

Church of Our Lady Help of Christians



The Catholic Church
in Tottenville since 1898



7396 Amboy Road Staten Island New York 10307

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**16th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
July 19, 2026

"At the end of the age,
the Son of Man will send
his angels,
and they will collect out
of his kingdom all who
cause others to sin
and all evildoers."

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Regular hours: Monday: 8:00am-1:00pm and

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00am-3:00pm

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-1:00pm

Pastor: Fr. James H. Ferreira

Weekend Assistants:

Fr. Frank Naccarato and Fr. Michael Reilly

Secretaries:

Maria Byrnes and Ninfa Chiarello

Music Director: Wayne Hu

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS:

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

Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

10:00am-1:00pm

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.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026**

- 9:00am:** Gary App
Req. by Ralph Perricone
- 4:30pm:** Anthony Cipaldo (7th Anniversary)
Req. by Donna Schoer and Dawn Morales

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

- 8:00am:** The People of our Parish
- 10:00am:** Anne and Harold Meshrow
Req. by Joan Naeder
- 12:00pm:** Vincenza Volpe
Req. by Maria Barbaro

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

- 9:00am:** Salvatore Badalamenti
Req. by His Loving Brother, Charles

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

- 9:00am:** Anthony DeFilippo (Happy Birthday)
Req. by His Loving Wife and Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

- 9:00am:** Anna Catania and Emile Blondell (Happy Birthday)
Req. by Your Loving Family

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

- 9:00am:** Peggy Whiteside
Req. by Your Loving Brother, Jack

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

- 9:00am:** Joyce Boose
Req. by Jeff and Donna Matthews and Family

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

- 9:00am:** Jack King
Req. by Jim and Kathy Pistilli
- 4:30pm:** Rita Avallone
Req. by Angela and Larry Nusser

****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 JULY 18, 2026

Bread and Wine
The People of our Parish



Sanctuary Lamp
Bill Ferris (Living)
Req. by The Barcia Family



Altar Candles
The People of our Parish



Altar Flowers
NONE DURING SUMMER

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:

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.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Grace and peace to you in the Lord Jesus!

As we journey through this week, the Church invites us to reflect on the richness of God's Word and the inspiring witness of the saints. In the Parable of the Weeds, Jesus teaches us to trust in God's wisdom, knowing that He alone will bring justice in His perfect time. The parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast remind us that even the smallest acts of faith - a simple prayer, an act of forgiveness, or a gesture of kindness can grow into powerful signs of God's Kingdom. God often works quietly and patiently, transforming hearts and lives in ways we may not immediately see.

This week, the Church also celebrates several beloved saints. On July 22nd, we honor Saint Mary Magdalene, the first witness to the Risen Christ and the Apostle to the Apostles. On July 25th, we celebrate the Feast of Saint James the Apostle. On this joyful occasion, I extend my heartfelt prayers and warm wishes to Fr. James Ferreira on his patronal feast. May the Lord continue to bless him with good health, wisdom, and abundant joy as he faithfully serves God's people. On July 26th we commemorate Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Their lives remind us of the beautiful vocation of parents and grandparents, whose love, example, and faith help shape future generations.

It has been a great blessing to spend these summer months with you once again. I currently serve as the Rector and Vice Chancellor of the oldest and premier private university college in Sri Lanka, serving nearly 13,000 students. Since 2014, I have also been privileged to serve as your Parochial Vicar and Summer Assistant at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. The summers here have become a treasured part of my priestly ministry. Serving alongside you, has drawn me closer to God and enriched my vocation in countless ways. I have been deeply touched by your kindness, friendship, generous hospitality, and constant prayers.

I offer my heartfelt bouquet of gratitude to Fr. James Ferreira for his fraternal support, thoughtful guidance, and generous willingness to share both ministry and friendship. I am equally grateful to every parishioner who has welcomed me so warmly into your homes and hearts. Your faith, generosity, and love have been a constant source of encouragement and blessing, and I thank God for each one of you.

