

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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July 20, 2025
16th Sunday OT



**"Martha, you are worried
about many things.
Mary has chosen
the better part and it will
not be taken from her."**

RECTORY

Summer Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:00am - 2:00pm

Pastor: Fr. James H. Ferreira

Weekend Assistants: Fr. Frank Naccarato
Fr. Michael Reilly

Secretaries: Maria Byrnes
Ninfa Chiarello

Music Director: Wayne Hu

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Summer Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday: 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 19, 2025

9:00am: Elba Vazquez
Requested by Teresa Celentano

4:30pm: Scott Ghent
Requested by Angela and Larry Nusser

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

8:00am: The People of our Parish

10:00am: Ann Ronan (1st Anniversary)
Requested by Colleen and Jimmy Meehan

12:00pm: Edward Pollock, Jr.
Requested by His Loving Wife, Diane

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

9:00am: Anthony Defilippo
Requested by Your Loving Wife and Children

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025

9:00am: Silvia Faiella
Requested by Maryann Butera

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025

9:00am: Peggy Whiteside
Requested by Your Loving Brother, Jack

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025

9:00am: Ralph Favale
Requested by Angela and Larry Nusser

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025

9:00am: Nancy Garone
Requested by Diane Gruberger and Lorraine Ensana

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

9:00am: Emile Blondell
Requested by The Blondell Family

4:30pm: Jay Malejki
Requested by Your Beloved Aunt and Godmother

****Special Collections :**

Crossroad Colletion- 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 19, 2025



Bread and Wine
The People of our Parish



Sanctuary Lamp
The People of our Parish



Altar Candles
The People of our Parish



Altar Flowers
NONE DURING SUMMER

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:

Thank you for your support!

PARISH REGULAR COLLECTION:

JULY 12, 2025 AND JULY 13, 2025: \$3,789.00

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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A letter from Fr. Sylvester....

Dear Parish Family,

In the Church's liturgical calendar, July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus, a profound symbol of His sacrificial love. It reminds us that Christ's suffering and death were not in vain but are the wellspring of our salvation. During this month, we are invited to meditate on the mystery of His Passion, to pray the Novena to the Precious Blood, and to make acts of reparation, consecrating ourselves anew to His mercy. As we are in this sacred month, may we ask for the grace to open our hearts more deeply to the love of Jesus and to live lives marked by gratitude, reparation, and thanksgiving.

The name "July" traces its origin to ancient Rome. Originally called Sextilis in Latin, it was renamed in the 1st century BC in honor of Julius Caesar, commemorating his birth month. As history recalls the legacies of great leaders and transformative eras, this month invites us to pause and reflect on the deeper truths shaping our own lives. Across the world, national celebrations such as Independence Day in the United States (July 4), Canada Day (July 1), and Bastille Day in France (July 14) bring communities together in a spirit of unity and remembrance.

In Sri Lanka, July is marked by a vibrant tapestry of spiritual and cultural observances that reflect the island's deep religious heritage and communal harmony. Among the highlights are the Esala Perahera in Kandy, a grand procession honoring the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha, featuring hundreds of elephants and the Esala Full Moon Poya, commemorating the Buddha's first sermon and the founding of the Sangha. These sacred traditions embody the spiritual heart of the nation during this meaningful month.

Since 2014, I have had the joy and blessing of serving at Our Lady Help of Christians. Looking back over these years, I can truly say it has been a spiritually enriching and deeply fulfilling journey. OLHC is more than a parish, it is a home filled with faith, warmth, and a strong sense of community.

I am continually inspired by the generosity, kindness, and sincere concern of each one of you. It has been a privilege to witness your faith in action through your prayers, your service, and the simple but profound ways you uplift those around you.

I am especially grateful for the friendship and companionship of Fr. James Ferreira. His pastoral wisdom, gentle spirit, and unwavering commitment have left a lasting impression on me. Working alongside him has not only strengthened my ministry but has been a source of personal joy.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives and for making OLHC such a special place to serve. May this July be a month of grace, growth, and gratitude for all at OLHC.

With warm regards and every blessing,
Fr. Sylvester Ranasinghe



Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized especially, **Eleanor Mae Marsh, Anthony Lee Carlo, III and Gwendolyn Joyce Campbell.**

Let us pray for all the deceased especially, **Margaret Rivieccio, Joseph C. Steinhauer, Robert Bridge and Robert Sweetman** buried from our church.



