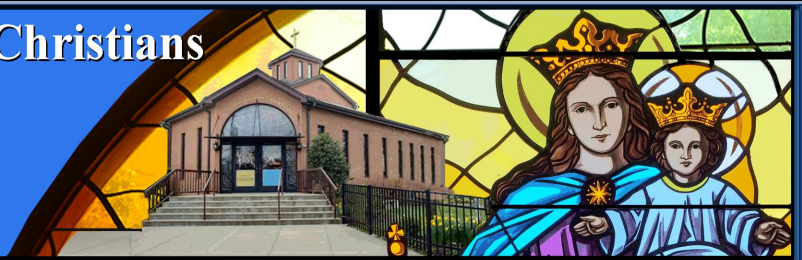


Church of Our Lady Help of Christians



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

**24th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
September 13, 2026



**"Forgive
and you will be forgiven,
Give
and you will receive".**

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Regular hours: Monday: 8:00am-1:00pm and

Tuesday-Friday: 8:00am-3:00pm

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

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, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026****9:00am: Mary Marsh (Happy Birthday)***Req. by Your Loving Family***4:30pm: Roselle Bobes***Req. by Her Loving Family***SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026****8:00am: The People of our Parish****10:00am: Peter Zarrella***Req. by Marysue Ievoli***12:00pm: Grace Vaccaro (Happy Birthday)***Req. by Her Loving Nieces and Nephews***MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026****9:00am: Gary App** *Req. by Nilda Peterson***9:30am: PADRE PIO NOVENA BEGINS****6:00pm: Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima****TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026****9:00am: Vita Sarcona***Req. by Mary Saputo***WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026****9:00am: Richard Doyle***Req. by His Loving Wife and Family***THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026****9:00am: Angelina Barone***Req. by Her Loving Family***FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026****9:00am: Vita Sarcona***Req. by Mary Saputo***SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026****9:00am: Alfred Pantaleone***Req. by The Cardona Family***4:30pm: Robert Bridge***Req. by Cousin Kathy and Family*****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****SEPTEMBER 12, 2026****Bread and Wine**
The People of our Parish**Sanctuary Lamp**
Margaret Barone
Req. by Your Loving Family**Altar Candles**
The People of our Parish**Altar Flowers**
The People of our Parish**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:****Regular Weekly Contributions:****9/5/26-9/6/26: Total: \$4,156.****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**

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



On Monday, September 14th is The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which commemorates two important points.

Firstly, we are honoring the Cross upon which Christ was crucified, primarily, Christ's saving action through His death on the Cross the cross is the instrument of his sacrifice and the fulfillment of numerous prophecies relating to His death. This solidifies Jesus as the Messiah and reforms our understanding of the Old Testament, in that God became man in order to "fulfill" the law and the prophecies. The sign of the cross is the sign of God keeping his promises and his love which endures forever.

This also commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, during her travels to the Holy Land from 326 to 328 A.D. St. Helena, along with her son Constantine the Great, is credited with establishing several Catholic churches in the Holy Land. According to tradition, Saint Helena, excavated the area below the former temple, and it is there that three crosses were found. In order to determine the provenance of the True Cross, Saint Helena had a terminally ill woman brought to the site, and upon touching the third cross, she was miraculously healed. She ordered that a church be built on the site, and on September 14, 335 A.D., the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated. To this day, the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa, the route which Jesus took to Golgotha, concludes at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

The True Cross remained in Jerusalem after the construction of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre until the city was invaded by Persians in 614 A.D. Byzantine Emperor Heraclius claimed to have recovered the True Cross after the invasion, in 628 A.D., and returned it to Jerusalem on September 14, 629 A.D., further adding to the significance of the date.

Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized to your new Parish Family especially,
Jolie Rae Bayer.

Let us pray for all the deceased of the Parish buried from the church, especially **John Marsh.**

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

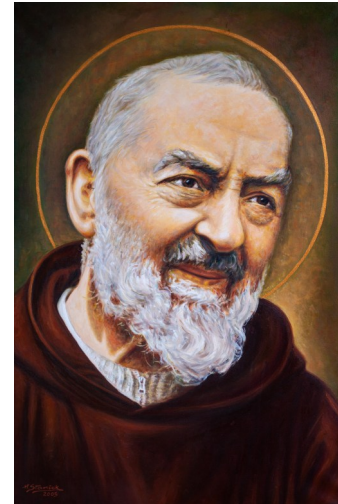
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
PLEASE LET THE RECTORY KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE ANYONE FROM THIS SICK LIST.

