

Church of Our Lady Help of Christians



The Catholic Church
in Tottenville since 1898



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December 14, 2025
3rd Sunday of Advent

**"The blind see,
the lame walk,
lepers are cured,
the deaf hear,
the dead are raised,
and the Good News
is being preached to
the poor!"**

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

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, DECEMBER 13, 2025

9:00am: Richard D'Andrea
Requested by The D'Andrea Family

4:30pm: John Argenziano, Jr.
Requested by The Argenziano Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am: The People of our Parish

10:00am: Deacon John A. Singler II
Requested by Fr. James Ferreira

12:00pm: Joseph Coscia
Requested by His Loving Parents, Lorraine and Joe

2:00pm: **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

9:00am: Todd Peters
Requested by Robert Vigneri

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025

9:00am: Josephine Bivona (25th Anniversary)
Requested by The Bivona Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025

9:00am: Eileen Aleksiewicz
Requested by Emily Grandinetti

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

9:00am: William Marsh (10th Anniversary)
Requested by Your Loving Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025

9:00am: Marty Costello (23 Years)
Requested by Your Loving Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

9:00am: Gallagher and Lynch Families
Requested by Ann Lynch

4:30pm: Carol McDonald (22nd Anniversary)
Requested by Lynne Sciascia

****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 DEC. 13, 2025



Bread and Wine
Nicola DiGiorgio (10th Ann.)
Requested by Anne Tanzi



Sanctuary Lamp
Anthony and Marie Cipaldo
Requested by Donna and Dawn



Altar Candles
Vita Sarcona
Requested by Mary Saputo



Advent Wreath
Mary and Vincent Pizzillo
Requested by
Your Loving Children
and Family

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:

Thank you for your support!

REGULAR WEEKLY ENVELOPES

11-29-25 and 11-30-25: \$5,020.

YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT YOUR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS BY CONNECTING TO WESHARE AT:
olhccparish.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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Examination of Conscience based on the Ten Commandments

I. "I am the Lord, thy God, thou shalt not have strange gods before Me." Have I taken part of the rites of the another religion or denied all or parts of the Catholic faith? Have I engaged in occult activities like tarot cards, ouija boards, fortune tellers, etc. Do I put worldly goods or ambitions before what I owe to God? Do I take time to learn the teaching of the Church?

II. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." Have I used the name of Christ or his Holy Mother in vain or used vulgar speech? Have I disrespected holy objects, consecrated places, or people? Have I ever received Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin? Have I neglected support of the Church or those in need? Have I ever lied or withheld a mortal sin deliberately in the sacrament of confession?

III. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Have I neglected to attend Holy Mass on the Lord's Day or on Holy Days of Obligation? Do I respect Sunday as a day of rest? Do I give time to God in prayer on a daily basis?

IV. Honor thy Father and Mother. Do I respect My Mother and Father? Do I take care of them? Do I pray for them (or their soul if deceased)? Do I respect lawful civil authority, superiors at work? Am I attentive to my family, my spouse, and my children? Do I take seriously the obligation to be the primary educator of my children?

V. Thou shalt not kill. Have I engaged in any physical violence against another? Have I been verbally abusive to another? Have I participated in an abortion or an act of euthanasia in any way? Have I abused alcohol, drugs, or other substances or put someone in danger because of them? Have I hated anyone or wished evil on another person? Have I mutilated myself in any way including sterilization?

VI. Thou shalt not commit adultery and IX. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife. Have I been faithful in my marriage vows in thought and action? Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control? Was every marital act open to the transmission of life? Have I engaged in acts of self abuse? Have I viewed pornographic material, or gone to immoral shops or massage parlors? Have I engaged in an extramarital sexual activity such as fornication, adultery, or cohabitation? Have I entertained impure thoughts or put myself in the near occasion of sin? Do I think of others as objects for my use? Do I cultivate chastity according to my state in life in my thoughts, speech and actions? Do I dress moderately or dress in a way that might be an occasion of sin for others?

VII. Thou shalt not steal and X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods. Have I taken money or objects that don't belong to me? Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen? Have I knowingly deceived someone in business dealings? Do I waste time at work, school or home? Have I disrespected the property of others, or engaged in vandalism? Do I gamble excessively? Do I pay just wages? Do I pay all my taxes? Do I share what I can with the poor?