I carry with me many cherished memories and the assurance of your prayers. Please know that each of you will remain in my daily prayers. Though distance may separate us, we remain united in Christ, especially in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

May this week inspire us to be patient in trials, steadfast in prayer, and generous in love.

May Our Lady Help of Christians intercede for us always, and may Almighty God bless you and your families with His peace, good health, and abundant grace.

With gratitude and prayers,
Fr. Sylvester Ranasinghe

OIHC welcomes all newly baptized especially
John Anthony Mataragas, III, to your new Parish Family!

Let us pray for all the deceased of the Parish buried
from the church. especially **Linda Geloso**.

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

WALKING WITH GOD



**PLEASE PRAY
FOR THE PEOPLE
OF OUR PARISH**
PLEASE LET THE
RECTORY KNOW IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO
REMOVE ANYONE
FROM THIS SICK LIST.

John George	Danielle Taunton
Rita G.	Carl Termine, Jr.
Brian Godkin	Justin Too
Judy Goode	Theresa Trupiano
Kian Griffiths	Colleen Murphy
Robbie Hammel	Valcarce
Felipe Higgenson	Tim Wallace
Debra Houshmonrad	Cathy Westcot
Sofia Ivanchenko	Joseph Yasso

Alexander
Angelo Alberga
Tina Aucello
Ariel Ayubo
Philip Alfano
Robert Alongi
Anna Ambrosiole
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
Agnes Coniglione
Salvatore Cortes
Stacey Cohen
Sylvia Cohen
Frank Creazzo
Maria D'Amelio
Maria P.
Matt Dordero
Eddie Covelli
Daniel
Danielle T.
Elvira Deluzio
Ellen Derowki
Andrew DiLorenzo
Barbara Doty
Nicolette Falzone
Denise Ferreira
Nancy Flynn
Joshua Gabay
Emilyrose Gagliardi
Frank Gennuso
George

Thomas Jacob
Jeremy
Jimmy T.
Kathy
Marianne Kelly
Nancy King
Gianna Kovacs
Rafael Laskowski
Maria LaSorsa
Joseph Liotine
Anthony Lodareo
Santa Luca
Flora Lucchese
Ralph Lucchese
Scuoto Maisco
Ed Malley
Joseph Mariconda
John Marsh
Matthew
Ken McCall
Vincent Merola
Franco Migliorini
Roberta Miro
Christine Momole
Peter Monfasani
Joan Orena
Richard Ortiz
Linda Palermo
Paul M.
Raymond Perry, Jr.
SPC Sean Pesce
Lynn Phimister
Julie Pleszewicz
Phyllis
Michael Porto
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



**MAY YOU WALK WITH GOD THIS SUMMER
IN WHATEVER YOU DO,
WHEREVER YOU GO.**

**WALKING WITH GOD MEANS...
WALKING WITH HONESTY
AND WITH COURAGE,
WALKING WITH LOVE
AND RESPECT AND CONCERN
FOR THE FEELING OF OTHERS.**

**MAY YOU TALK WITH GOD THIS SUMMER
PRAYING WORDS OF PRAISE
FOR THE BEAUTY OF CREATION.
SAYING PRAYERS OF THANKS
FOR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND
GOOD TIMES,
ASKING GOD'S HELP
IN ALL YOUR DECISIONS.
EXPRESSING SORROW
WHEN YOU HAVE FAILED.**

**MAY GOD BE WITH YOU
ALL SUMMER LONG AND EVERY DAY.**

AMEN

PARISH / CHURCH/ OTHER EVENTS

SUMMER HOURS

REL. ED. SUMMER HOURS: 10AM-1PM
MON.-THURS. BEGINNING JULY 1ST
AND ENDING AUGUST 31ST.

RECTORY SUMMER HOURS: 8AM-1PM
MON.-FRI. BEGINNING JULY 6TH
AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 8TH.