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 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
Matthew Quagliariello
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 Svenningsen
Gladys Tancredi
Tara
Danielle Teco
Danielle Taunton
Carl Termine, Jr.
Justin Too



PADRE PIO (Saint Pius of Pietrelcina) NOVENA



There will be a 9 day Novena beginning Monday, Sept. 14th and ending Tuesday, September 22nd after the 9:00am Mass. The Novena will be said on Sunday, Sept. 20th after the 8:00am Mass. On Wednesday, September 23, 2026 there will be a special Mass at 9:00 am, followed by Prayers and a Veneration of the Relic of St. Padre Pio.



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

PARISH / CHURCH / OTHER EVENTS

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
AT 10:00AM MASS


Sunday October 4, 2025

7396 Amboy Road, Staten Island NY 10307
 (Yetman Ave. Parking Lot)

1:30 p.m. Assembly outside of the Church
 2:00 p.m. Praying of the Glorious Mysteries
 The Rosary will be prayed in the following languages:
 English, Italian, Polish, Spanish, Sri Lankan and
 Filipino.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025
9:30 AM AFTER THE 9AM MASS.
IN THE AMBOY ROAD SIDE
PARKING LOT OF THE CHURCH.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Our regular office hours begin on Tuesday, Sept. 1st:
 10AM to 3PM - Monday through Thursday.

We are still located in the rectory.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR SUNDAYS !!

***10:45AM - 11:45 AM.**

Important Parent Meetings:

Grade 2: Tuesday, September 15th @ 7:00 PM

Grade 7: Tuesday, September 22nd @ 7:00 PM

Grades 3, 4, 5, 6: Wednesday, September 30th
@ 7:00 PM

Grade 8: Tuesday, October 6th @ 7:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PARENT MEETINGS WILL BE
HELD IN THE SCHOOL GYM. Enter through the Yetman
Avenue parking lot.

Mass Attendance: Attending Sunday Mass is an
 integral part of our Religious Education program and is a require-
 ment for all grades all year!! Please use the mass slips that were
 given out. If you attend Mass at another parish, please save the
 bulletins and bring them to us when your child attends class.

God Bless you! Mrs. Joan M. Baggs
Director of Religious Education

RESPECT LIFE NEWS



HELP SAVE LIVES IN STATEN ISLAND!

You can protect mothers and children by
 joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and
 fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and
 community outreach, 40 Days for Life has
 inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in
 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 26,000 saved babies
- More than 180 closed facilities
- More than 275 converted workers

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in
 our community:

Vigil location: Outside SIU Hospital North

475 Seaview Ave & Mason Ave

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily

Local contact: 40DaysSI@gmail.com

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up
 for prayer times by visiting our campaign at
 the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/StatenIsland

THE MENS CLUB PRESENTS



SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2026
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!!

BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM AT ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

(Rectory Basement) 101 Cromwell Ave. SI, NY 10304 There is a 7
 Week Bereavement Program beginning on September 10th -
 October 29th. This program is opened to the public and designed
 to help those who are grieving the death of a loved one.

For more info. please see Church Lobby Bulletin board.

CLOVE LAKERS HEALTH CARE AND REHAB. CENTER

Located at 25 Fanning Street is **looking for volunteers** to
 serve in the Recreation Department, assisting staff with
 programs. If you are a Eucharistic Minister, please
 consider bringing Holy Communion to our residents on a
 regular basis. If interested contact Eileen Bardel Volunteer
 Coordinator at 718-289-7114. **For more info. Please see**
Church lobby Bulletin board.



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS
\$\$\$ A LIMITED RAFFLE \$\$\$
ONLY 300 TICKETS SOLD



YOU NEED TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!
PRICE: \$100 PER TICKET
(split the purchase with family and friends)

LIMITED TO 300 TICKETS

\$\$\$ PRIZES \$\$

FIRST \$10,000

SECOND \$ 3,000

THIRD \$ 2,000

*DRAWING: SAT. DECEMBER 5TH, FOLLOWING THE 4:30PM MASS AT
THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY.*

WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT. THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE.

**NOTE: IF ALL 300 TICKETS ARE NOT SOLD, PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED
PROPORTIONATE TO THE NUMBER OF SOLD TICKETS.**

TICKET PURCHASE LIMITED RAFFLE

Please complete the form below and mail it with your payment to: OLHC 7396 Amboy Road, or you can place it in the collection basket at Mass or the rectory mailbox. Your ticket stub will be mailed. Tickets may also be purchased after all weekend Masses.

Names: _____

Address: _____

Tel. no. _____

No. of Tickets _____ at \$100.00 each

Enclosed \$ _____ cash _____ check _____

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS AND GOOD LUCK !