VIII. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Have I lied in order to deceive someone? Have I told truths about someone to hurt their reputation? Have I spread rumors or lied to hurt someone's reputation? Have I not fulfilled a promise made under oath? Do I participate in gossip or rejoice in the misfortune of others? Am I critical of others?

Basic script for going to Confession:

Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been (X amount of time) since my last confession. Here are my sins. After listing your sins in kind and number, the priest will speak, give you a penance and ask you to say the Act of Contrition. Lastly he will say the prayer of absolution in which the sacrament is conferred.



Our Lady Help of Christians welcomes all newly baptized especially, **Anthony Thomas Egan, Milani McCarthy and Arthur William Lipari** to your new Parish Family.

Let us pray for all the deceased who were buried from the church especially,
Norma Sullivan.



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

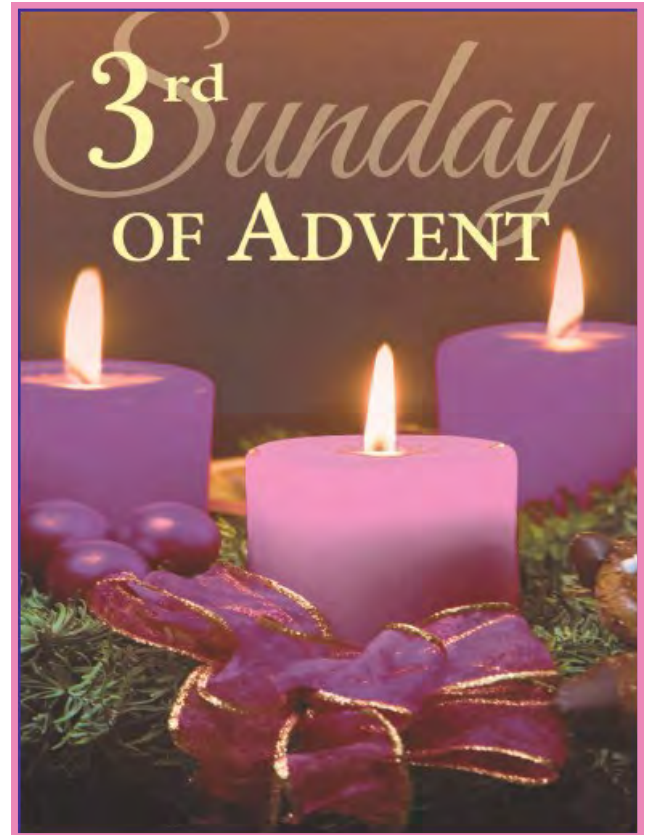
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

PLEASE LET THE RECTORY KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE ANYONE FROM THIS SICK LIST. THANK YOU

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



Prayer for Lighting the Third Candle



“Joy”

Gracious God, as we light the third Advent candle of Joy, may the joy of your salvation fill us with gladness. Help us to share this joy with others, especially those in need. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

PARISH / CHURCH/ OTHER EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



PLEASE NOTE:

ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 14TH IN THE CHURCH LOBBY.

GIFTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON DECEMBER 18TH.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

10 Ways to support her when she's unexpectedly having a child

An unexpected pregnancy might be confusing along the way, but life—though at times difficult—is ultimately beautiful. Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.

1. Be available
2. Respond positively
3. Be honest
4. offer specific help
5. Offer a support system
6. Tell her she is beautiful
7. Help her re-charge and relax
8. Reassure her it is okay
9. Encourage her
10. Point out some real-life role models.

Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life. You can make a difference in her life.

Excerpt taken from an Article in Respect Life News - Name of Author unknown.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tel. No. 347-838-6726

Announcements

The last day of Classes before the Christmas Break is Wednesday, December 17th.

Classes will resume on Sunday, January 4th, 2026.

Today, Sunday, December 14th is our Annual Christmas Pageant at 2:00 PM.

The pageant will be performed by our 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 8th Grade.

All are invited to this wonderful event that tells the story of Jesus' Birth.

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.



**Have a Blessed Week,
Mrs. Joan Baggs, DRE**

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS



Week of December 15, 2025

Monday-Saturday following the 9:00am Mass

Archdiocesan Reconciliation Monday, December 15, 2025

2:00pm - 4:00pm

and

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Saturday, December 20, 2025

3:20pm - 4:20pm

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES



Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4:30pm

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, 2025

12:00am Midnight

8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm

NEW YEARS DAY MASSES



Thursday, January 1, 2026

9:00am and 12:00pm