

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

December 21, 2025
4th Sunday of Advent

**“Joseph,
son of David,
do not fear to take
Mary your wife,
for that which is
conceived in
her is of the
Holy Spirit.”**

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 20, 2025

- 9:00am: Gallagher and Lynch Families
Requested by Ann Lynch
- 4:30pm: Carol McDonald (22nd Anniversary)
Requested by Lynne Sciascia

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00am: Mary and Vincent Pizzillo (Christmas Remembrance)
Requested by Your Loving Family
- 10:00am: The People of our Parish
- 12:00pm: Andrew Calabrisotto and Robert Rando
Requested by Their Loving Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025

- 9:00am: Vincent and Frances Pizzuto
Requested by Their Loving Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025

- 9:00am: Mass of the Purgatorial Society

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
RECTORY CLOSSES AT 12PM

- NO MORNING MASS
- 4:30pm: The People of our Parish
- 12:00am: Christmas Novena

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025 **CHRISTMAS DAY**

- 8:00am: Christmas Novena
- 10:00am: Christmas Novena Rectory Closed
- 12:00pm: Christmas Novena

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2025

- 9:00am: Christmas Novena Rectory Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

- 9:00am: Christmas Novena
- 4:30pm: Ann Kovach
Requested by Jaclyn Lurker

****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. 20, 2025

Bread and Wine
No Memorials Christmas Week



Sanctuary Lamp
No Memorials Christmas Week



Altar Candles
No Memorials Christmas Week



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

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:**REGULAR WEEKLY ENVELOPES**

12/6 and 12/7/25: \$3,961.

PARISH PAY REGULAR FOR THE
MONTH OF NOVEMBER: \$9,103.

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.



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One Solitary Life
By Reverend James Allan Francis

He was born in an obscure village,
a child of a peasant woman.
He grew up in another obscure village
where he worked in a carpenter shop
until he was thirty.
Then for three year
she was an itinerant preacher.
He never had a family.
Or owned a home.
He never set foot inside a big city.
He never traveled two hundred miles
from the place he was born.
He never wrote a book
or held an office.
He did none of the things
that usually accompany greatness.
While he was still a young man,
the tide of popular opinion
turned against him.
His friends deserted him.
He was turned over to his enemies.
He went through the mockery of a trial.
He was nailed to a cross
between two thieves.
While he was dying
his executioners gambled
for the only piece of property he had,
his coat.
When he was dead,
he was taken down
and laid in a borrowed grave.
Nineteen centuries have come and gone
and today he is still the central figure
for much of the human race.
All the armies that ever marched,
All the navies that ever sailed
And all the parliaments that ever sat
And all the kings that ever reigned
Put together
have not affect the life of man
Upon this earth
As powerfully as this "Knight".

Blessed Christmas to all the parishioners of OLHC. Thank you for your prayers and support to help the mission of the Church in Tottenville to continue.

The Christmas Novena of Masses is being offered for all of our benefactors and for special intentions denoted by parishioners.

Fr. James Ferreira, Pastor
Our Lady Help of Christians



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

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
Angelo Alberga
Philip Alfano
Robert Alongi
Anna Ambrosio
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
Steven Cina
Lisa Clifford
Salvatore Cortes
Stacey Cohen
Sylvia Cohen
Matt Dordero
Eddie Covelli
Daniel
Danielle T.
Elvira Deluzio
Ellen Derowki
Andrew DiLorenzo
Barbara Doty
Nicolette Falzone
Nancy Flynn
Ramona Fogelstrom
Joshua Gabay
Emilyrose Gagliardi
Frank Gennuso
George
John George
Rita G.
Brian Godkin
Judy Goode

Kian Griffiths
Felipe Higgenson
Debra Houshmonrad
Sofia Ivanchenko
Thomas Jacob
Jeremy
Jimmy T.
Kathy
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
Maria P.
Linda Palermo
Paul M.
Raymond Perry, Jr.
SPC Sean Pesce
Lynn Phimister
Julie Pleszewicz
Phyllis
Michael Porto
Robert
Robin Rodolfo
Patrick Rogers
Frances Rotunno
Kevin Rybolt
Philip Russo
Angelo Sardinha
Jordan S.
Patricia Savino
Christopher Seiler
Stephanie
Judy Singler



Let us pray for all the deceased
who were buried
from the church.



The Purgatorial Society December 2025

Darlene Andreala
Anthony Anthonysamy
Kiley Anne Armstrong
Barone, Ficara and Termine Families
Victor Battaglia
Rafael Beltre
Stanislaw Bojarski
Anthony Bolino
Patricia M. Bradley
Steven Carannante
Michael D'Auria
Inez Castano de Montoya
Michael Cino
John Colamarino
Carol DeCarlo
Vincent De Rossi
Rosa DiLilio
Eugene Dockter, Jr.
Phyllis Dondiego
Douglas A. Elwell
Joan Esposito
Russell Graham
Theresa Humphries
Arthur Jurgrau
Peter W. Lindsey
Tori Ann Loiacano
Mary Lurker
Lou and Mary Manzione
Judith Matulewicz
Msgr. Joseph Mulqueen
Margaret and William Norris
Michael O'Leary
Patricia Palermo
Blanche Parrella
James and Rose Ann Perrone
Thomas Piluso
Joseph Porcello
Christopher Ranasinghe
Anibal Rodriguez
Pauline Rost
Dr. Hugh W. Smith
Souls in Purgatory
Dominic Spinelli
Chester Elizabeth Stawarz
Joseph Steinhauer
Annettoinette Talarntes
Nick Tanzi
Robert Tyrell
Rosemarie Zitelli

PARISH / CHURCH/ OTHER EVENTS

RECTORY CLOSURES

Wed . 12/24: Rectory closes at 12:00pm

**Thurs.12/25, and Fri. 12/26:
Rectory closed**

Mon. 12/29: Rectory open until 12:00pm

**Tues. 12/30/25,
Wed. 12/31/25,
Thurs., 1/1/26 and
Fri., 1/2/26
Rectory closed**

Mon. 1/5/26: Rectory Re-Opens

RESPECT LIFE NEWS
MARCH FOR LIFE 1/23/26

Join us in advocating for the sacred dignity of every human person at the national March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 23, 2026. You are welcome to join the Sisters of Life and other pilgrims on this year's day bus pilgrimage sponsored by the Respect Life Office. Come, stand with us in prayerful, public witness on behalf of the most vulnerable. Let us testify to the goodness and beauty of life!



Please see Church Lobby bulletin boards for more details.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours

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

Announcements

The office will be closed from Wednesday, December 24th and will re-open on Monday, January 5th.

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

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.

**We wish our Religious Ed. Families a
Very Blessed Christmas!**
Mrs. Joan Baggs, DRE



HEALING MASS
ON FRIDAY, JAN. 30, 2026

**at
7:00PM**

OLHC Church



CELEBRANT,
FR. JUSTIN MARIA CINNANTE, o. carm.

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES



Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, 2025
NO MORNING MASS
4:30pm and
Midnight Mass 12:00am

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, 2025
8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm

NEW YEARS DAY MASSES



Thursday, January 1, 2026
9:00am and 12:00pm

