

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

**21st Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
August 23, 2026



**"I tell you
that you are Peter,
and on this rock
I will build my church"**

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 22, 2026**

- 9:00am:** John Gialella, Jr.
Req. by The Biskoroway Family
- 4:30pm:** Deacon John Singler
Req. by OLHC Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

- 8:00am:** Dennis Emperor (1st Anniversary)
Req. by the Chipura Family
- 10:00am:** The People of our Parish
- 12:00pm:** Robert Bridge
Req. by The Bridge Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

- 9:00am:** Arcangelo Longo
Req. by His Loving Wife and Children

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

- 9:00am:** The Mass of the Purgatorial Society

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

- 9:00am:** Gerald Farinelli
Req. by His Loving Wife Valerie

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

- 9:00am:** Gary App
Req. by Ginny and John Buonviaggio

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026

- 9:00am:** Henry Carstens
Req. by The Daily Rosary Group

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

- 9:00am:** Giuseppe Mastropaolo (Happy Birthday)
Req. by Your Loving Sister and Family
- 4:30pm:** Marie Cipaldo
Req. by Donna Schoer and Dawn Morales

****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
The People of our Parish



Altar Flowers
NONE DURING SUMMER

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:

Thank you for your continued support!
Reg. Collection 8/15/26 and 8/16/26:

Total : \$3,159.

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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THANKS FROM FR. AMULDASS ANTONY

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady Help of Christians, It gives me immense joy to be with you during this summer. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our beloved Pastor, Fr. James, for his warm hospitality, kindness, and support. I am also deeply grateful to Maria and Ninfa at the rectory for their friendship and to Joan and Patricia for their generous support. I also thank Peter for his timely help.

My Mission in India & Well Project Update:

Following my visit last year, and through your generous support from some of the parishioners, I was able to dig an open well to provide a reliable water supply to the local community. The well is approximately 45 feet deep, with circular dimensions of approximately 33 feet and 24 feet in diameter. The digging began on the 9th of September and was completed on May 4th. After several weeks of curing, I constructed a circular concrete wall extending approximately 18 feet to protect the well from mud erosion and strengthen the structure. I am happy to share that the well now has a good water yield, with an estimated 163,653 gallons of water.

After my return, depending on available resources and funding, I hope to complete the following works:

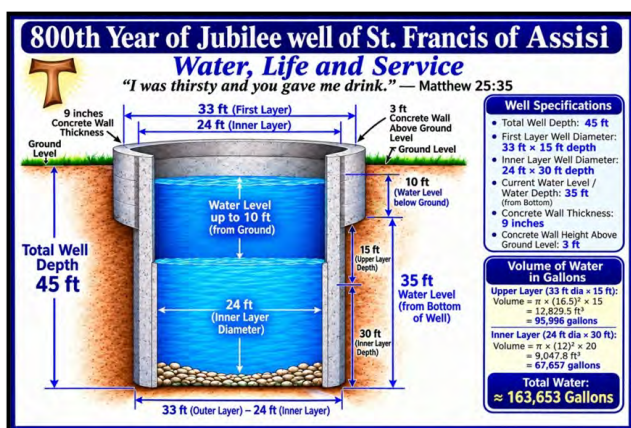
- ❑ Well Completion: Install a solar-powered pump, elevated water-storage tank, emergency electrical connection, and plumbing/distribution lines.
- ❑ Soup Kitchen: Provide nutritious meals to people experiencing poverty, inspired by the life of Blessed Solanus Casey.
- ❑ Solar Street Lights: Improve night-time safety and help protect the community from venomous snakes and other dangers.
- ❑ Support for Children, Women, and Families: Provide educational assistance, community development, healthcare initiatives, and other charitable support as resources permit.

Your prayers, generosity, and support enable me to bring hope, dignity, and the compassionate love of Christ to people living in poverty and on the margins of society.

I especially thank Fr. James for his love towards my mission and for efforts in organizing fundraising. I am also grateful to the Religious Education program for its fundraising efforts, and all the parishioners for your love and generosity toward my Mission in India. May our Lord bless you abundantly and reward your kindness and generosity a hundredfold.

With heartfelt gratitude and prayers,
Fr. Amuldass Antony, OFM Cap.

This is my Email ID: amalcaps@gmail.com and this is my Mobile phone number in India +91 975 038 8835 (WhatsApp).

Well Excavation and Construction Works Completed**Well Water Distribution System to be Done Yet**

Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized to your new Parish Family especially, Sophia Gianfrgna.

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 TELLESEN, 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 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.
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



Let us pray for all the deceased of the Parish buried from the church especially Joan Zagami and Joseph Manuele.

THE PURGATORIAL SOCIETY AUGUST 2026

Thomas Addressi	Albert Fabozzi
Carlo Magno Adriano	Gina Ghent
Darlene Andreola	Theresa Humphries
Gaetano Antonelli, Sr.	Paulina, Pedro & Moises Jamanca
Anthony Anthonysamy	Pergrina, Jamanca
Rodolfo N. Aquino, Jr.	Nicholas Konoiko
Gary App	Camille and Fred LaCroce
Barone, Ficara, Termine Families	Margaret Lauderbach
Victor Battaglia	Toni Ann Loiacono
Joseph and Mary Bennett	Daniel Joseph Lourido
Rafael Beltre	Mary Lurker
Emile Blondell	John and Adelaide McDonald
Joan Blondell	Danielle Miller
Stanislaw Bojarski	George Miller
Anthony Bolino	Lucille O'Keefe
Patricia M. Bradley	Michael O'Leary
The Bolino Family	John and Irene Olsen
Linda Buergerhoff	Eugene Parente
Emma and Francisco Cadillo	James Pechtold
Juan, Ernesto and Francisco Cadillo	James and RoseAnn Perrone
Lidia, Elena and Marina Cadillo	Gary Peterson
Angelina Caporale	Joseph Porcello
Henry Carstens	Christopher Ranasinghe
Maria and Charles Carstens	Anibal Rodriguez
Anna Catania	Maria and Rocco Shirripa
Gerlando Catania	Dr. Hugh W. Smith
Dorothy and Don Clark	Souls in Purgatory
Inez Castano de Montoya	Dominick Spinelli
Michael Cino	Joseph Steinhauer
Anthony Colletti	Paul Ungaro
Msgr. Jeffrey Conway	Rosemarie Varriano
Jodi Cosolito	Wilfred Patrick Vlaun
Michael D'Auria	Mildred W.
Dominick and Raimonda DeCiudes	Lynn Weinstein
George and Angela Dresch	Janet Whelton
Kimberly DeLuca	Kenneth Whitehurst
Vincent DeRossi	Rosemarie Zitelli
Nicholas DeVito	
John and Josephine Devlin	
Eugene Dochter, Jr.	
Phyllis Dondiego	
Douglas A. Elwell	
Joan Esposito	
Nick Esposito	



O gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on them.

Be not severe in Your judgments, but let some drops of Your Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames.

Merciful Savior, send Your angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace.

Amen.

PARISH / CHURCH/ OTHER EVENTS

SUMMER HOURS**REL. ED. SUMMER HOURS:**

10AM-1PM

MON.-THURS. BEGINNING JULY 1ST

ENDING AUGUST 31ST.

**RECTORY SUMMER HOURS:** 8AM-1PM

MON.-FRI. BEGINNING JULY 6TH

AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 8TH.

THE MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR 2027**THE RECTORY IS OPEN****MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM 8AM-1PM****MASSES ARE****LIMITED TO 5 MASSES.****THANK YOU.****RESPECT LIFE****The Immaculate
Heart of Mary and Respect Life**

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It 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

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**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.