

Church of Our Lady Help of Christians



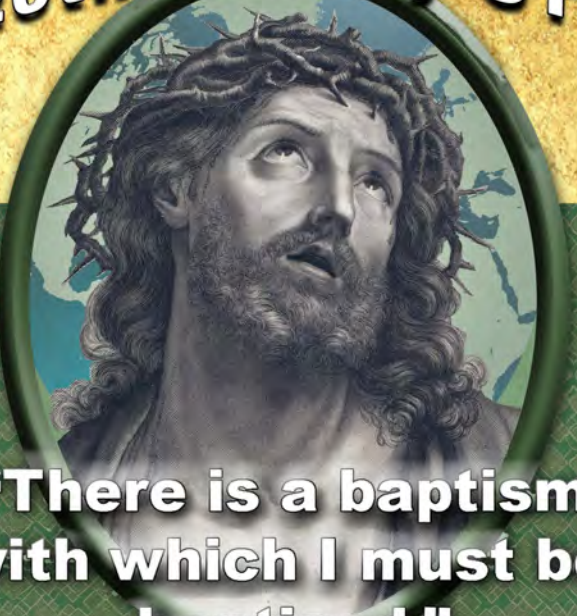
The Catholic Church
in Tottenville since 1898



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August 17, 2025
20th Sunday OT



**“There is a baptism
with which I must be
baptised.”**

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, AUGUST 16, 2025

9:00am: Lorraine Griffin (Living)
Requested by Frank and Maryanne Diglio

4:30pm: Michael Spinella, Sr.
Requested by His Loving Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

8:00am: The People of our Parish

10:00am: Ann Rapaglia (Happy Birthday)
Requested by Your Loving Husband and Children

12:00pm: Virginia DiGiorgio (18 Yrs.)
Requested by Anne Tanzi

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

9:00am Arlene Barcia
Requested by her Sister-in-law, Rachel Barcia-Morse

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

9:00am: Nancy Garone
Requested by Lisa Lloyd and Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

9:00am: Nicola Ragusa (2nd Anniversary)
Requested by Your Loving Wife and Children

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025

9:00am: Nancy Garone
Requested by Bob Humphries

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025

9:00am: Michael Chadwick
Requested by The Chadwick Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

9:00am: Deacon John A. Singler, II (1st Anniversary)
Requested by Fr. James Ferreira

4:30pm: Vincent Vigneri
Requested by His Son, Rob

****Special Collections :**

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 16, 2025**



Bread and Wine
Vera Baker
Req. by Your Loving Grandchildren



Sanctuary Lamp
Mary Ann DeCrescenzo
Req. by The Minore Famly



Altar Candles
The People of our Parish



Altar Flowers
NONE DURING SUMMER

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:

Thank you for your support!

PARISH REGULAR COLLECTION:

AUGUST 9, 2025 and AUGUST 10, 2025:
\$4,226.

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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The month of August is dedicated to *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the Masses of Ordinary Time.

August is also considered the transitional month in our seasonal calendar. It is the time of the year we begin to wind-down from our summer travels and prepare for Autumn - back to school, fall festivals, harvest time, etc. The Church has provided a cycle of events in its liturgical year which allow the faithful to celebrate the major feasts in the life of Christ and Mary. During August, we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration and the feast of the Assumption.

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

*O Immaculate Heart of Mary,
full of goodness,
show your love towards us.
Let the flame of your heart,
O Mary, descend on all people.*

*We love you immensely.
Impress true love in our hearts
so that we have a continuous desire for you.
O Mary, gentle and humble of heart, remember us when we are in sin.
You know that all men sin.*

*Give us, by means of your Immaculate Heart, spiritual health.
Let us always see the goodness of your motherly heart
and may we be converted by means of the flame of your heart.*

Amen.



Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized especially,
Harper Lillian Revell
to your new Parish Family.

Let us pray for all the deceased 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

Welcome August



*May God turn your cannot into can,
your confusion into clarity,
your burdens into blessings and
your stress into peace.
May He bless you with
joy, love, and happiness.
May He provide a shield of protection
over you and your family during the
month of August and always.*

**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 en-
rolled, please contact the rectory.**

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH	Jeremy	Vicki M.
PLEASE LET THE RECTORY KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE ANYONE FROM THIS SICK LIST. THANK YOU	Jimmy T.	Tim Wallace
	Kathy	Cathy Westcott
	Kathy S.	Joseph Yasso
	Marianne Kelly	
	Nancy King	
	Gianna Kovacs	
	Frances Laguna	
	Rafael Laskowski	
	Maria LaSorsa	
	Joseph Liotine	
	Anthony Lodareo	
	Santa Luca	
	Flora Lucchese	
	Ralph Lucchese	
	Scuoto Maisco	
	JoAnn Magee	
	Ed Malley	
	Joseph Mariconda	
	Matthew	
	Ken McCall	
	Peter Marsh	
	Vincent Merola	
	Franco Migliorini	
	Roberta Miro	
	Christine Momole	
	Peter Monfasani	
	Joan Orena	
	Linda Palermo	
	Paul M.	
	Raymond Perry, Jr.	
	SPC Sean Pesce	
	Lynn Phimister	
	Phyllis	
	Michael Porto	
	Robert	
	Robin Rodolfo	
	Frances Rotunno	
	Kevin Rybolt	
	Philip Russo	
	Angelo Sardinha	
	Jordan S.	
	Patricia Savino	
	Stephanie	
	Christopher Seiler	
	Judy Singler	
	Stephanie	
	Stacey Strongarone	
	Edward Svennigsen	
	Gladys Tancredi	
	Tara	
	Danielle Taunton	
	Carl Termine, Jr.	
	Justin Too	



PARISH / CHURCH/ OTHER EVENTS

RESPECT LIFE

Life Our Sign of Hope..... Article from Respect Life

There is perhaps no more beautiful celebration than when parents bring their newborn child to the waters of baptism. Parents, godparents, family, and friends share in this sacrament with incomparable joy. For in baptism, we share in Christ's death and resurrection, and through the outward signs of water and oil, are made children of God and given the hope of eternal life with Him. "The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope." [1] Through our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, death is overcome, and life is victorious. "Hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring." [2] Because of this Christian hope, we can face the unknown trials of life with faith rather than fear.

We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today." [3]

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5 Sadly, there is a devastating absence of hope today. We see this most profoundly in a sweeping disregard for human life in its most vulnerable forms and stages. Abortion and assisted suicide are products of hopelessness and despair. Yet even amid the increasing attacks on human life, we know that the "storms that buffet us will never prevail, for we are firmly anchored in the hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ and to overcome sin, fear and death." [4]

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For "hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross." [5]

Having been "buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death." [6] Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope, knowing that "the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope." [7]

[1] Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 20.

[2] *Ibid*, 1.

[3] Pope Leo XIV, *Vatican News*, May 26, 2025: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/pope-leo-xiv-africa-day-pilgrimage-blessing-vatican-basilica.html>.

[4] Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 25.

[5] *Ibid*, 3.

[6] *Ibid*, 20.

[7] *Ibid*, 6.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are looking for a Catechist!

We are in need of a Fourth grade teacher to teach on Mondays from 4-5pm. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Baggs at:

joan.baggs@olhccparish.org

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**

**THE 2026 MASS BOOK IS OPEN.
 THE RECTORY IS OPEN
 MONDAY- FRIDAY FROM
 8AM -2PM.**

5 MASSES LIMIT.



THANK YOU!

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.