAT DAY. **WANT TO ADVERTISE
YOUR BUSINESS? BE A SPONSOR! CONTACT THE
RECTORY IF INTERESTED. DON'T GOLF? JOIN US FOR
LUNCH ONLY!****

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.



Every Friday During Lent

6:00 pm - Holy Hour with Confessions

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

HOLY WEEK

Reconciliation Monday, April 14, 2025

Confessions: 2-4pm Fr. Michael Reilly

6-7:30pm Fr. Thomas DeSimone

7:30-9pm Fr. James Ferreira

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025

No Morning Mass

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

***Church is open for Adoration until 11:00pm**

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

*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 with instrumental

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

No Morning Mass

10:00am - Blessing of the Easter Food

8:00pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Masses, April 20, 2025

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