

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

**20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
August 16, 2026



**We know
that we can make
ourselves worthy
by perseverance.**

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 15, 2026 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am: Angela Laurella
Req. by The Gloria Family

4:30pm: William Baker
Req. by Peggy Cregin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

8:00am: The People of our Parish

10:00am: Grace Tomasetti
Req. by Robert Vigneri

12:00pm: Michael Spinella, Sr.
Req. by His Loving Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026

9:00am: Priscilla Laundano
Req. by Antoniette

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

9:00am: Arlene Barcia
Req. by Her Loving Sister-in-law

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

9:00am: Henry Carstens
Req. by Nino D'Angelo

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

9:00am: Diane Restivo
Req. by The Loren Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

9:00am: Gary App
Req. by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Porto

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

9:00am: John Gialella, Jr.
Req. by The Biskoroway Family

4:30pm: Deacon John Singler
Req. by The OLHC 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 15, 2026



Bread and Wine
 The People of our Parish



Sanctuary Lamp
 The People of our Parish



Altar Candles
 Ramona Fogelstrom
 Happy Birthday
Req. by Peter and Daria Voss



Altar Flowers
 NONE DURING SUMMER

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:

Regular Collection : 8/8/26 and 8/9/26:
Total: \$3,855.

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.



The Feast of the Assumption



Mary's "Yes", Her "Fiat" of surrendered love,
brought heaven to earth and opened earth to the heaven which received Her.
She is thus the sign of the Church's future and provides the pattern of every Christian vocation.

All who say "Yes" to Her beloved Son and live their lives in surrendered love,
bear Jesus Christ for the world and will join with Her
in the fullness of the communion of love for all eternity.

The World hungers for His Love.
Mary shows us the way.

A reflection of Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



Faith over boundaries: The woman's humility and persistence show that genuine faith
is not limited by nationality, status, or expectation.

God's mercy is universal: His compassion extends to all who come to Him with humility and trust.

The woman came and did Jesus homage, her patience and confidence in His mercy
model how believers should respond when God seems silent.

This passage is a reminder that faith is more than belief, it is trust, humility,
and perseverance before God, and that God's grace is never restricted by human categories.

Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized
to
your new Parish Family.

Let us pray for all the deceased of the Parish buried
from the 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

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
Albert G. Chamberlain
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.
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 Houshmondrad
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



***Today, Holy Father, grant us the
strength and wisdom
to be agents of change
in this world.***

***Inspire our hearts to serve others
selflessly and lead by example.***

***May our actions reflect
Your love,
igniting hope and transformation
in the lives we touch.***

***Help us to make a difference,
for Your glory.***

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
Novena Prayer



PRAYER
TO THE IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY

Novena Prayer

O MOST BLESSED MOTHER,
heart of love, heart of mercy,
ever listening, caring,
consoling, hear our prayer.
As your children, we implore your
intercession with Jesus your Son.
Receive with understanding and
compassion the petitions we place
before you today, especially
(special intention).
We are comforted in knowing your
heart is ever open to those
who ask for your prayer.
We trust to your gentle care and
intercession, those whom we love
and who are sick or lonely or hurting.
Help all of us, Holy Mother to bear
our burdens in this life until we
may share eternal life and peace
with God forever
Amen.