**GREAT NEWS!**

WE HAVE MET OUR GOAL OF \$63,000.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARISHIONERS!
IF YOU STILL WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TO THE
APPEAL, PLEASE CONTINUE TO DO SO,
REMEMBER THAT 80% OF THE EXCESS
COMES BACK TO US!



**THE MASS BOOK IS NOW
OPEN FOR 2027**

**THE RECTORY IS OPEN
MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM
8AM-1PM MASSES ARE
LIMITED TO 5 MASSES.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours

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

******SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT*****

**The Religious Ed. Office is temporarily located in
the Rectory until further notice. For assistance
please ring the Rectory doorbell.**

Summer Office Hours:
10 AM to 1 PM Monday through Thursday

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 2026-27!

Forms are available online at :
OLHCparish.org, in the church lobbies and
at the Religious Education Office.

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.

Mass attendance is still being recorded throughout the summer months.

Have a blessed summer, Mrs. Joan Baggs, DRE

RESPECT LIFE

In this month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we recall that our God has taken on our humanity; He has taken on a human heart.

Looking upon Jesus, may we see revealed the tremendous dignity of our magnificent humanity.

In Christ, Our Life,
The Respect Life Office

For free confidential support call: 718-556-3474
Email: crossroad15@verizon.net
Pregnancy Care Center of NY
Call or Text 24/7: 718-667-4357
Email: info@pccofny.org

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
PURGATORIAL SOCIETY**

On the last Tuesday of the month, the Purgatorial Society is celebrated at the 9am Mass. The Holy Mass is offered for the members enrolled in the Purgatorial Society. If you would like to have a loved one enrolled, please contact the rectory. Once enrolled you will receive a card showing the name of the loved one and the time period that they will be enrolled.

6 month enrollment is \$15.00
12 month enrollment is \$30.00

July is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus in the liturgical calendar of the Church. Devotion to the Precious Blood has deep historical roots, dating back to the early centuries of Christianity.

During the month of July, it is our time to deepen our devotion to Jesus and to reflect on the saving power of His Blood. It offers us an opportunity to participate in special prayers, Liturgies, and devotional practices focused on the Precious Blood.

Redemption

The Precious Blood of Jesus is seen as the ultimate expression of God's love and mercy, as it was freely given for the forgiveness of sins and the salvation of souls. This devotion is powerful as it is the ultimate expression of His love and mercy toward us. By shedding His Blood, Jesus conquered the powers of sin and death, offering believers the hope of new life and reconciliation with God.

The Precious Blood has the power to intercede for believers and offer us protection from spiritual harm. We often invoke the Precious Blood for strength, healing, and deliverance from evil.

Divine Mercy connection

Devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus is seen as an essential part of the Divine Mercy Chaplet because it emphasizes the redemptive and atoning power of Jesus' sacrifice. The Precious Blood of Jesus, shed for the forgiveness of sins, is central to the Divine Mercy message, which highlights God's mercy and forgiveness offered to humanity through the Passion and death of Jesus Christ.

Meditate and reflect

Take the time to meditate on the significance of Jesus' Precious Blood and its role in the redemption of humanity. Regularly participate in the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation as it is essential to receive the graces made available through the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Approach the Sacraments with a heart open to receiving God's mercy and forgiveness. Embrace the call to live out the message of Divine Mercy by showing compassion and forgiveness to others. Do acts of mercy to those in need, whether through charitable works, acts of kindness, or offering forgiveness to those who have wronged you. Share the message of God's mercy and the significance of Jesus' Precious Blood with others. Use opportunities for evangelization to proclaim the good news of salvation through Christ's sacrifice and to invite others to experience the transforming power of God's mercy in their lives.

O Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, we honor, worship and adore Thee.
Heal the wounds of our souls and wash away the sins of the whole world.

O Precious Blood, have mercy.