

Church of Our Lady Help of Christians



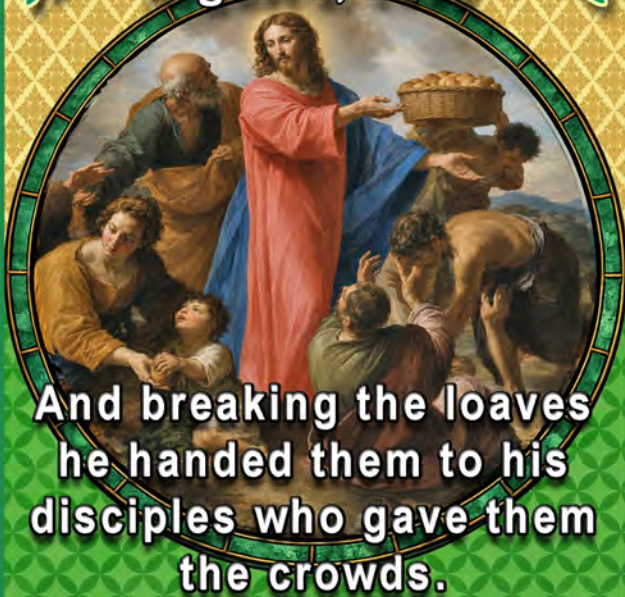
The Catholic Church
in Tottenville since 1898



7396 Amboy Road Staten Island New York 10307

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**18th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
August 2, 2026



**And breaking the loaves
he handed them to his
disciples who gave them
the crowds.**

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, AUGUST 1, 2026****9:00am: George Dresch (Happy Birthday)***Req. by His Loving Wife***4:30pm: Vincent Vigneri***Req. by Rob Vigneri***SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026****8:00am: David Meehan (1st Ann.)***Req. by The Chipura Family***10:00am: Wayne Szuba***Req. by Marion and Mark Kozaki***12:00pm: The People of our Parish****MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026****9:00am: Vincent and Frances Pizzuto***Req. by Their Loving Family***TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026****9:00am: Henry Carstens***Req. by Joan and Lloyd Baggs***WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026****9:00am: Jack King***Req. by Linda and Greg Hauck***THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026****9:00am: Margaret Grillo***Req. by The Grillo Family***FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026****9:00am: Gary App***Req. by The Daily Rosary Group***9:30am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament****SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026****9:00am: Vincent Pizzillo (Happy Birthday)***Req. by Your Loving Family***4:30pm: The People of our Parish******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 AUGUST 1, 2026**Bread and Wine****Alix Marina Blanco de Rojas***Req. by Nina Vicari***Sanctuary Lamp****Ann Rapaglia and****William Karpeles***Req. by Their Loving Families***Altar Candles****Anthony Parisi***Req. by The Parisi and Cipriano Families***Altar Flowers****NONE DURING SUMMER****SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:****Regular Collection : 7/25 and 7/26:****Total: \$3,719.****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.****venmo**



August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This monthly focus invites us to reflect on Mary's purity, love, and virtue, and to grow in devotion to her heart as a symbol of her inner life and her relationship with her Son, Jesus.

The association of August with the Immaculate Heart is a relatively recent development, though devotion to Mary's heart has deep roots. The modern dedication began in the 1940s under Pope Pius XII, who was deeply influenced by the 1917 apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. In those visions, Mary asked that the world be consecrated to her Immaculate Heart.

Pope Pius XII consecrated the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart in 1942, and in 1944 he established August 22nd as the Feast of the Immaculate Heart, placing it on the Octave of the Assumption (August 15). This feast was later moved in 1969 to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Why the Immaculate Heart?

The "Immaculate Heart" refers to Mary's heart as a symbol of her purity and love. Unlike the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is adored, Mary's heart is venerated because it is united to her person and represents her inner life of faith, virtue, and devotion. Her devotion to it is meant to inspire Catholics to live pure hearts, love God and neighbor, and practice virtue.

Devotional Practices during August

Pray the Rosary or Liturgy of the Immaculate Heart.

Recite the Five First Saturdays devotion, inspired by Fatima's request for reparation.

Offer acts of reparation and consecration to Mary's Heart.

Reflect on Mary's role in salvation history, especially her role in the Incarnation and her Assumption.

Marian Feasts in August.

While August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart, it also contains other Marian feasts:

Aug. 5 – Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (Our Lady of the Snows).

Aug. 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Aug. 22 – Queenship of Mary (also the Feast of the Immaculate Heart)

In summary, August in the Catholic faith is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a devotion rooted in Scripture, Marian piety, and the Fatima apparitions, promoted by Pope Pius XII to inspire purity, love, and virtue in the faithful.

Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized especially **Thomas John Caliendo and Joseph Christopher Cammarano.**

Let us pray for all the deceased of the Parish buried from the church especially **Josephine LaPerna, Vincenza Giannola and Mary Lucas.**

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.

Alexander
Angelo Alberga
Tina Aucello
Ariel Ayubo
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
Anthony Chillelli
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
John George
Rita G.

Brian Godkin
Judy Goode
Kian Griffiths
Robbie Hammel
Felipe Higgenson
Debra Houshmonrad
Sofia Ivanchenko
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



Danielle Taunton
Carl Termine, Jr.
Justin Too
Theresa Trupiano
Colleen Murphy
Valcarce
Tim Wallace
Cathy Westcott
Joseph Yasso



A PRAYER FOR AUGUST

Lord Jesus, thank You for August!

Thank You for the warmth of the sun.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer months.

Draw me closer to You.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence, and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

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

**The Immaculate
Heart of Mary and Respect Life**

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is a Catholic devotion symbolizing the deep love, purity, and compassion of the Blessed Virgin Mary for God and humanity. It reflects her role as the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church, embodying virtues such as humility, obedience, and selfless care.

This devotion is closely linked to the Respect for Life because Mary's heart is seen as a model of how to live in harmony with God's will, protect the innocent, and promote the sanctity of human life.

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**

PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O heart of Mary, mother of God, and our mother; heart most worthy of love, in which the adorable Trinity is ever well-pleased, worthy of the veneration and love of all the angels and of all men; heart most like to the Heart of Jesus, of which thou art the perfect image; heart, full of goodness, ever compassionate toward our miseries; deign to melt our icy hearts and grant that they may be wholly changed into the likeness of the Heart of Jesus, our divine Savior. Pour into them the love of thy virtues, enkindle in them that divine fire with which thou thyself dost ever burn. In thee let Holy Church find a safe shelter; protect her and be her dearest refuge, her tower of strength, impregnable against every assault of her enemies. Be thou the way which leads to Jesus, and the channel, through which we receive all the graces needful for our salvation. Be our refuge in time of trouble, our solace in the midst of trial, our strength against temptation, our haven in persecution, our present help in every danger and especially at the hour of death, when all hell shall let loose against us its legions to snatch away our souls, at that dread moment, that hour so full of fear, whereon our eternity depends. Ah, then most tender virgin, make us to feel the sweetness of thy motherly heart, and the might of thine intercession with Jesus, and open to us a safe refuge in that very fountain of mercy, whence we may come to praise Him with thee in paradise, world without end. Amen.