

Church of Our Lady Help of Christians



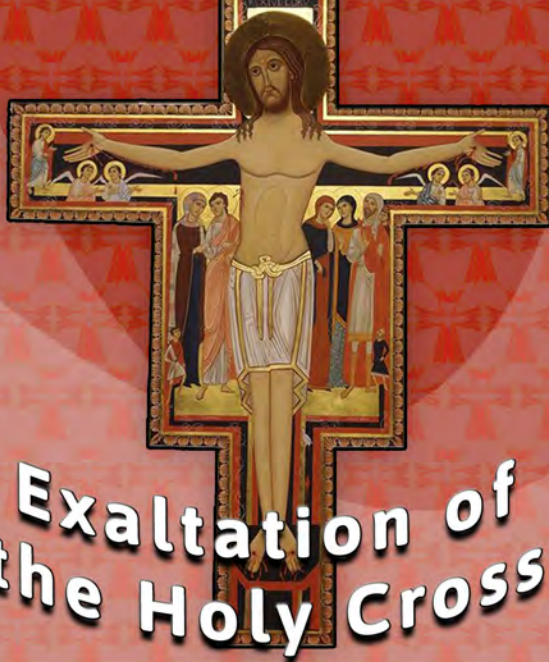
The Catholic Church
in Tottenville since 1898



7396 Amboy Road Staten Island New York 10307

Parish Office: 718-317-9772 www.olhccparish.org * Religious Education: 347-838-6726

September 14, 2025



Exaltation of
the Holy Cross

RECTORY

Office Hours:

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

Pastor: Fr. James H. Ferreira

Weekend Assistants: Fr. Frank Naccarato
Fr. Michael Reilly

Secretaries: Maria Byrnes
Ninfa Chiarello

Music Director: Wayne Hu

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office 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 13, 2025

9:00am: Jean Barberio
Requested by John Laputka

4:30pm: Roselle Bobes
Requested by Her Loving Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

8:00am: The People of our Parish

10:00am: Peter Zarrella
Requested by Marysue Ievolo

12:00pm: Onofria D'Angelo
Requested by Her Loving Husband, Nino

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

9:00am Rosa Ventriglia and Nicolina Ventriglia
Requested by Your Loving Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

9:00am: Mary and Dominic Meo (Wedding Anniversary)
Requested by The Cutrone Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

9:00am: Angelina Barone
Requested by Her Loving Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

9:00am: Salvatore Rapaglia
Requested by Carol Jensen and Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

9:00am: Dominick J. Toscano
Requested by Elaine Zwingraf

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

9:00am: Philomena Castellano
Requested by Your Loving Family

4:30pm: James Lynch and Nora C. Hartley
Requested by Ann Lynch

****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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**



Bread and Wine
Mary Marsh
(Happy Birthday)
Req. by Your Loving Family



Sanctuary Lamp
Margaret Barone
Req. by Her Loving Family



Altar Candles
The People of our Parish



Altar Flowers
The People of our Parish

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:

Thank you for your support!
Regular Envelope Collection for:
9/6 and 9/7/2025: \$4,082.
August Parish Pay Regular Collection:
\$8,908.

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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What is the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

September 14th is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross - not a person, and not a celebration of a particularly important liturgical event. So, what exactly are we celebrating?

We are honoring the Cross upon which Christ was crucified, primarily, Christ's saving action through His death on the Cross. The means of His death are important by His sacrifice, and also 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 feast 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, together with Saint Macarius of Jerusalem, the Bishop of the Holy Land at the time, excavated the area below the former temple, and it is there that three crosses were found. It is unknown if these crosses were the same as those from Jesus' crucifixion, but the connection was undeniable. In order to determine the provenance of the True Cross, Saints Helena and Macarius reportedly had a terminally ill woman brought to the site, and upon touching the third cross, she was miraculously healed. Saint Helena ordered that a church be built on the site, and on September 14, 335 A.D., the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated by Constantine. 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 and sealed its remains in a reliquary within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Another recent significance of September 14th, is the birthday of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

Happy Birthday Pope Leo!!



Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized especially **Savannah Cartagena –Raffone**, to your new Parish Family.

Let us pray for all the deceased buried from the church, especially **Stella DeSena.**



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.
THANK YOU

Alexander	Debra Houshmondrad
Angelo Alberga	Sofia Ivanchenko
Philip Alfano	Thomas Jacob
Robert Alongi	Jeremy
Anna Ambrosiole	Jimmy T.
Jake Aspinall	Kathy
Aubrey	Marianne Kelly
Doreen Balkin	Nancy King
Frank Bak	Gianna Kovacs
Anna Bolino	Frances Laguna
Margaret Bonamo	Rafael Laskowski
Roseann Brock	Maria LaSorsa
Joseph Burzo	Joseph Liotine
Theresa Cardinale	Anthony Lodareo
Carmela	Santa Luca
Dennis Castelli	Flora Lucchese
Luca Carsen	Ralph Lucchese
Thomas Celentano	Scuoto Maisco
Steven Cina	JoAnn Magee
Lisa Clifford	Ed Malley
Salvatore Cortes	Joseph Mariconda
Stacey Cohen	Matthew
Sylvia Cohen	Ken McCall
Eddie Covelli	Peter Marsh
Daniel	Vincent Merola
Danielle T.	Franco Migliorini
Elvira Deluzio	Roberta Miro
Ellen Derowki	Christine Momole
Andrew DiLorenzo	Peter Monfasani
Barbara Doty	Joan Orena
Nicolette Falzone	Linda Palermo
Nancy Flynn	Paul M.
Ramona Fogelstrom	Raymond Perry, Jr.
Joshua Gabay	SPC Sean Pesce
Emilyrose Gagliardi	Lynn Phimister
Frank Gennuso	Julie Pleszewicz
George	Phyllis
John George	Michael Porto
Rita G.	Robert
Brian Godkin	Robin Rodolfo
Judy Goode	Patrick Rogers
Kian Griffiths	Frances Rotunno
Felipe Higgenson	Kevin Rybolt
	Philip Russo
	Angelo Sardinha
	Jordan S.
	Patricia Savino
	Stephanie
	Christopher Seiler
	Judy Singler
	Stephanie
	Stacey Strongarone
	Edward Svennigsen