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

**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 would like to have a loved one be enrolled, please contact the rectory.

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

**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	Rita Giannettino	Christopher Seiler
Angelo Alberga	Brian Godkin	Judy Singler
Philip Alfano	Kian Griffiths	Stephanie
Robert Alongi	Felipe Higgenson	Stacey Strongarone
Anna Ambrosiole	Debra Houshmonrad	Edward Svennigsen
Jake Aspinall	Thomas Jacob	Gladys Tancredi
Aubrey	Jeremy	Tara
Doreen Balkin	Jimmy T.	Danielle Taunton
Frank Bak	Kathy	Carl Termine, Jr.
Anna Bolino	Kathy S.	Justin Too
Margaret Bonamo	Marianne Kelly	Vicki M.
Roseann Brock	Nancy King	Tim Wallace
Robert Bridge	Gianna Kovacs	Cathy Westcott
Joseph Burzo	Frances Laguna	Joseph Yasso
Theresa Cardinale	Rafael Laskowski	
Carmela	Maria LaSorsa	
Dennis Castelli	Joseph Liotine	
Luca Carsen	Anthony Lodareo	
Thomas Celentano	Santa Luca	
Steven Cina	Flora Lucchese	
Lisa Clifford	Ralph Lucchese	
Salvatore Cortes	Scuoto Maisco	
Stacey Cohen	JoAnn Magee	
Sylvia Cohen	Ed Malley	
Eddie Covelli	Joseph Mariconda	
Sharonlee D.	Matthew	
Daniel	Ken McCall	
Danielle T.	Peter Marsh	
Elvira Deluzio	Vincent Merola	
Vincent DeRossi	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	



Christ Be With Me

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit, Christ
where I arise,
Christ in the heart of
everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of
every one who speaks to me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Salvation is of the Lord.
Salvation is of the Christ.
May your salvation, Lord,
be ever with us.

St. Patrick

PARISH / CHURCH/ OTHER EVENTS

**THE 2026 MASS BOOK IS
NOW OPEN.**

**THE RECTORY IS OPEN
MONDAY-FRIDAY
FROM 8AM-2PM
LIMITED TO 5 MASSES.**



SPECIAL EVENT

**Goretti Run/Walk Fundraiser
Saturday, August 16th 10:00am**

Join us at Midland Beach on Staten Island for the Annual Run/Walk to "Spread the Joy of Authentic Love" and help support our NY Chapter! Families, teams and individuals are welcome to run or walk our 2 mile race! (A 1 mile race for children 12years old and under). Cash prizes in all age categories, free food/T-shirts, & children's medals for all!

**Donate or register with the link on our
webpage: thegorettigroup.org/newyork**

Email: ny@thegorettigroup.org for more information.



**THE
GORETTI GROUP**



**Kids 1
Mile Run
FREE**

AUGUST 16, 2025, 10:00 AM

**2025 2 MILE RACE FOR THE
CHASTE NYC RUN/WALK**

STATEN ISLAND MIDLAND BEACH PROMENADE

Come join us and Race for the Chaste! Bear witness to authentic love and help raise funds for the **Goretti Group New York**. Prizes, Food, and Fun for all with a special 1-mile race for those 12 and under!

ny@thegorettigroup.org

REGISTER NOW!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



**Summer Office Hours
Monday - Wednesday
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Tel. No. 347-838-6726**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Religious Ed Office will be open during the summer until Aug. 31st.

**Monday-Wednesday from 10AM-1PM
(until otherwise noted).**

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 in September.

Please register your children as soon as possible as classes are filling up quickly!

Registrations can be dropped off in person 10am to 1pm Monday through Wednesday. Registrations can also be placed in the Rectory mail slot at any time or mailed.

**Have a blessed week,
Mrs. Joan Baggs, DRE**

RESPECT LIFE



Building a culture that cherishes and protects every human life.

**PART-TIME CHURCH SEXTON NEEDED
HERE AT OLHC.**

Currently, the parish needs a part-time Church Sexton. We are looking for someone to cover the morning at the parish in maintaining the church's offices and liturgical functions.

All interested parties should contact the rectory or email Fr. Ferreira at:
fr.james.ferreira@olhccparish.org

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 salvific 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.