

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 28, 2025
Holy Family of Jesus
Mary and Joseph

Joseph rose and took the
child and his mother by
night and departed for
Egypt.

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 27, 2025

9:00am: [Christmas Novena](#)

4:30pm: [Ann Kovach](#)
Requested by Jaclyn Lurker

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

8:00am: [Joan Cavallo](#)
Requested by Her Loving Family

10:00am: [Christmas Novena](#)

12:00pm: [The People of our Parish](#)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025 *Rectory open until 12pm*

9:00am: [Christmas Novena](#)
Requested by Their Loving Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025 *Rectory closed*

9:00am: [Christmas Novena](#)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025 *New Years Eve Rectory closed*

9:00am: [Christmas Novena](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026 *New Years Day The Octave Day of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Rectory closed*

9:00am: [Christmas Novena](#)
12:00pm: *The People of our Parish*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026 *Rectory Closed*

9:00am: [Christmas Novena](#)
9:30am: *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

9:00am: [Dennis Emperor](#)
Requested by Joan and Lloyd Baggs
4:30pm: [The People of our Parish](#)

****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. 27, 2025



Bread and Wine
The People of our Parish



Sanctuary Lamp
The People of our Parish



Altar Candles
DONALD RICHARD RICONDA
(HAPPY BIRTHDAY)
*Requested by Your Loving Son
and Family*



Altar Flowers
The People of our Parish

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS:
REGULAR WEEKLY ENVELOPES
12/13/25 and 12/14/25: \$3,455.
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.





As we end the year, the Church in New York received momentous news that the Holy Father, Pope Leo, accepted the resignation of His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan as Archbishop of New York and appointed His Excellency, Bishop Ronald Hicks as our New Archbishop. Archbishop-Designate Hicks will be installed as Archbishop of New York on February 6th, 2026.

December 31 is the feast of St. Sylvester and, as the last day of the year, it is a time to remember the past and take stock as we head into a New Year. Certainly we remember all who have died this year. We remember all the blessings of the year. We also think of all the difficulties that we have overcome and also our failures. Looking back, I am tremendously grateful to Cardinal Dolan for his leadership. I am tremendously grateful for his priestly example, his compassion to the sick and suffering, his joy, and his wise and prudent decisions. The Church in New York has many challenges and Cardinal Dolan used all his extraordinary gifts in service to Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Certainly, New York is better off because of his efforts. May God reward Cardinal Dolan for his many years of service and may his well-deserved retirement be blessed and fruitful.

As we look ahead to a New Year, let us pray for our new Archbishop Designate- Bishop Hicks. We are praying for him and supporting him as he takes up the reigns of leadership. His success is our success and so we welcome him with open arms and open hearts. We look forward to getting to know him and becoming one of us as Cardinal Dolan did.

Allow me to wish all of you a Blessed New Year. May 2026 be a year that we give our hearts to the Lord without holding back.

Fr. James Ferreira,
Pastor
Our Lady Help of Christians Church



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

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



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

The Holy Family Prayer



**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	Kian Griffiths	Stacey Strongarone
Angelo Alberga	Felipe Higgenson	Robert Sussman
Philip Alfano	Debra Houshmondrad	Edward Svennigsen
Robert Alongi	Sofia Ivanchenko	Gladys Tancredi
Anna Ambrosiole	Thomas Jacob	Tara
Thomas Arnone	Jeremy	Danielle Taunton
Jake Aspinall	Jimmy T.	Carl Termine, Jr.
Aubrey	Kathy	Justin Too
Doreen Balkin	Marianne Kelly	Theresa Trupiano
Frank Bak	Nancy King	Tim Wallace
Anna Bolino	Gianna Kovacs	Cathy Westcott
Margaret Bonamo	Frances Laguna	Joseph Yasso
Roseann Brock	Rafael Laskowski	
Joseph Burzo	Maria LaSorsa	
Theresa Cardinale	Joseph Liotine	
Carmela	Anthony Lodareo	
Dennis Castelli	Santa Luca	
Luca Carsen	Flora Lucchese	
Thomas Celentano	Ralph Lucchese	
Steven Cina	Scuto Maisco	
Lisa Clifford	JoAnn Magee	
Salvatore Cortes	Ed Malley	
Stacey Cohen	Joseph Mariconda	
Sylvia Cohen	Matthew	
Matt Dordero	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	Maria P.	
Nancy Flynn	Linda Palermo	
Ramona Fogelstrom	Paul M.	
Joshua Gabay	Raymond Perry, Jr.	
Emilyrose Gagliardi	SPC Sean Pesce	
Frank Gennuso	Lynn Phimister	
George	Julie Pleszewicz	
John George	Phyllis	
Rita G.	Michael Porto	
Brian Godkin	Robert	
Judy Goode	Robin Rodolfo	
	Patrick Rogers	
	Frances Rotunno	
	Kevin Rybolt	
	Philip Russo	
	Angelo Sardinha	
	Jordan S.	
	Patricia Savino	
	Christopher Seiler	
	Stephanie	
	Judy Singler	



**JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary,
bless our family. Graciously inspire in us
the unity, peace, and mutual love that
you found in Your own family in the little
town of Nazareth.**

**MARY, Mother of Jesus and our
Mother, nourish our family with your
faith and your love. Keep us close to your
Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.**

**JOSEPH, foster-father to Jesus,
guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our
family safe from harm. Help us in all
times of discouragement or anxiety.**

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH,
make our family one with you. Help us to
be instruments of peace. Grant that love,
strengthened by grace, may prove
mightier than all the weaknesses and
trials through which our families
sometimes pass. May we always have
God at the center of our hearts and
homes until we are all one family, happy
and at peace in our true home with you.
Amen.**

PARISH / CHURCH/ OTHER EVENTS

**RECTORY CLOSURES
AND OPENINGS**

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!



For more information check the lobby bulletin boards.

Crossroad Collection:

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AS YOU EXIT THE CHURCH KINDLY DONATE TO CROSSROADS, SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE GOD'S WORK ON BEHALF OF THE UNBORN AND MOMS IN NEED.

THANK YOU.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Office Hours

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

Announcements

**The office 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**



***The best gifts you can give are:
your time,
your attention,
your love, and your appreciation.
WE ARE BLESSED!!***

***Thank you to all our parishioners for all that you do
during the Christmas
season and throughout the year!***

**HEALING MASS
ON FRIDAY, JAN. 30, 2026**

at

7:00PM

OLHC Church



CELEBRANT,

FR. JUSTIN MARIA CINNANTE, O. Carm.

*Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord,
The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God*

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Masses: 9:00 am and 12:00 pm



*Eternal Father,
in the quiet wonder of Bethlehem's night,
You gave us the gift beyond all telling -
Your Son, our Savior, clothed in our humanity.*

*As we rejoice through these holy days of the Nativity,
keep our hearts steadfast in the light of His presence.
May the humility of the manger teach us gentleness,
the song of the angels inspire us to peace,
and the love of Christ kindle charity in all we do.*

*Through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.*