2025 CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Monsignor Farrell High School

(All boys)

Sunday, October 20th - 10:00am-1:45pm

Visit website to register

www.msgrfarrellhs.org

718-987-2900

Moore Catholic High School

(Boys and Girls)

Saturday, October 15th - 12:00pm-3:00pm

Visit website to register

www.MooreCatholicHS.org

718-447-8878

Notre Dame Academy High School

(All Girls)

Sunday, September 28th - 10:00am-2:00pm

Visit website to register

www.notredameacademy.org

718-447-8878

Regis High School, New York, NY

Merit Based School

(All Boys)

Thursday, Oct. 9th - 5:00pm-8:30pm

Sunday, Oct. 19th - 1:00pm-4:00pm

www.regis.org

212-288-1100

St. Joseph by the Sea High School

(Girls and Boys)

Girls: Sunday, October 20th - 1:00pm-4:00pm

Boys: Sunday, October 26th - 1:00pm-4:00pm

Visit website to register

www.josephsea.org

718-984-6500

St. Joseph Hill Academy High School

(All Girls)

Sunday, October 26th - 11:00am-2:00pm

Visit website to register

www.stjosephhillacademy.com

718-447-1374

St. Peter's High School

(All Boys)

Sunday, November 2nd - 12:00pm-2:30pm

No Pre-registration necessary

stpetersboyshs.org 718-447-1676

Xavarian High School, Brooklyn, NY

(Boys and Girls)

Sunday, October 19th - TBD

Visit website to register

www.xavarian.org 718-836-7100

PARISH / CHURCH/ OTHER EVENTS

**PARKING
LOT
CLOSED**

**The Amboy Rd. parking
lot of the church will be
closed from 12-3pm,
Monday-Friday.**

**This is for the safety of our
children and our parishioners.**



**Sunday October 5, 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.**

**JOIN OUR PARISH
FORTY HOURS EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION**



The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration
and Private Prayer.

This will begin on **Sunday, October 26th**, with
Vespers and Exposition at 6:00pm. It will continue
non-stop, day and night, **ending on Tuesday,
October 28th**, concluding at 4:00pm with Solemn
Mass and Solemn Benediction.

Come spend time with the Eucharistic Lord.

Sign-up sheets to follow.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Tel. No. 347-838-6726**

Announcements

Classes begin this Sunday, September 14th.

Mass slips are being given out at the parent meetings.
Gr. 8 will receive their Mass slips in class.

**Everyone has also been notified by email about
Parent Meetings.**

Grade 2: Monday, September 15th at 7PM in the
lower church.

Grades 3, 4, 5, 6: Wednesday, September 17th at
7PM in the lower church.

Grade 7: Monday, September 22nd at 7 PM in the
lower church.

Grade 8: Monday, October 15th at 7 PM in the lower
church.

*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.*

God Bless you, Mrs. Joan Baggs DRE

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Planned Parenthood to stop late-term abortions and
close clinics in New York City!

Planned Parenthood will also be closing 4 clinics in
NY State, including the clinic on Staten Island!

We rejoice in the news that many lives will be spared
by this development, and we know it has less to do
with money and more to do with the power of
prayer!



CELEBRATING ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

OLHC AUDITORIUM

1:00-4:00PM

PRICE: Adults: \$27.00

Children Ages 5-10 \$12.00

Children 4 and Under Free

Dinner Menu:

Assorted Breads

Antipasto Salad (An assortment of mixed greens, meats, cheese, olives, tomatoes and roasted peppers with a vinigiarrette dressing)

Entrée:

Choice of Chicken Parmigiana or Eggplant Parmigiana served with Penne Rigate (gluten free by request)

Beer-Wine-Soda-Water

Dessert: Italian Cookies

Children's Menu: Ages 5-10

Main Course:

Chicken Nuggets with Pasta or French Fries

Water-Juice-Soda

Dessert

Please complete and return the reservation form below with your payment to the rectory. Mail to OLHC 7396 Amboy Rd. SI, NY 10307 or place envelope in basket at Mass. Mark envelope "dinner reservation." Kindly respond by October 16th. No admission at door.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

NUMBER OF: ADULTS @ \$27 _____ CHILDREN 5-10 @ \$12 _____
4 & UNDER FREE _____

TOTAL REMITANCE ENCLOSED \$ _____ CHECK # _____ CASH _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN 11 AND UP FOR: Chicken Parm. _____ Eggplant Parm. _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN 5-10 for Pasta _____ or French Fries _____ Chicken nuggets _____

PLEASE SEAT US WITH _____

Number of Gluten Free _____